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# COMP 352

## Tutorial 9: Binary Search and AVL Trees

# OUTLINE

- Binary Search Trees
  - Definitions
  - Search and Update Algorithms
  - Performance
- AVL Trees
  - Definitions
  - Update Operations / Rotations
- Problem Solving

# BINARY SEARCH TREES - DEFINITIONS (1)

- A **binary search tree** is a data structure for storing the entries of a dictionary.
- A **binary search tree** is a binary tree  $T$  such that each internal node  $v$  of  $T$  stores an entry  $(k, x)$  such that:
  - Keys stored at nodes in the left subtree of  $v$  are less than or equal to  $k$ .
  - Keys stored at nodes in the right subtree of  $v$  are greater than or equal to  $k$ .

# BINARY SEARCH TREES - DEFINITIONS (2)

- Entries in a *binary search tree* are stored in internal nodes; empty external nodes are added to form a **proper** binary tree.
- An **inorder traversal** of nodes in a *binary search tree* lists the keys in increasing order.

# BINARY SEARCH TREES - SEARCHING ALGORITHM

**Algorithm** TreeSearch( $p$ ,  $k$ ):

**if**  $p$  is external **then**

**return**  $p$

{unsuccessful search}

**else if**  $k == \text{key}(p)$  **then**

**return**  $p$

{successful search}

**else if**  $k < \text{key}(p)$  **then**

**return** TreeSearch(left( $p$ ),  $k$ )

{recur on left subtree}

**else** {we know that  $k > \text{key}(p)$ }

**return** TreeSearch(right( $p$ ),  $k$ )

{recur on right subtree}

- This algorithm has  $O(h)$  complexity, where  $h$  is the height of the binary search tree.
- In the worst case, it is linear because the height will be equal to  $n$ .

# BINARY SEARCH TREES - UPDATE OPERATIONS (1)

- *insertAtExternal*( $v, e$ ): Insert the element  $e$  at the external node  $v$ , and expand  $v$  to be internal, having new (empty) external node children; an error occurs if  $v$  is an internal node.
- Recursive Algorithm for insertion:

**Algorithm** TreeInsert( $k, v$ ):

**Input:** A search key  $k$  to be associated with value  $v$

$p = \text{TreeSearch}(\text{root}(), k)$

**if**  $k == \text{key}(p)$  **then**

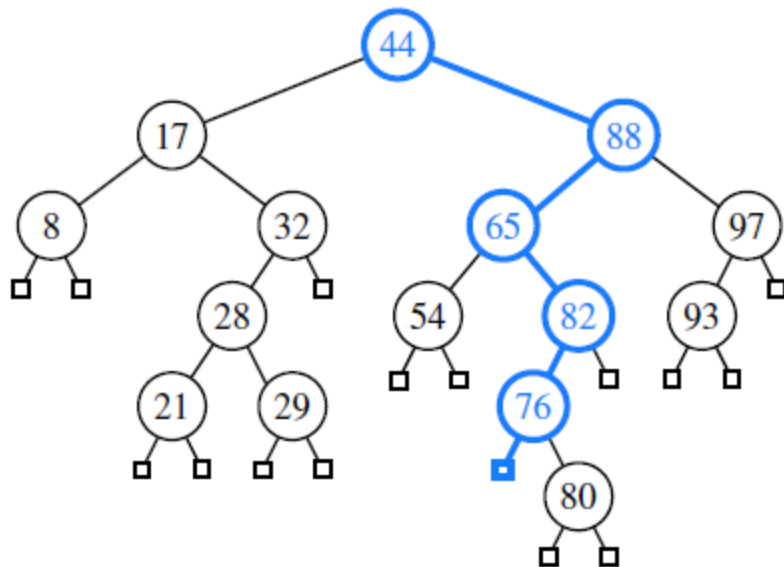
    Change  $p$ 's value to ( $v$ )

**else**

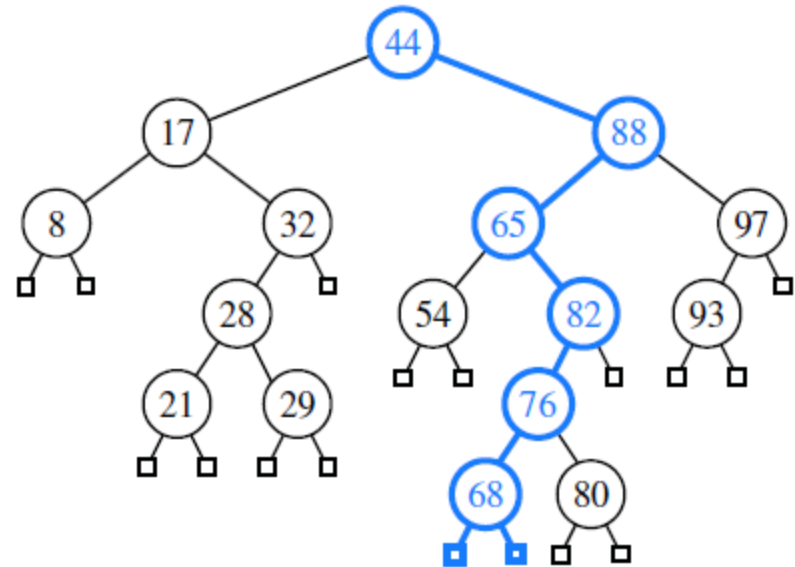
    expandExternal( $p, (k, v)$ )

# BINARY SEARCH TREES - UPDATE OPERATIONS (2)

- Insertion of an entry with key 68:



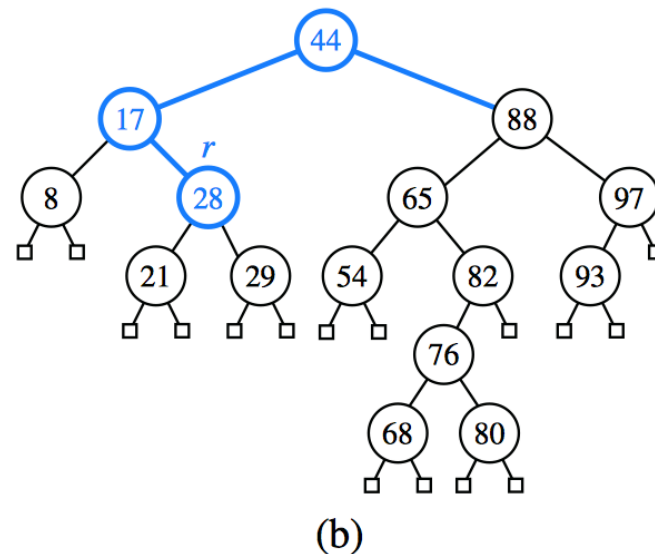
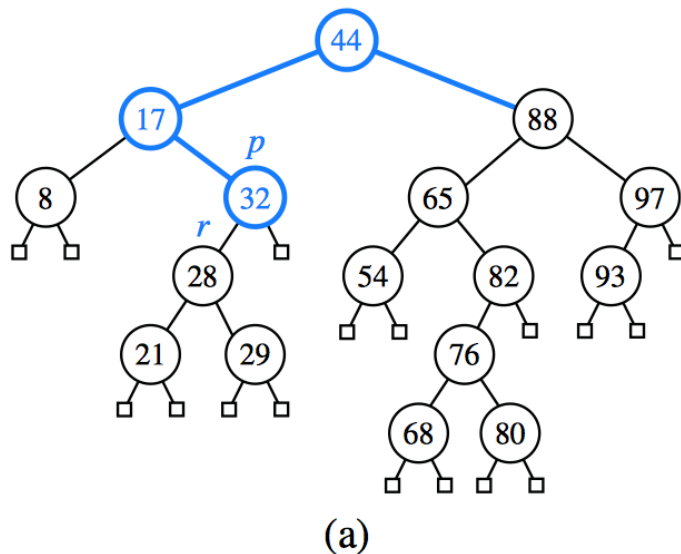
(a)



(b)

# BINARY SEARCH TREES - UPDATE OPERATIONS (3)

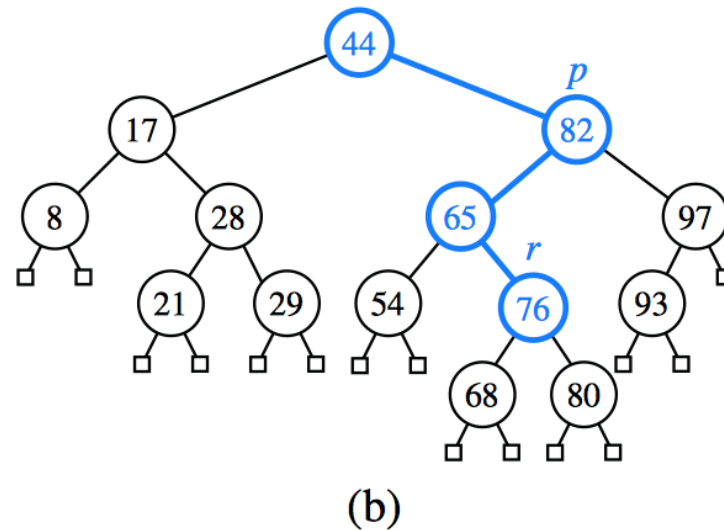
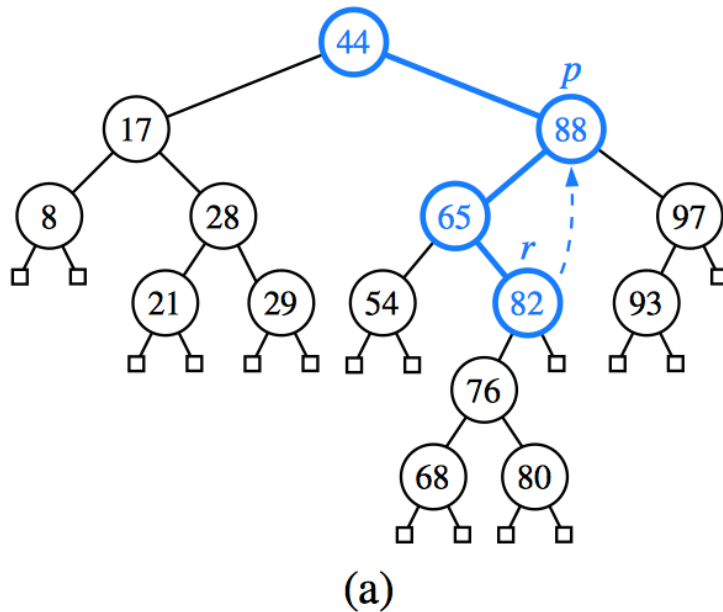
- *removeExternal*( $v$ ): Remove an external node  $v$  and its parent, replacing  $v$ 's parent with  $v$ 's sibling; an error occurs if  $v$  is not external.
- Removal with entry to be removed having an external child: *remove*(32)





# BINARY SEARCH TREES - UPDATE OPERATIONS (4)

Removal with entry to be removed having both its children internal: *remove(88)*



# BINARY SEARCH TREES - PERFORMANCE

- The find, insert, and remove methods run in  $O(h)$  time, where  $h$  is the height of  $T$ .
- A binary search tree  $T$  is an efficient implementation of a dictionary with  $n$  entries only if the height of  $T$  is small
- In the worst case,  $T$  has height  $n$

# AVL TREES - DEFINITIONS

- An *AVL Tree* presents a more efficient way to implement a dictionary.
- It maintains a logarithmic-time performance, due to the *Height-Balance Property*:
  - For every internal node  $v$  of the tree, the heights of the children of  $v$  differ by at most 1.
- If this property is violated after insertion/removal from an AVL tree, a re-struction is needed.

# AVL TREES - ROTATIONS (1)

## □ Rotation Algorithm:

- $z$  is the first unbalanced node encountered while going upwards,  $y$  is the child of  $z$  with a higher height, and  $x$  the child of  $y$  with a higher height

**Algorithm**  $\text{restructure}(x)$ :

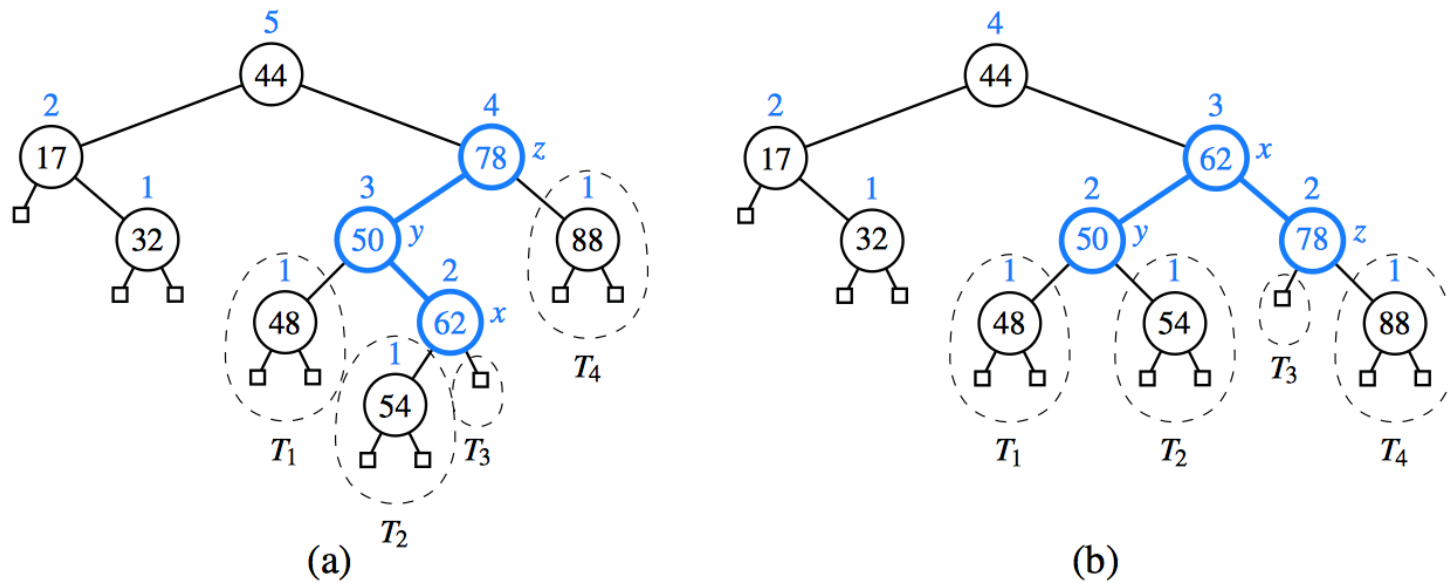
**Input:** A position  $x$  of a binary search tree  $T$  that has both a parent  $y$  and a grandparent  $z$

**Output:** Tree  $T$  after a trinode restructuring (which corresponds to a single or double rotation) involving positions  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$

- 1: Let  $(a, b, c)$  be a left-to-right (inorder) listing of the positions  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , and let  $(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)$  be a left-to-right (inorder) listing of the four subtrees of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  not rooted at  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$ .
- 2: Replace the subtree rooted at  $z$  with a new subtree rooted at  $b$ .
- 3: Let  $a$  be the left child of  $b$  and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the left and right subtrees of  $a$ , respectively.
- 4: Let  $c$  be the right child of  $b$  and let  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  be the left and right subtrees of  $c$ , respectively.

# AVL TREES – ROTATIONS (2)

- Representation of a tree before and after a rotation:



- If  $b = y$ , the trinode restructuring method is called a single rotation.
- If  $b = x$ , the trinode restructuring method is called a double rotation.

# PROBLEM SOLVING - R – 10.1

## QUESTION 1

- We defined a BST so that keys equal to a node's key can be in either the left or right subtree of the node. Suppose we change the definition so that we restrict equal keys to the right subtree.
- What must a subtree of a binary search tree containing only equal keys look like in this case?

# PROBLEM SOLVING - R – 10.6

## QUESTION 2

- Dr. Amongus claims that the order in which a fixed set of entries is inserted into a binary search tree does not matter— the same tree results every time. Give a small example that proves he is wrong.

# PROBLEM SOLVING - R – 10.3

## QUESTION 3

- How many different BST's can store the keys  $\{1,2,3\}$ ?



# PROBLEM SOLVING – QUESTION 4

- Draw a Binary Search Tree that initially is empty and shows the result of the tree after inserting the following keys (from left to right):
  - key = { 30, 40, 24, 58, 48, 26, 11, 13 }

# PROBLEM SOLVING - QUESTION 5

- Build an AVL tree with the following keys:  
 $\{3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 15\}$

# PROBLEM SOLVING - QUESTION 6

- Using the AVL tree obtained in Question 5, delete nodes with values 1 and 3, and draw the final orientation of the tree.