

# AVL Tree (1962)



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# AVL Trees

- A balanced binary search tree (BST).
- The insert and delete operations are more complicated.
  - Need to maintain the balanced property.
- Remains fairly simple to understand and implement.
- Worst case for searching is now  $O(\log N)$ .

# AVL Tree: Insertion

- Recall: Insertion in BST

```
void InsertItem(Tree &tree, int Data){  
    if (tree == 0)  
        tree = MakeNode(Data);  
    else if (Data < tree->data)  
        InsertItem(tree->left, Data);  
    else if (Data > tree->data)  
        InsertItem(tree->right, Data);  
    else  
        cout << "Error, duplicate item" << endl;  
}
```

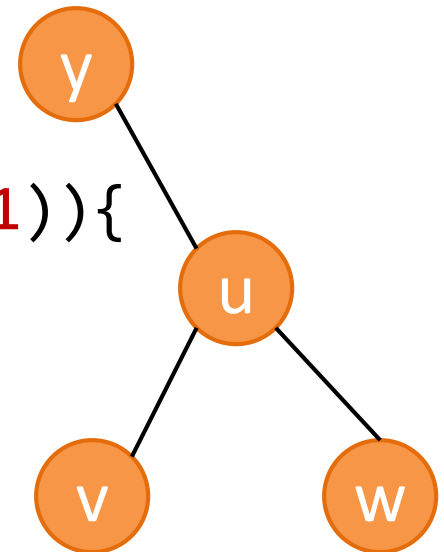
# AVL Tree: Insertion

1. Insert the item into the tree using the same algorithm for BSTs. Call this new node **x**.
  - While traversing the tree looking for the appropriate insertion point for **x**, push the visited nodes onto a stack. (Actually, you are pushing pointers to the nodes.)
  - It is not necessary to push x onto the stack.
2. Check if there are more nodes on the stack.
  - a) If the stack is empty, the algorithm is complete and the tree is balanced.
  - b) If any nodes remain on the stack, go to step 3.
3. Remove the top node pointer from the stack and call it **y**
4. Check the height of the left and right subtrees of **y**.
  - a) If they are equal or differ by no more than 1 (hence, balanced), go to step 2.
  - b) If they differ by more than 1, perform a rotation on one or two nodes as described below. After the rotation(s), the algorithm is complete and the tree is balanced.

# AVL Tree: Balancing

- Compute the height of the left and right subtree of y:

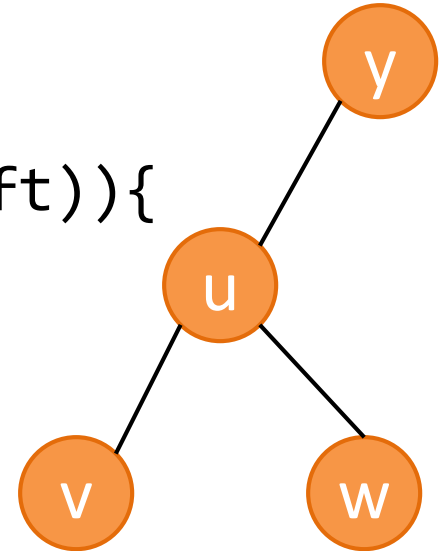
```
if(height(y->right)>(height(y->left)+1)){  
    if(height(v)>height(w))  
        //Promote v twice  
    else  
        //Promote u  
}
```



# AVL Tree: Balancing

- Compute the height of the left and right subtree of y:

```
if((height(y->right)+1)<height(y->left)){  
    if(height(v)>height(w))  
        //Promote u  
    else  
        //Promote w twice  
}
```



# AVL Tree: Insertion

- Insert: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Insert: 5, 2, 9, 8, 12, 7

# AVL Tree: Partial Implementation

```
// Client calls this instead of InsertItem
void InsertAVLItem(Tree &tree, int Data){
    stack<Tree *> nodes;
    InsertAVLItem2(tree, Data, nodes);
}

void BalanceAVLTree(stack<Tree *> nodes){
    while (!nodes.empty()){
        Tree *node = nodes.top();
        nodes.pop();

        // implement algorithm using functions that
        // are already defined (Height, RotateLeft, RotateRight)
    }
```



# AVL Tree: Partial Implementation

```
// Auxiliary function with the stack of visited nodes
void InsertAVLItem2(Tree &tree, int Data, stack<Tree*> nodes){
    if (tree == 0){
        tree = MakeNode(Data);
        BalanceAVLTree(nodes); // Balance it now
    }
    else if (Data < tree->data){
        nodes.push(&tree); // save visited node
        InsertAVLItem2(tree->left, Data, nodes);
    }
    else if (Data > tree->data){
        nodes.push(&tree); // save visited node
        InsertAVLItem2(tree->right, Data, nodes);
    }
    else
        cout << "Error, duplicate item" << endl;
}
```

# Height of AVL Tree

- In AVL trees, the subtrees of each node differ by at most 1 in their height.
- Claim: The height of AVL trees is  $O(\log N)$ , where  $N$  is the number of nodes in the tree.

# AVL Tree: Deletion

- Similar to insertion algorithm.
  - Delete as you would delete a node in a BST.
  - Push the visited nodes onto a stack.
  - While the stack is not empty
    - Pop item from stack  $\rightarrow y$
    - Balance the tree if necessary
    - Continue until stack is empty
- Note: we need to continue until the stack is empty.

# AVL Tree: Deletion

- Insert: 17, 6, 20, 3, 14, 19, 26, 5, 7, 16, 23, 11
- Delete 19
- Delete 17