

# AVL TREES: CONCLUSION

Lecture 38

# Assignment

- Examine the code (recitation will help)
- Ensure that you can build AVL trees from a given sequence of numbers (i.e., {34, 15, 7, 21, 90, 3, 50, 16, 4, 9}) reasonably fast (5-10 min.)
- (Extra credit) Implement the code discussed in class—with your own variations, if you wish and be ready to present it

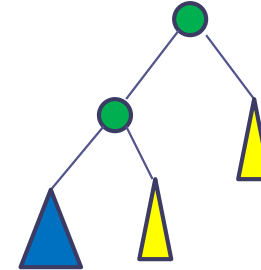
# The taxonomy of unbalanced trees and the respective balancing action

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## □ Left-Left Tree

- Root's balance factor is -2
- Left child's balance factor is -1

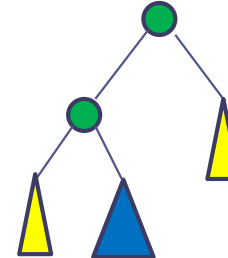
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## □ Left-Right Tree

- Root's balance factor is -2
- Left child's balance factor is +1

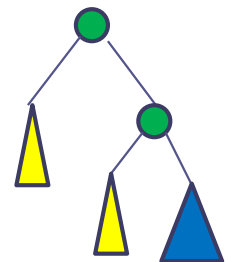
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2) Rotate right around the parent



## □ Right-Right Tree

- Root's balance factor is +2
- Right child's balance factor is +1

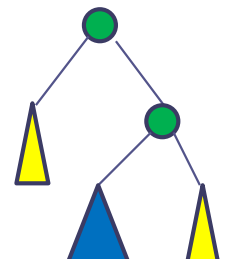
*Action:* Rotate left around the parent



## □ Right-Left Tree

- Root's balance factor is +2
- Right child's balance factor is -1

*Action:* 1) Rotate right around the child  
2) Rotate left around the parent

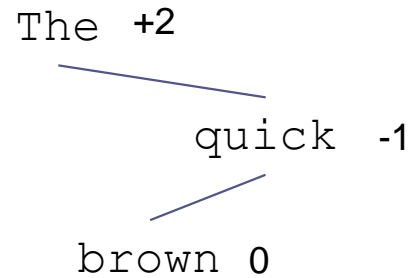


# An AVL Tree Example (from the book)

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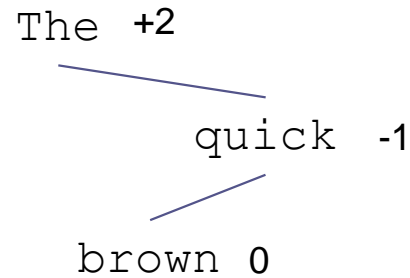
Build an AVL tree from the words in  
"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"

# AVL Tree Example



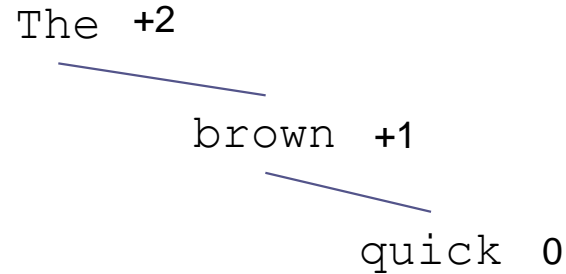
The overall tree is right-heavy  
(Right-Left)  
parent balance = +2  
right child balance = -1

# AVL Tree Example (cont.)



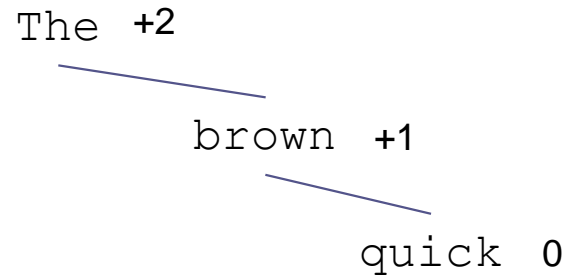
1. Rotate right around the child

# AVL Tree Example (cont.)



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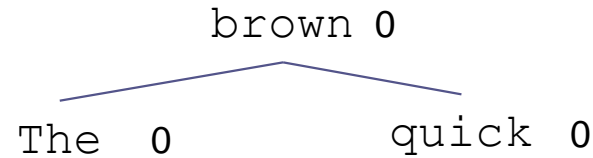
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1. Rotate right around the child
2. Rotate left around the parent

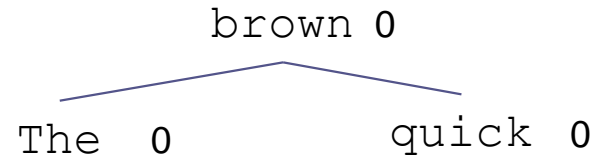


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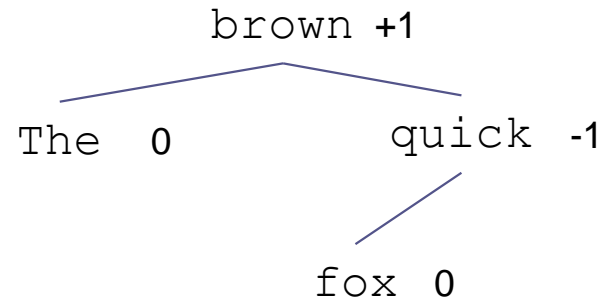
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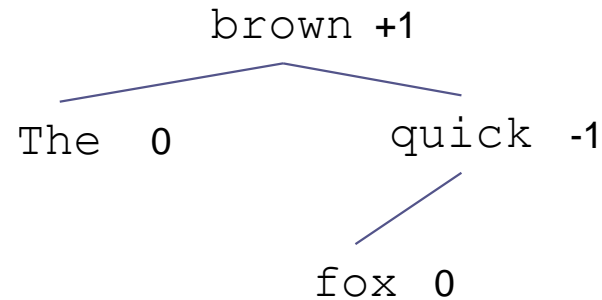
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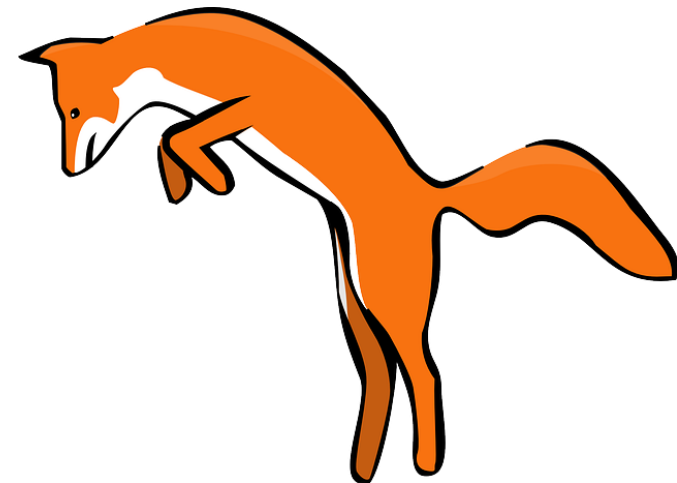
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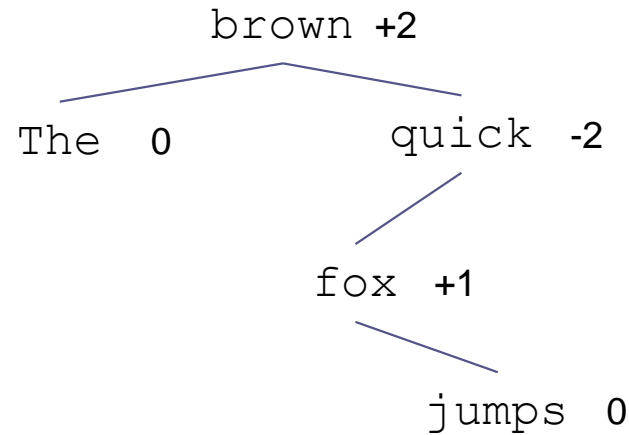
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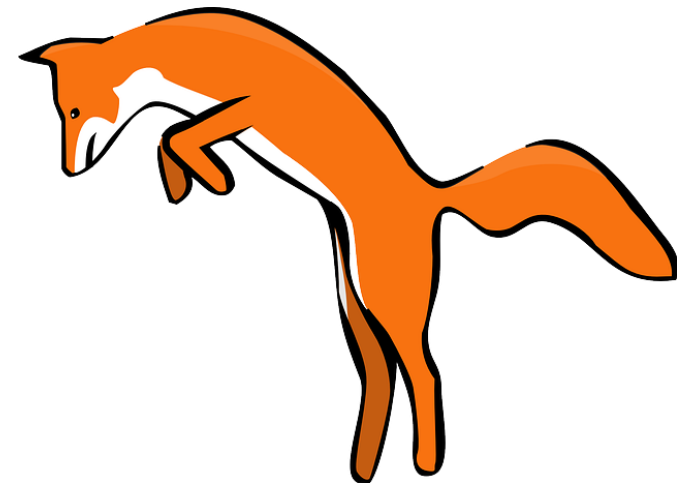
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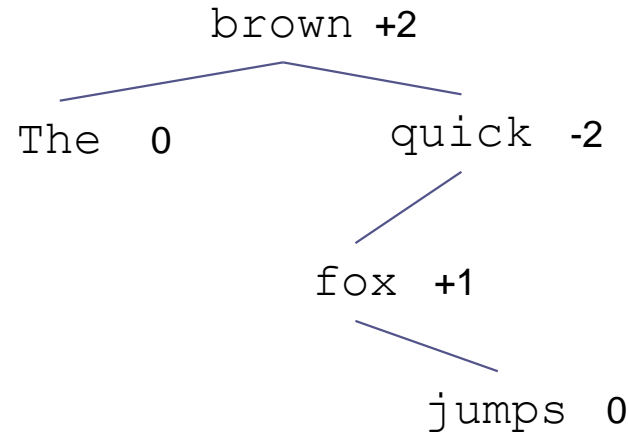
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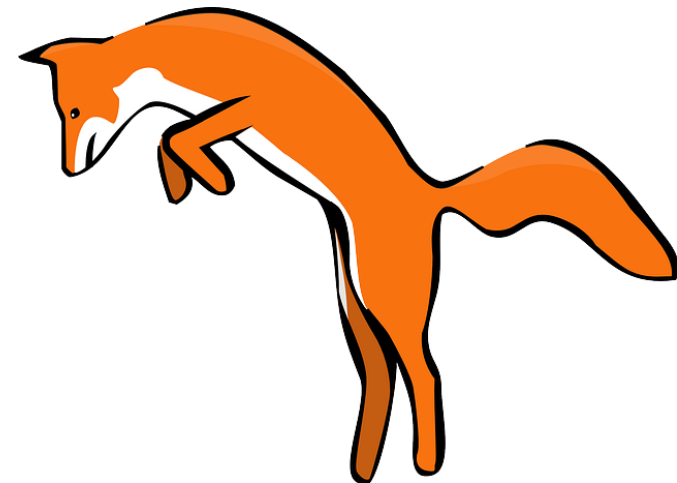
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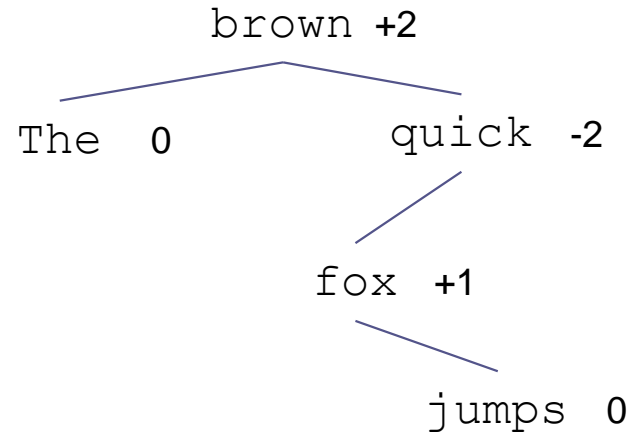
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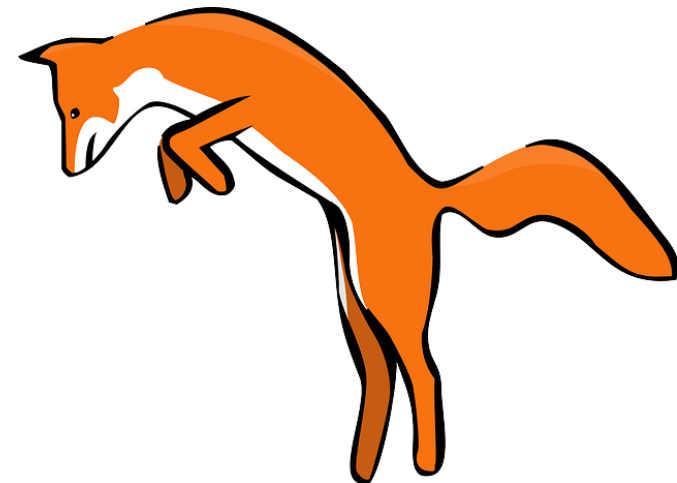
The tree is now left-heavy about *quick* (Left-Right case)



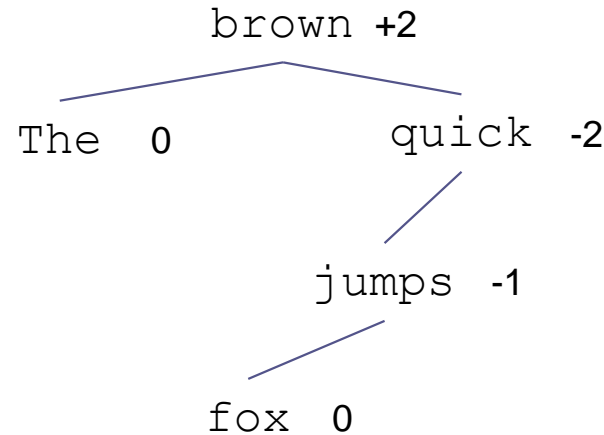
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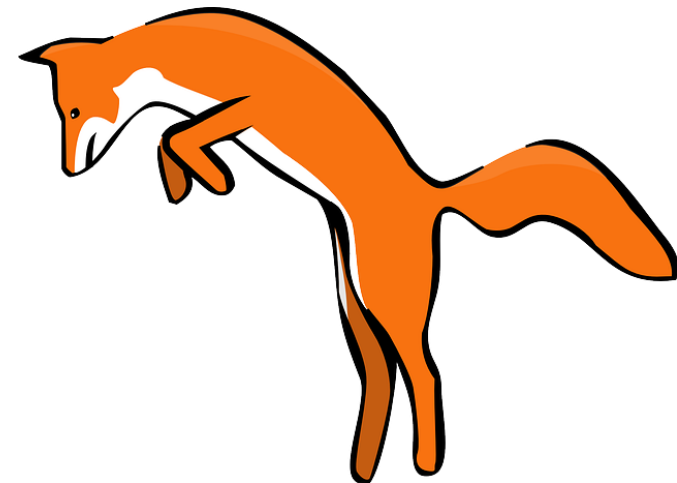
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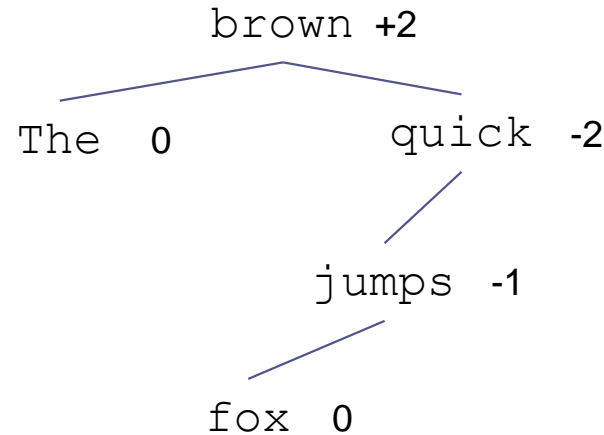


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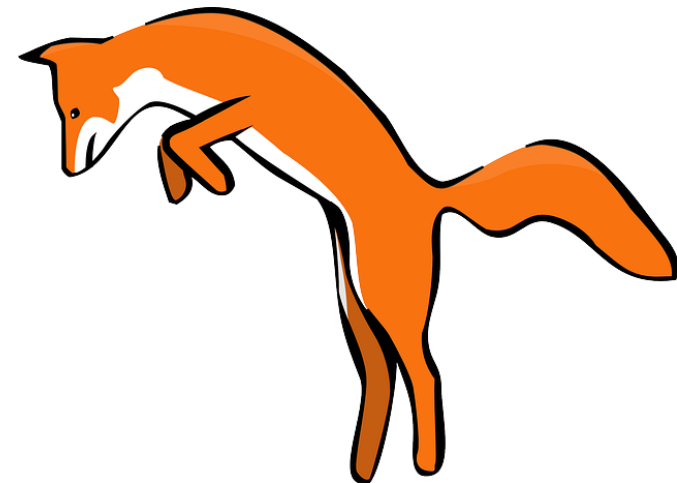




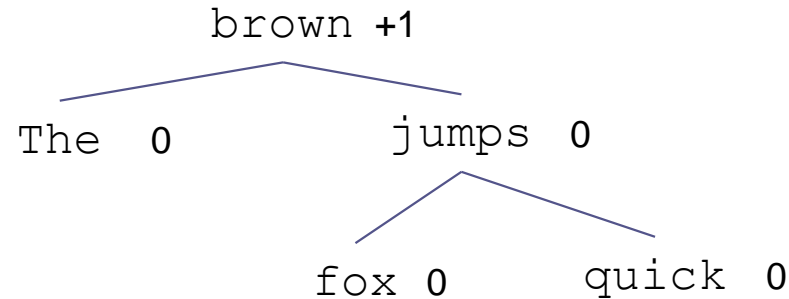
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1. Rotate left around the child
2. Rotate right around the parent

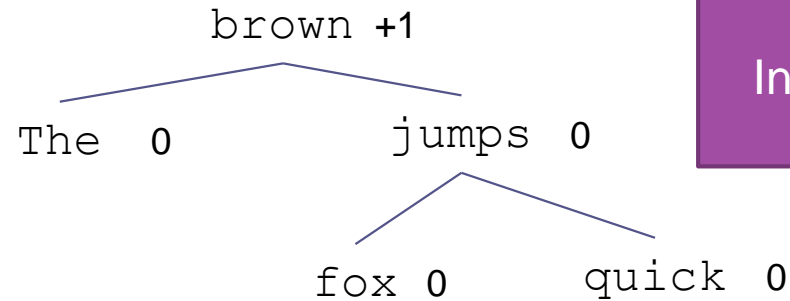


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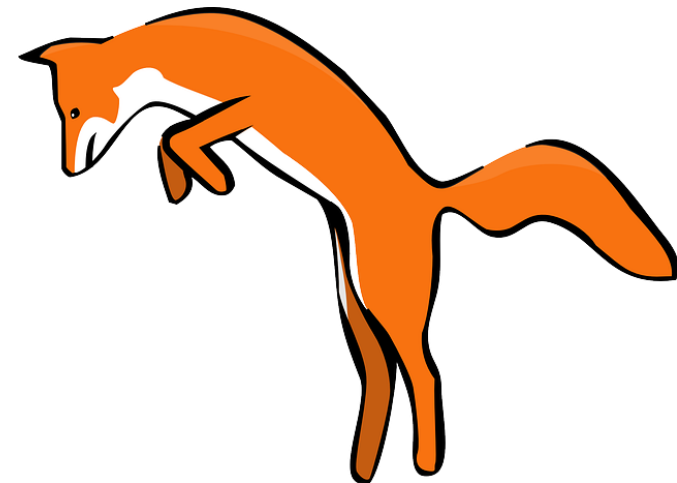


1. Rotate left around the child
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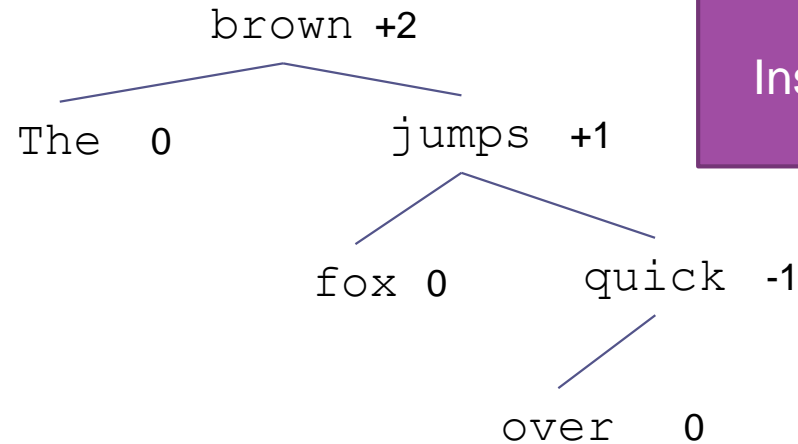
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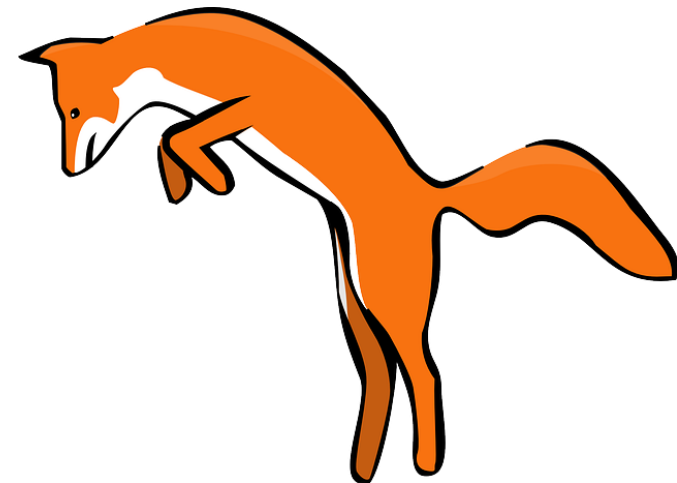
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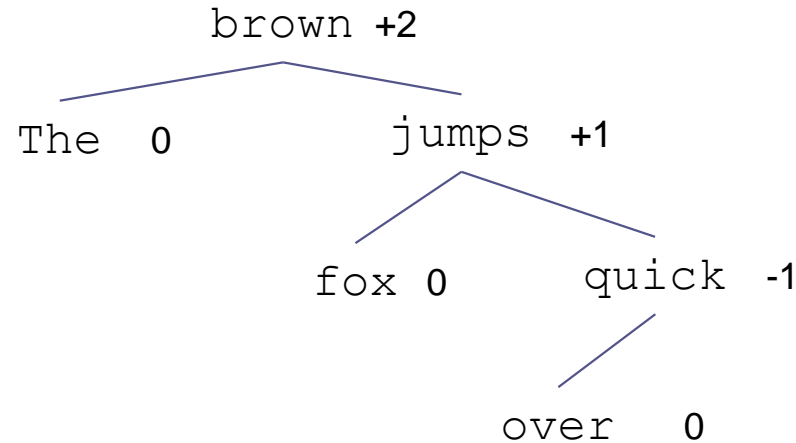
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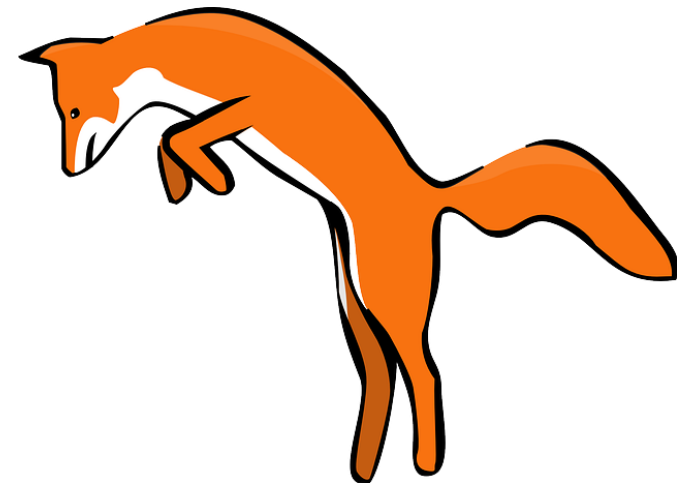
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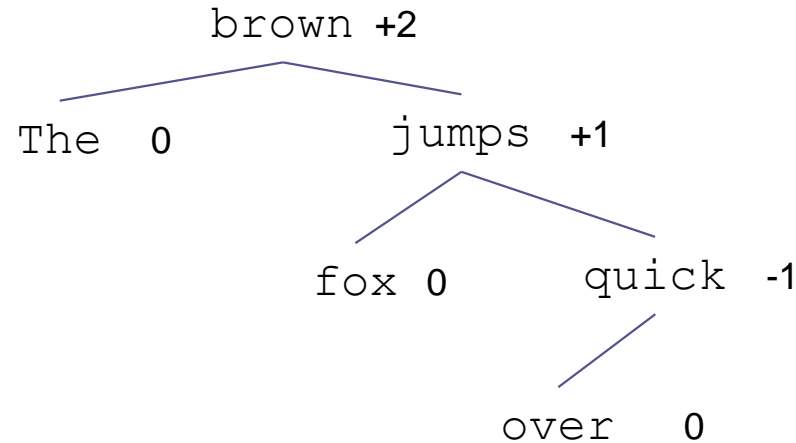
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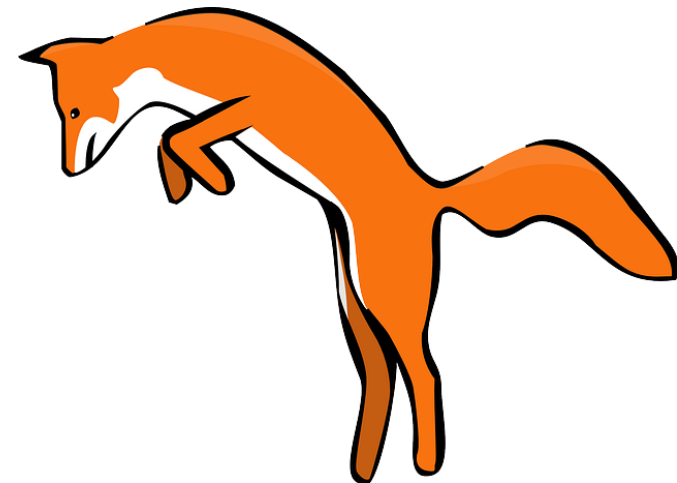
We now have a Right-Right imbalance



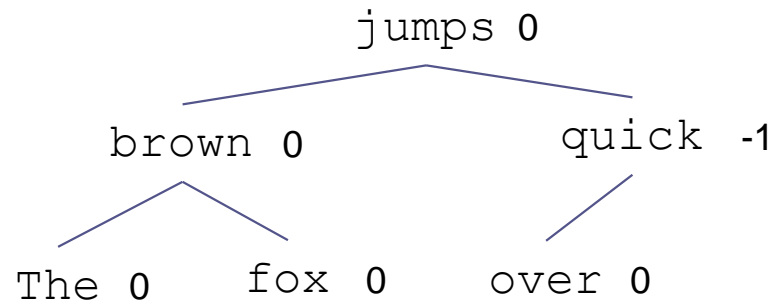
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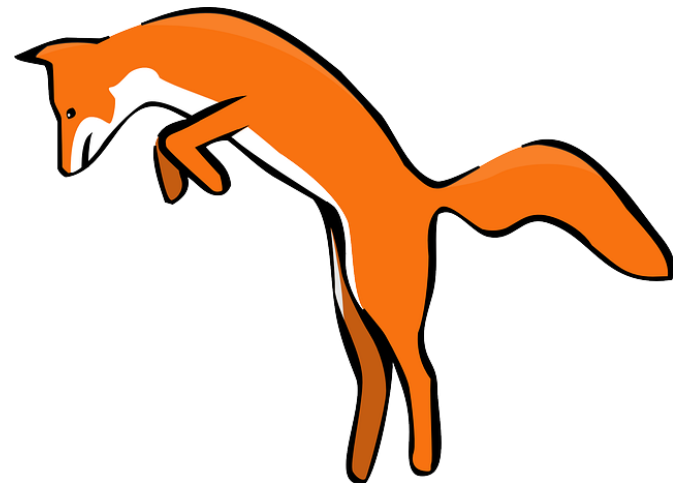
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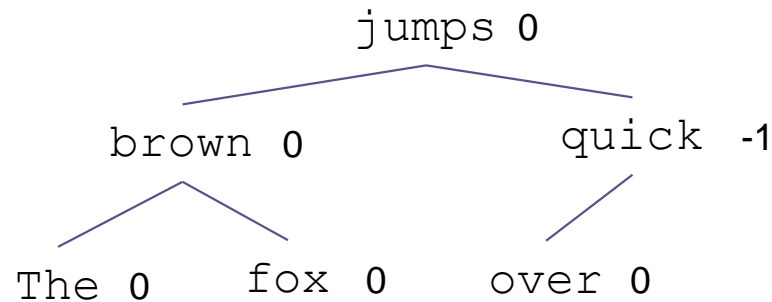
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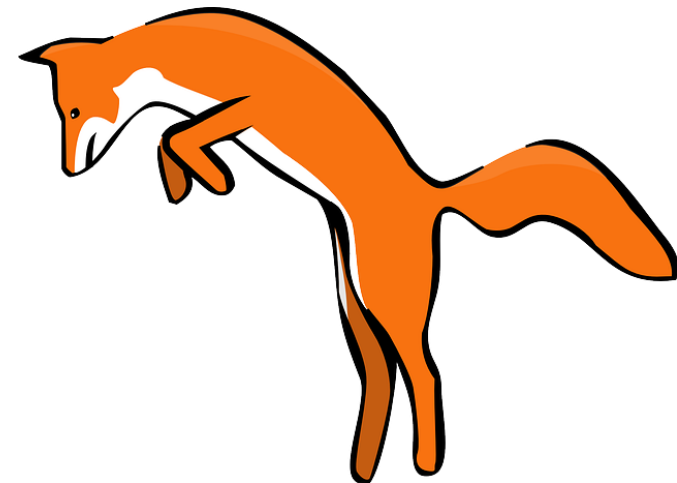
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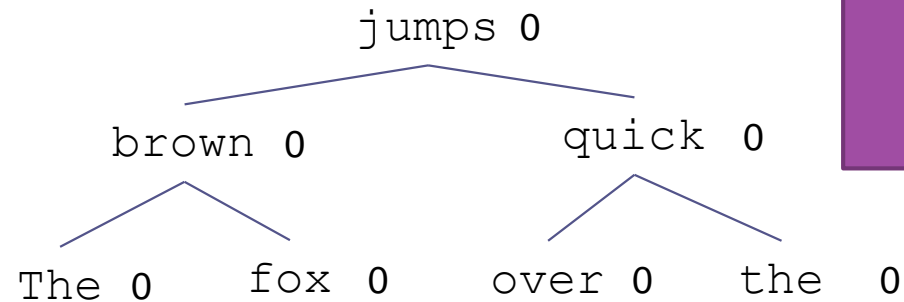


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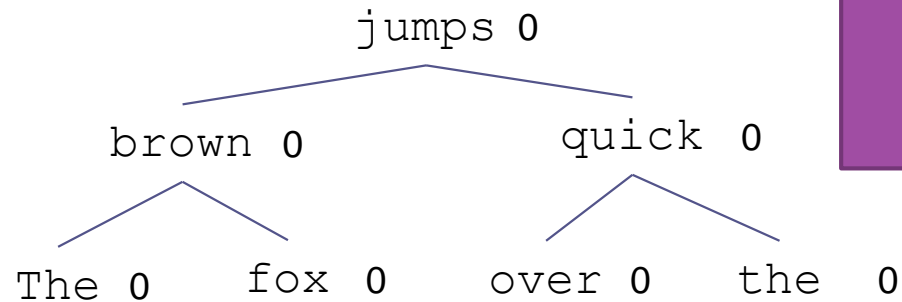


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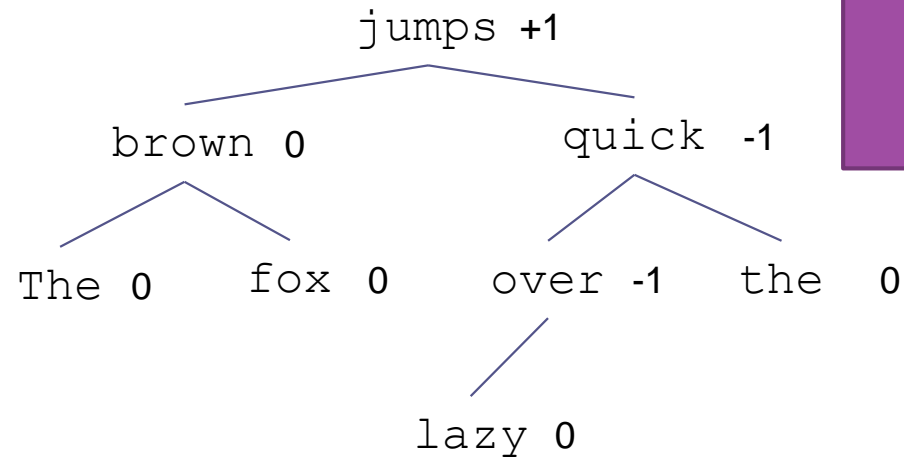
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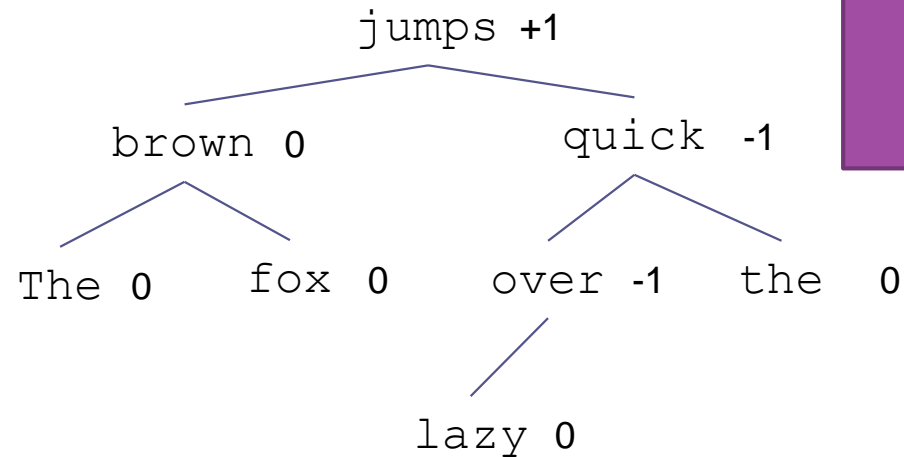
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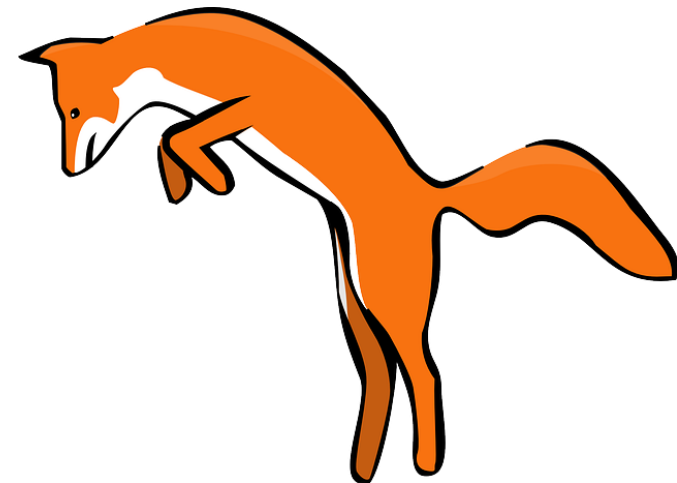


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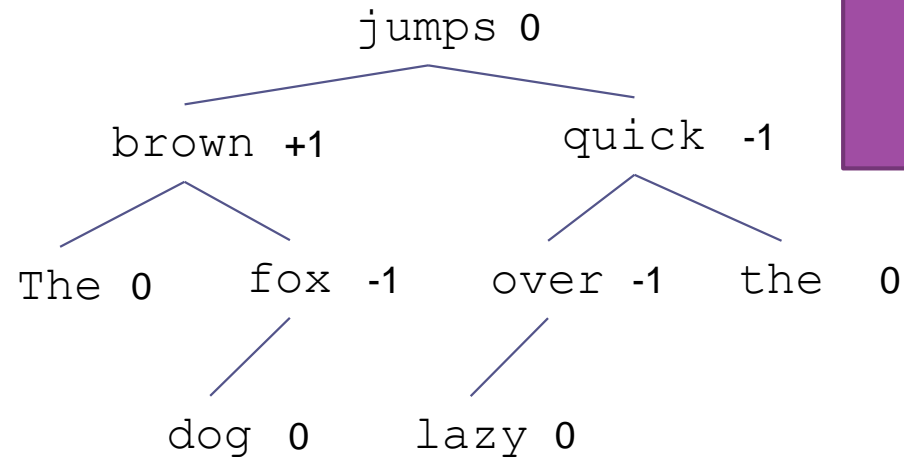
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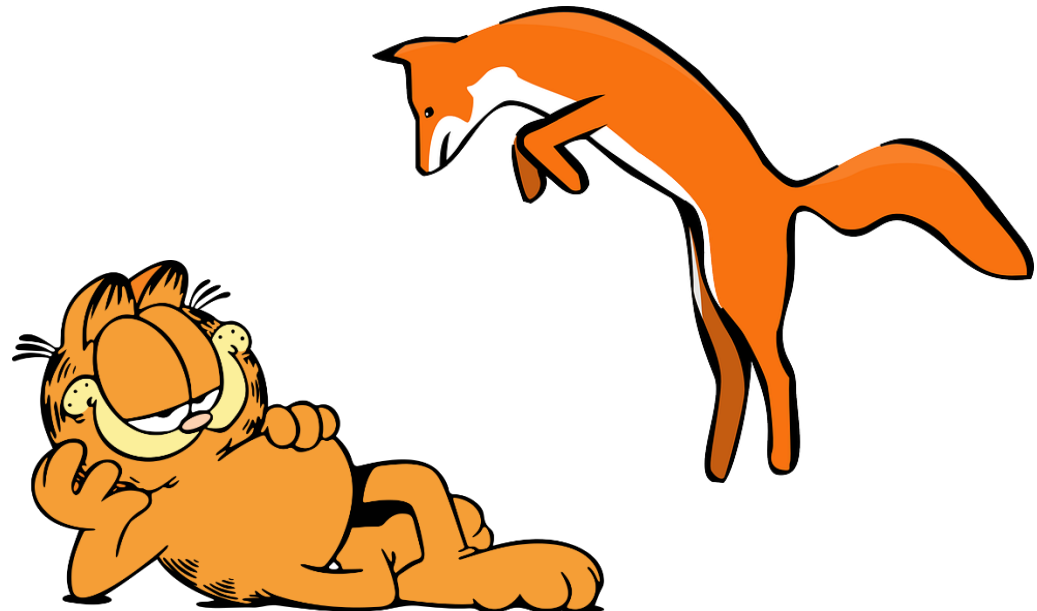
Insert *dog*



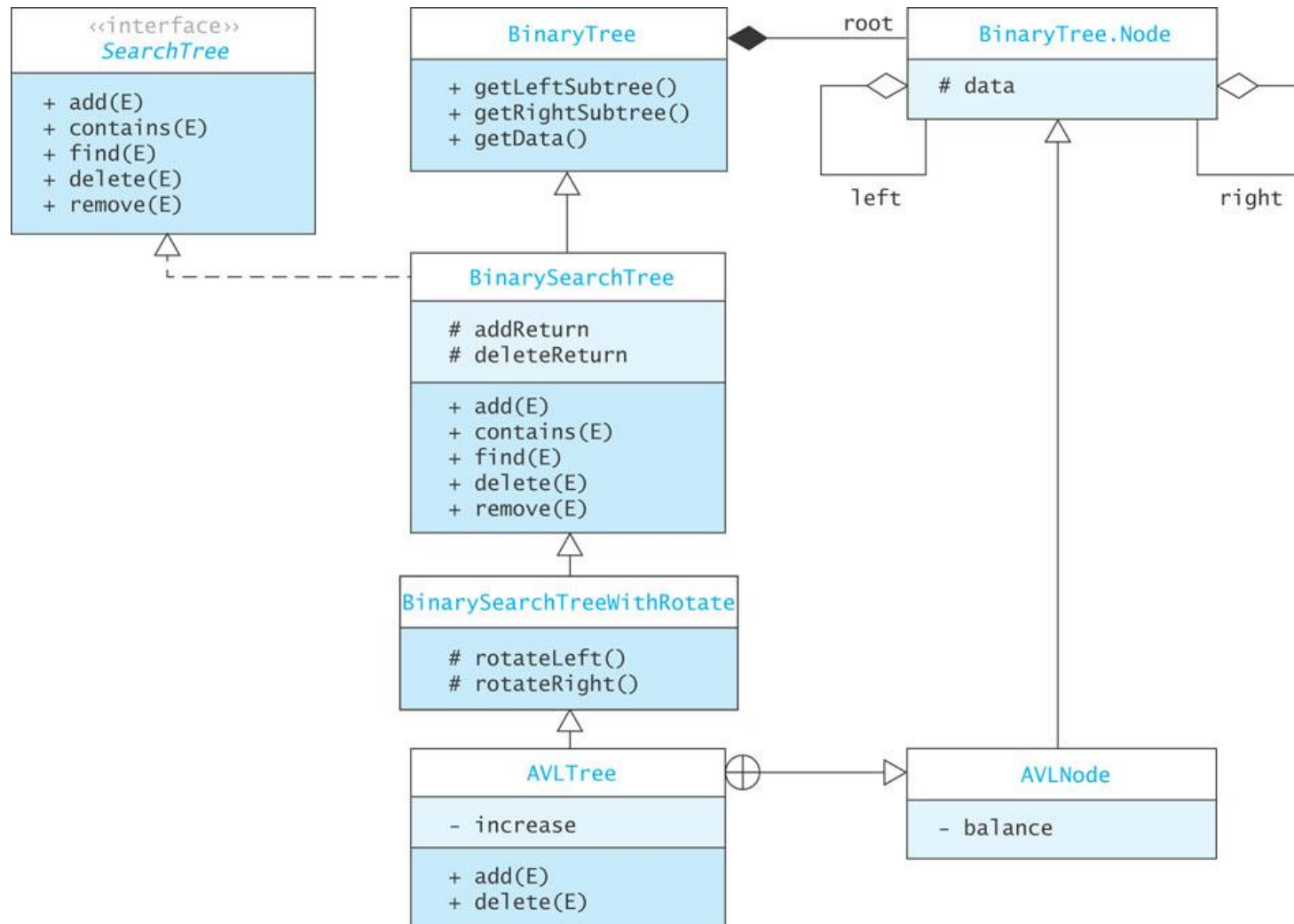
# AVL Tree Example (cont.)



Insert *dog*



# Implementing an AVL Tree



# The AVLNode Class

- Listing 9.2 (The AVLNode Class, pages 482-483)

# Inserting into an AVL Tree

- The easiest way to keep a tree balanced is never to let it become unbalanced
- If any node becomes critical, rebalance immediately
- Identify critical nodes by checking the balance at the root node as you return along the insertion path



# Inserting into an AVL Tree (cont.)

## Algorithm for Insertion into an AVL Tree

1. **if** the `root` is `null`
2.     Create a new tree with the item at the `root` and return **true**.
- else if** the item is equal to `root.data`
3.     The item is already in the tree; return **false**.
- else if** the item is less than `root.data`
4.     (Recursively) insert the item in the left subtree.
5.     **if** the height of the left subtree has increased (**increase** is **true**)
6.         Decrement balance.
7.         **if** `balance` is zero, reset **increase** to **false**.
8.         **if** `balance` is less than `-1`
9.             Reset **increase** to **false**.
10.          Perform a `rebalanceLeft`.
- else if** the item is greater than `root.data`
11.     The processing is symmetric to Steps 4 through 10. Note that `balance` is incremented if **increase** is **true**.

# add Starter Method

```
/** add starter method.  
    pre: the item to insert implements the Comparable interface.  
    @param item The item being inserted.  
    @return true if the object is inserted; false  
            if the object already exists in the tree  
    @throws ClassCastException if item is not Comparable  
*/  
@Override  
public boolean add(E item) {  
    increase = false;  
    root = add((AVLNode<E>) root, item);  
    return addReturn;  
}
```

# Recursive add method

```
/** Recursive add method. Inserts the given object into the tree.  
    post: addReturn is set true if the item is inserted,  
        false if the item is already in the tree.  
    @param localRoot The local root of the subtree  
    @param item The object to be inserted  
    @return The new local root of the subtree with the item  
            inserted  
*/  
*/  
private AVLNode<E> add(AVLNode<E> localRoot, E item)  
if (localRoot == null) {  
    addReturn = true;  
    increase = true;  
    return new AVLNode<E>(item);  
}  
if (item.compareTo(localRoot.data) == 0) {  
    // Item is already in the tree.  
    increase = false;  
    addReturn = false;  
    return localRoot;  
}
```

# Recursive add method (cont.)

```
else if (item.compareTo(localRoot.data) < 0) {
    // item < data
    localRoot.left = add((AVLNode<E>) localRoot.left, item);
    . . .

if (increase) {
    decrementBalance(localRoot);
    if (localRoot.balance < AVLNode.LEFT_HEAVY) {
        increase = false;
        return rebalanceLeft(localRoot);
    }
}
return localRoot; // Rebalance not needed.
```

# Initial Algorithm for `rebalanceLeft`

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1. `if` the left subtree has positive balance (Left-Right case)
2.     Rotate left around left subtree root.
3.     Rotate right.

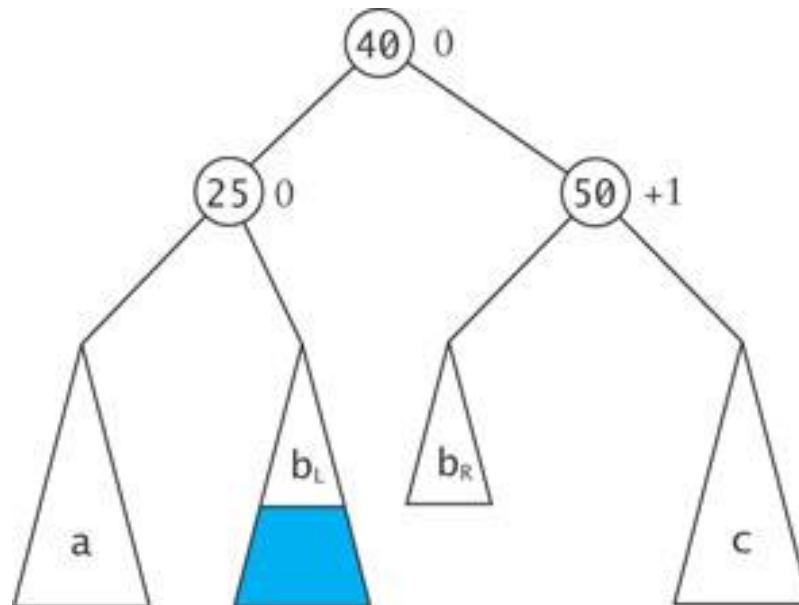
# Effect of Rotations on Balance

- The rebalance algorithm on the previous slide was incomplete as the balance of the nodes was not adjusted
- For a Left-Left tree the balances of the new root node and of its right child are 0 after a right rotation
- The Left-Right tree is more complex: the balance of the root is 0

# Effect of Rotations on Balance

## (cont.)

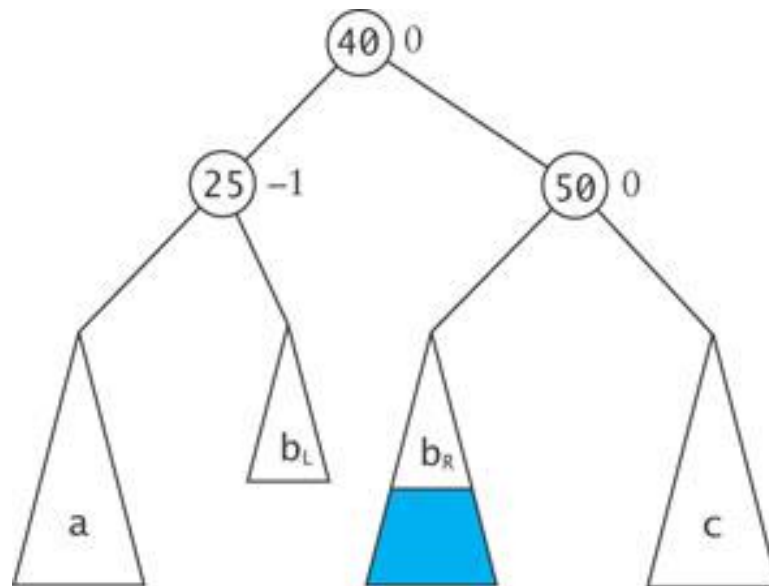
- if the critically unbalanced situation was caused by an insertion into
  - subtree  $b_L$  (Left-Right-Left case), the balance of the root's left child is 0 and the balance of the root's right child is +1



# Effect of Rotations on Balance

## (cont.)

- if the critically unbalanced situation was caused by an insertion into
  - subtree  $b_R$  (Left-Right-Right case), the balance of the root's left child is -1 and the balance of the root's right child is 0





# Revised Algorithm for `rebalanceLeft`

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1. **if** the left subtree has a positive balance (Left-Right case)
  2.     **if** the left-left subtree has a negative balance (Left-Right-Left case)
    3.         Set the left subtree (new left subtree) balance to 0.
    4.         Set the left-left subtree (new root) balance to 0.
    5.         Set the local root (new right subtree) balance to +1.
  6.     **else** (Left-Right-Right case)
    7.         Set the left subtree (new left subtree) balance to -1.
    8.         Set the left-left subtree (new root) balance to 0.
    9.         Set the local root (new right subtree) balance to 0.
  9.     Rotate the left subtree left.
10. **else** (Left-Left case)
  11.     Set the left subtree balance to 0.
  12.     Set the local root balance to 0.
12. Rotate the local root right.

# Method `rebalanceLeft`

- Listing 9.3 (The `rebalanceLeft` Method, page 487)

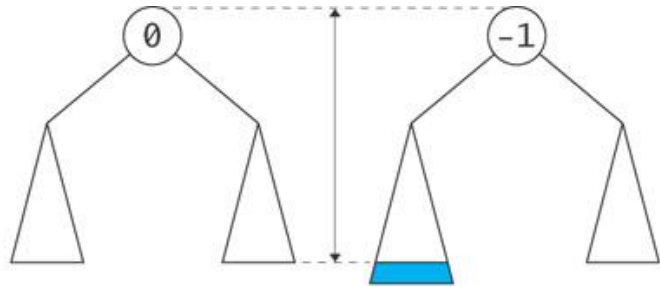
# Method `rebalanceRight`

- The `rebalanceRight` method is *dual* with respect to the `rebalanceLeft` method

# Method `decrementBalance`

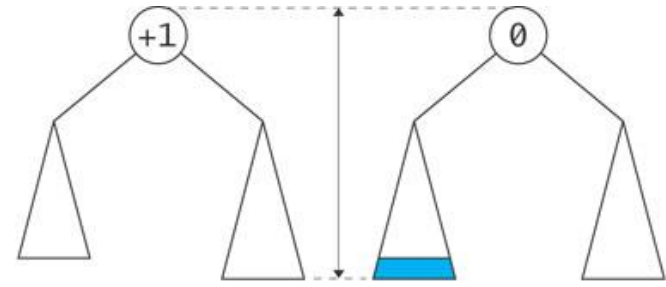
- As we return from an insertion into a node's left subtree, we need to decrement the balance of the node
- We also need to indicate if the subtree height at that node has not increased (setting `increase` to `false`)

# Method decrementBalance (cont.)



balance before insert is 0

balance is decreased due to insert;  
overall height increased



balance before insert is +1

balance is decreased due to insert;  
overall height remains the same

- Two cases to consider:
  - a balanced node – insertion into its left subtree will make it left-heavy and its height will increase by 1
  - a right-heavy node – insertion into its left subtree will cause it to become balanced and its height will not increase

# Method decrementBalance (cont.)

```
private void decrementBalance(AVLNode<E> node) {  
    // Decrement the balance.  
    node.balance--;  
    if (node.balance == AVLNode.BALANCED) {  
        /** If now balanced, overall height has not increased. */  
        increase = false;  
    }  
  
}
```

# Removal from an AVL Tree

- Removal
  - ▣ from a left subtree, increases the balance of the local root
  - ▣ from a right subtree, decreases the balance of the local root
- The binary search tree removal method can be adapted for removal from an AVL tree
- A data field `decrease` tells the previous level in the recursion that there was a decrease in the height of the subtree from which the return occurred
- The local root balance is incremented or decremented based on this field
- If the balance is outside the threshold, a rebalance method is called to restore balance

# Removal from an AVL Tree

## (cont.)

- ❑ **Methods** `decrementBalance`, `incrementBalance`, `rebalanceLeft`, and `rebalanceRight` **need to be modified to set the value of `decrease` and `increase` after a node's balance is decremented**
- ❑ Each recursive return can result in a further need to rebalance



# Performance of the AVL Tree

- On each modification, we perform  $O(\log n)$  operations
- In the worst case an AVL tree may be 1.44 times the height of a full binary tree that contains the same number of items
- Empirical tests show that on average  $\log n + 0.25$  comparisons are required to insert the  $n$ th item into an AVL tree – close to a corresponding complete binary search tree