Depth of a Binary Search Tree 321

- Imagine that each internal node has exactly two children.
- A depth of log₂ n is the best possible.
- So the depth can be between log₂ n and n.
- What is the average depth?



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Now, notice that the summation on the right is about H(n) = O(log n).

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Try another telescoping but after some adjustment.

Divide the whole equation by n(n+1) to get:

$$D(n) / (n+1) = D(n-1) / n + 2(n-1) / (n(n+1))$$

Now, write the above equation for n, n-1, ..., all the way to n = 2.

$$D(n-1) / n = D(n-2) / (n-1) + 2(n-2) / ((n-1)n)$$
 $D(n-2) / (n-1) = D(n-3) / (n-2) + 2(n-3) / ((n-2)(n-1))$
 \vdots
Request control

- Consider D(n) = $(2/n) (^{n-1}\Sigma_{j=0} D(j)) + n 1$.
- Rearrange as

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Now, write the equation with n-1 replacing n.

(n-1) D(n-1) = 2 (
$$^{n-2}\Sigma_{j=0}$$
 D(j)) + (n-1)(n - 2)

Subtract the two equations to get:

$$nD(n) - (n-1)D(n-1) = 2D(n-1) + 2(n-1)$$

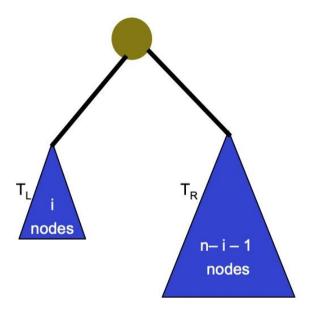
Rearrange as:

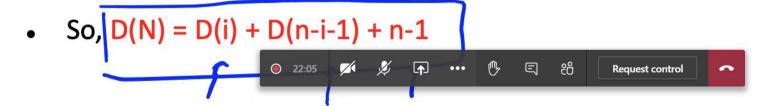
The recurrence relation simplifies to

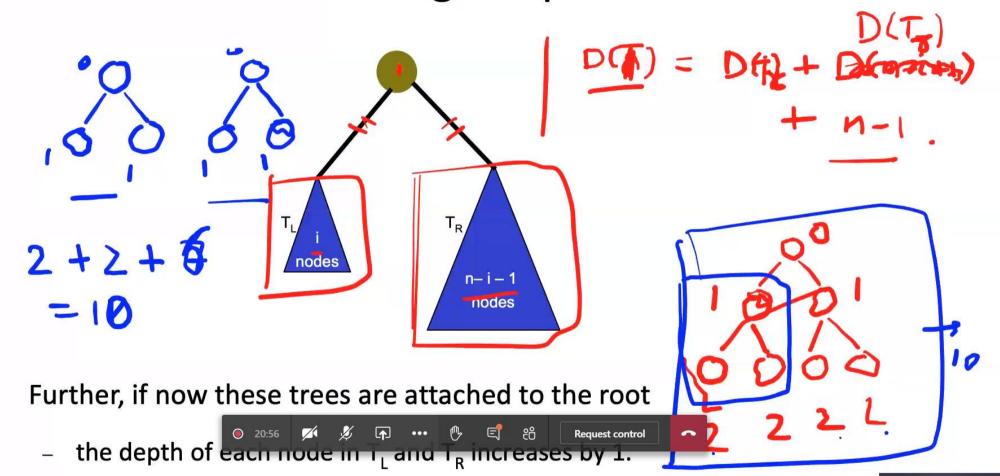
$$D(n) = (2/n) (^{n-1}\Sigma_{j=0} D(j)) + n - 1$$

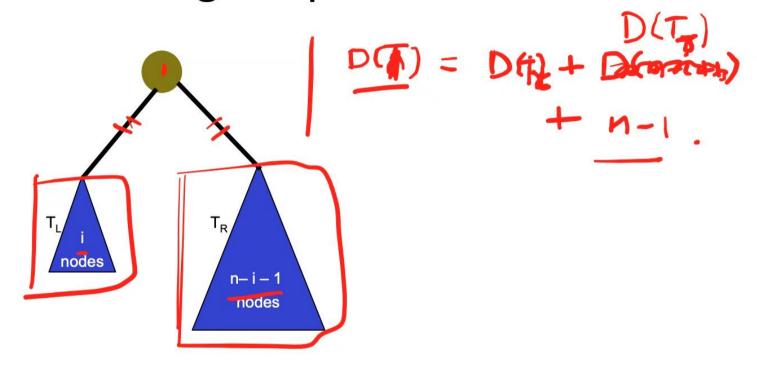
Can be solved using known techniques as follows.



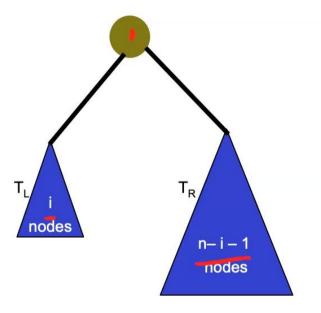




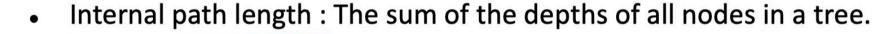




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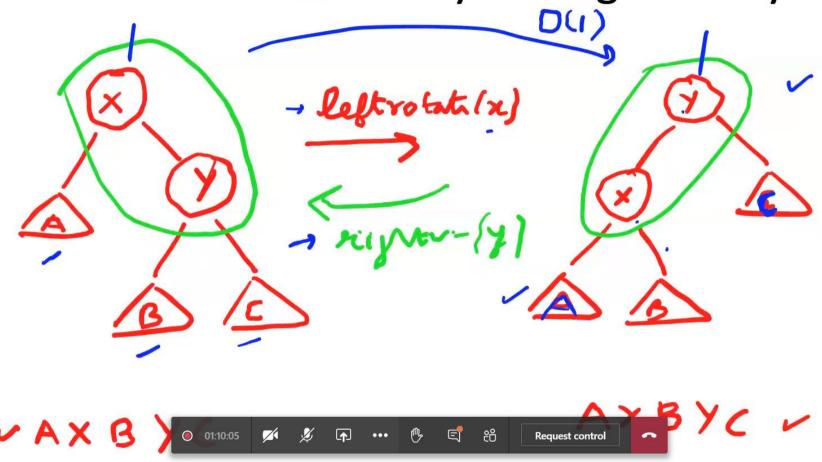


- Let D(n) to be the internal path length of some binary search tree of n nodes.
 - $D(n) = {}^{n}\Sigma_{i=1} d(i)$ where d(i) is the depth of node i.
- Note that D(1) = 0.

- A good notion as most operations take time proportional on the depth of the binary search tree.
- Still, not a satisfactory measure as we wanted worst-case performance bounds.

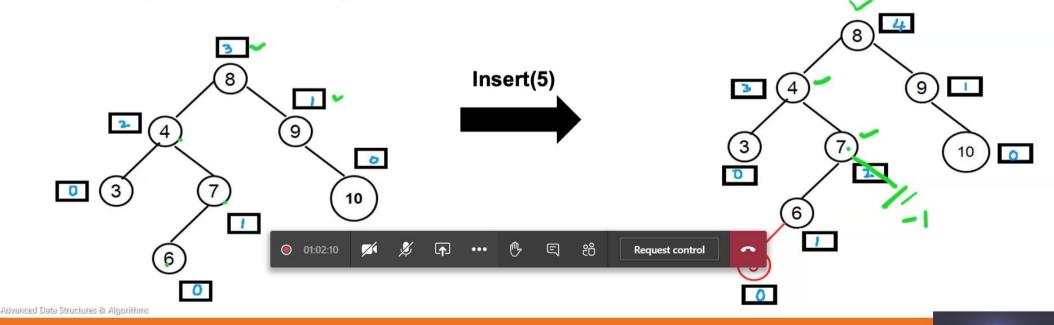


The idea of left heavy and right heavy



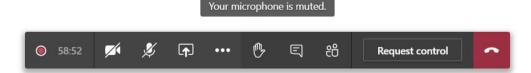
Insert in an AVL Tree

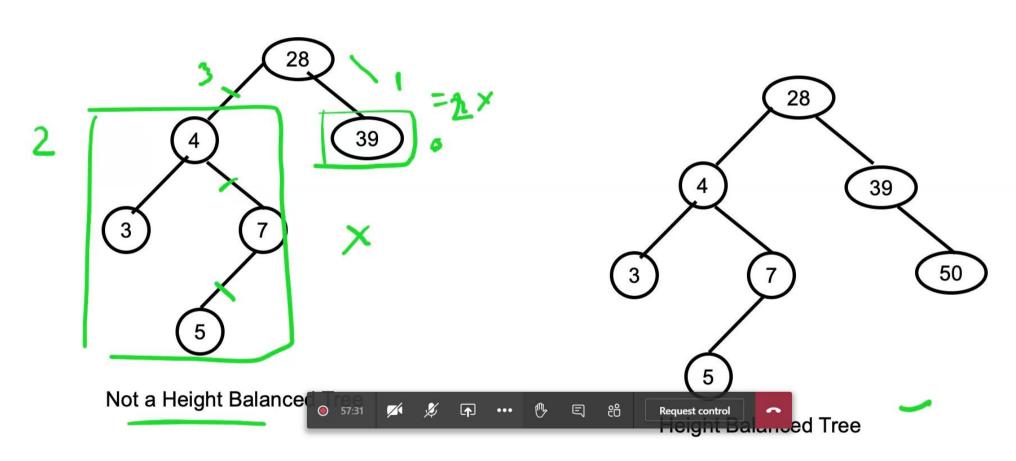
- Proceed as insertion into a search tree.
 - At least satisfies the search invariant.
- It may violate the height invariant as follows.



The AVL Tree

- A binary tree satisfying the
 - search invariant, and
 - the height invariant
 - is called an AVL tree.
- Named after its inventors, Adelson, Velski and Landis.
- Throughout, let us define the height of an empty tree to be -1.

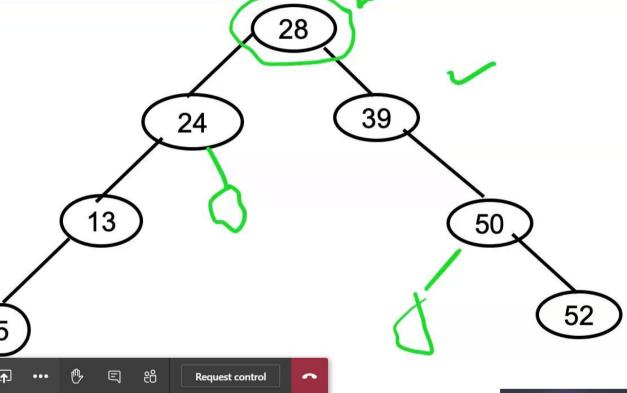




 Attempt 1: Would it suffice if we say that the root has both a left and a right subtree of equal height?

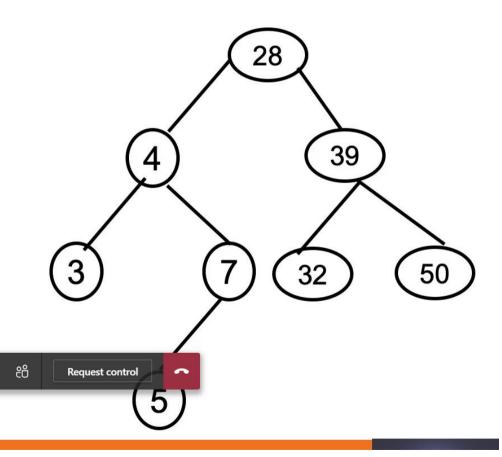
 Still, the depth of the tree is not O(log n).

 In the this tree, irrespective of values at the nodes, the root has left and right subtrees of equal height.





- How can we control the height of a binary search tree?
 - should still maintain the search invariant
 - additional invariants required.



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- If all subtree sizes are equally likely then D(i) is the average over all subtree sizes.
 - That is, i ranges over 0 to n − 1.
 - Can hence see that $D(i) = (1/n)^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} D(j)$
- Similar is the case with the right subtree.
 - So, $D(n-i-1) = (1/n)^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} D(j)$



- The solution to D(n) is D(n) = O(n log n).
- How is D(n) related to the average depth of a binary search tree.
 - There are N paths in any binary search tree from the root.
 - So the average internal path length is O(log n).
- Does this mean that each operation has an average O(log n) runtime.
 - Not quite.

