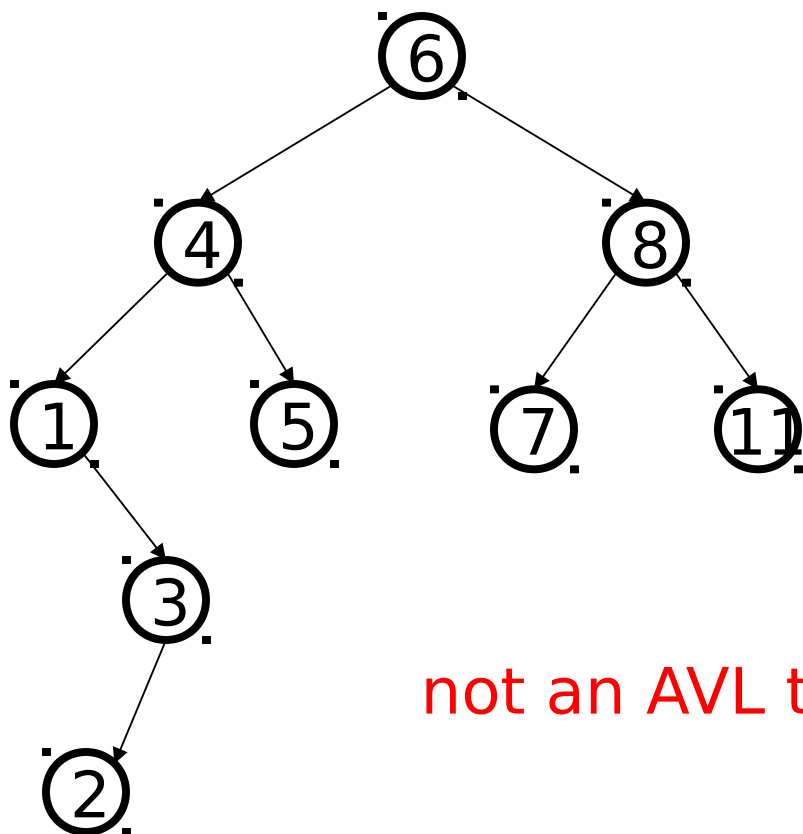
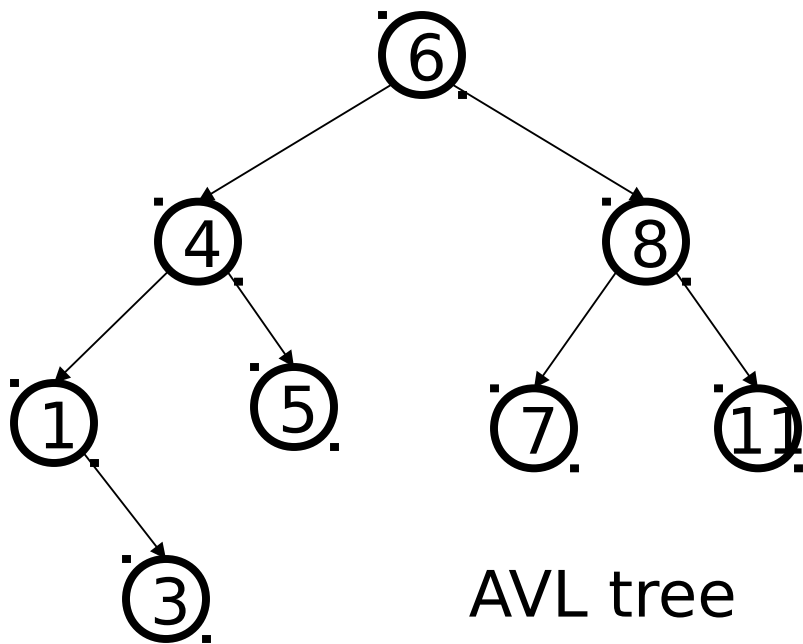


AVL Trees

- Motivation: we want to **guarantee** $O(\log n)$ running time on the find/insert/remove operations.
- Idea: keep the tree balanced after each operation.
- Solution: AVL (Adelson-Velski and Landis) trees.
- **AVL tree property:** for every node in the tree, the height of the left and right subtrees differ by at most 1.



AVL trees: find, insert

- AVL tree find is the same as BST find.
- AVL insert: same as BST insert except that we might have to “fix” the AVL tree after an insert.
- These operations will take time $O(d)$, where d is the depth of the node being found/inserted.
- What is the maximum height of an n -node AVL tree?

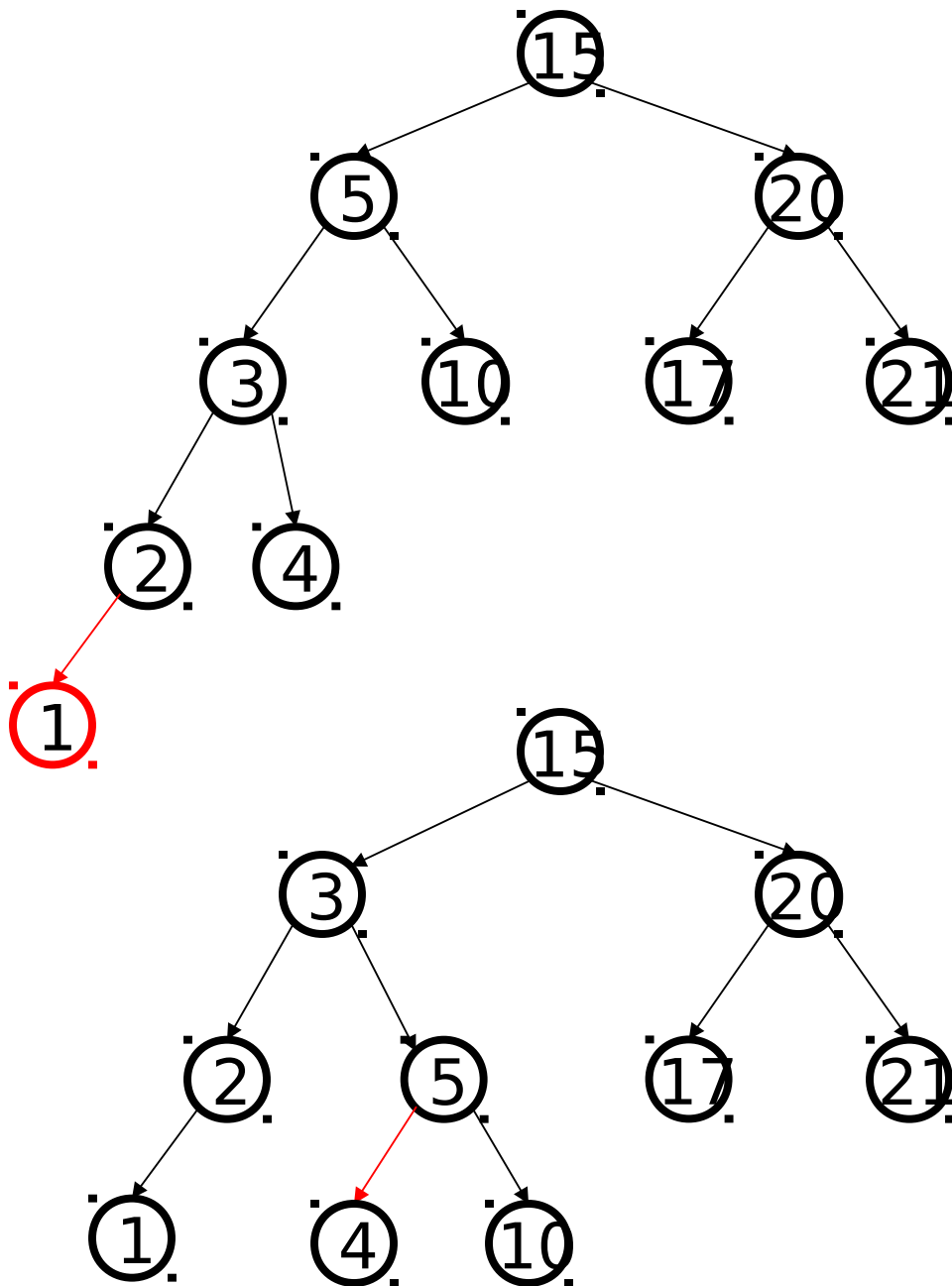
AVL tree insert

- Let x be the **deepest** node where an imbalance occurs.
- Four cases to consider. The insertion is in the
 1. left subtree of the left child of x
 2. right subtree of the left child of x
 3. left subtree of the right child of x
 4. right subtree of the right child of x

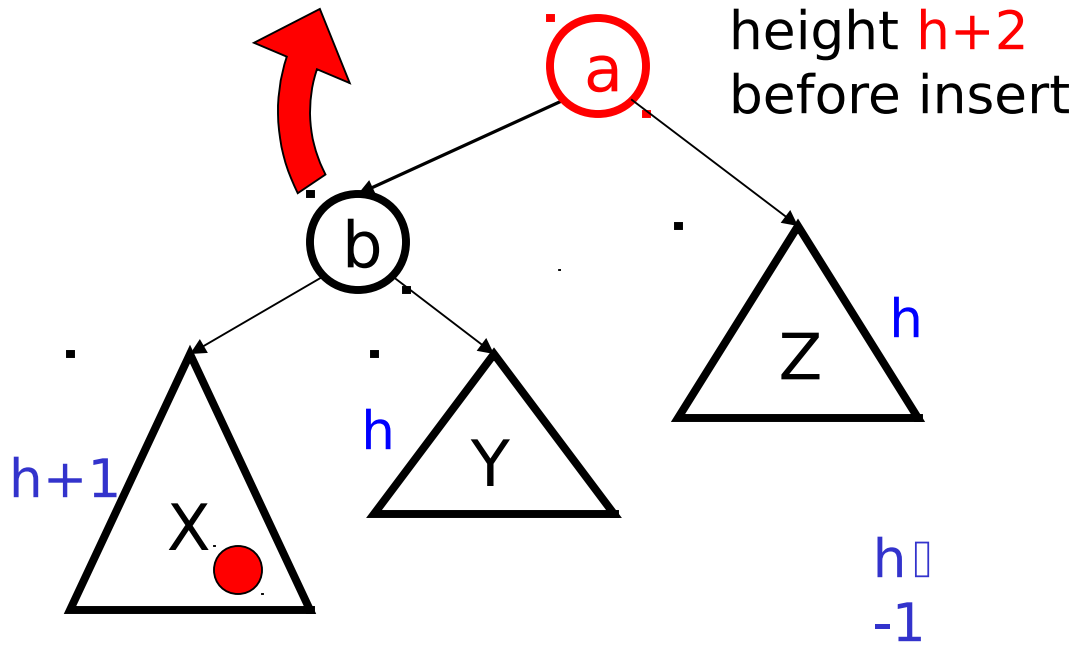
Idea: Cases 1 & 4 are solved by **single rotation**.

Cases 2 & 3 are solved by a **double rotation**.

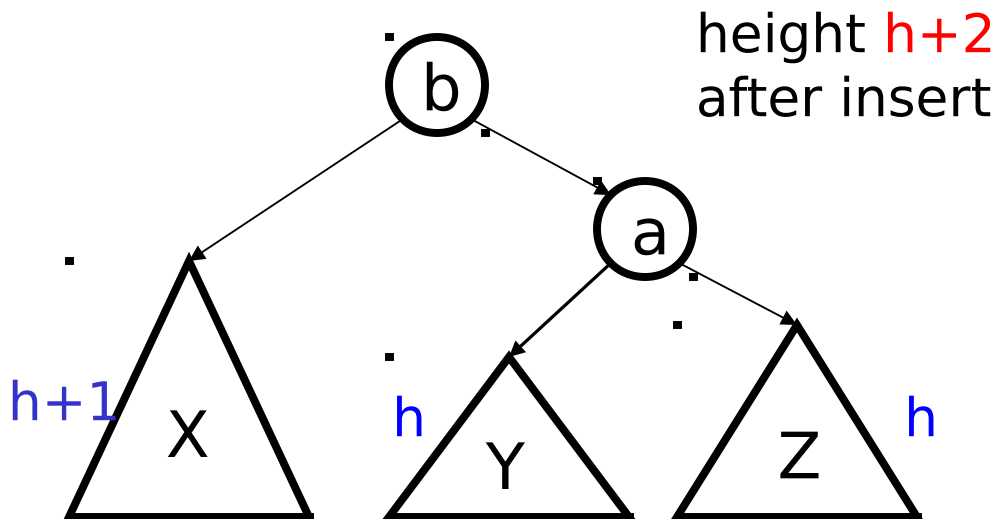
Single rotation example



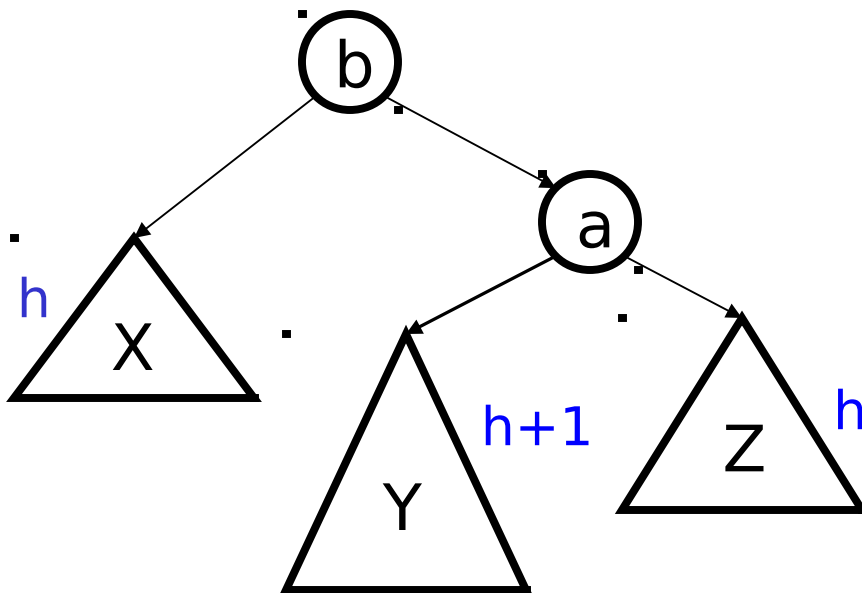
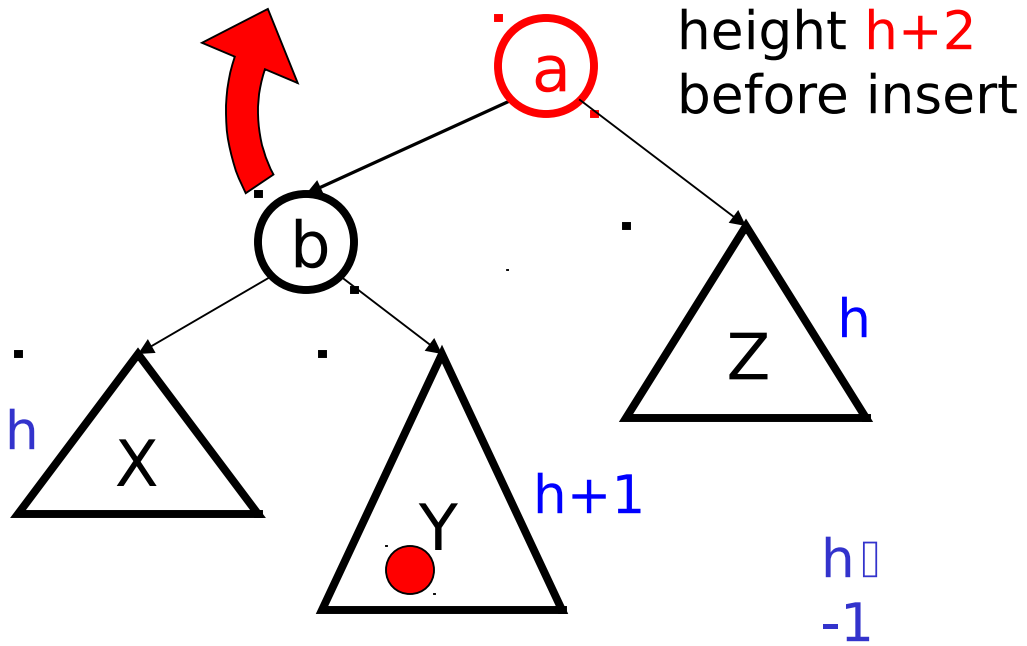
Single rotation in gene



$$X < b < Y < a < Z$$

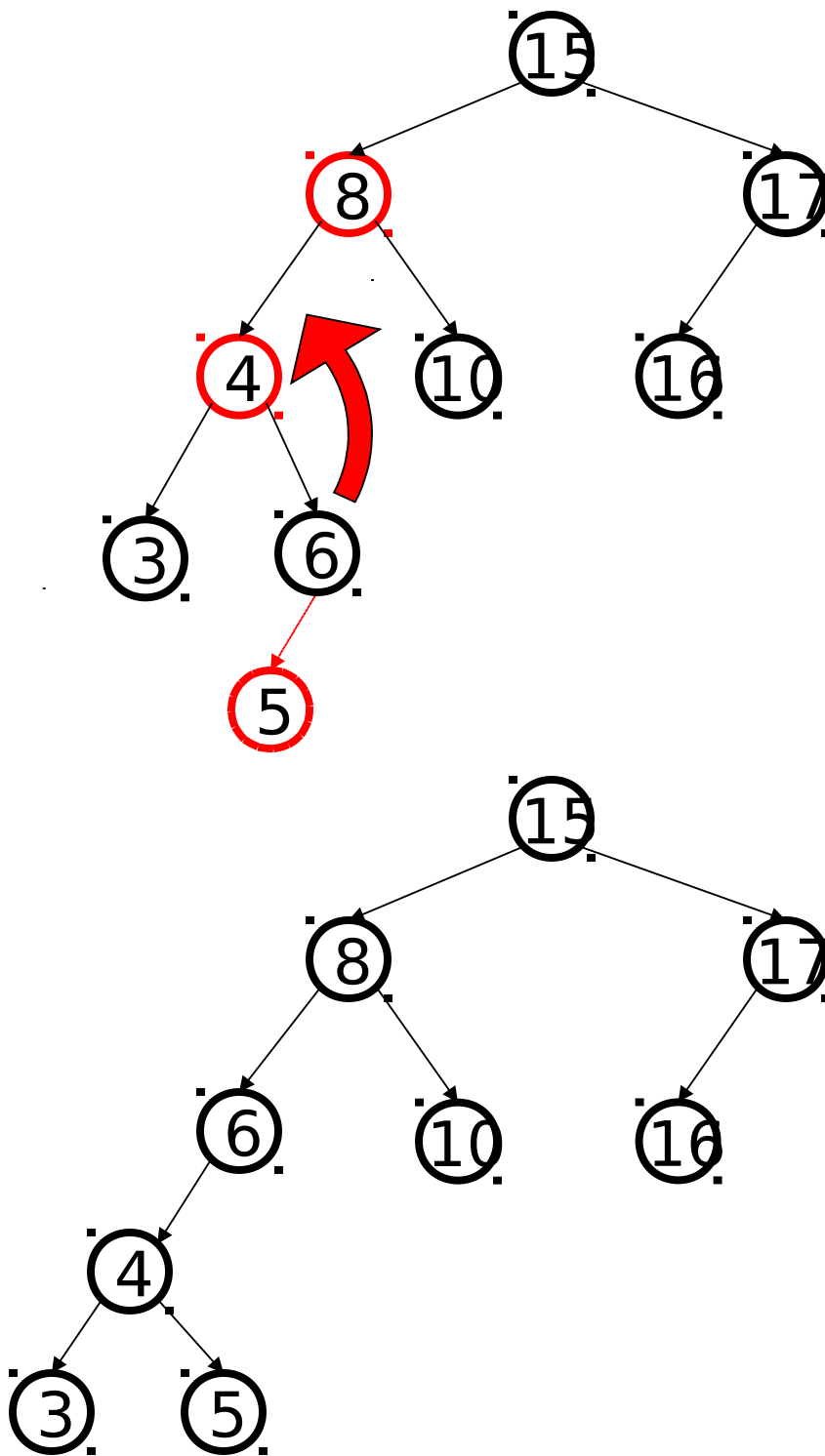


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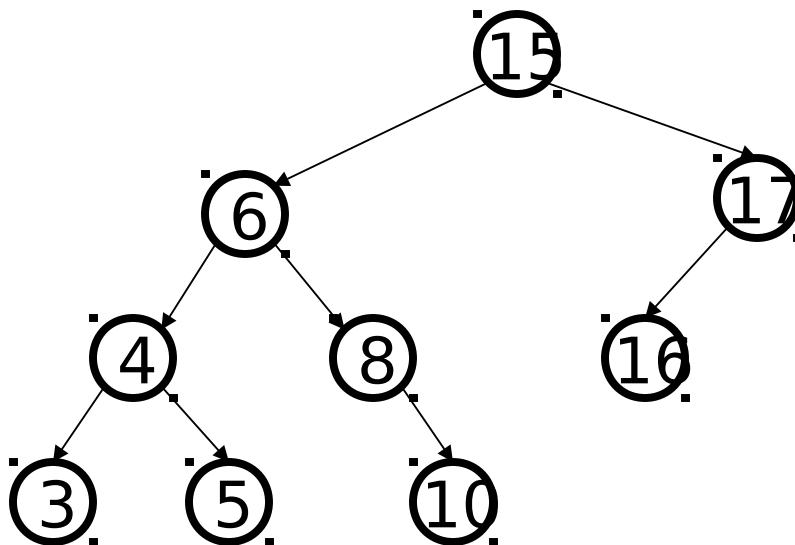
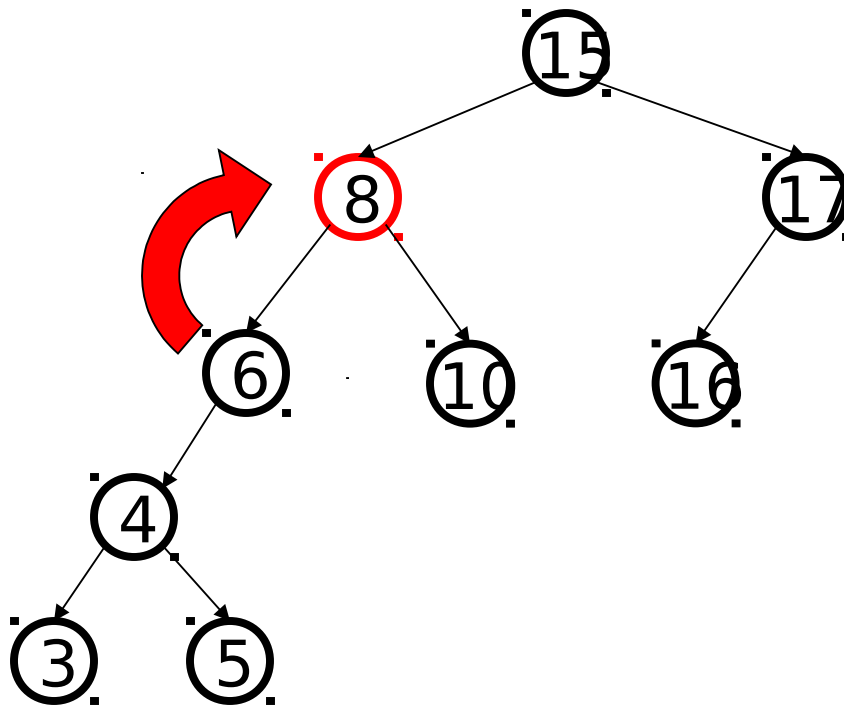


single rotation **fails**

Double rotation, step 1

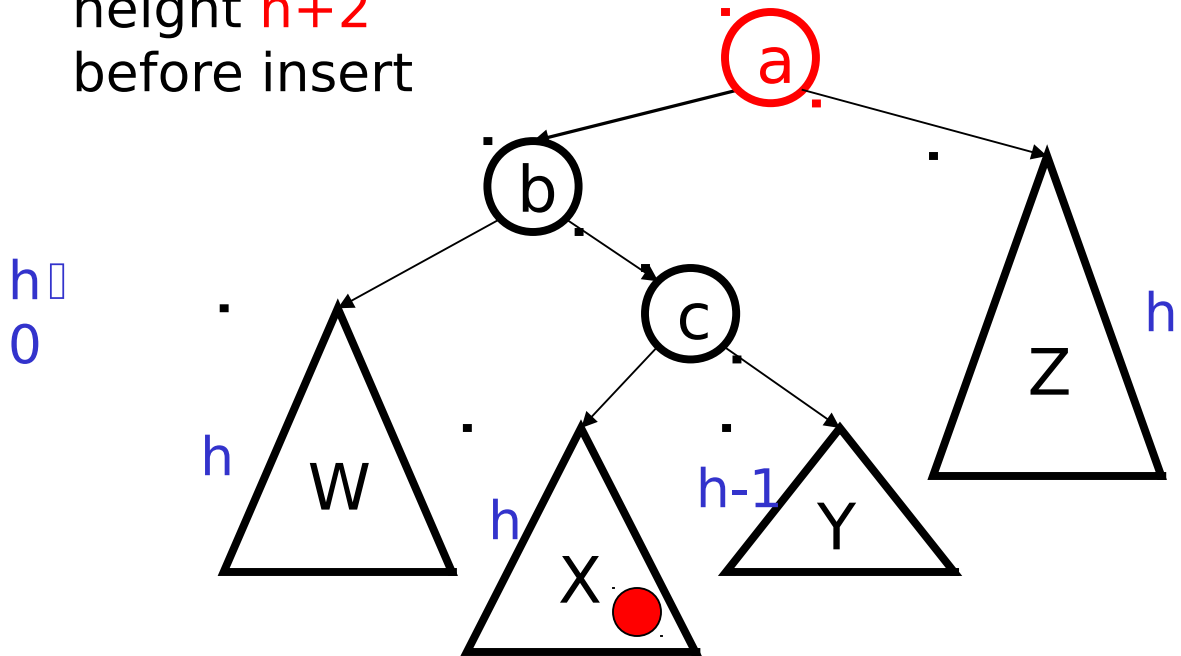


Double rotation, step 2



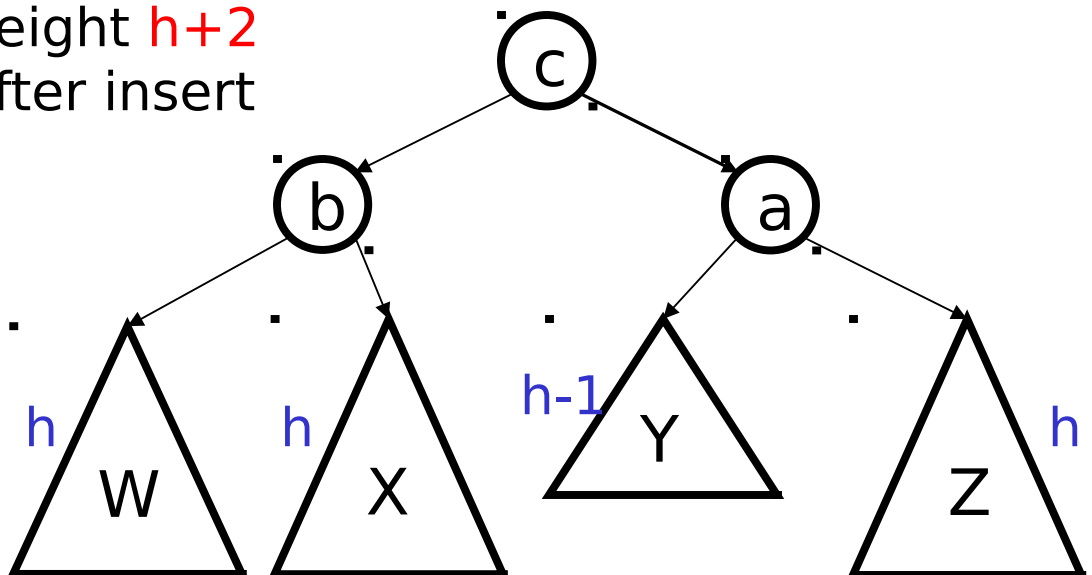
Double rotation in gene

height $h+2$
before insert



$W < b < X < c < Y < a < Z$

height $h+2$
after insert



Depth of an AVL tree

Theorem: Any AVL tree with n nodes has height less than $1.441 \log n$.

Proof: Given an n -node AVL tree, we want to find an upper bound on the height of the tree.

Fix h . What is the smallest n such that there is an AVL tree of height h with n nodes?

Let S_h be the set of all AVL trees of height h that have as few nodes as possible.

Let w_h be the number of nodes
any one of these trees.

$$w_0 = 1, w_1 = 2$$



Suppose $T \in S_h$, where $h \geq 2$. Let T_L and T_R be T 's left and right subtrees. Since T has height h , either T_L or T_R has height $h-1$. Suppose it's T_R .

By definition, both T_L and T_R are AVL trees. In fact, $T_R \in S_{h-1}$ or else it could be replaced by a smaller AVL tree of height $h-1$ to give an AVL tree of height h that is smaller than T .

Similarly, $T_L \in S_{h-2}$.

Therefore, $w_h = 1 + w_{h-2} + w_{h-1}$.

Claim: For $h \geq 0$, $w_h \leq \phi^h$, where $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2 \approx 1.6$.

Proof: The proof is by induction on h .

Basis step: $h=0$. $w_0 = 1 \leq \phi^0$.

$h=1$. $w_1 = 2 \leq \phi^1$.

Induction step: Suppose the claim is true for $0 \leq m \leq h$, where $h \geq 1$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{h+1} &= 1 + w_{h-1} + w_h \\
 &\geq 1 + 2^{h-1} + 2^h \quad (\text{by the i.h.}) \\
 &= 1 + 2^{h-1} (1 + 2) \\
 &= 1 + 2^{h+1} \quad (1 + 2 = 2^1) \\
 &> 2^{h+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the claim is true.

From the claim, in an AVL tree of height

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &\geq w_h \geq 2^h \quad (\text{from the Claim}) \\
 h &\leq \log_2 n \\
 &= (\log n) / (\log 2) \\
 &< 1.441 \log n
 \end{aligned}$$

AVL tree: Running time

- **find** takes $O(\log n)$ time, because height of the tree is always $O(\log n)$.
- **insert**: $O(\log n)$ time because we do a find ($O(\log n)$ time), and then we may have to visit every node on the path back to the root, performing up to 2 single rotations ($O(1)$ time each) to the tree.
- **remove**: $O(\log n)$ time. Left as an exercise.