

# Set 11: Ordered Dictionary Abstract Data Types: AVL Trees

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# Outline

## AVL Trees

- Definition

- Height of AVL Trees

- Balancing operations

# Binary Search Trees

- ▶ The worst-case performance is
- ▶ Randomly built trees perform well
  - ▶ Expected height  $h = 1.386 \log(n + 1)$
- ▶ Sequence of  $n^2$  alternating inserts/deletes
  - ▶ Expected height  $h \in \Theta(\sqrt{n})$
- ▶ Possible improvements?

# Height Balanced Trees

- ▶ Can we **guarantee** tree height?
  - ▶ Try to keep our search trees **balanced**
  - ▶ Must not affect the running time
- ▶ **Balanced Node**

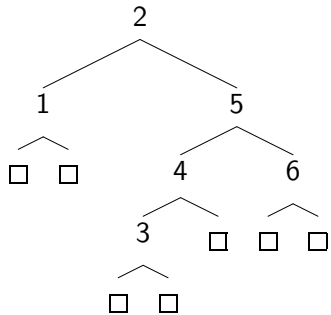
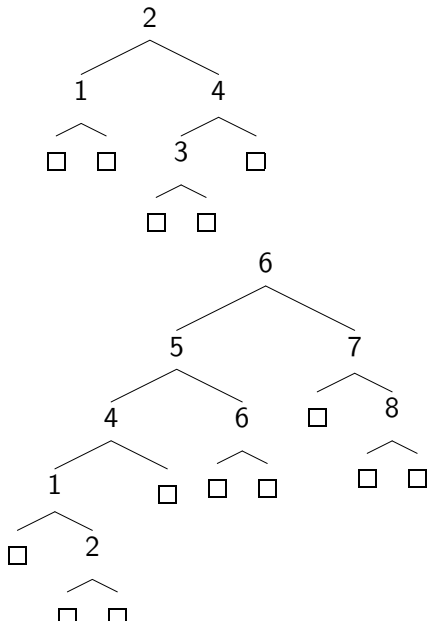
The heights of its subtrees differ by at most one
- ▶ **AVL Tree**

A Binary Search Tree such that every node is balanced

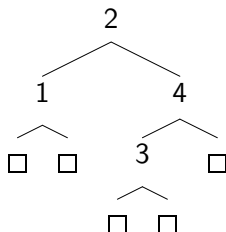
  - ▶ *Adel'son-Vel'skii and Landis, 1962*

# Which Trees are AVL?

Which nodes are balanced?



# Recording Balance



- ▶ We can explicitly record a height for each node  
It would take                  bits per node.
- ▶ Or we can use condition codes
  - ▶ =    – Balanced
  - ▶ >    – Left-heavy (by one)
  - ▶ <    – Right-heavy (by one)

It would take    bits per node.

# AVL Tree Height

## General Idea

Let  $S(h)$  be the fewest possible nodes for an AVL tree of height  $h$  (including placeholders)

$$S(1)$$

$$S(2)$$

$$S(3)$$

$$S(h) =$$

# AVL Tree Height

## General Idea

### Theorem

$h$  is  $\Theta(\log n)$  for an AVL tree of height  $h$  and  $n$  internal nodes.

### Proof:

- Recurrence relation (close to Fibonacci Sequence) gives

$$S(h) = \frac{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{h+2}}{\sqrt{5}} + 1$$

- Note:  $S(h) \leq n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} h &\leq \frac{\lg n}{\lg \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}} + o(1) \\ &\approx 1.44 \lg n \end{aligned}$$



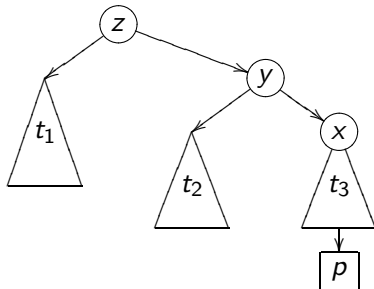
# Operations

- ▶ Find:
  - ▶ As in a Binary Search Tree (BST).
- ▶ Insert
  - ▶ Find and insert as in a BST.
  - ▶ Update heights (codes) on path back to root
  - ▶ Locate a possible unbalanced node,  $z$
  - ▶ Perform a **rotation** (see two next slides)
- ▶ Delete
  - ▶ Find and delete as in a BST
  - ▶ Update heights (codes) on path back to root
  - ▶ Locate possible unbalanced nodes and **rotate** them.

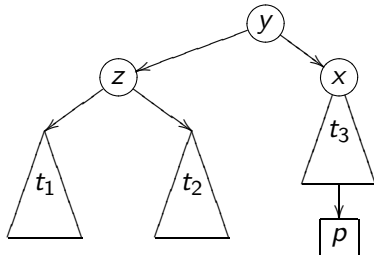
The complexity of Find is .

## "Single" Rotation

- node  $z$  fails the AVL test after adding node  $p$ :

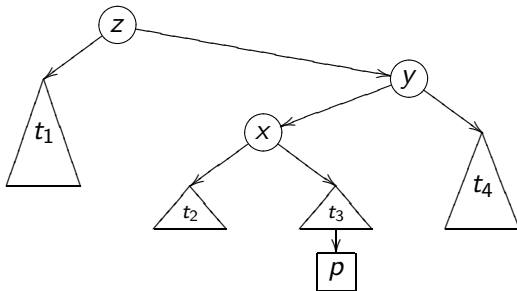


- single rotation regains balance:

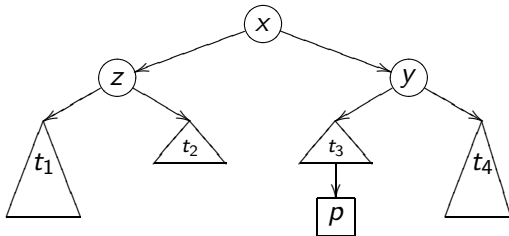


## “Double” Rotation

- ▶ Node  $z$  fails the AVL test after adding node  $p$ :



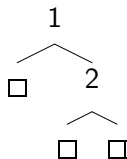
- ▶ Double rotation regains balance:



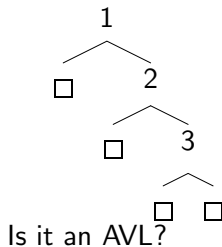
# Examples of Insertion

## "Single" Rotation

- From an empty tree: Insert( 1 ), Insert( 2 )



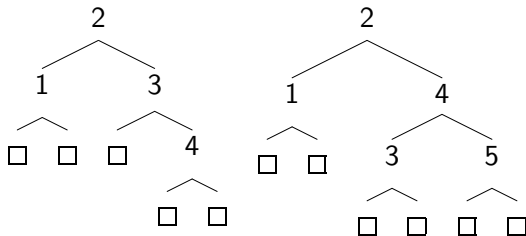
- Insert( 3 )



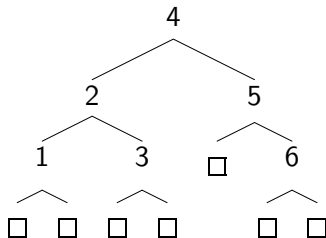
# Examples of Insertion

## "Single" Rotation (Cont)

► Insert( 4 ), Insert( 5 )



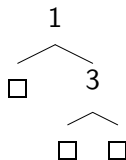
► Insert( 6 )



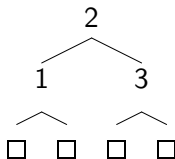
# Examples of Insertion

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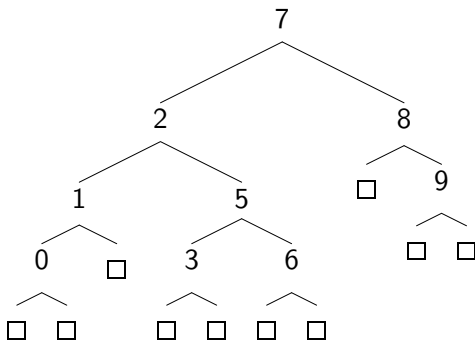


- Insert( 2 )



# Examples of Insertion

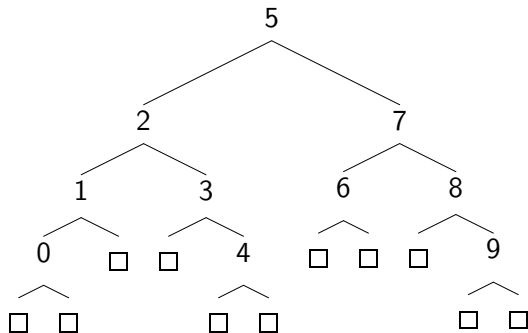
"Double" Rotation, Larger Example



► Insert( 4 )

# Examples of Insertion

"Double" Rotation, Solution of the large example.



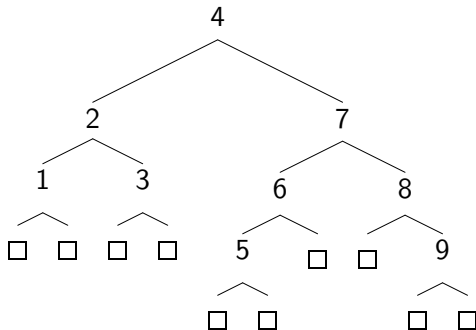


## Cost of Insert

- ▶ How many rotations may be required for an Insert?  
(A double rotation counts as one rotation.)
- ▶ How expensive is a rotation?
- ▶ Worst-case running time for Insert?

# Examples of Deletion

"Simple Rotation"



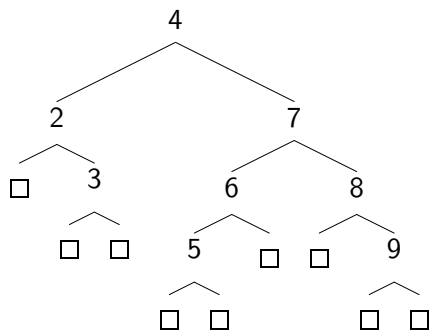
► Delete( 1 )

► Delete( 2 )

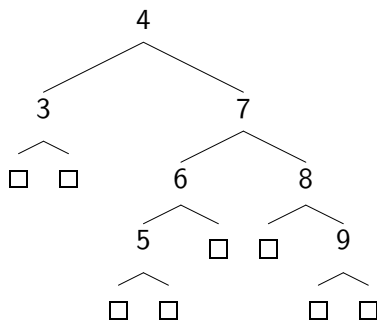
# Examples of Deletion

"Simple Rotation", solutions

Delete( 1 )

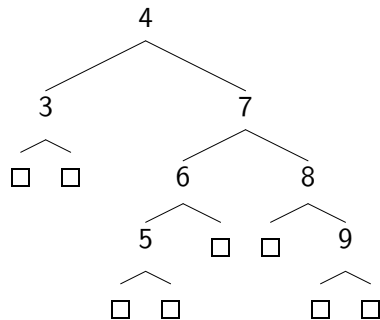


Delete( 2 )

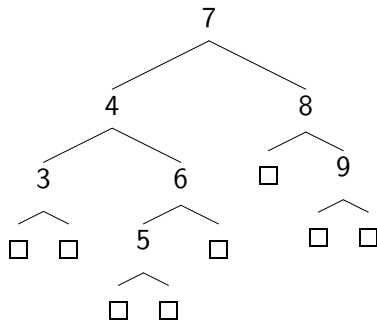


# Examples of Deletion

"Simple Rotation", solutions (cont)

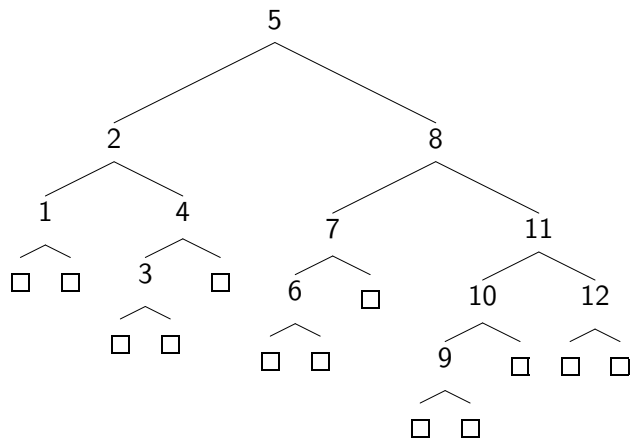


The unbalanced node is  
We perform a rotation.



# Delete

## Larger Example

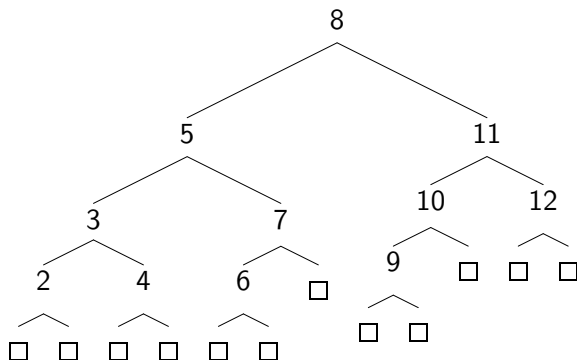


► Delete( 1 )

# Delete

## Solution of large Example

We need to rotate first around , and then around .



# Cost of Delete

- ▶ How many rotations may be required for a Delete?
- ▶ How expensive is a rotation?
- ▶ Worst-case running time for Delete?

## Final Thoughts

- ▶ All major binary search tree operations have **guaranteed worst-case**  $\Theta(\log n)$  performance
- ▶ Fairly large constant hidden in order notation
- ▶ Each internal node stores a condition code (or height)
- ▶ Condition code is usually represented by  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$



# Summary

- ▶ AVL Trees are .
- ▶ Their height is .
- ▶ The time in which the operators are supported is
  - ▶ Search in
  - ▶ Insertion in
  - ▶ Deletion in

## References:

- ▶ Goodrich and Tamassia: pp. 152-158
- ▶ Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest, Stein: pp. 296 (poorly covered)