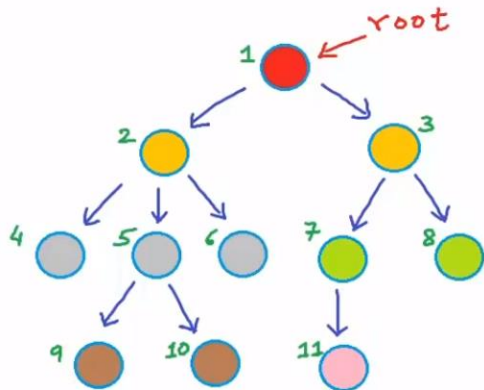


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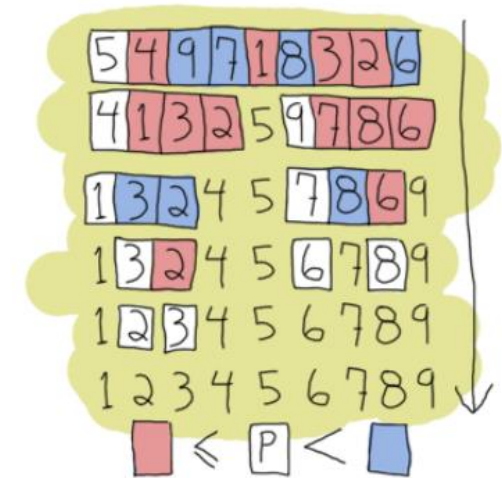


AVL Trees

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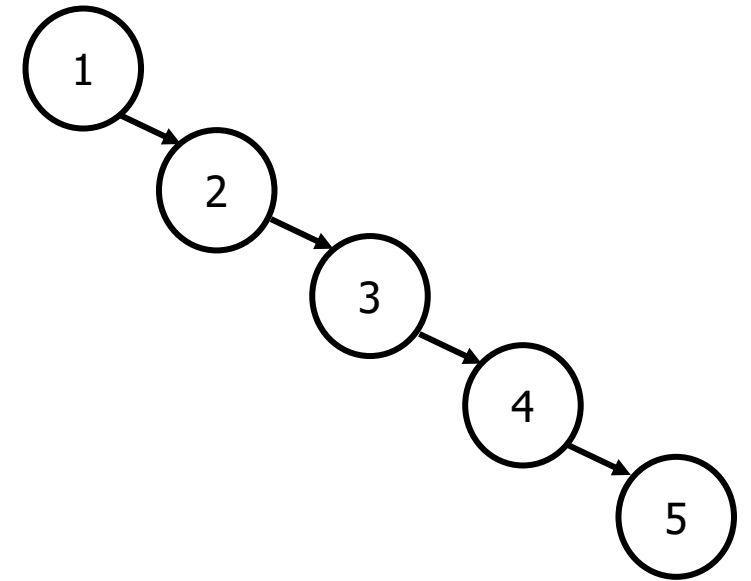
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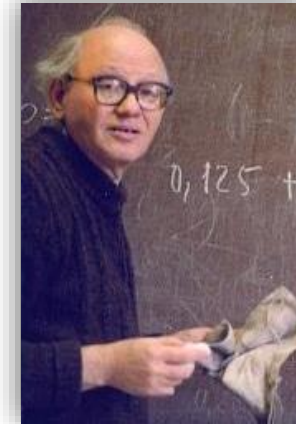
Last Time: BSTs

- Binary Search Trees
 - Idea: $O(\log(n))$ access time (we hope)
- Can end up with degenerated BSTs
 - Example: add 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 - $O(N)$ access time
 - How likely are bad cases to come up? It depends ...

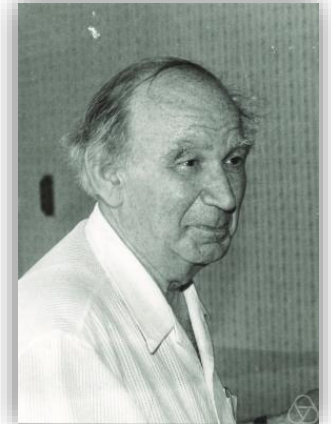


So what do we do about it?

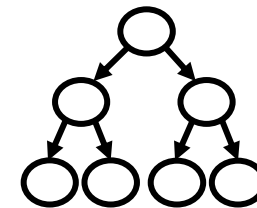
- Two approaches (know both)
 - AVL (Adelson-Velskii and Landis) trees
 - Faster for lookup
 - Red-black trees
 - Faster for adding & removing
- Will not guarantee “perfect tree” (very hard)
 - Perfect (binary) tree: all internal nodes have two children & all leaf nodes at same level
 - But will guarantee $O(\log(n))$



Georgy Adelson-Velsky



Evgenii Landis



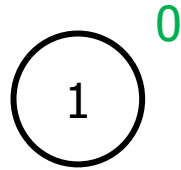
AVL Trees

- AVL: A self-balancing BST used to eliminate $O(n)$ worst case
 - Worst case for search/add/remove becomes $O(\log(n))$
- AVL trees work on principle of **balance**
 - **Height of two children(sub-trees) cannot differ by more than 1**
 - Otherwise \rightarrow "out-of-balance" or "imbalanced"
 - Difference of heights of two children \rightarrow "**balance factor**"
 - $\text{Height}(\text{node}) = \max(\text{height}(\text{node} \rightarrow \text{left}), \text{height}(\text{node} \rightarrow \text{right})) + 1$
 - Base cases: $\text{height}(\text{leaf}) = 0$, $\text{Height}(\text{NULL}) = -1$
 - Some people define $\text{height}(\text{leaf}) = 1$, $\text{height}(\text{NULL}) = 0$
 - AVL = order property(from BST) + shape property

AVL Insertion

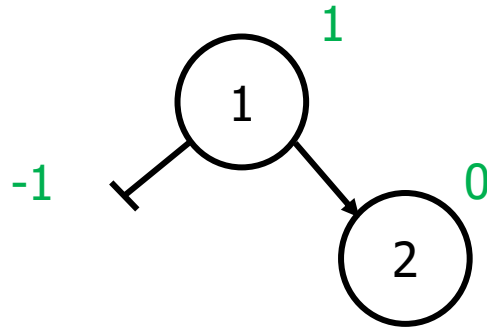
- Insertion starts as normal BST insertion
 - Using recursion
- After each recursive call returns:
 - Update the **height** information for each node
 - Stores heights to make calculations $O(1)$ as opposed to $O(n)$
 - Check for imbalance
 - If so, **rotate** the tree to fix

AVL Insertion Example



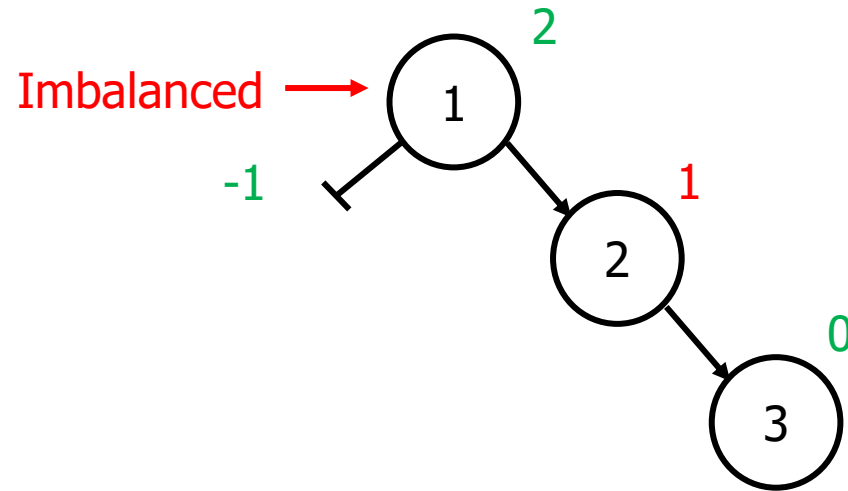
- Add 1 to empty tree
 - Heights are show next to nodes
 - Green = OK
 - Red = violating AVL rule
 - All good so far

AVL Insertion Example



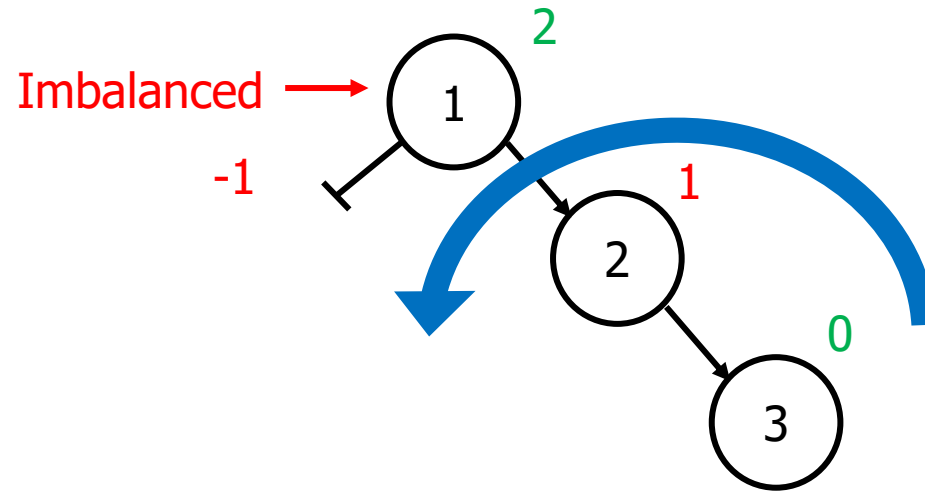
- Add 2 to tree
 - Children of 1 have height 0 and -1(NULL), differ by 1
 - Everything is still fine

AVL Insertion Example



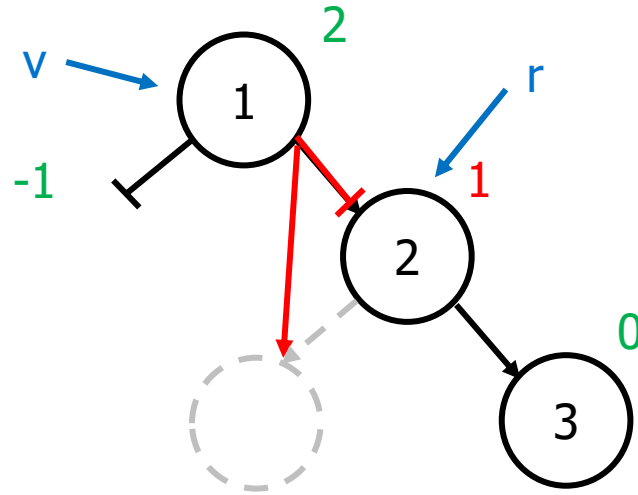
- Add 3 to tree
 - Now we have a problem at 1
 - Right child: height = 1
 - Left child: height = -1
 - Difference: 2

AVL Insertion Example



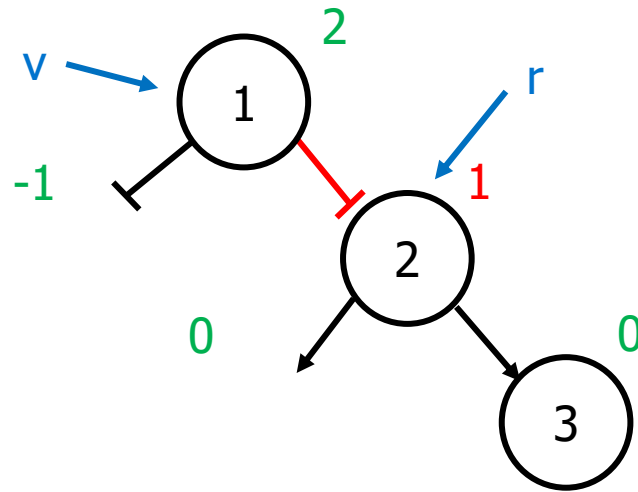
- Fix with single left rotation
 - Wait ... what just happened?

AVL Insertion Example



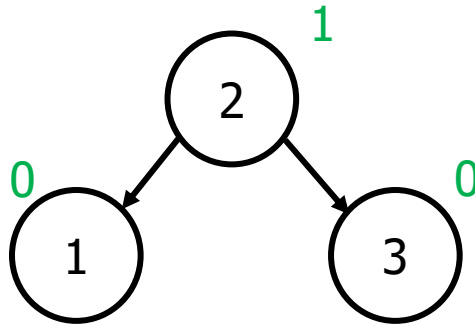
- Fix with single left rotation
 - v = violated node, $r = v \rightarrow \text{right}$
 - Rotation step 1: $v \rightarrow \text{right} = \text{NULL}$
 - More generally: $v \rightarrow \text{right} = r \rightarrow \text{left}$

AVL Insertion Example



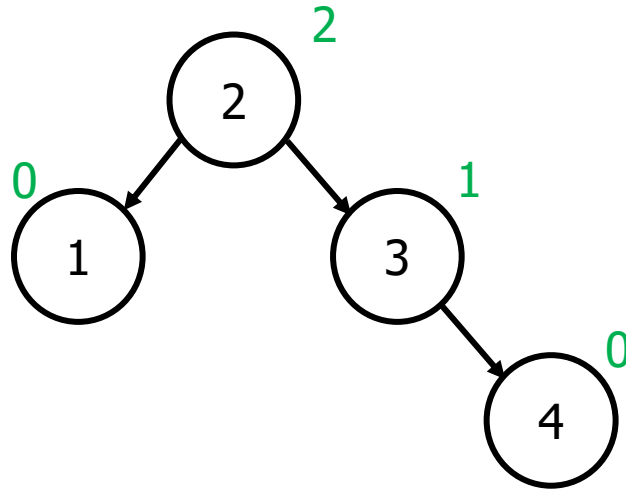
- Fix with single left rotation
 - v = violated node, $r = v \rightarrow \text{right}$
 - Rotation step 1: $v \rightarrow \text{right} = r \rightarrow \text{left}$
 - Rotation step 2: $r \rightarrow \text{left} = v$
 - How do we know this respects the BST rules?

AVL Insertion Example



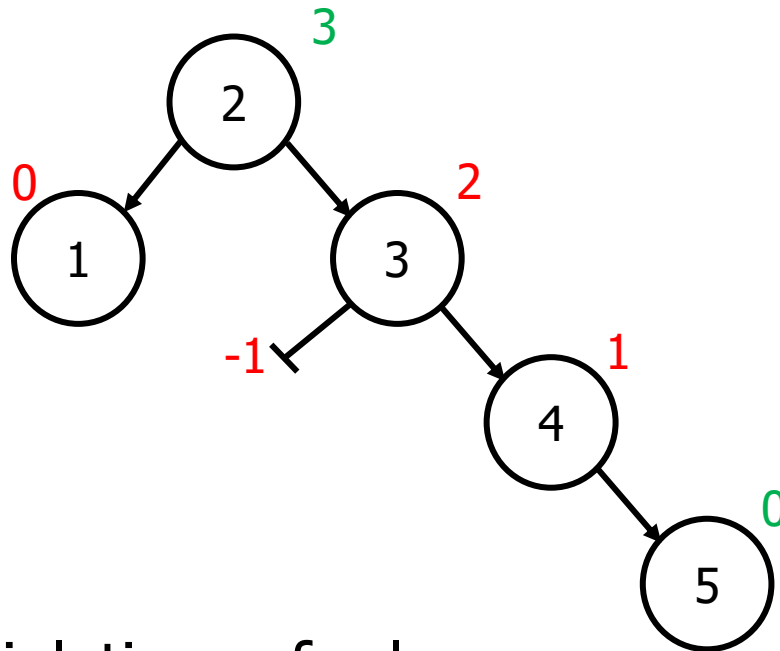
- Resulting tree respects AVL rules
 - Now let's add 4 and see what happens

AVL Insertion Example



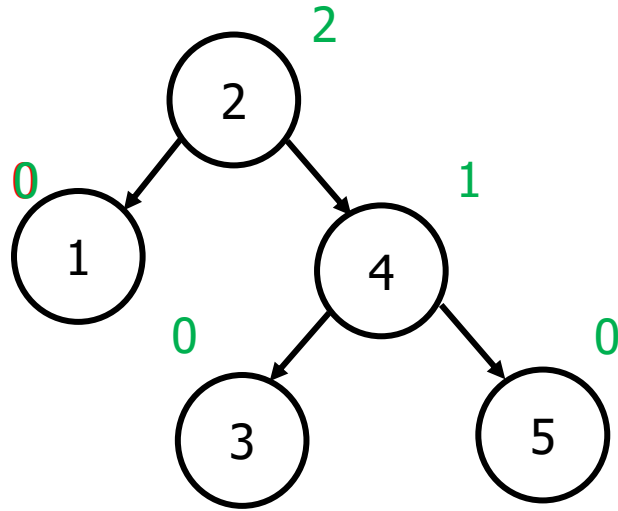
- Adding 4 works fine: no re-balance needed
 - Height difference at most 1 everywhere
 - Add 5?

AVL Insertion Example



- Adding 5: looks like two violations of rules
 - First one at 3 : (-1 vs 1)
 - Second one at 2: (0 vs 2)
 - Reality: fix the one at 3, and everything is fine

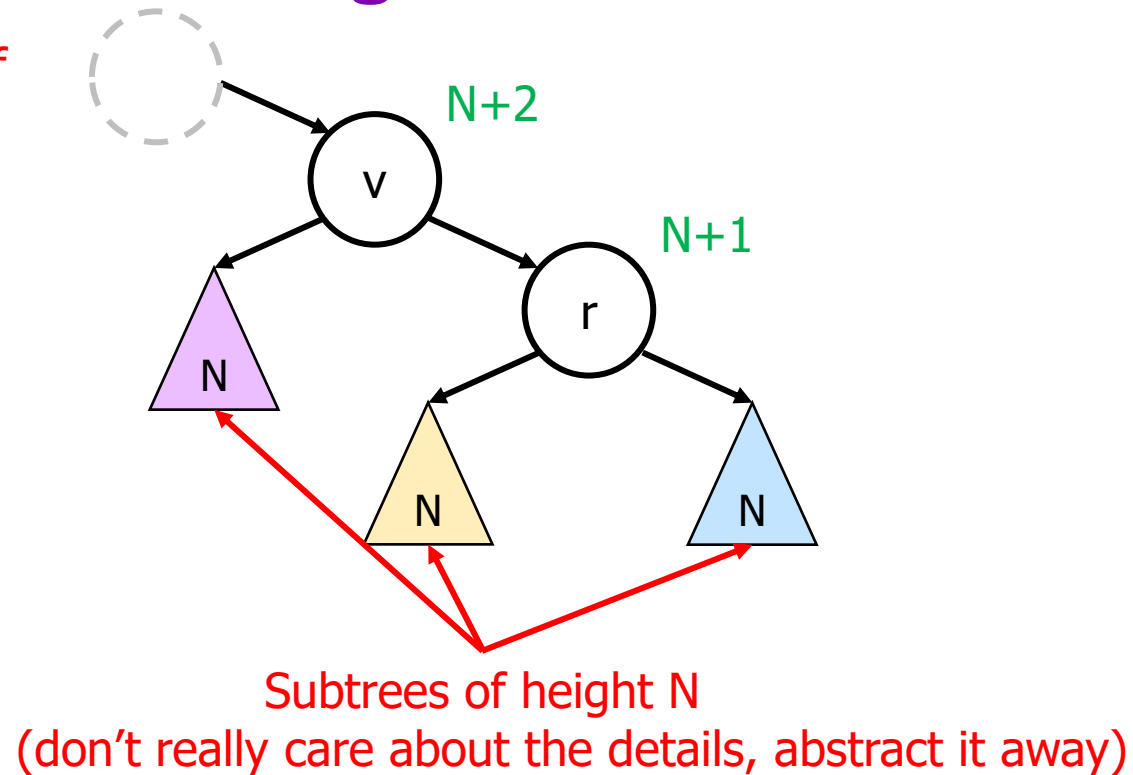
AVL Insertion Example



- Single left rotation at 3
 - 4 is the new root of that subtree

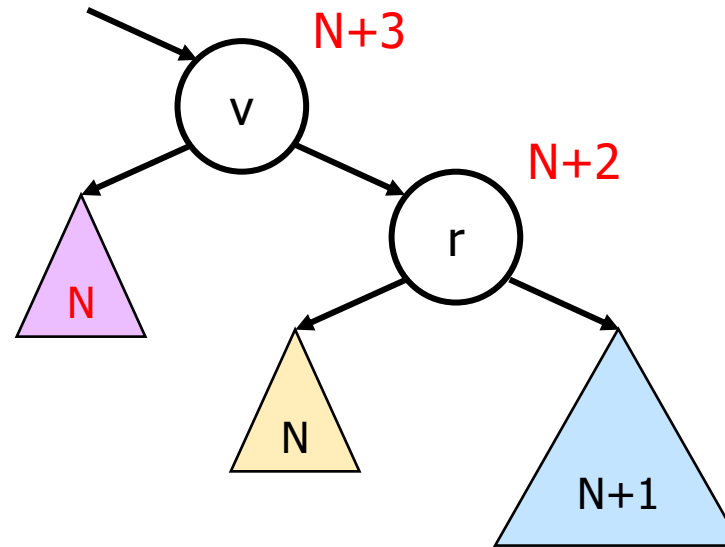
Generalizing AVL Insertion

v could be left or right child of some other node



- More generally
 - Start with something like this
 - Adding to the right side of r and increasing its height

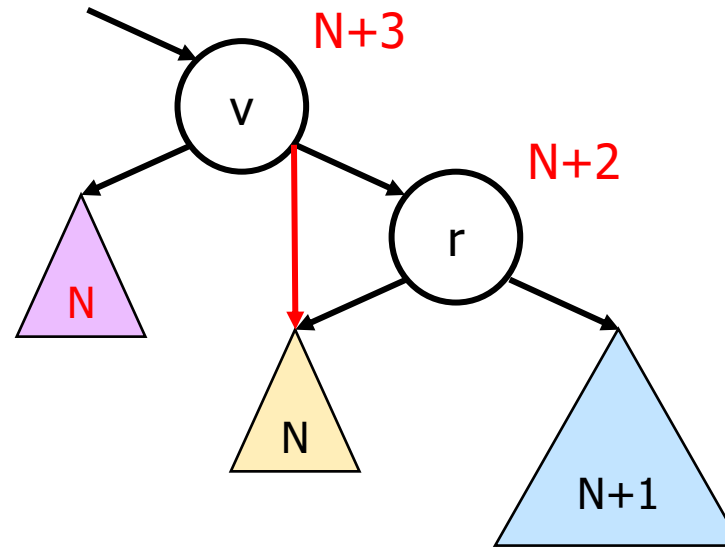
Generalizing AVL Insertion



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 $v \rightarrow \text{right} = r \rightarrow \text{left}$



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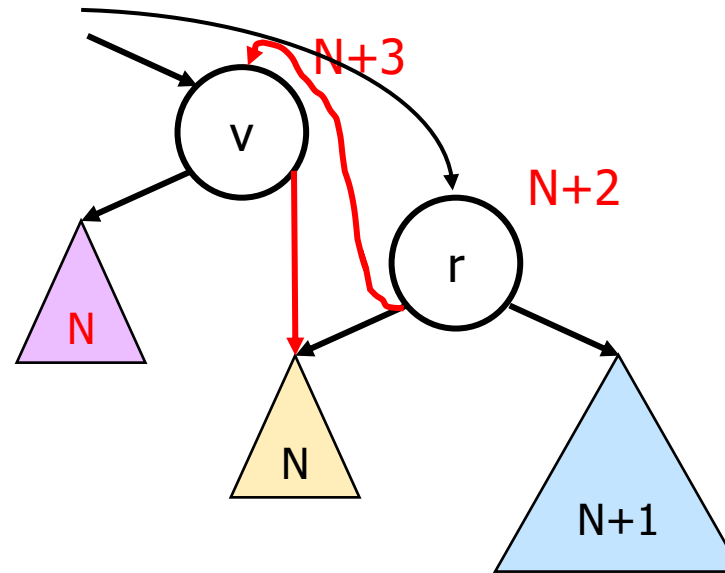
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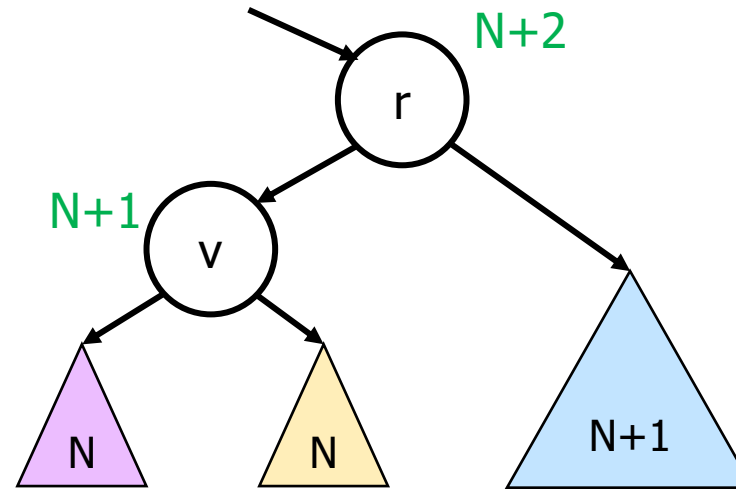
$r \rightarrow \text{left} = v$

r is root of subtree



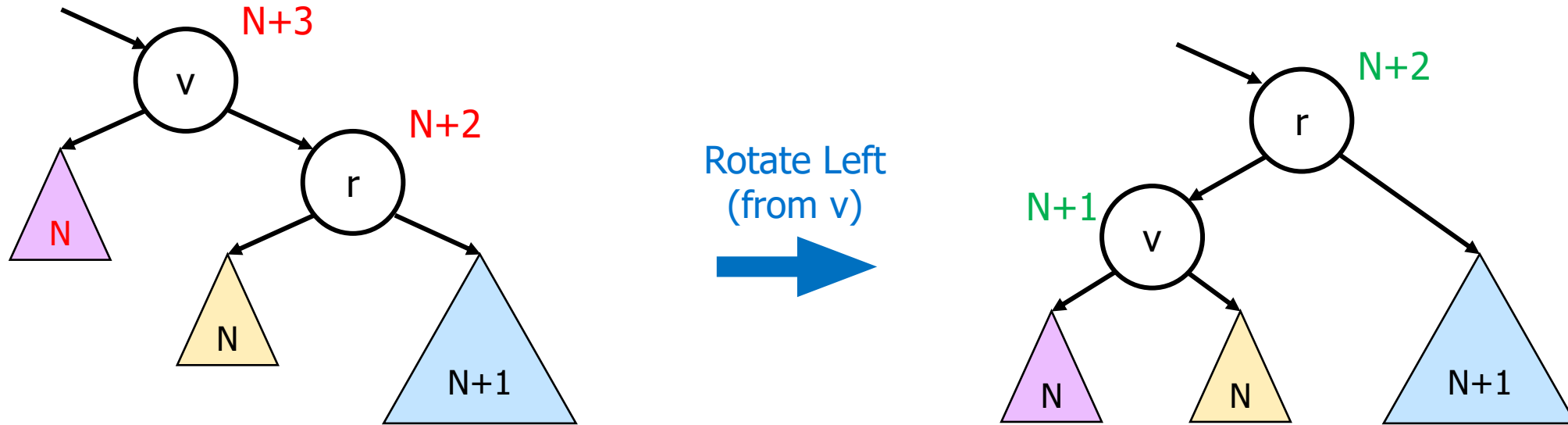
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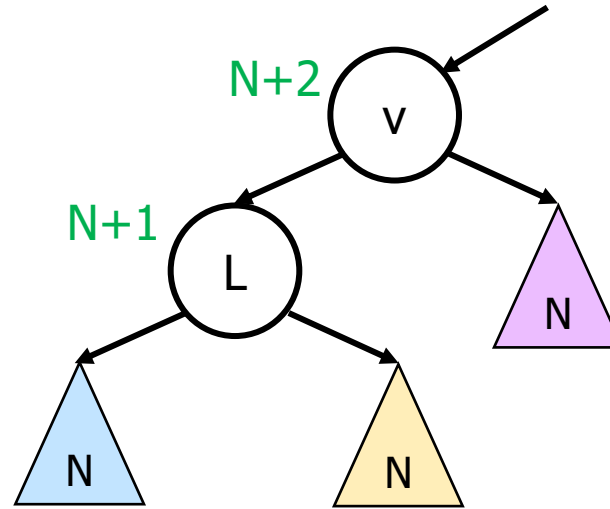
- More generally
 - Start with something like this
 - Adding to the right side of r and increasing its height
 - This causes the violation
 - Rotating fixes the violation

Generalizing AVL Insertion



- Summary
 - r moved up, v moved down
 - Restore the height of the subtree back to $N+2$

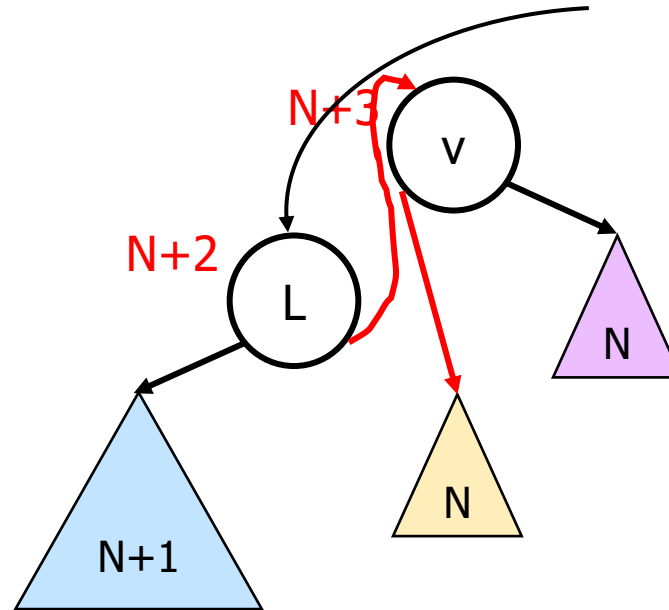
Generalizing AVL Insertion



- Mirror image case for left
 - E.g., if we added 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Generalizing AVL Insertion

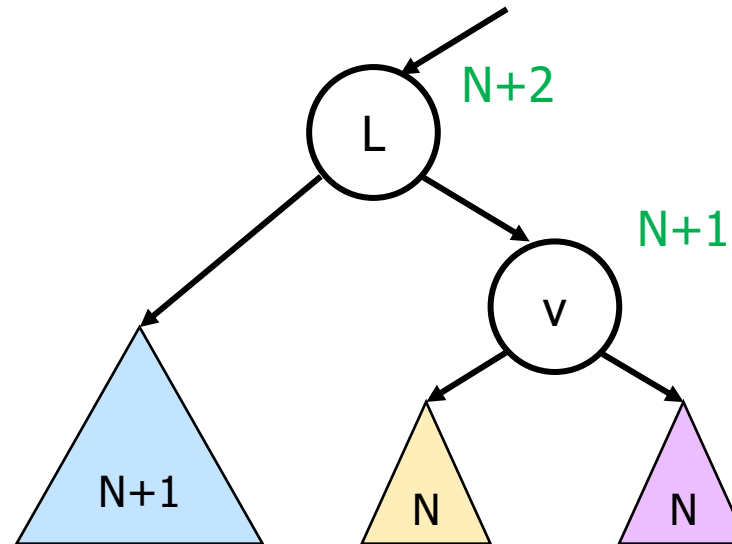
Rotate Right:
v->left = L->right
r->right = v
L is root of subtree



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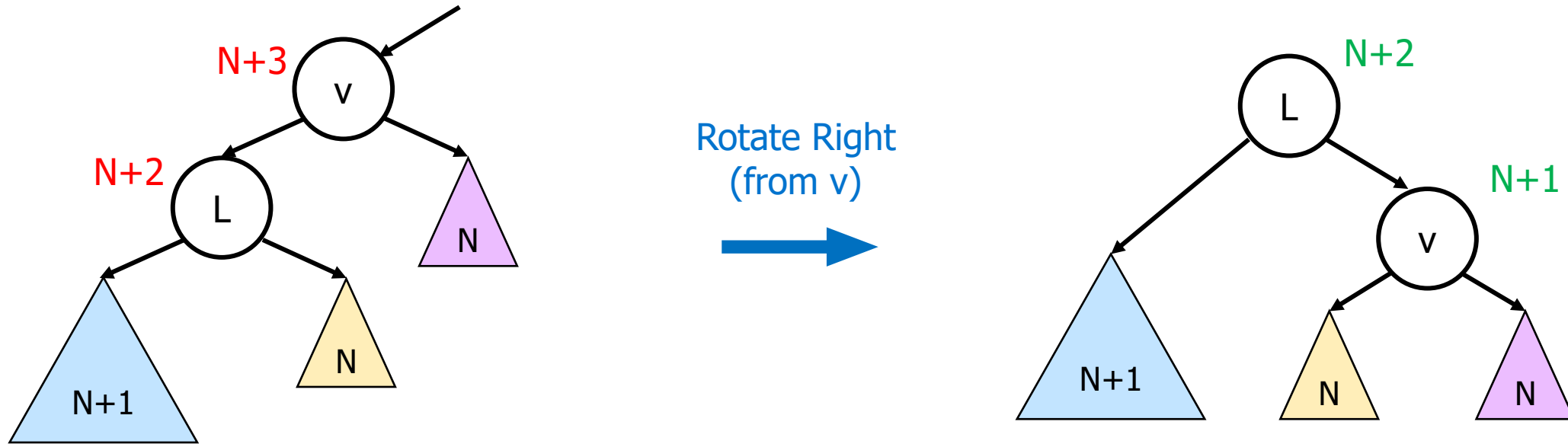
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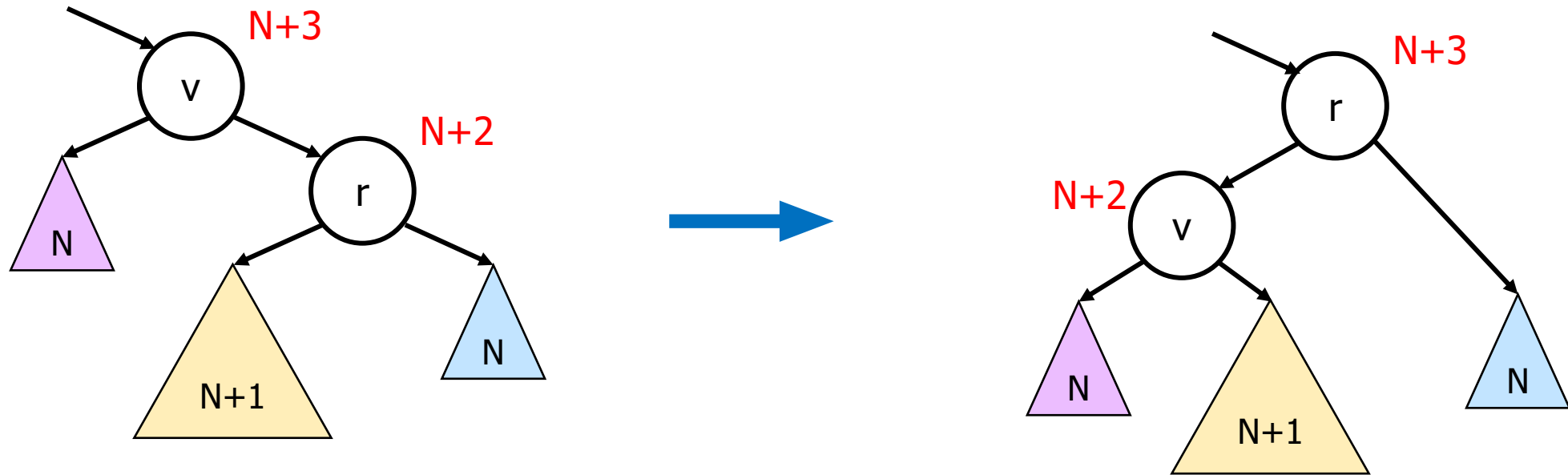
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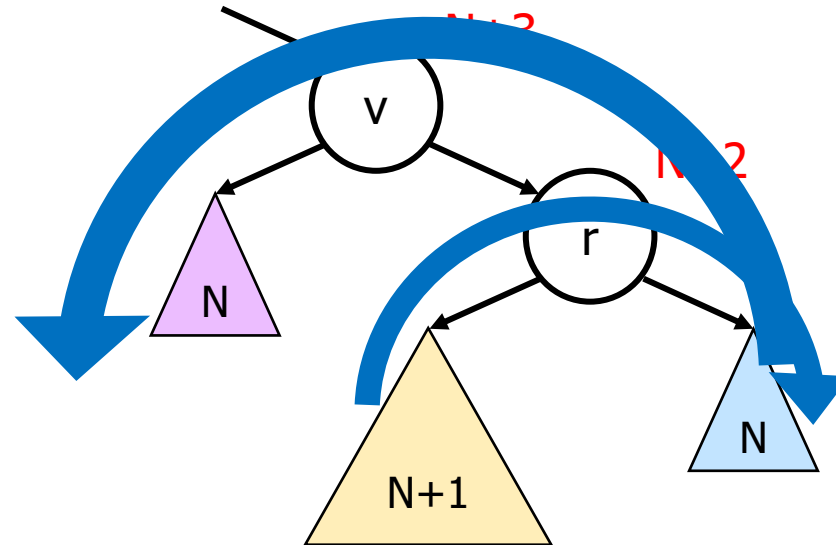
Generalizing AVL Insertion



- But what if we add to the left-side of the right
 - (or the right side of the left)
- Now doing a single rotation doesn't fix it
 - Just puts the problem on the other side

Double Rotation

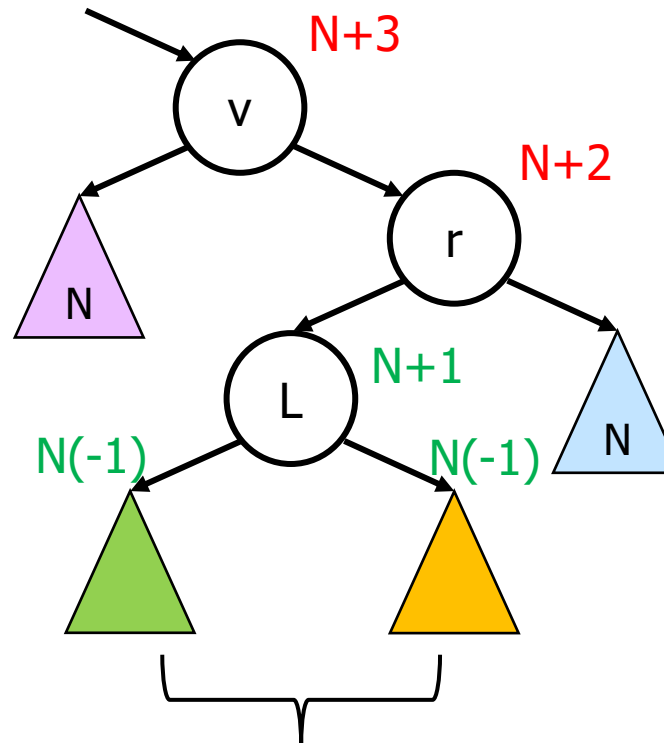
Return to this situation ...



- For this case we need double rotation
 - First rotate right at r , put excess height on right side
 - Then rotate left at v , rebalance the tree

Double Rotation

To see how to do this,
we need to “look inside”
the yellow tree



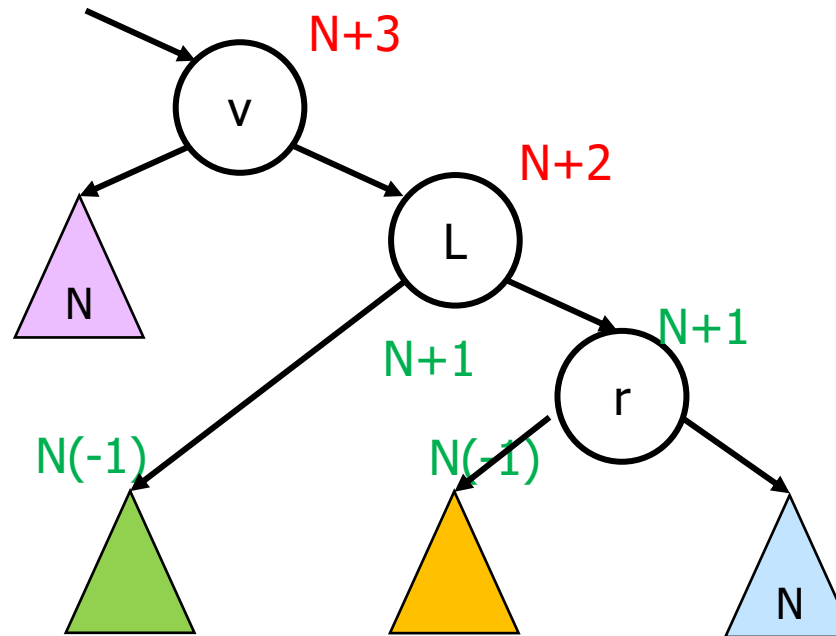
Remember $v < L < r$

One has to be N, the other could be N or N-1

Double Rotation

Now, rotate right at r

Remember $v < L < r$

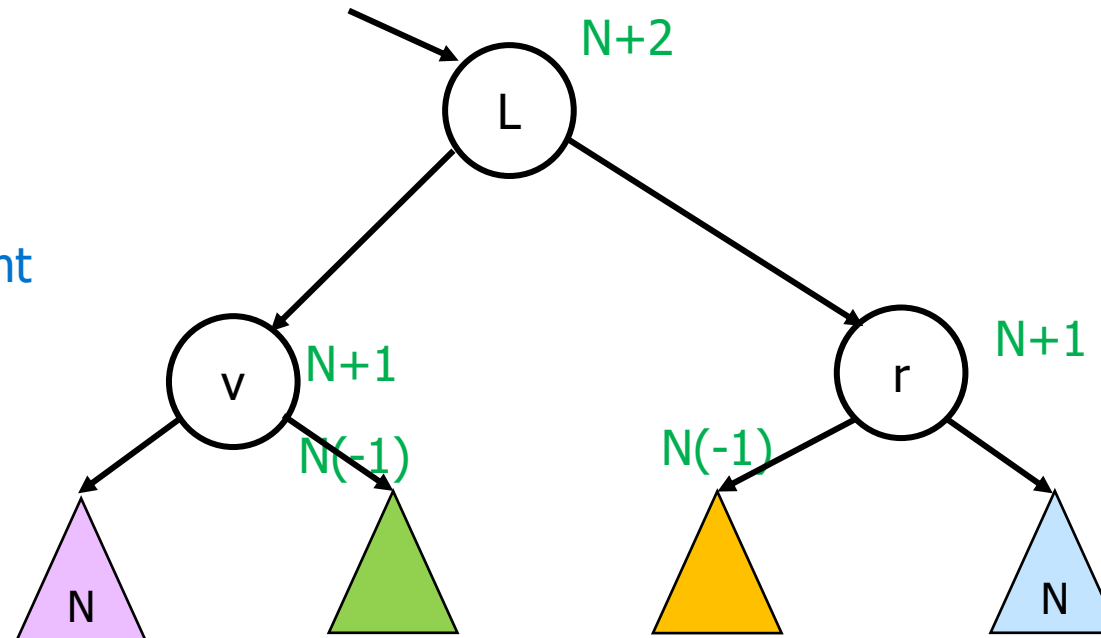


Double Rotation

Observe that all nodes are balanced...

...and that the subtree's height is reduced back to $N+2$

Remember $v < L < r$

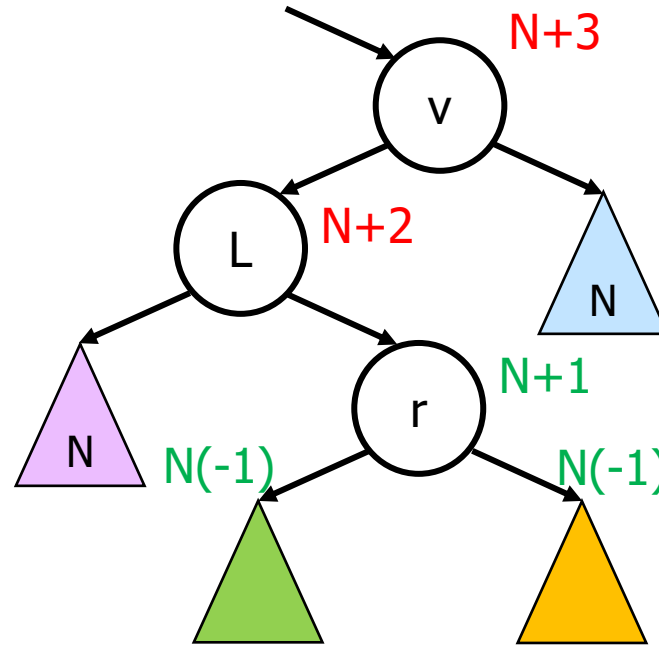


Double Rotation

Symmetric case for other side

First rotate left at L
Then rotate right at v

Remember $L < r < v$



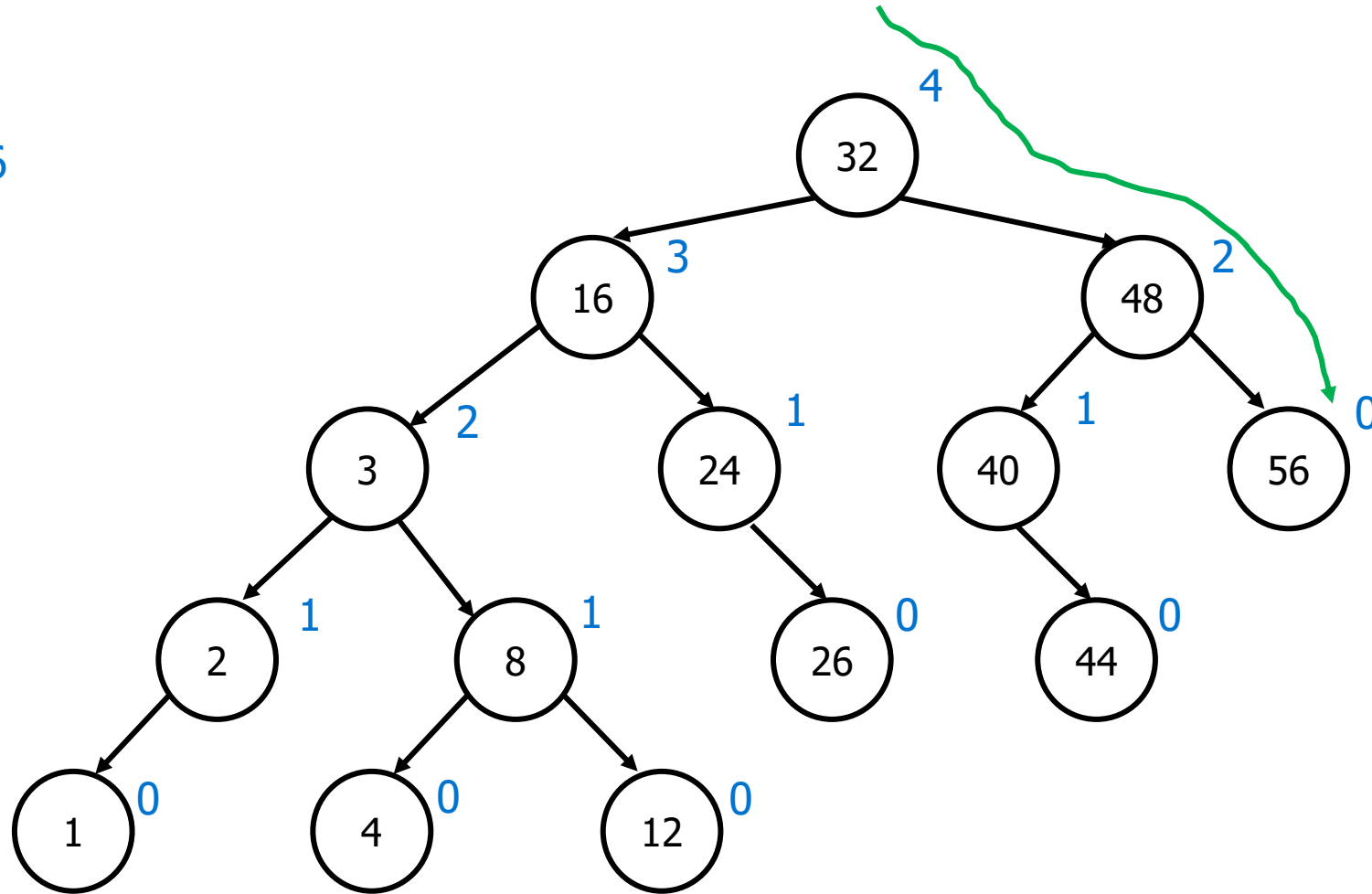
Exercise for you: 1. Draw the resulting tree after rotation;
2. Work out the pointer manipulations yourself from the drawing

AVL Deletion

- Deletion from AVL tree
 - Start with basic BST deletion algorithm (recursive)
 - On the way back up
 - Calculate balance
 - Rotate as needed
 - Same rotations
 - Update heights
 - Unlike add, multiple rotations may be required

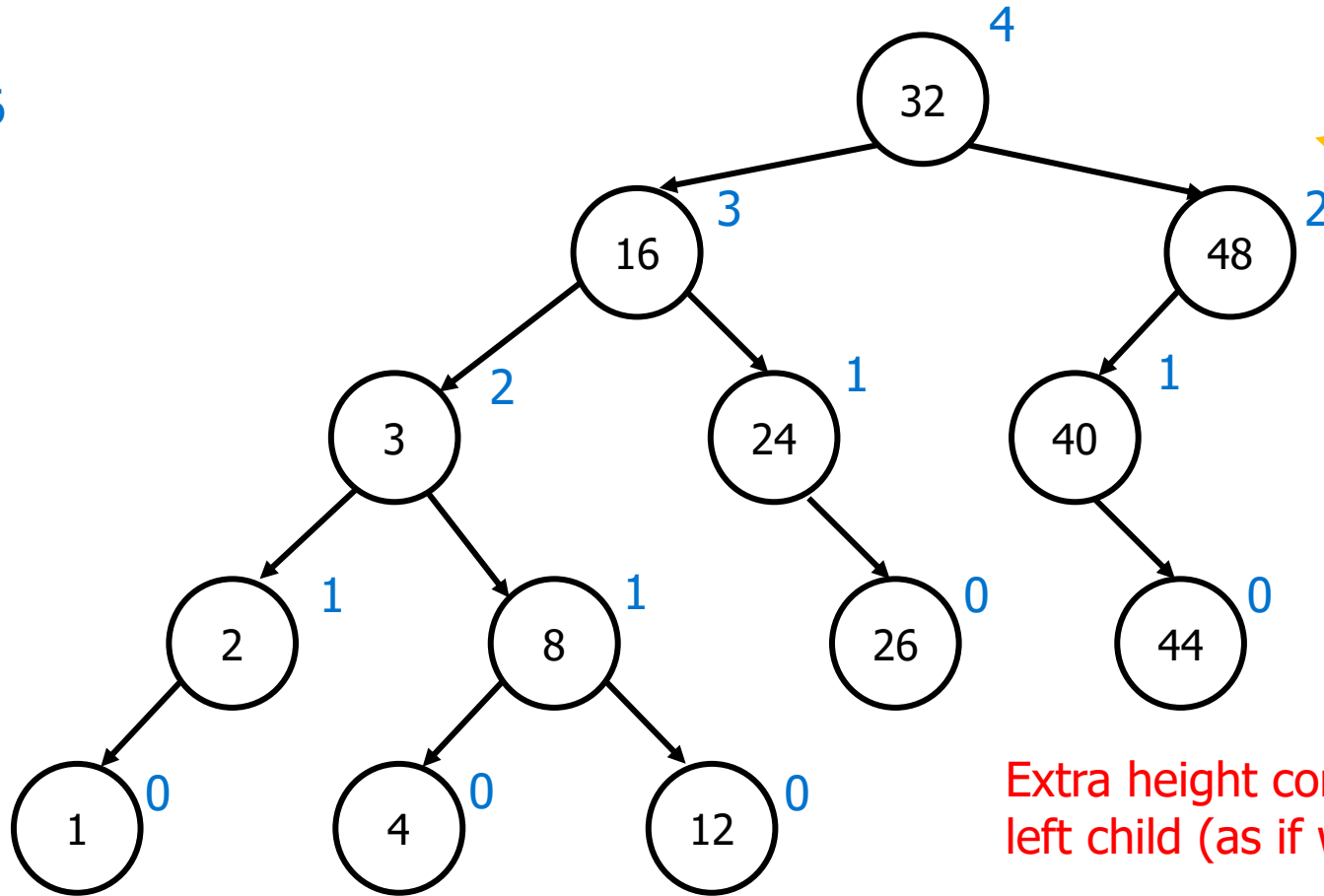
AVL Deletion Example

Delete 56



AVL Deletion Example

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Double rotate:

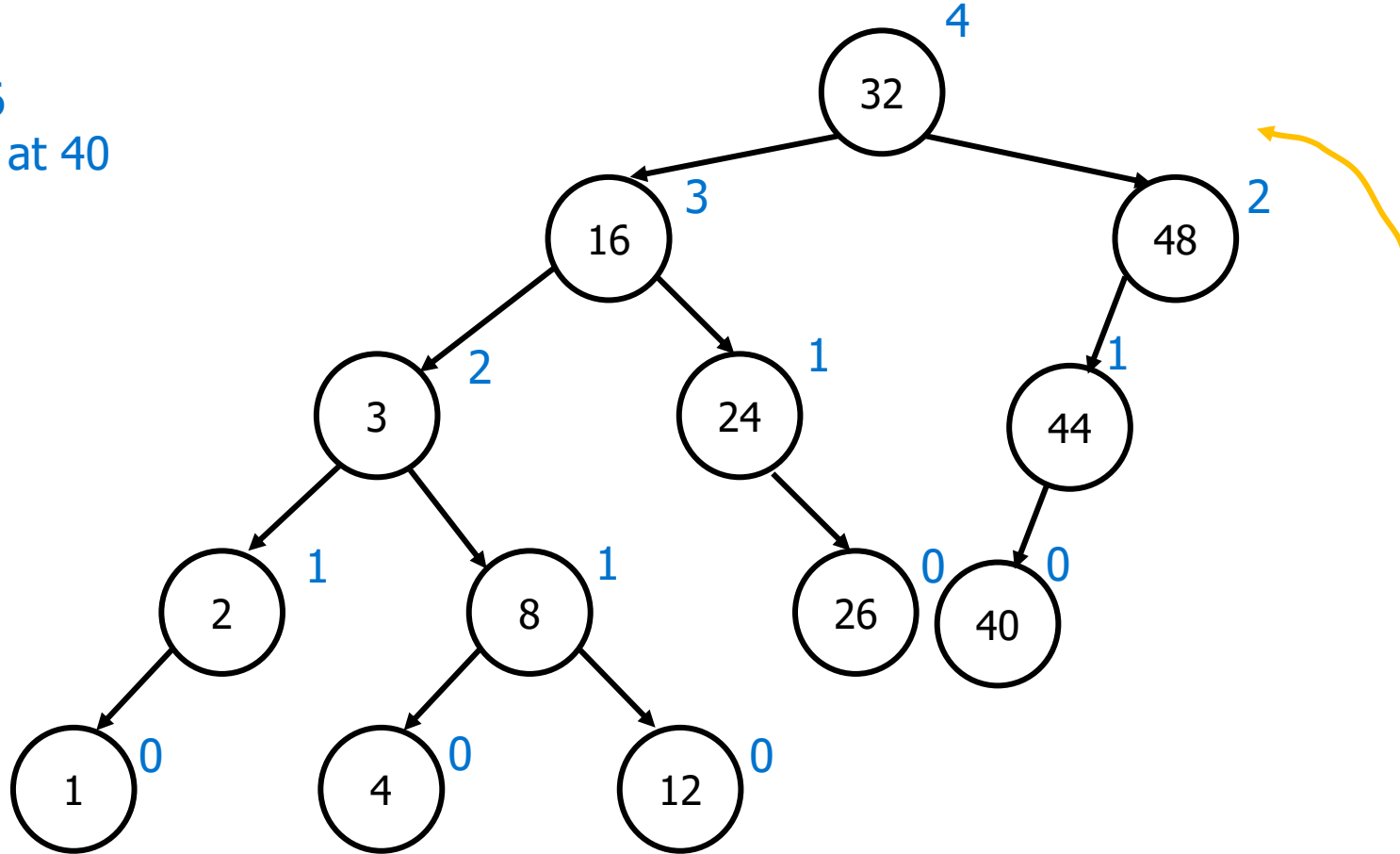
- Left at 40
- Right at 48

Children heights 1 & -1 (unbalanced)

Extra height comes from right child of left child (as if we had added 44)

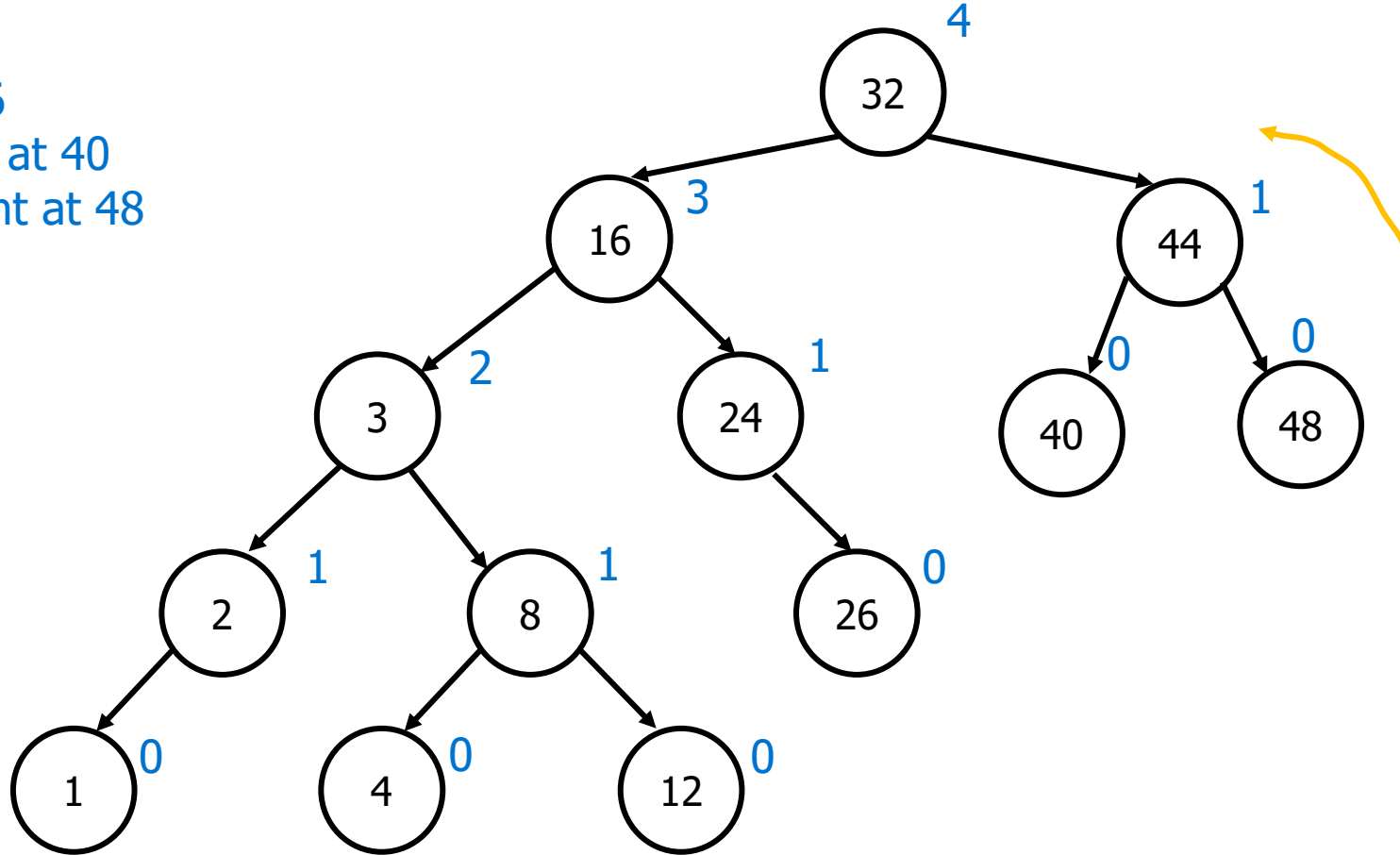
AVL Deletion Example

Delete 56
First: left at 40



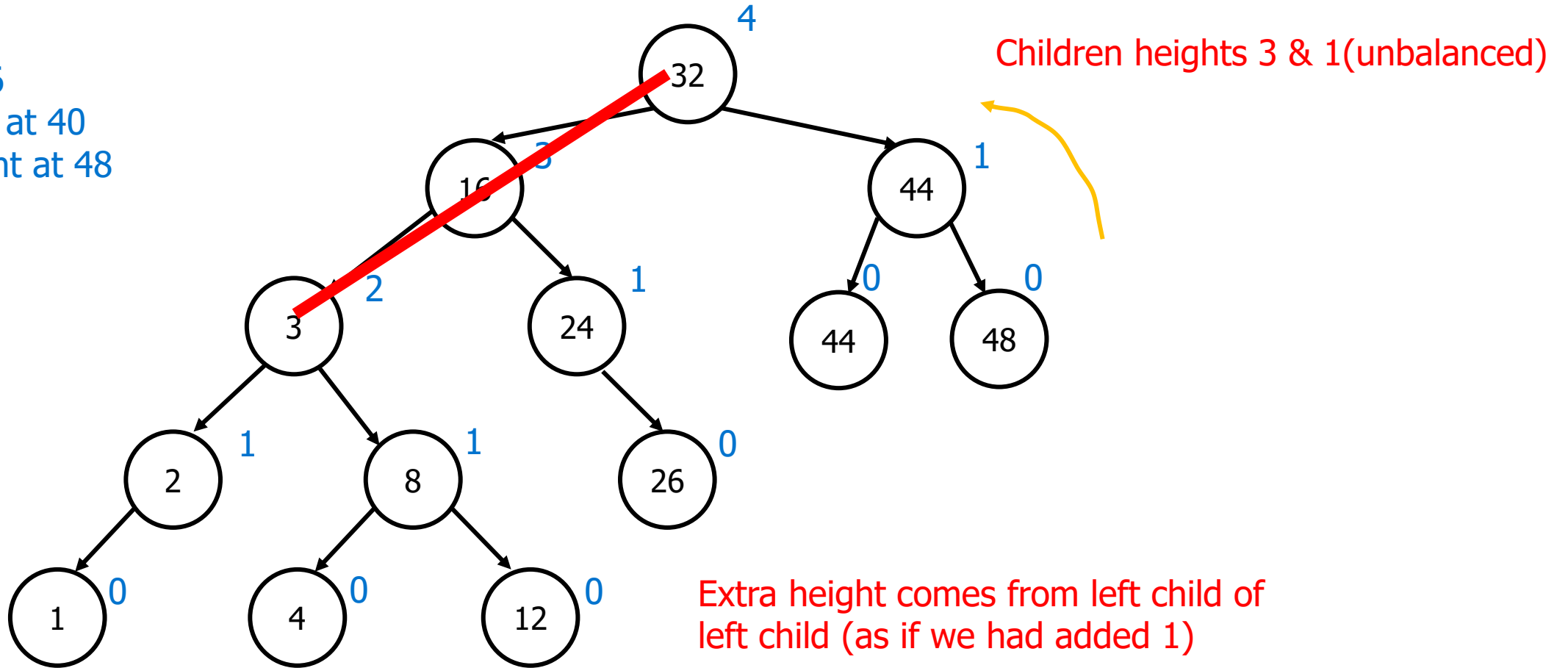
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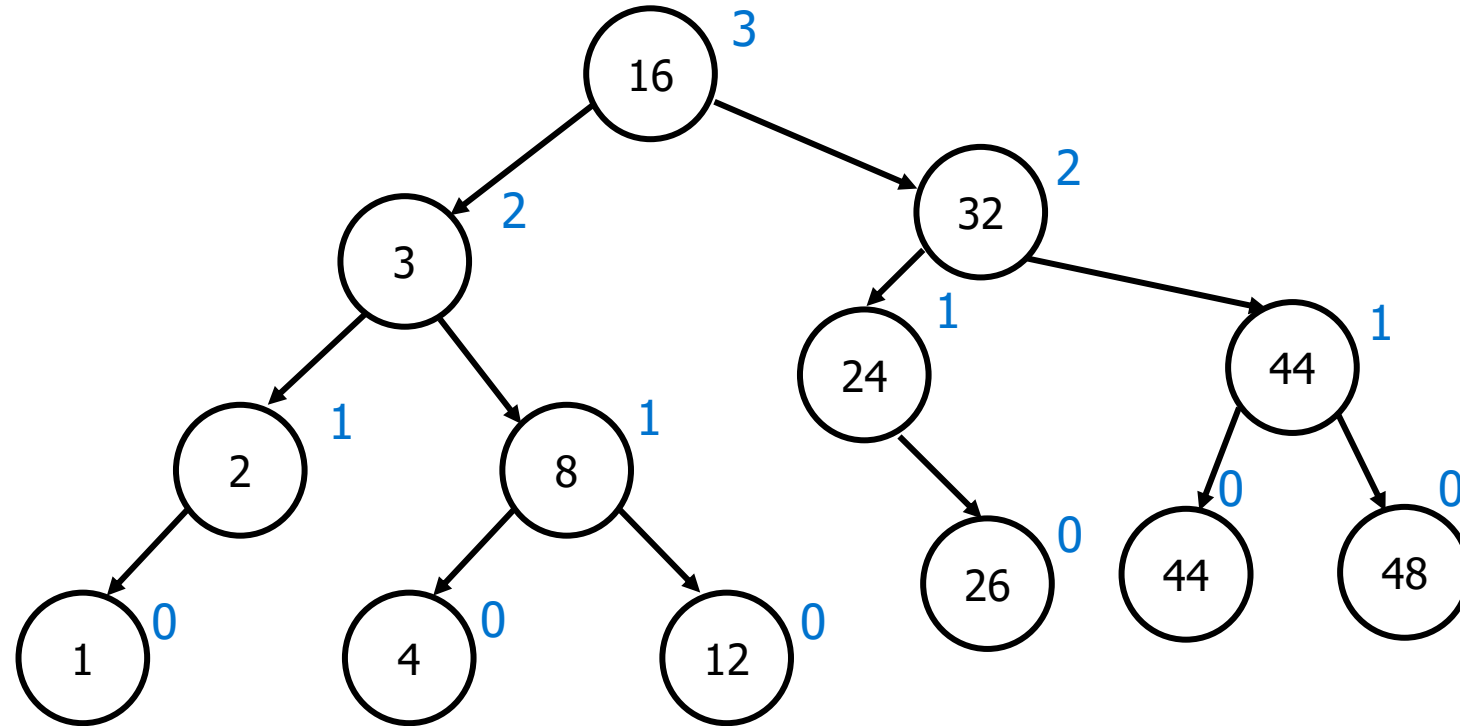
AVL Deletion Example

Delete 56
First: left at 40
Next: right at 48



AVL Deletion Example

Delete 56
Right at 32



Wrap Up

- In this lecture we talked about
 - AVL trees
 - Self-balancing BSTs (via rotating nodes)
 - Ensure $\log(n)$ behavior
 - How insertion & deletion works
- Next up
 - Red-black trees

Suggested Complimentary Readings

- Data Structure and Algorithms in C++: Chapter 4.4



CloudPleasers by Forrest Brazeal



"We want our interviewees to solve real-world problems. So while you balance this binary search tree, I'll be changing the requirements, imposing arbitrary deadlines and auditing you for regulatory compliance."

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