

# AVL Trees

# **Cost of the BST Operations**

# Our Goal

- Develop a data structure that has **guaranteed**  $O(\log n)$  worst-case complexity for **lookup**, **insert** and **find\_min**
  - **always!**

BST?

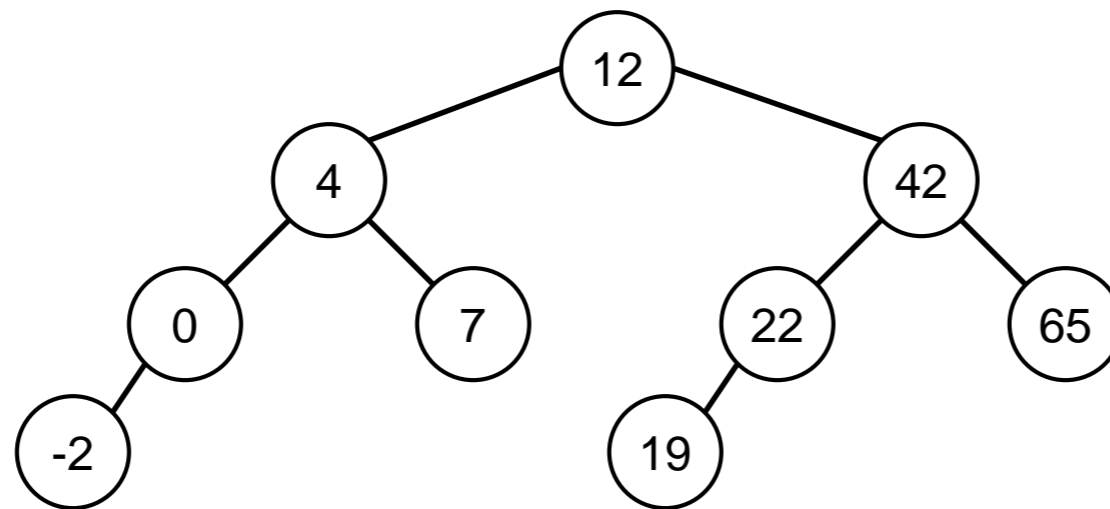
	<i>Unsorted array</i>	<i>Array sorted by key</i>	<i>Linked list</i>	<i>Hash Table</i>	
<b>lookup</b>	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$ <i>average</i>	$O(\log n)$
<b>insert</b>	$O(1)$ <i>amortized</i>	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$ <i>average and amortized</i>	$O(\log n)$
<b>find_min</b>	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$

- Do binary search trees achieve this?

# Complexity

- Do **lookup**, **insert** and **find\_min** have  $O(\log n)$  complexity?

- Yes, in this tree



- But we are interested in the **worst-case** complexity

- Do **lookup**, **insert** and **find\_min** have  $O(\log n)$  complexity for *every* BST?

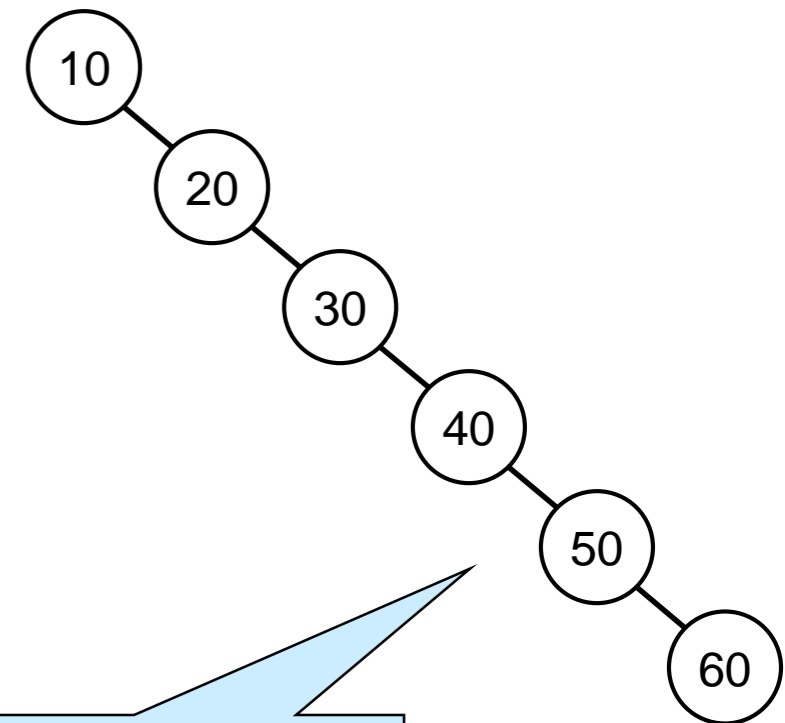
# Complexity

- Do *lookup*, *insert* and *find\_min* have  $O(\log n)$  complexity for every BST?

- Consider this sequence of insertions into an initially empty BST

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insert 10
insert 20
insert 30
insert 40
insert 50
insert 60
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- It produces this tree:



- Then to lookup 70, we have to go through all the nodes

➤ This is  $O(n)$

This tree has degenerated into a linked list!

- If the insertion sequence is sorted, *lookup* costs  $O(n)$

Inserting 70 would also cost  $O(n)$

Exercise: find a sequence that yields  $O(n)$  cost for *find\_min*

# Back to Square One

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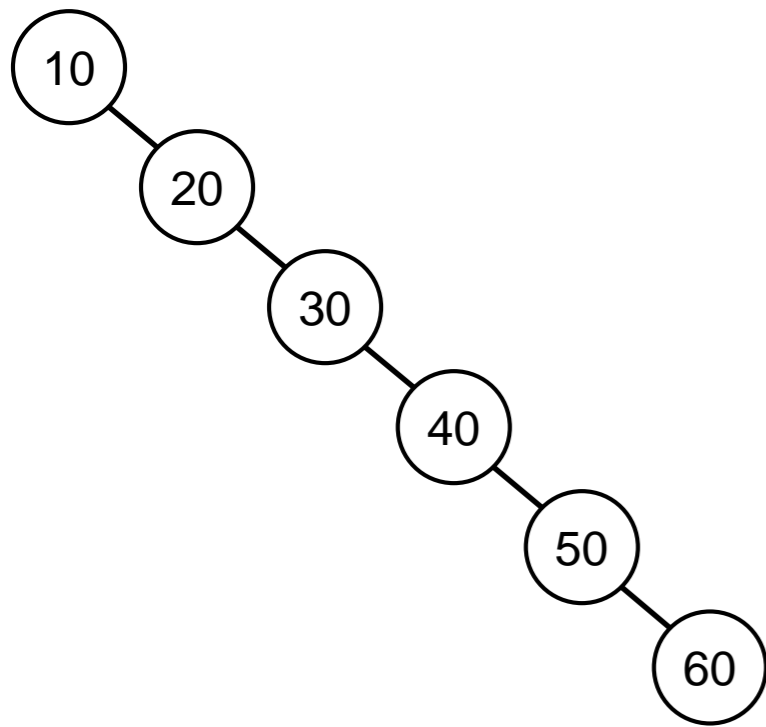
Something else ...

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<b>find_min</b>	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$

- BSTs are **not** the data structure we were looking for
  - What else?

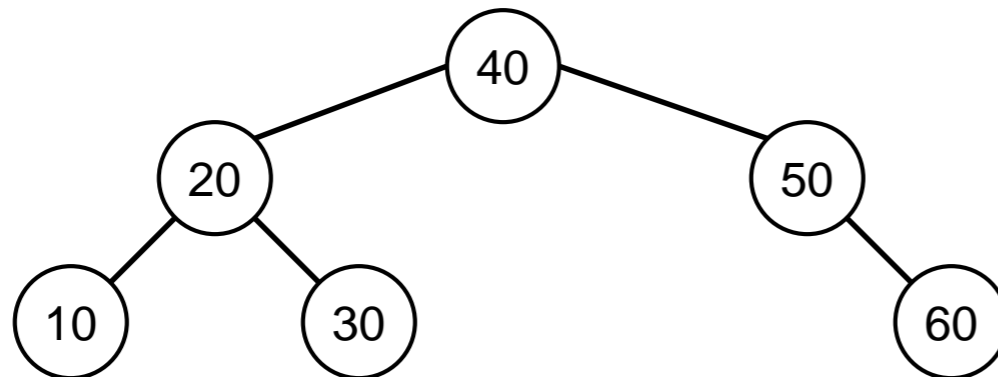
# Balanced Trees

# An Equivalent Tree



- Is there a BST with the same elements that yields  $O(\log n)$  cost?

- How about this one?

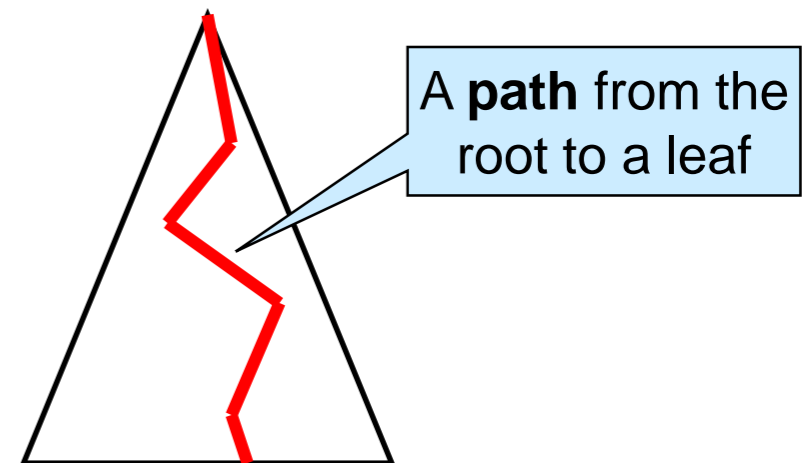


- It contains the same elements,
- it is sorted,
- but the nodes are arranged differently



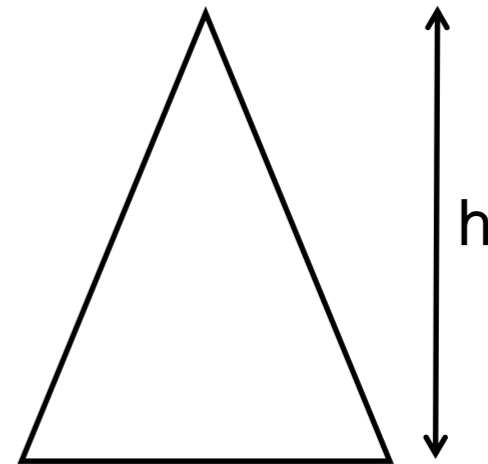
# Reframing the Problem

- Depending on the tree, BST **lookup** can cost
  - $O(\log n)$  *or*
  - $O(n)$
- Is there something that remains the same cost-wise?
  - Can we come up with a cost parameter that gives the same complexity in every case?
  - The cost of **lookup** is determined by how far down the tree we need to go
    - if the key is in the tree, the worst case is when it is in a leaf
    - if it is not in the tree, we have to reach a leaf to say so
  - The number of nodes on the longest path from the root to a leaf is called the **height** of the tree



# Reframing the Problem

- **lookup** for a tree of height  $h$  has complexity  $O(h)$ 
  - always!
  - same for **insert** and **find\_min**



- But ...
  - $h$  can be in  $O(n)$  or in  $O(\log n)$ 
    - where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the tree

# The Height of a Tree

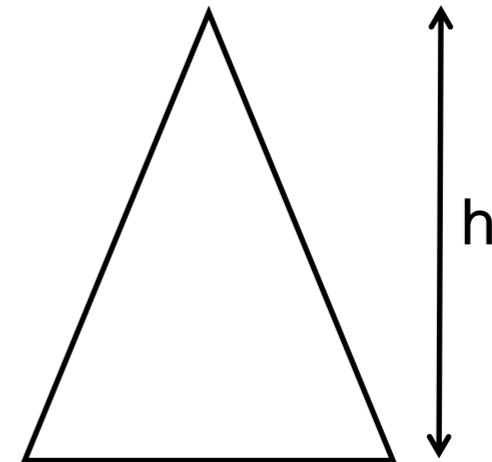
- The length of the longest path from the root to a leaf
- Let's define it mathematically

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{height( \textbf{EMPTY} )} = 0 \\ \text{height} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \triangle_{T_L} \quad \triangle_{T_R} \end{array} \right) = 1 + \max \left( \text{height} \left( \triangle_{T_L} \right), \text{height} \left( \triangle_{T_R} \right) \right) \end{array} \right.$$

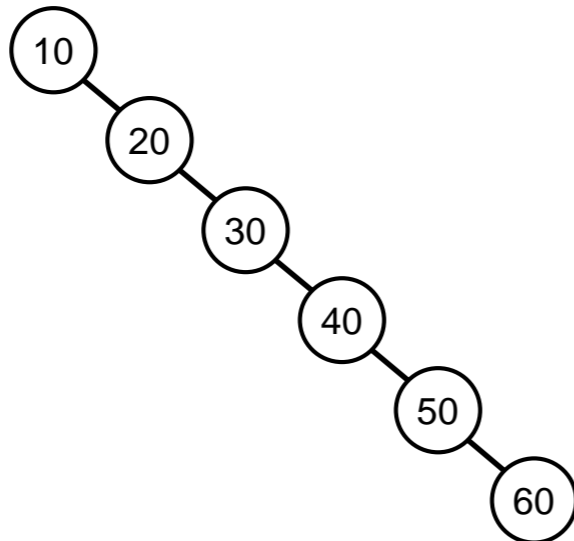
This is a recursive definition

# Balanced Trees

- A tree is **balanced** if  $h \in O(\log n)$ 
  - where  $h$  is its height and  $n$  is the number of nodes

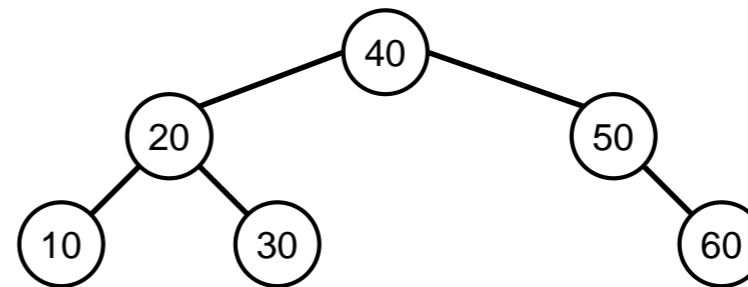


Not balanced



Well, kind of:  
we can't talk about  
**asymptotic complexity**  
on a single instance

Balanced



- On a balanced tree, **lookup**, **insert** and **find\_min** cost  $O(\log n)$

# Self-balancing Trees

## New goal:

- make sure that a tree remains balanced as we insert new nodes

... and continues to be a valid BST

- Trees with this property are called **self-balancing**

- There are lots of them

- AVL trees

We will study this one

- Red-black trees

- Splay trees

- B-trees

- ...

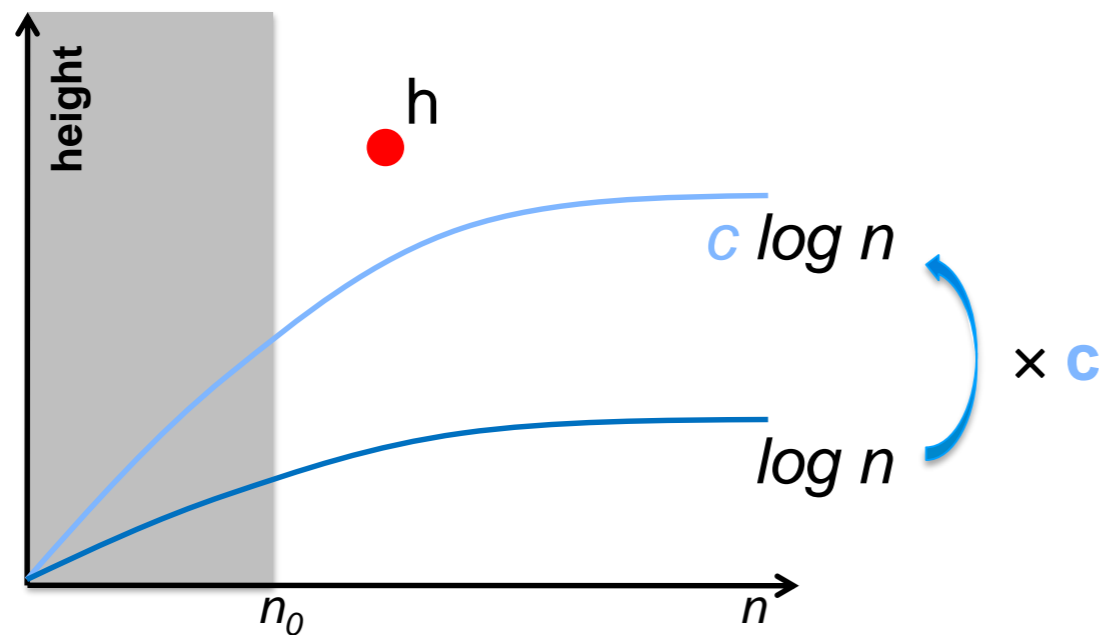
### Why so many?

- there are many ways to guarantee that the tree remains balanced after each insertion
- some of these tree types have other properties of interest

# Self-balancing Trees

- “the tree stays balanced after each insertion” is too vague
  - $h \in O(\log n)$  is an asymptotic behavior
    - we can't check it on any given tree

- Recall the definition



- We can fit any given  $h$  by
  - picking a bigger  $n_0$
  - picking a bigger  $c$

We can't say a given tree is **not** balanced

- More fundamentally,  $h$  needs to be a function in  $h \in O(\log n)$

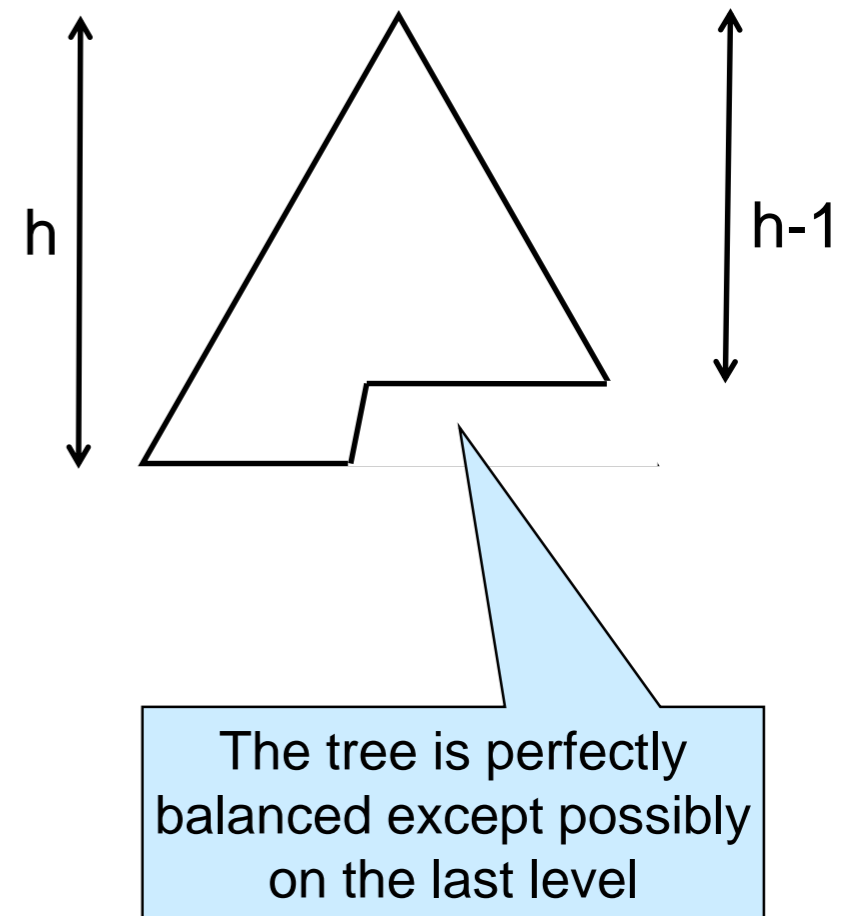
# Self-balancing Trees

- “*the tree stays balanced after each insertion*” is too vague
  - $h \in O(\log n)$  is an asymptotic behavior
    - we can't check it on any given tree
- We want **algorithmically-checkable** constraints that
  1. guarantee that  $h \in O(\log n)$
  2. are cheap to maintain
    - at most  $O(\log n)$
- We do so by imposing an **additional representation invariants** on trees
  - on top of the ordering invariant
  - this *balance invariant*, when valid, ensures that  $h \in O(\log n)$

Specifically, we can't say a given tree is **not** balanced

# A Bad Balance Invariant

- Require that
  - (the tree be a BST)
  - all the paths from the root to a leaf have height either  $h$  or  $h-1$
  - the leaves at height  $h$  be on the left-hand side of the tree
- Does it satisfy our requirements?
  1. guarantees that  $h \in O(\log n)$  ✓
    - Definitely!
  2. cheap to maintain — at most  $O(\log n)$ 
    - Let's see

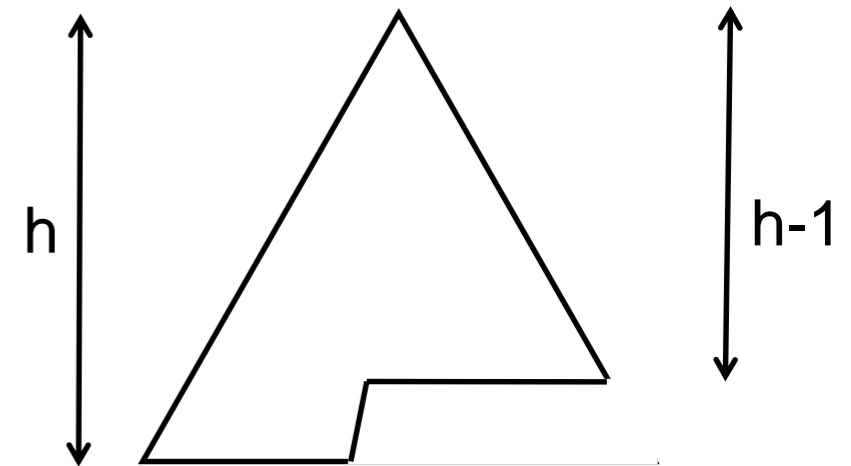




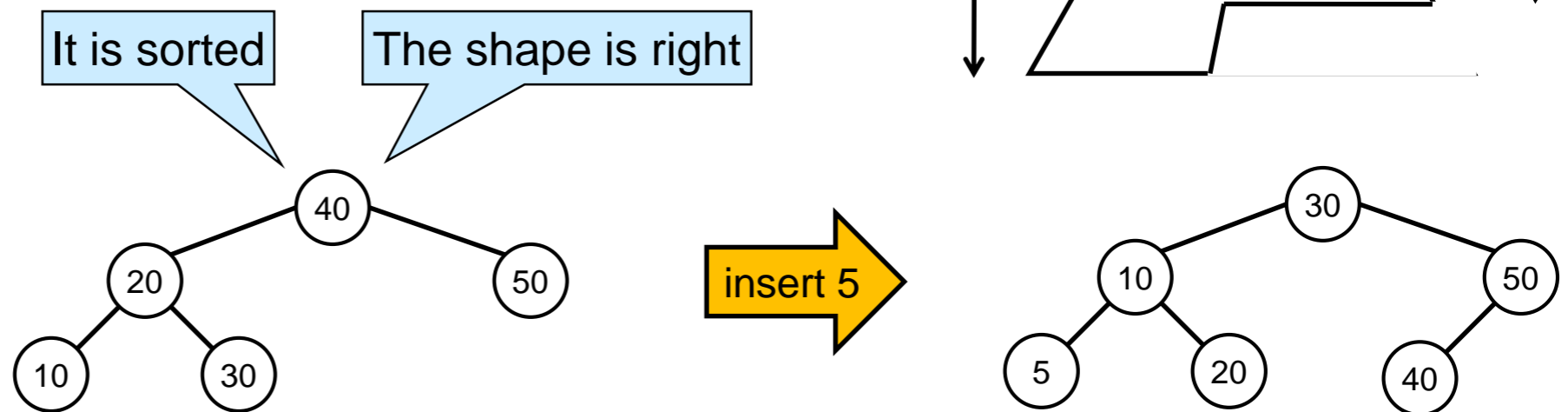
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- Does it satisfy our requirements?

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- Let's insert 5 in this tree

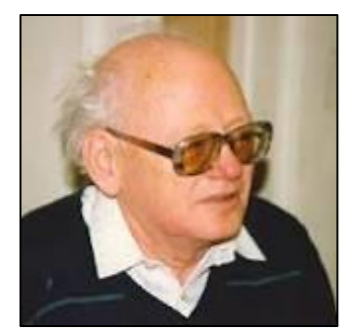


○ We changed all the pointers to maintain the balance invariant!

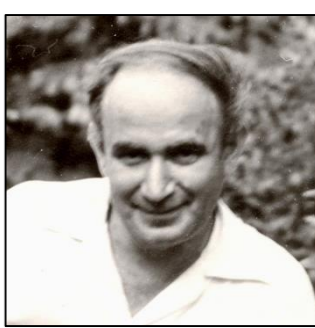
➤  $O(n)$

2. cheap to maintain — at most  $O(\log n)$  ✗

# AVL Trees



Adelson-Velsky



Landis

# AVL Trees

The first self-balancing trees (1962)

- **Height invariant**

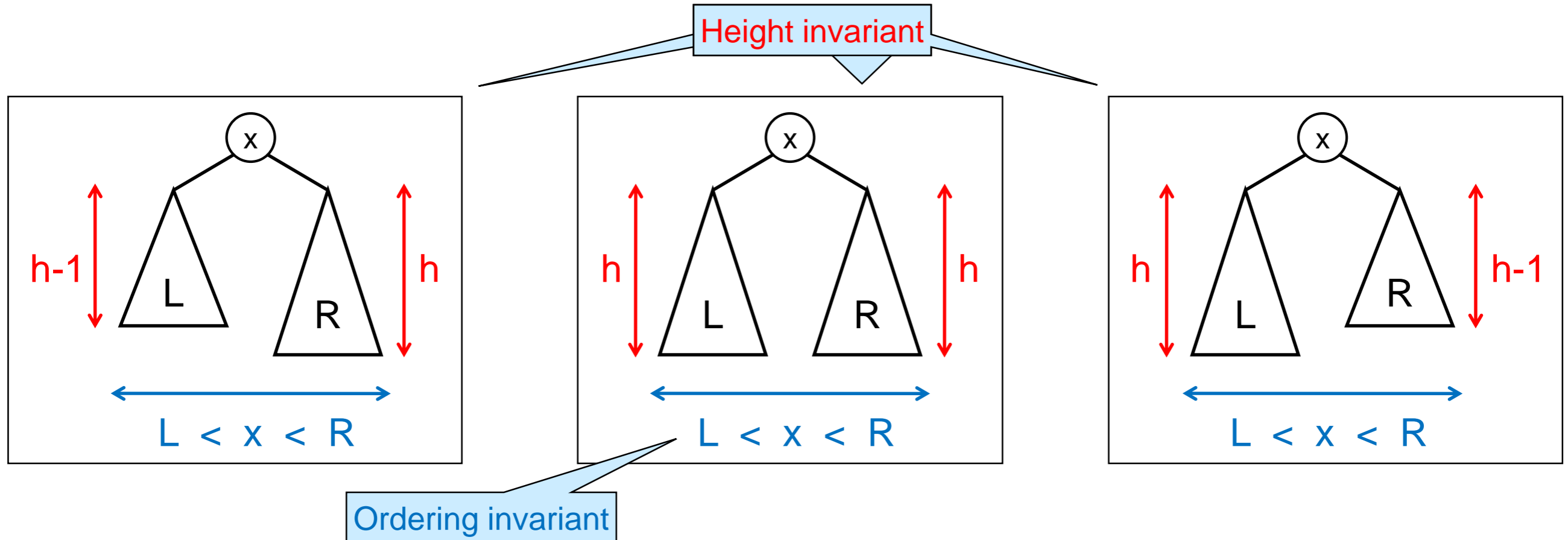
That's what the balance invariant of AVL trees is called

*At every node, the heights of the left and right subtrees differ by at most 1*

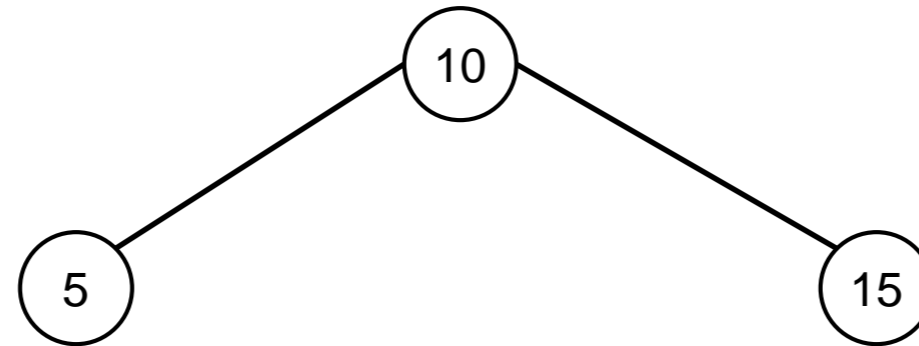
- An AVL tree satisfies two invariants
  - the ordering invariant
  - the height invariant

# The Invariants of AVL Trees

- *The nodes are ordered*
- *At every node, the heights of the left and right subtrees differ by at most 1*
- At any node, there are 3 possibilities



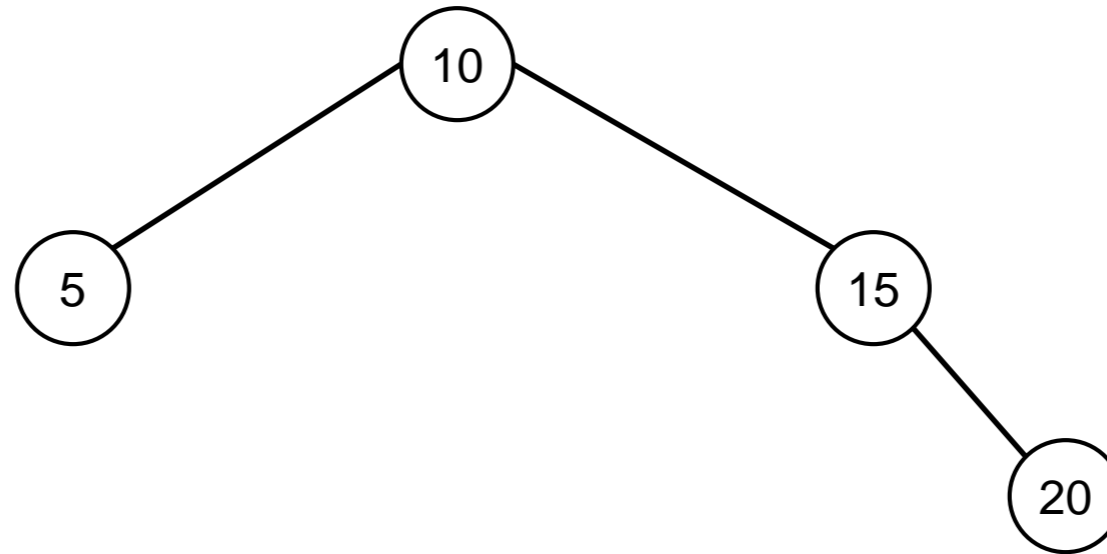
# Is this an AVL Tree?



- Is it sorted? ✓
- Do the heights of the two subtrees of every node differ by at most 1? ✓

**YES**

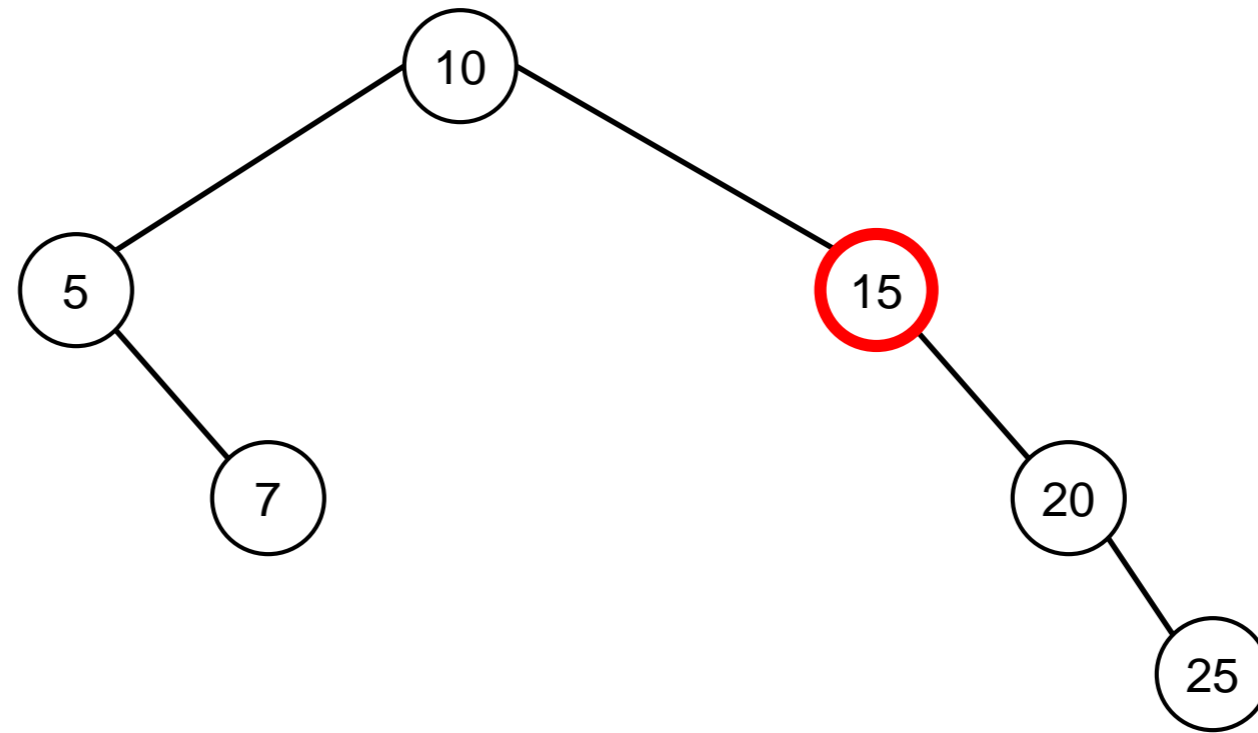
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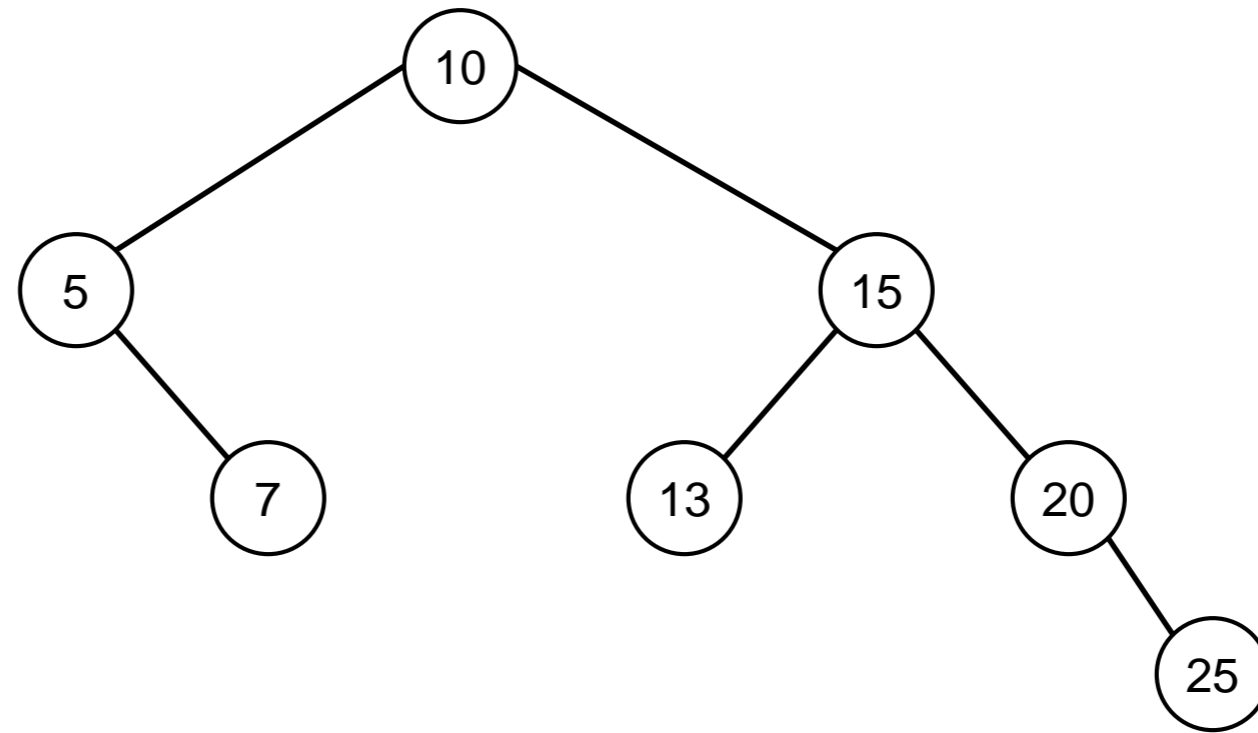
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- Is it sorted? ✓
- Do the heights of the two subtrees of every node differ by at most 1? ✗
  - It doesn't hold at node 15
- We say there is a **violation** at node 15

**NO**

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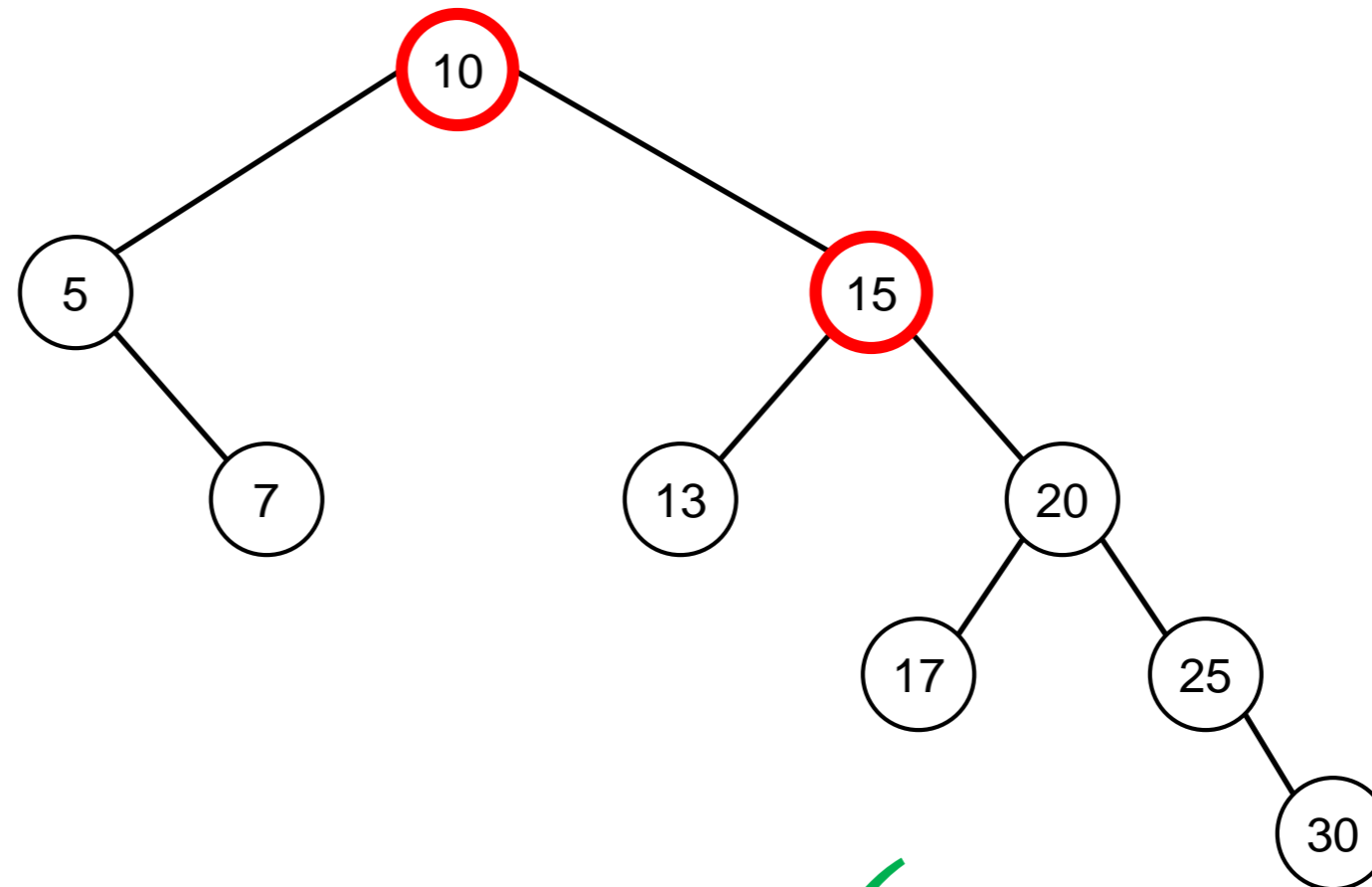
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**YES**



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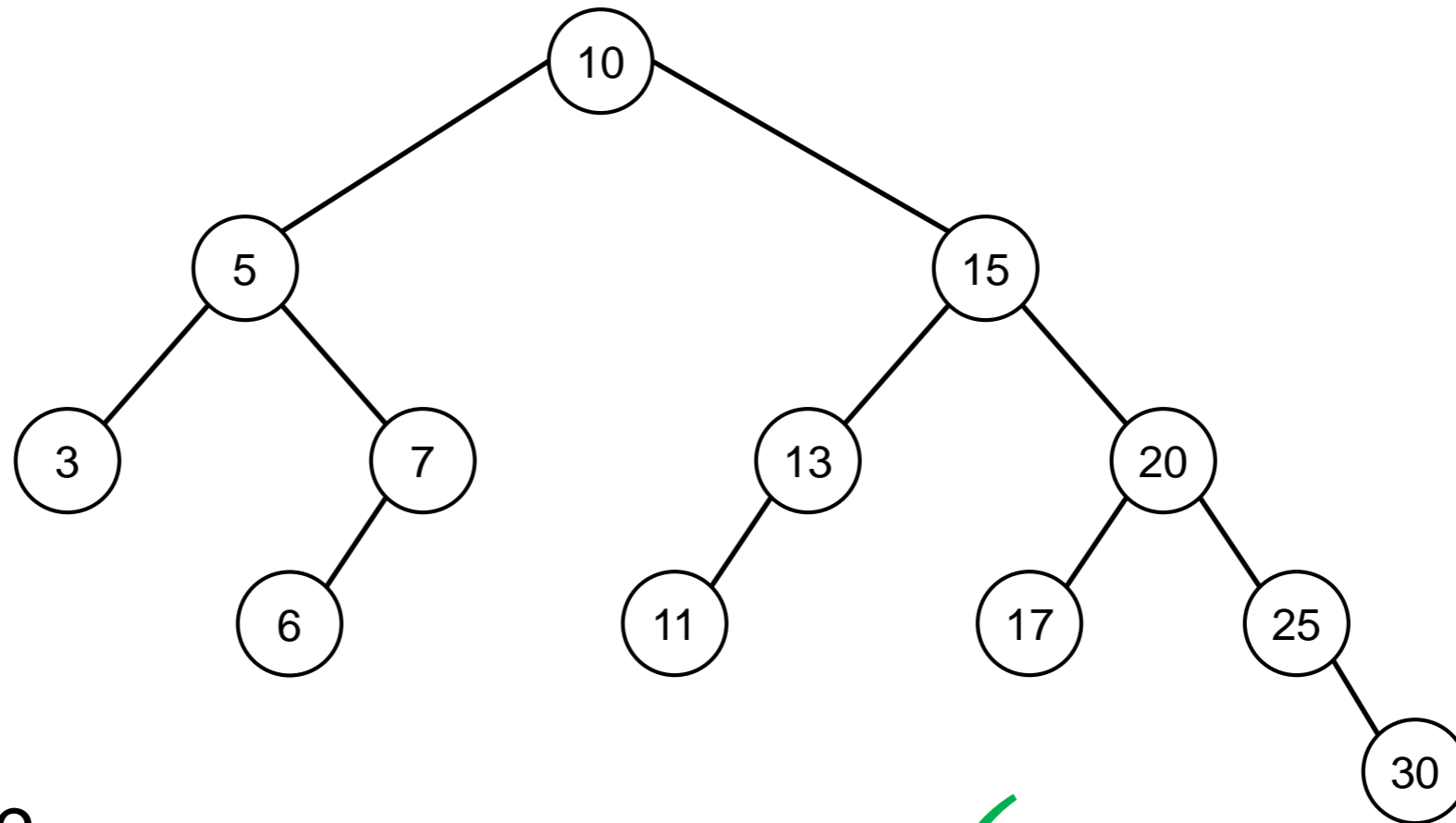


- Is it sorted?
- Do the heights of the two subtrees of every node differ by at most 1?
  - There is a **violation** at node 15
  - and another **violation** at node 10



**NO**

# Is this an AVL Tree?



- Is it sorted?
- Do the heights of the two subtrees of every node differ by at most 1?

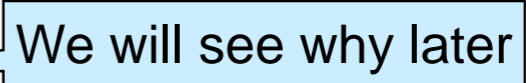


The height invariant does **not** imply that the length of every path from the root to a leaf differ by at most 1

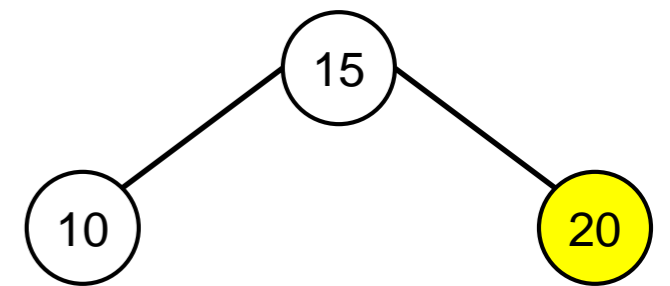
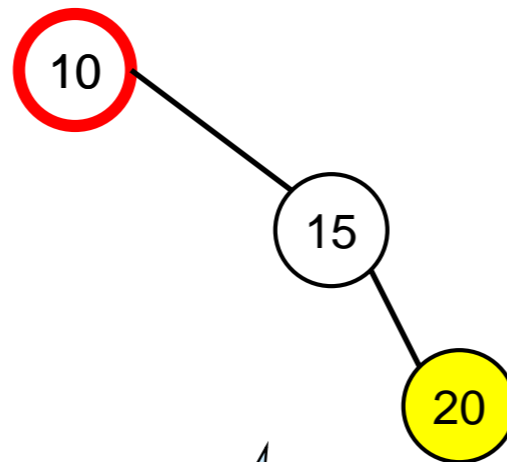
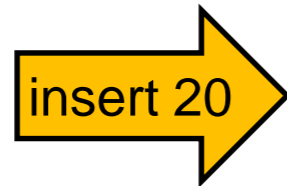
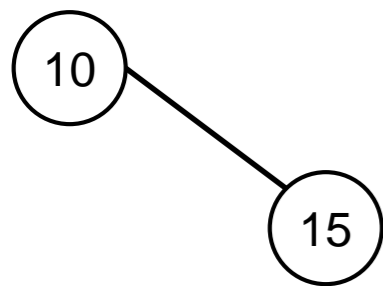
**YES**

# Rotations

# Insertion Strategy

1. Insert the new node as in a BST
  - this preserves the ordering invariant
  - but it **may break the height invariant**
  
2. Fix any height invariant violation
  - fix the **lowest** violation
    - this will take care of all other violations 
  
- This is a common approach
  - of two invariants, preserve one and temporarily break the other
  - then, patch the broken invariant
    - cheaply

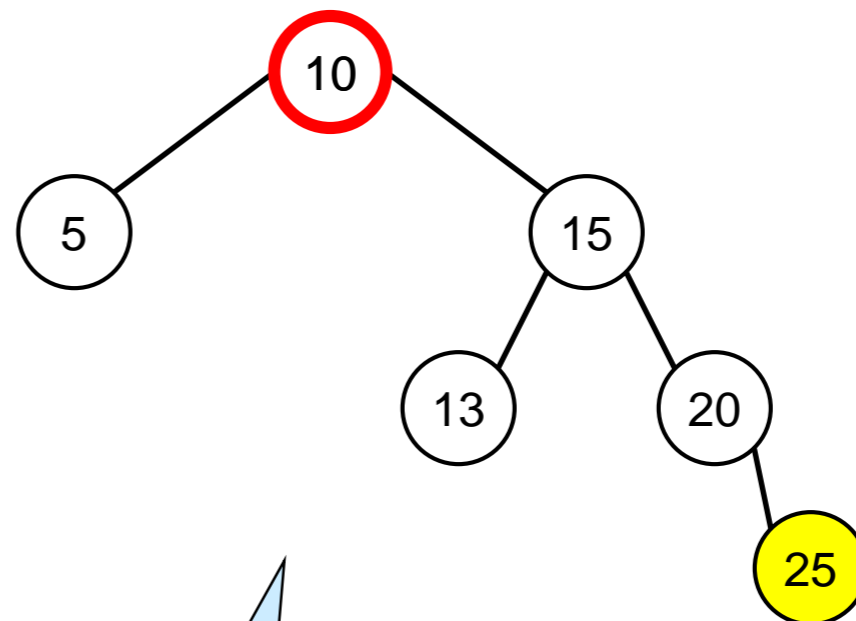
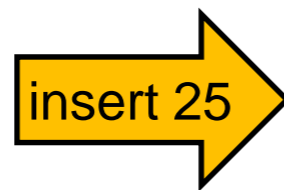
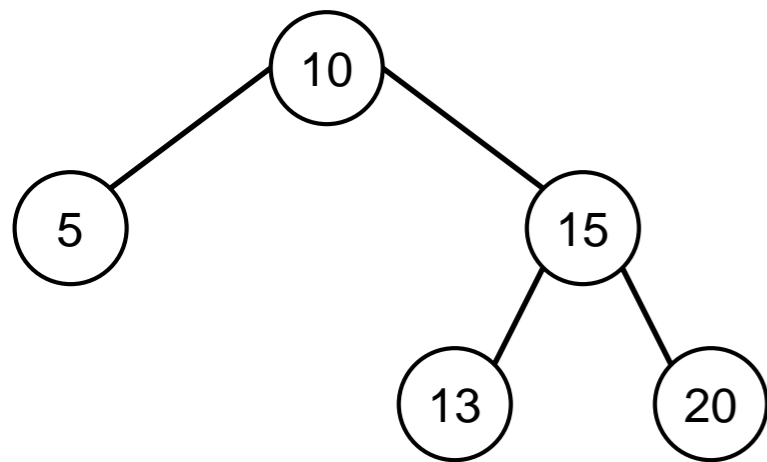
# Example 1



Inserting 20 **as in a BST** causes a violation at node 10

This is the only tree with these elements that satisfies both the ordering and the height invariants

# Example 2



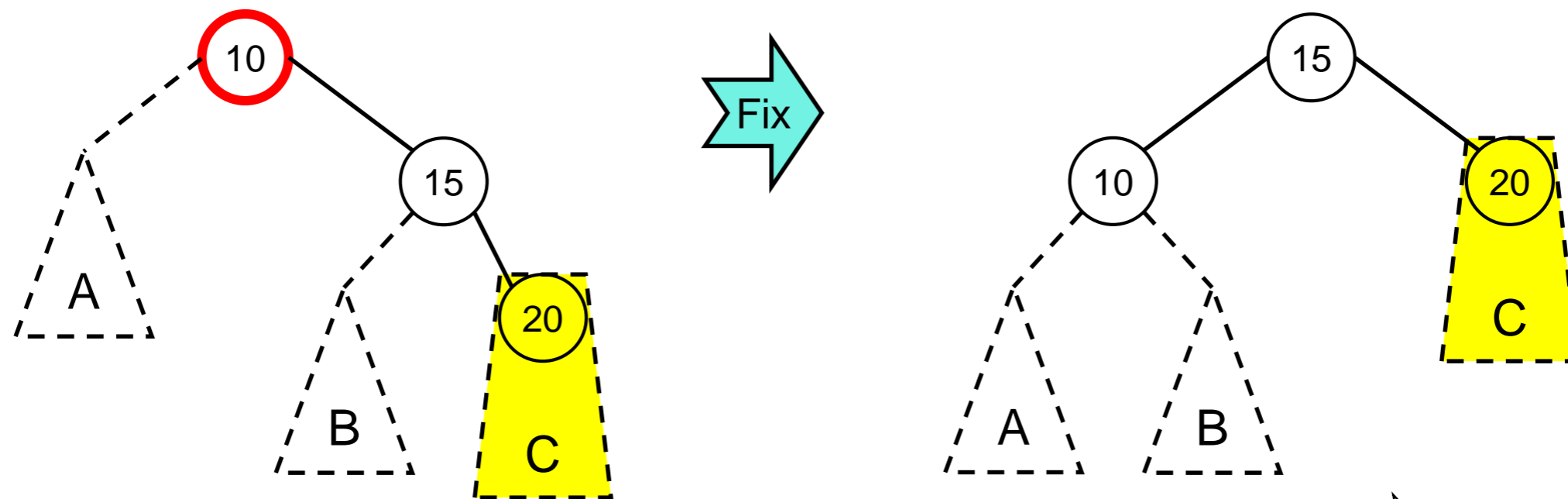
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Inserting 25 as in a **BST** causes a violation at node 10

There are a lot of AVL trees with these elements: *which one to pick?*

# Example 1 Revisited

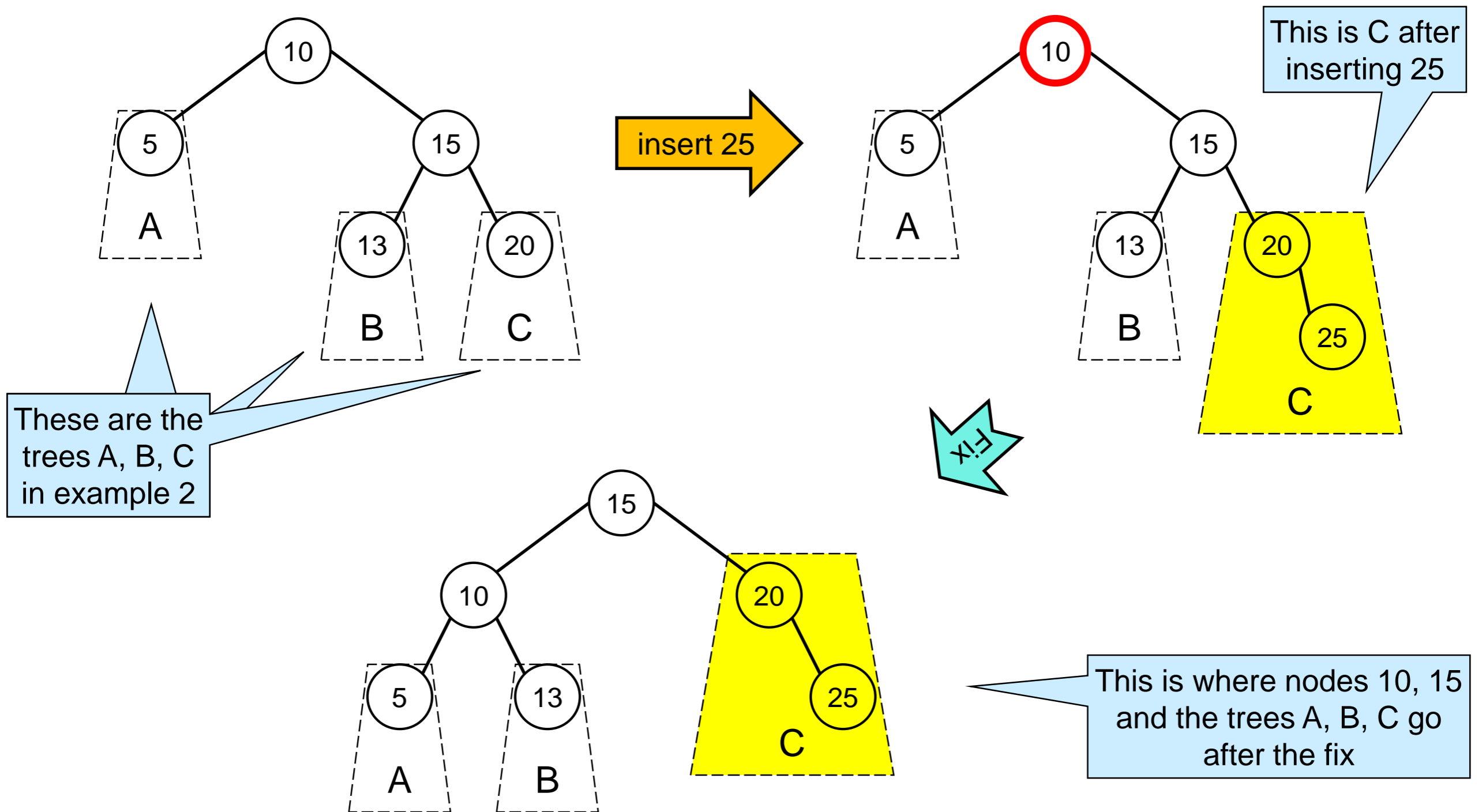
- If this example was part of a bigger tree, what would it look like?



We inserted  
20 here

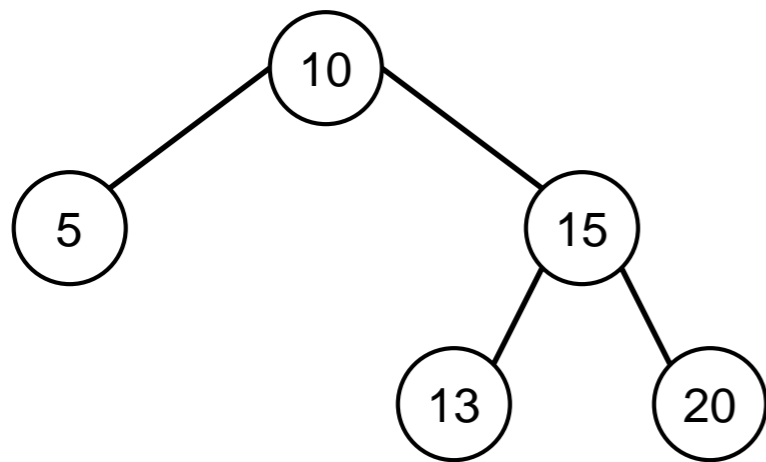
This is where the subtrees  
A, B and C must go to  
preserve the ordering invariant

# Example 2

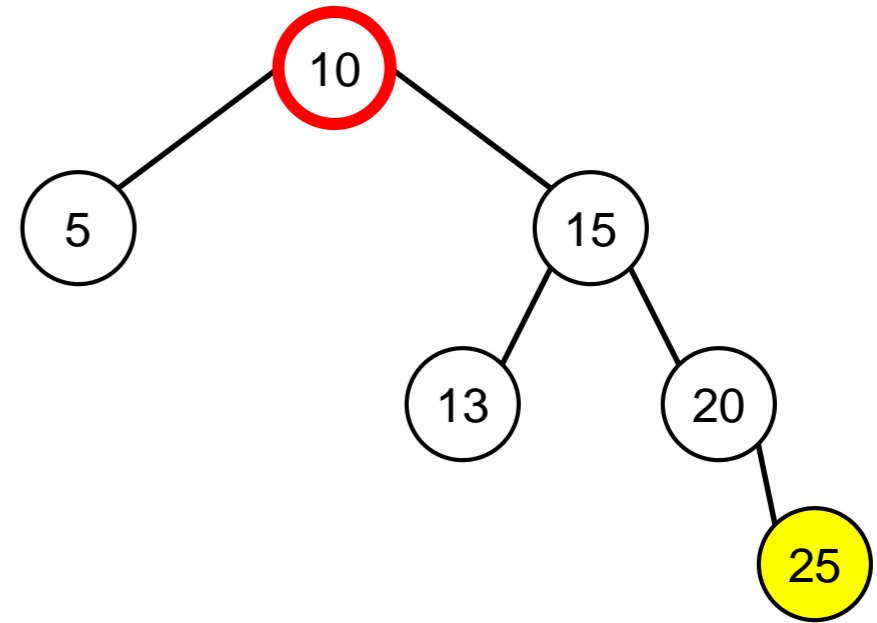




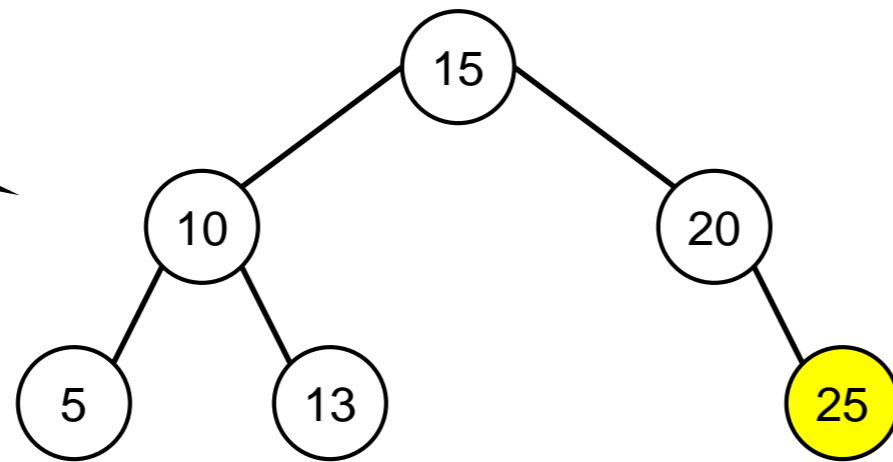
# Example 2



insert 25

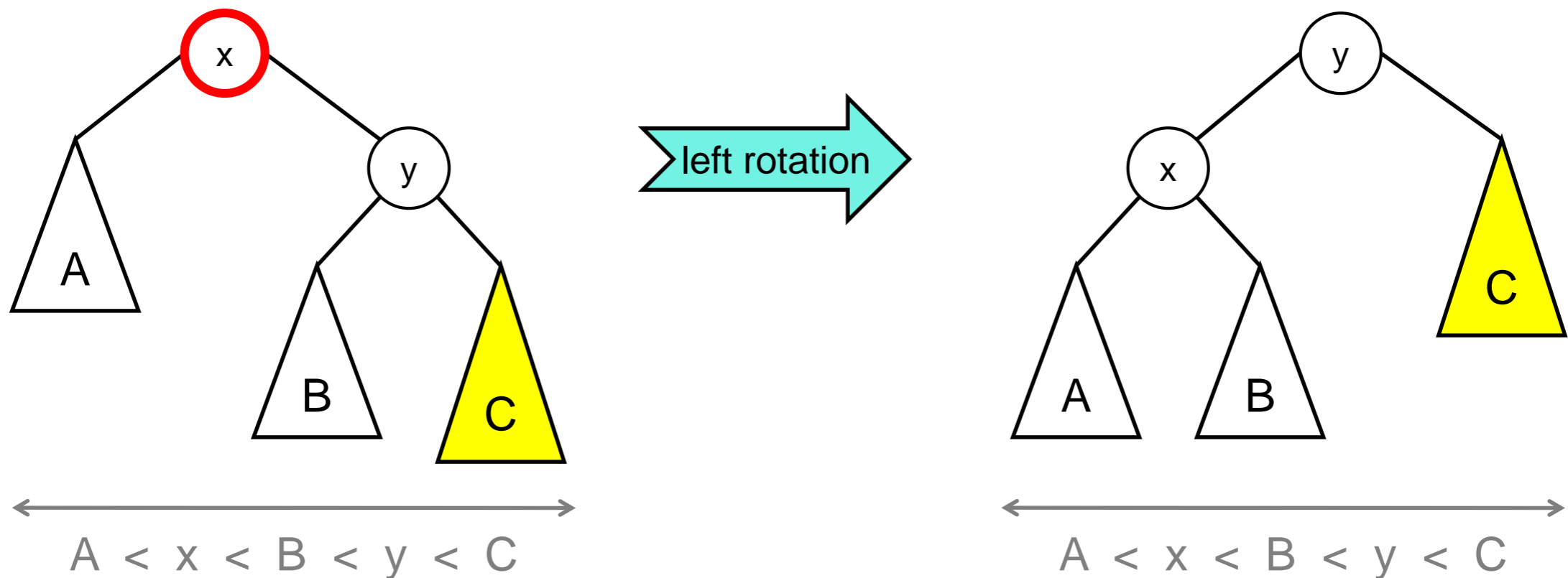


Same thing without highlighting the trees



# Left Rotation

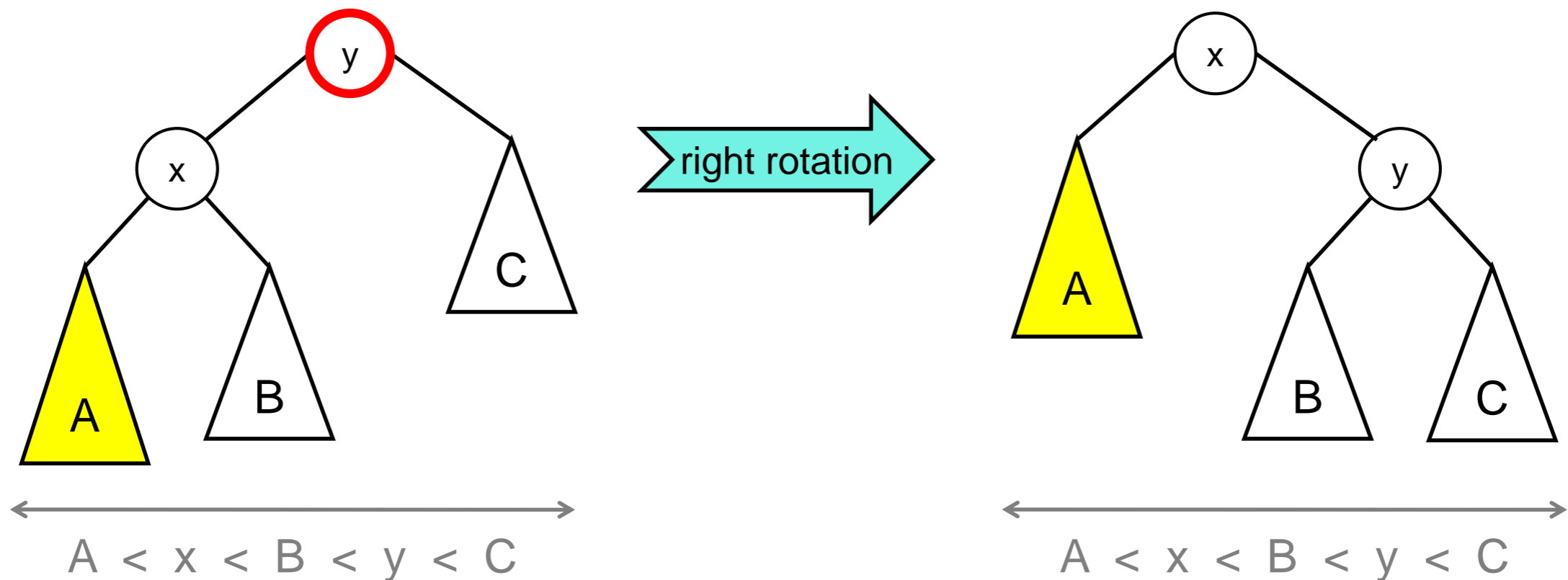
- This transformation is called a **left rotation**



- Note that it maintains the ordering invariant
- We do a left rotation when  $C$  has become too tall after an insertion

# Right Rotation

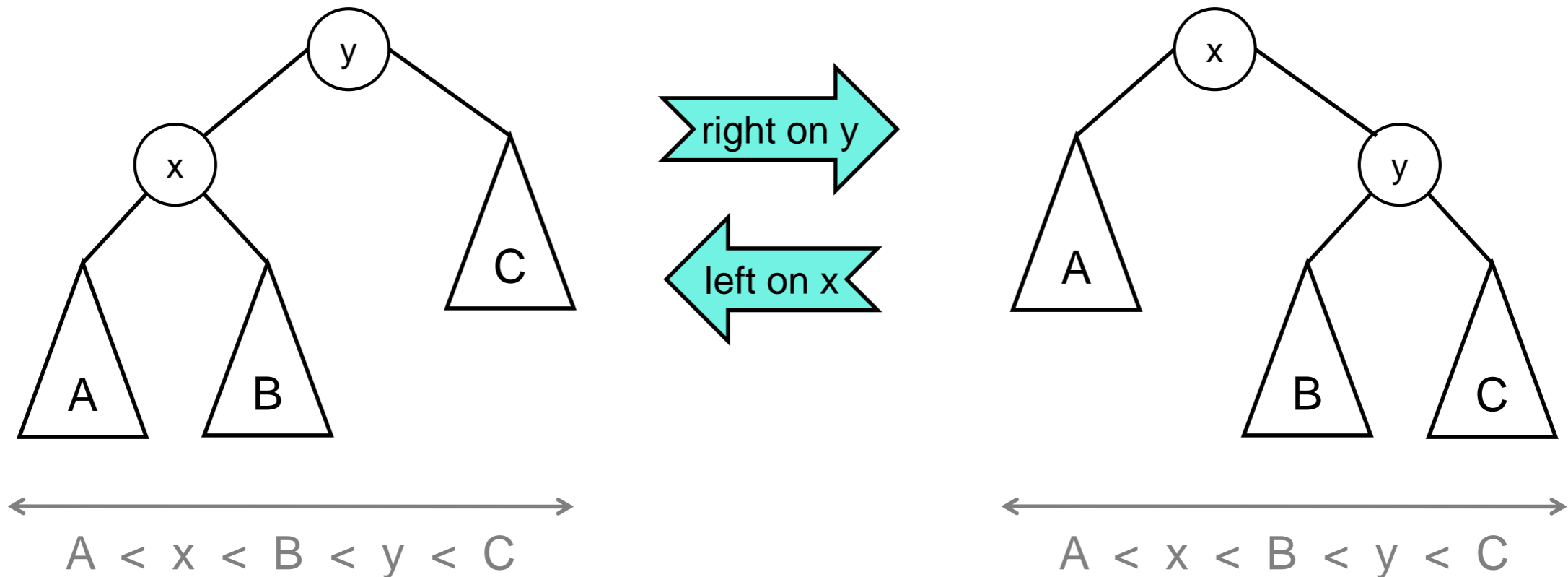
- The symmetric situation is called a **right rotation**



- It too maintains the ordering invariant
- We do a right rotation when  $A$  has become too tall after an insertion

# Single Rotations Summary

- Right and left rotations are **single rotations**



- They maintain the ordering invariant

- We do one of them when

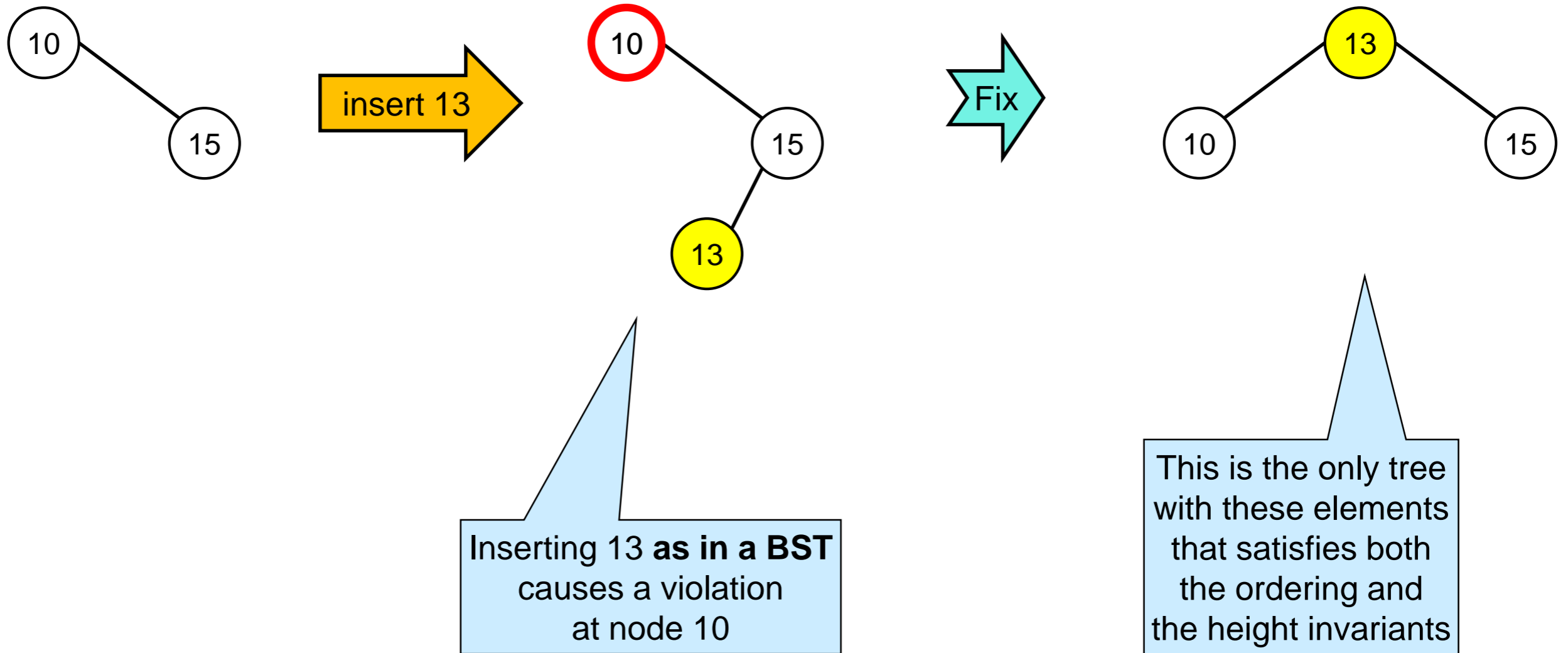
- the **lowest violation** is at the root

- one of the **outer subtrees** has become too tall

That's either  $y$  or  $x$

That's either  $A$  or  $C$  respectively

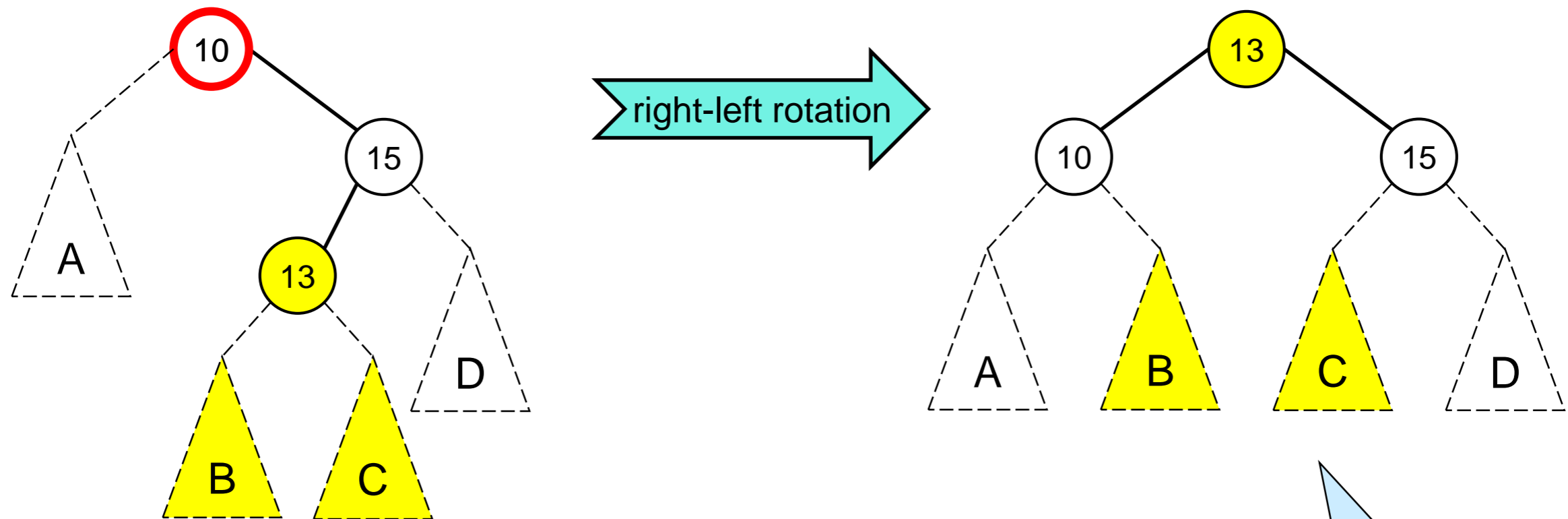
# Example 3



- The fix is **not** a single rotation at 10

# Double Rotations

- We can generalize this example to the case where the nodes have subtrees

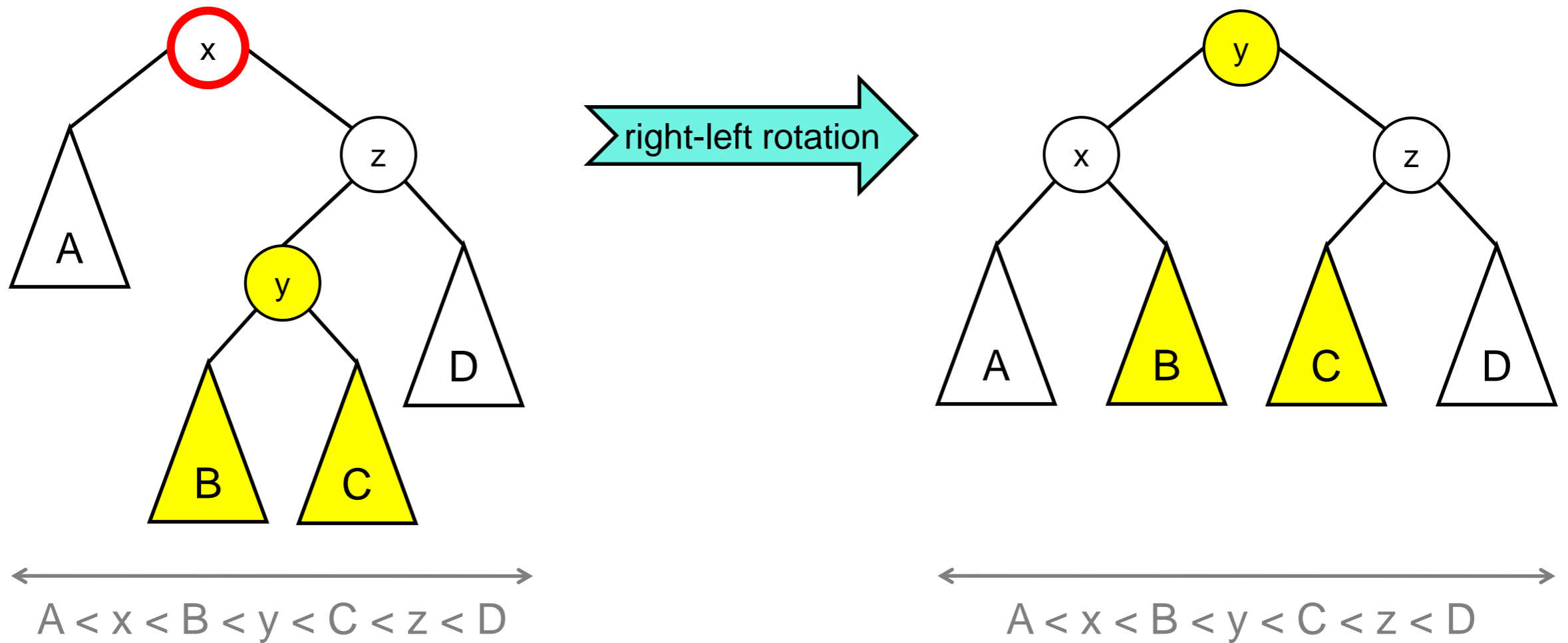


- This is called a **double rotation**
  - specifically a right-left double rotation

This is where the subtrees A, B, C and D must go to preserve the ordering invariant

# Right-left Double Rotation

- Here's the general pattern

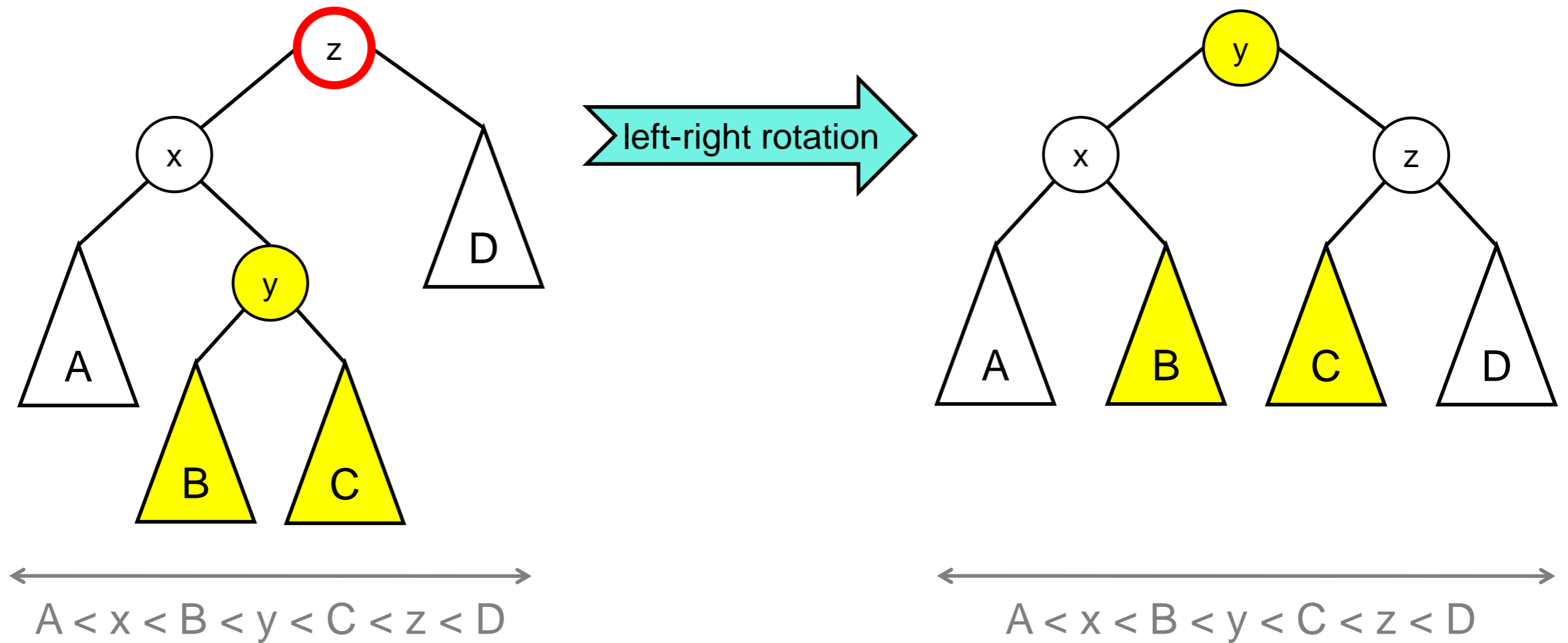


- We do this double rotation when the subtree rooted at  $y$  has become too tall after an insertion

The ordering invariant is maintained

# Left-right Double Rotation

- The symmetric transformation is a left-right double rotation

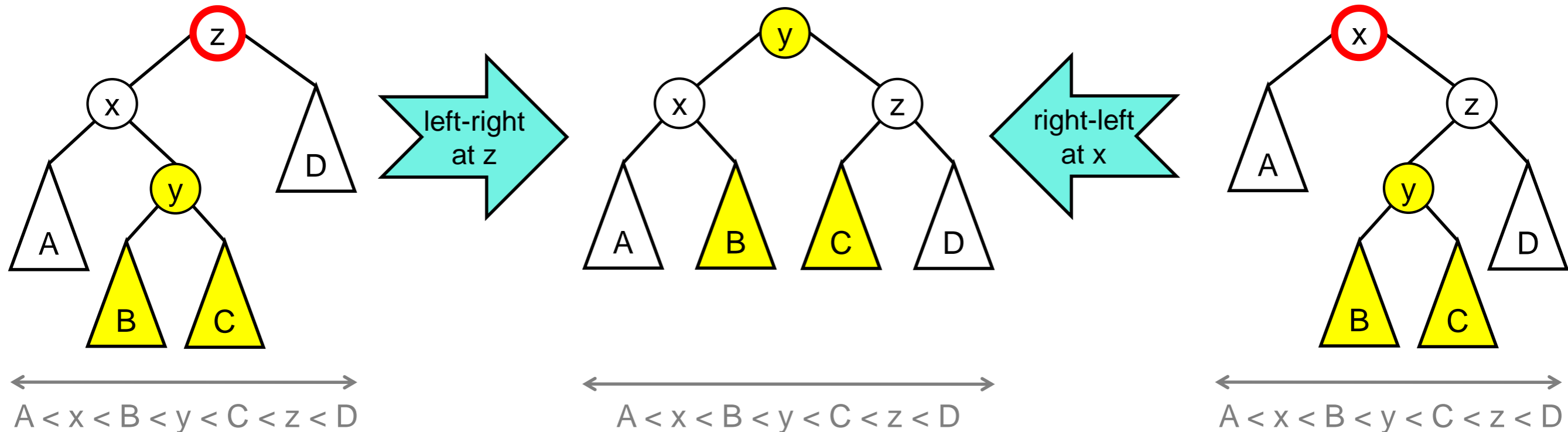


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The ordering invariant is maintained



# Double Rotations Summary



- Double rotations maintain the ordering invariant

- We do one of them when

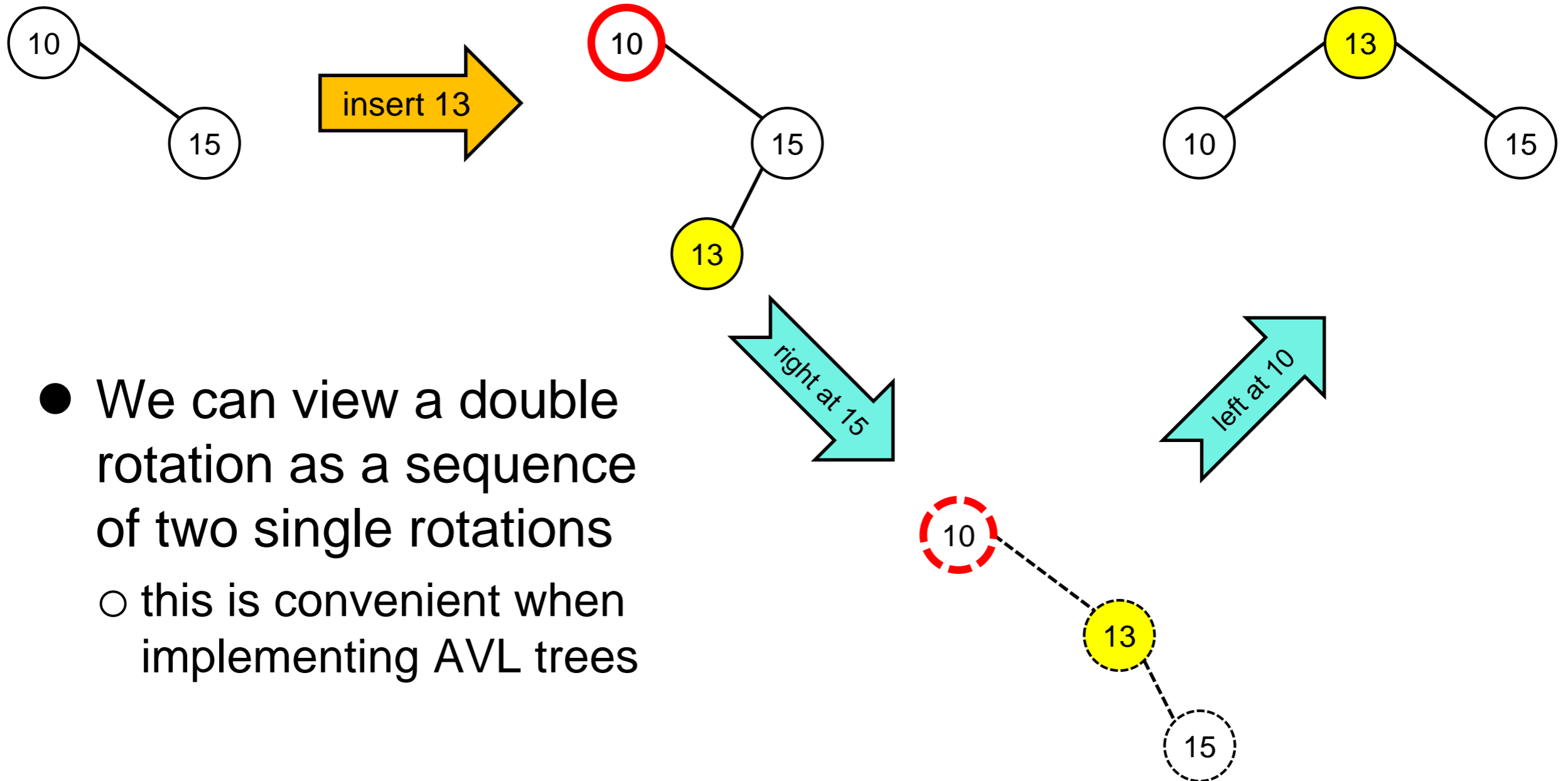
- the **lowest violation** is at the root

- one of the **inner subtrees** has become too tall

That's either z or x

That's the subtree rooted at y

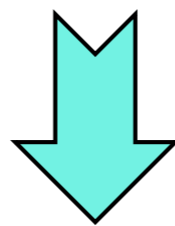
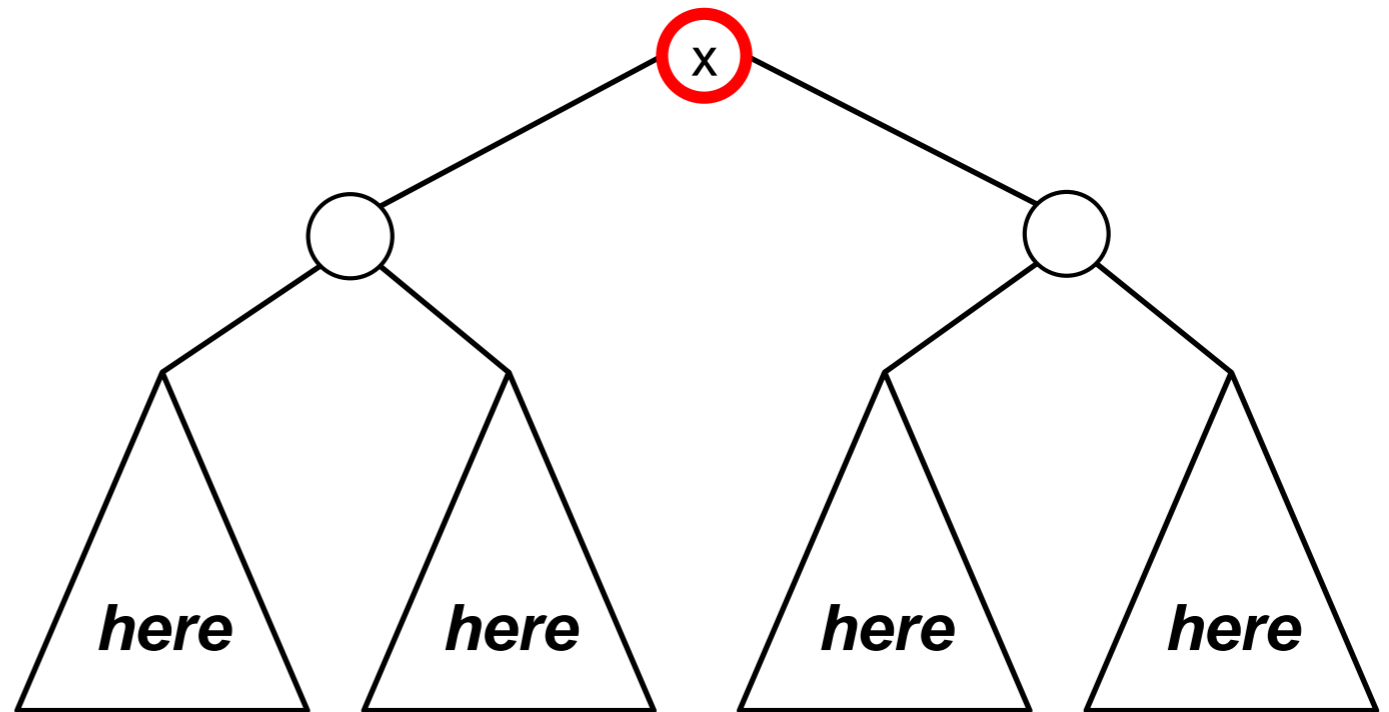
# Why is it Called a *Double* Rotation?



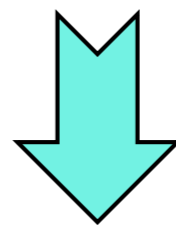
- We can view a double rotation as a sequence of two single rotations
  - this is convenient when implementing AVL trees

# AVL Rotation When-to

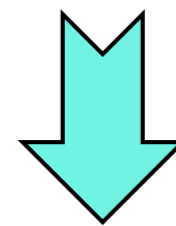
If the insertion that caused the lowest violation **x** happened ...



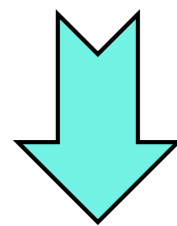
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**left/right  
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**left  
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... then do a ...

# Self-balancing Requirements

- Does the height constraint satisfy our requirements?

1. It guarantees that  $h \in O(\log n)$



Left as exercise

2. It is cheap to maintain — at most  $O(\log n)$

- each type of rotation costs  $O(1)$

- at most one rotation is needed for each insertion

We will see why next

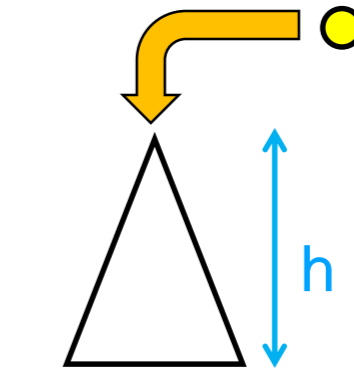
So, maintaining the height invariant costs  $O(1)$



# Height Analysis

# Insertion into an AVL Tree

- Assume we are inserting a node into an AVL tree of height  $h$

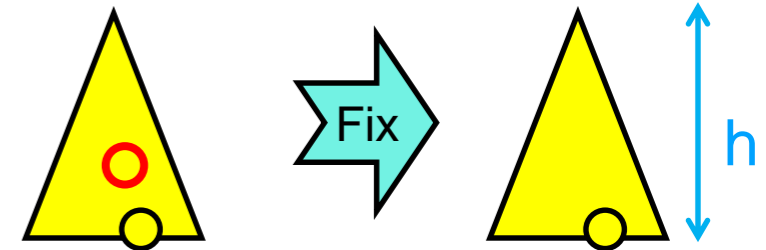
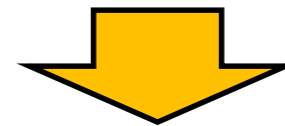


One of two things can happen:

## 1. This causes a height **violation**

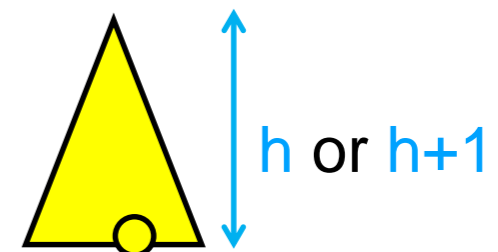
- we fix it with a rotation
  - the resulting tree is a valid AVL tree
- the fixed tree still has height  $h$ 
  - the tree does not grow

Let's see why



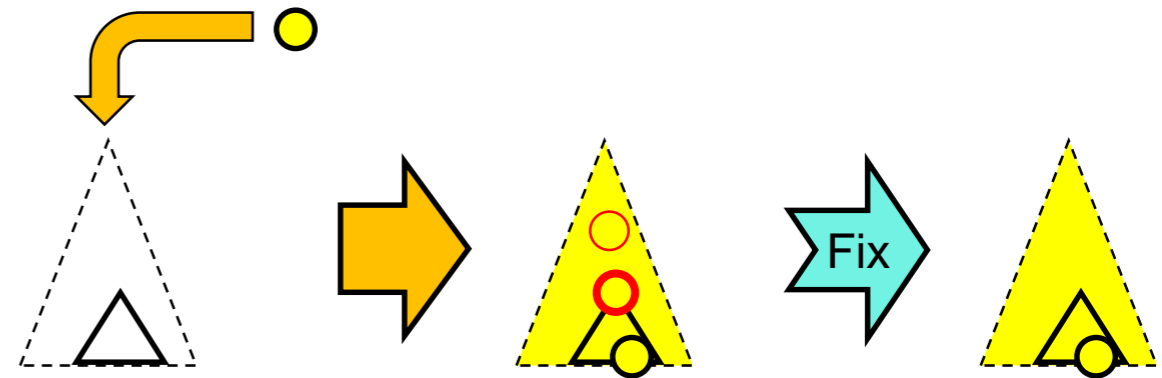
## 2. This does not cause a violation

- the resulting tree has height  $h$  or  $h+1$ 
  - the tree may grow only when there is no violation



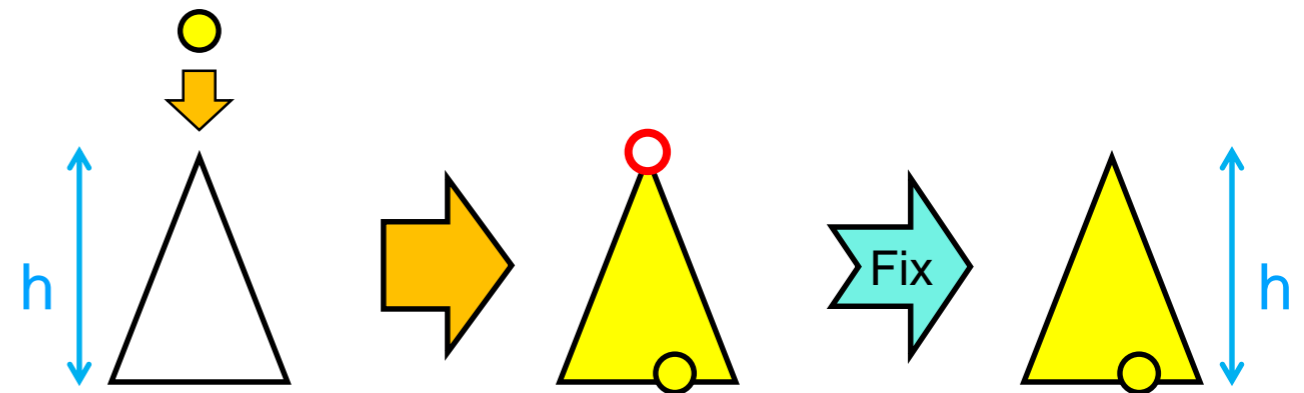
# Fixing the Lowest Violation

- Assume an insertion causes a **violation**
  - possibly more than one



- We will focus on the subtree under the **lowest violation**

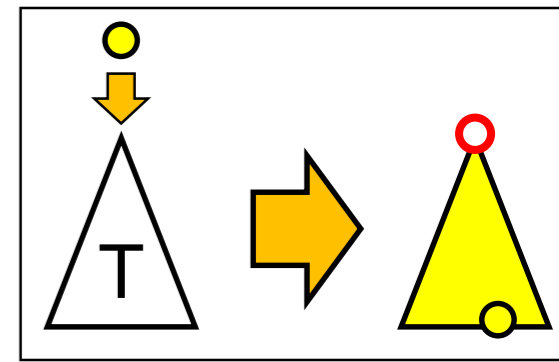
- We will find that fixing it yields a subtree with the **same height  $h$**  as the original subtree
- This necessarily resolves all violations above it



- because the height of this subtree has not changed
- if it satisfied the height invariant for the nodes above it before, it still satisfies it after

Fixing the lowest violation fixes the whole tree

# The Lowest Violation



- Let's expand the tree

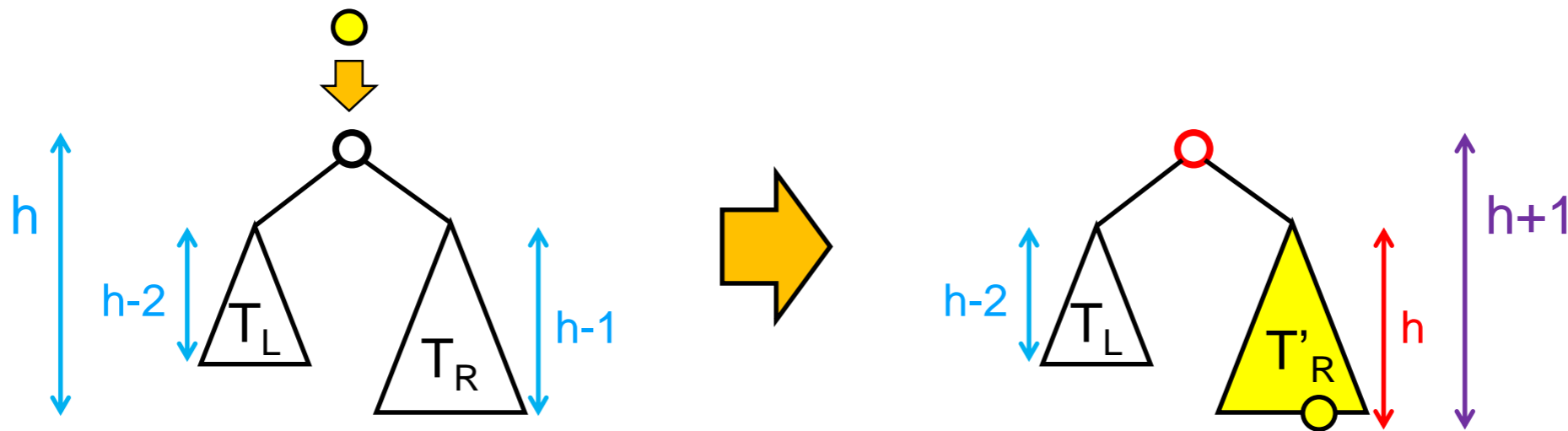
- T cannot be empty

No violation possible

- the new node can have been inserted in its left or right subtree

- Let's consider insertion in  $T_R$

Insertion in  $T_L$  is symmetric



- To have a violation

- $T_R$  must be taller than  $T_L$

- $h-1$  vs.  $h-2$

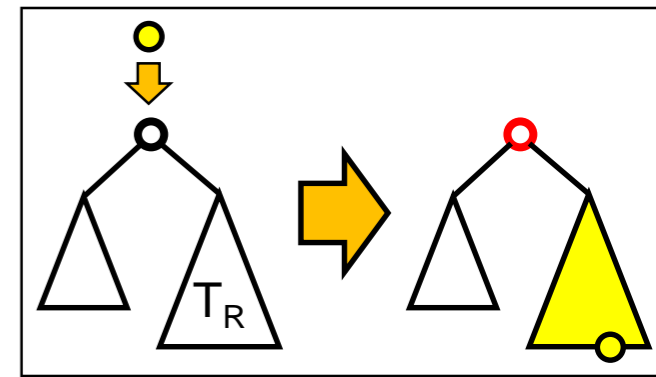
- $T_R$  must have grown after the insertion

- from  $h-1$  to  $h$

The right subtree has become **too tall**



# The Lowest Violation

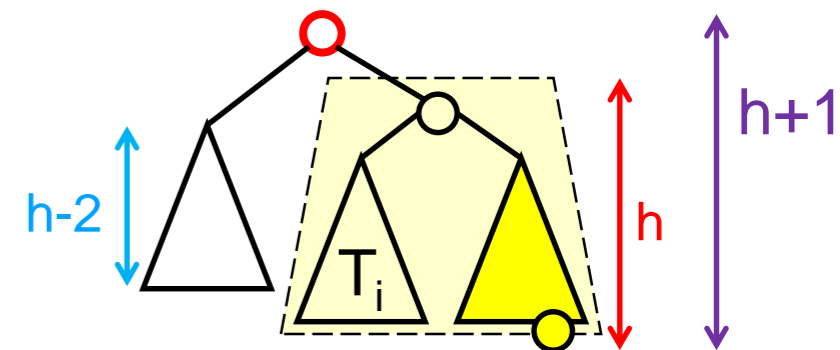
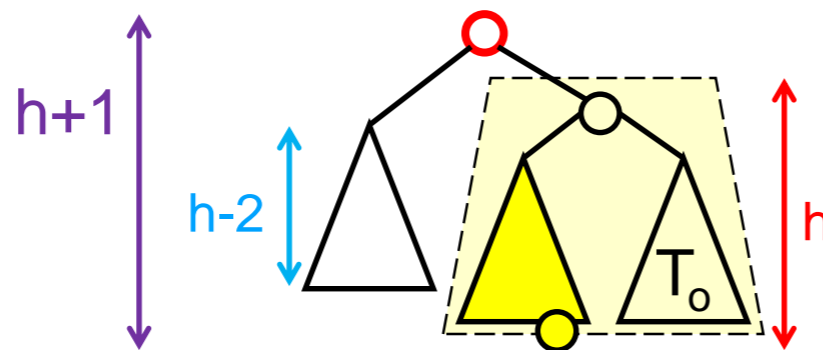
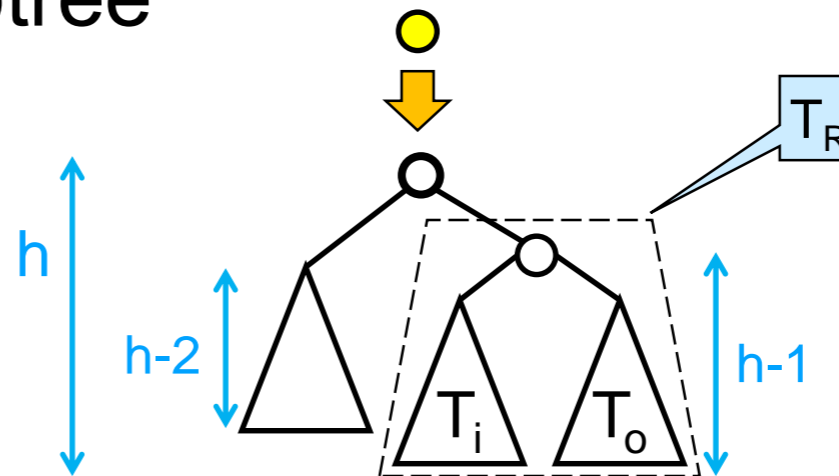


- Let's expand the right subtree

- $T_R$  cannot be empty

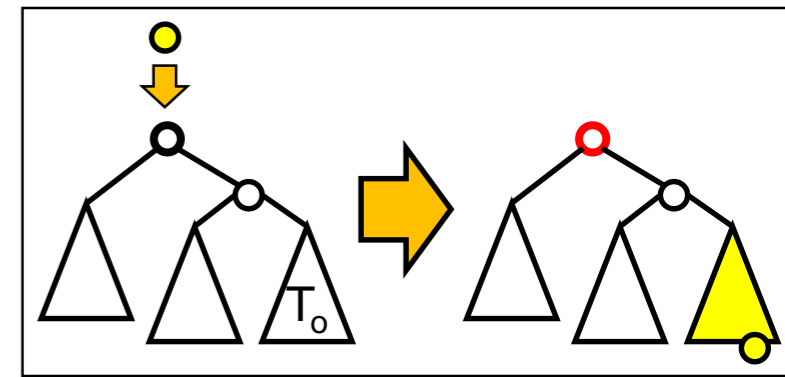
No violation possible

- the new node can have been inserted in its left or right subtree

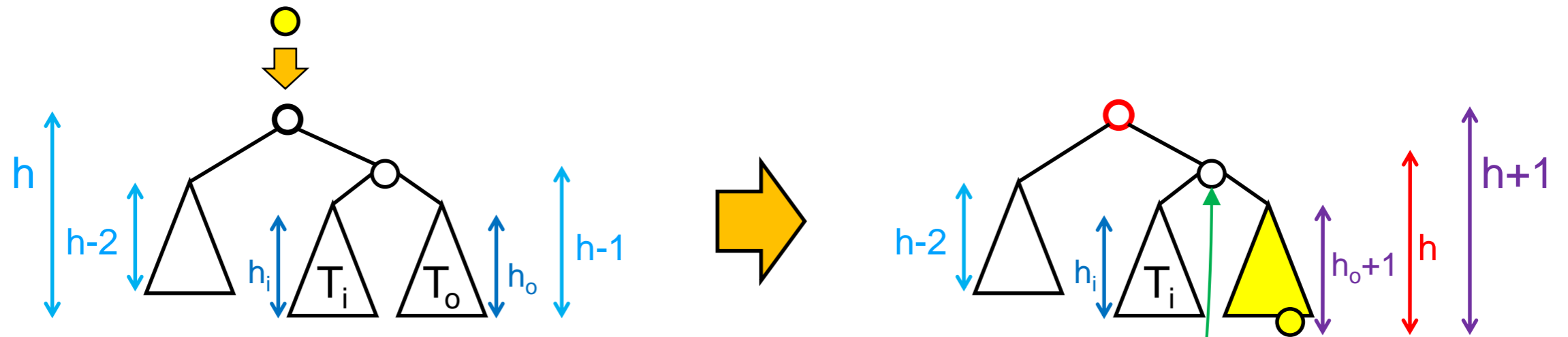


- *Let's examine each case in turn*

# Insertion in the Outer Subtree



- How tall are  $T_i$  and  $T_o$ ?




- $h_o = h-2$

- $T_o$  needs to be as tall as possible to causes the violation

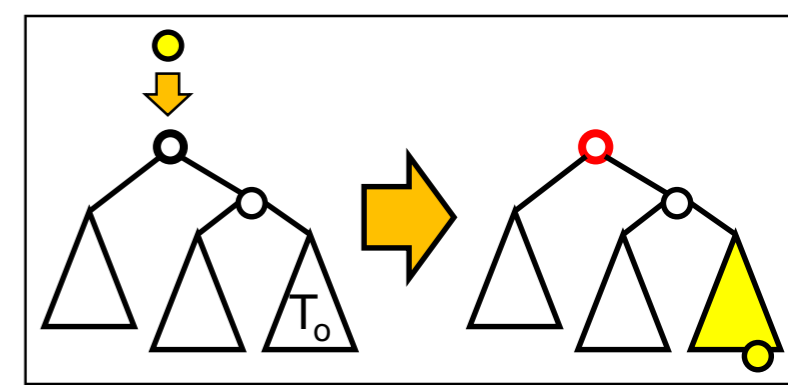
- $h_i = h_o = h-2$

- $h_i$  may be either  $h-2$  or  $h-3$

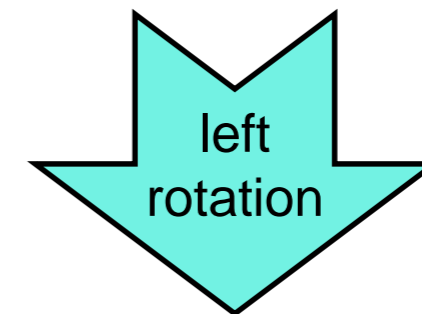
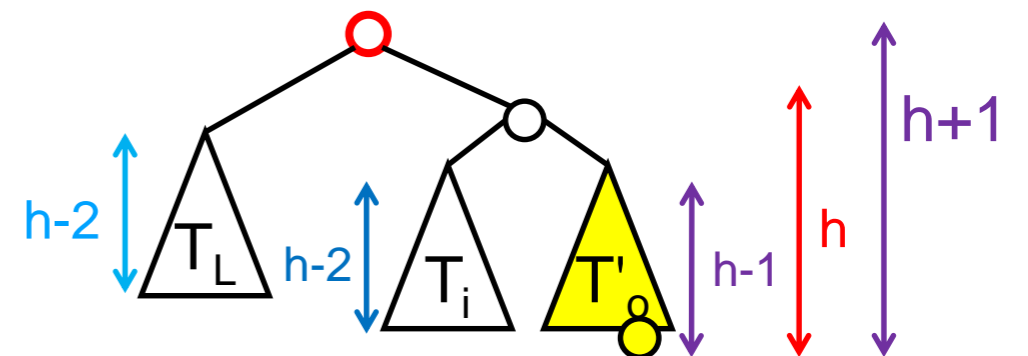
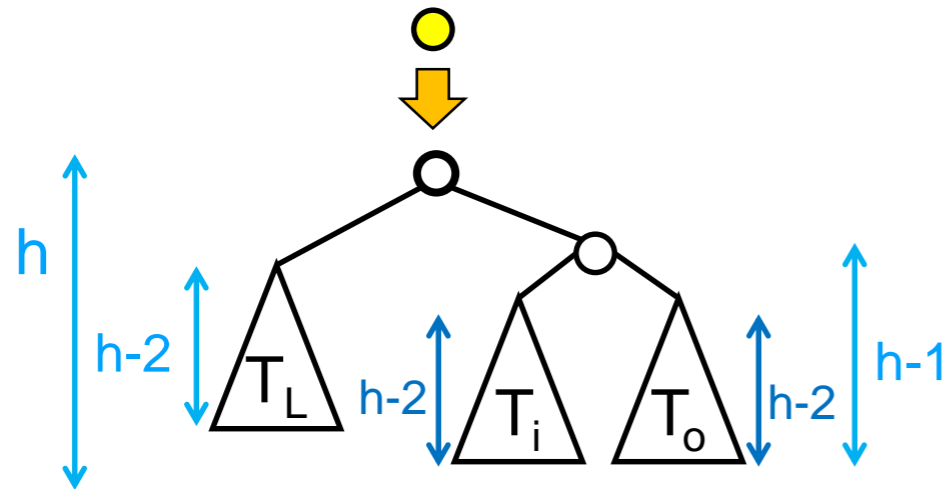
- but if  $h_i$  were  $h-3$ , the lowest violation would be **here**


 $T_i$  and  $T_o$  have the same height

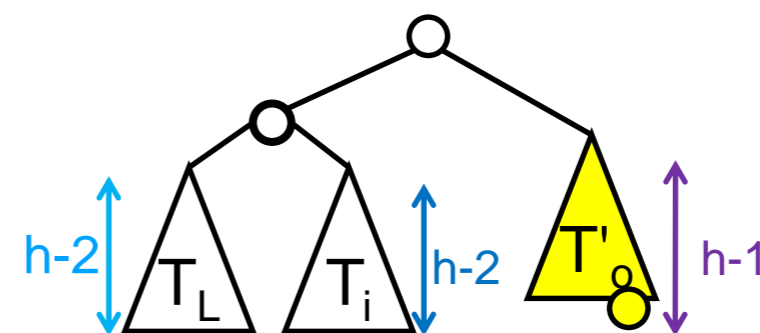
# Insertion in the Outer Subtree



- $T_i$  and  $T_o$  have height  $h-2$

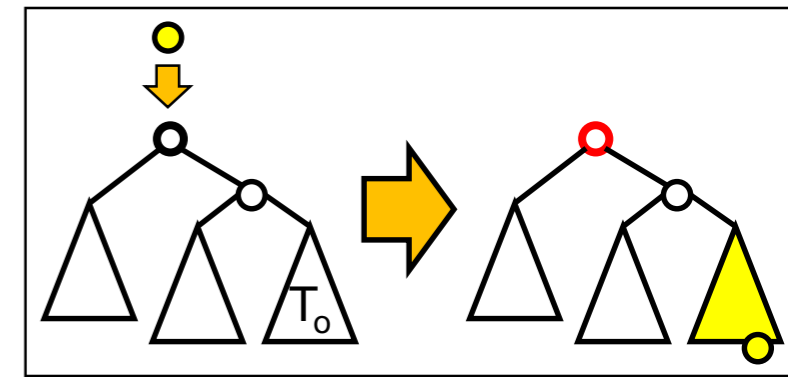


- This is the situation where we do a **single left rotation**

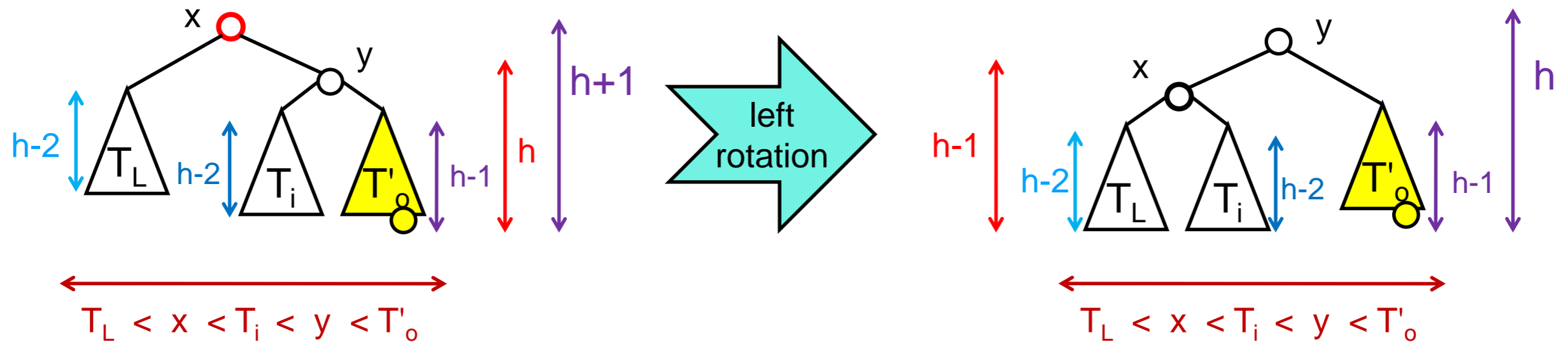


○ *Is this an AVL tree?*

# Insertion in the Outer Subtree



- Is this an AVL tree?



○ BST insertion and the rotations maintains the **ordering invariant**

○  $T_L$ ,  $T_i$  and  $T'_o$  are AVL trees

➤ because x was the lowest violation

○  $T_L-x-T_i$  is an AVL tree of height  $h-1$

➤ because both  $T_L$  and  $T_i$  have height  $h-2$

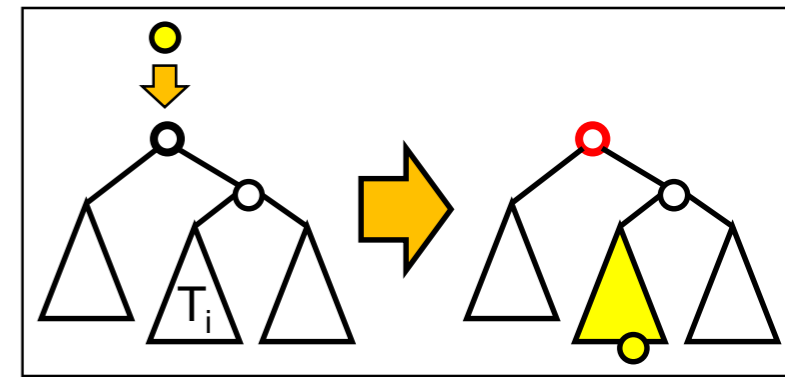
○  $(T_L-x-T_i)-y-T'_o$  is an AVL tree of height  $h$

➤ because  $T'_o$  also has height  $h-1$

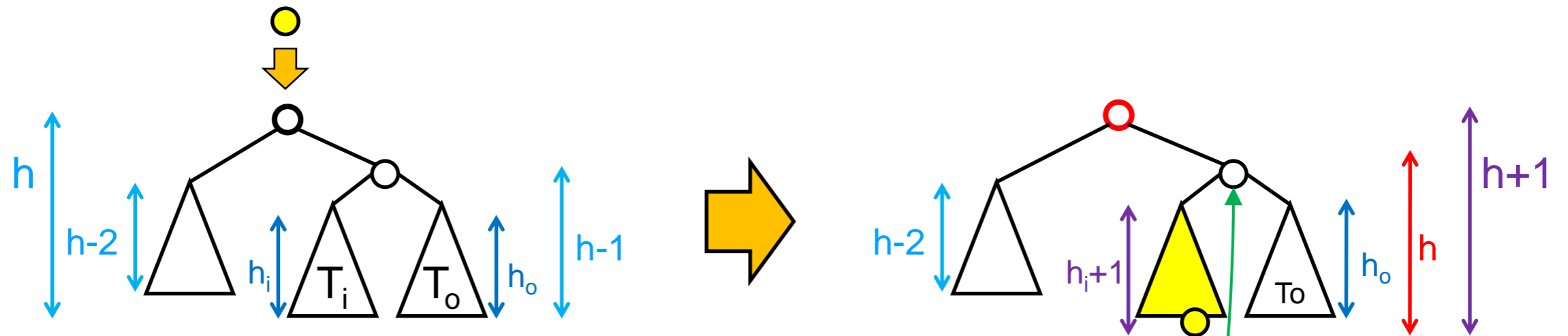
The **height invariant** is restored



# Insertion in the Inner Subtree



- How tall are  $T_i$  and  $T_o$ ?



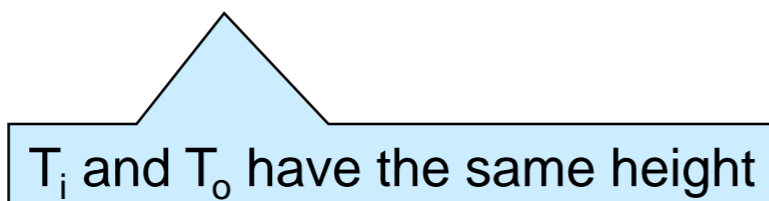
- $h_i = h-2$

- $T_i$  needs to be as tall as possible to causes the violation

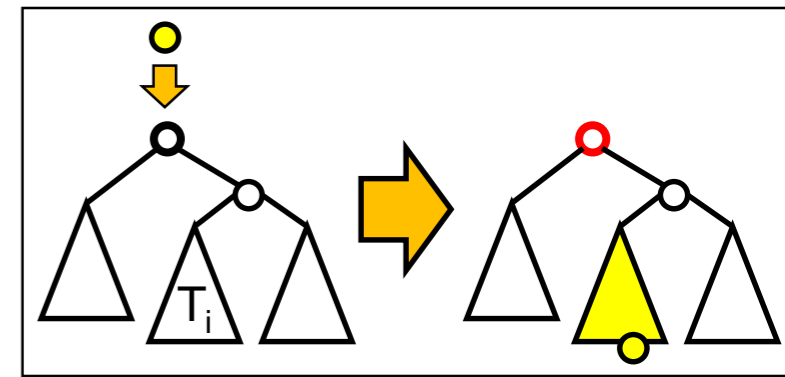
- $h_o = h_i = h-2$

- $h_o$  may be either  $h-2$  or  $h-3$

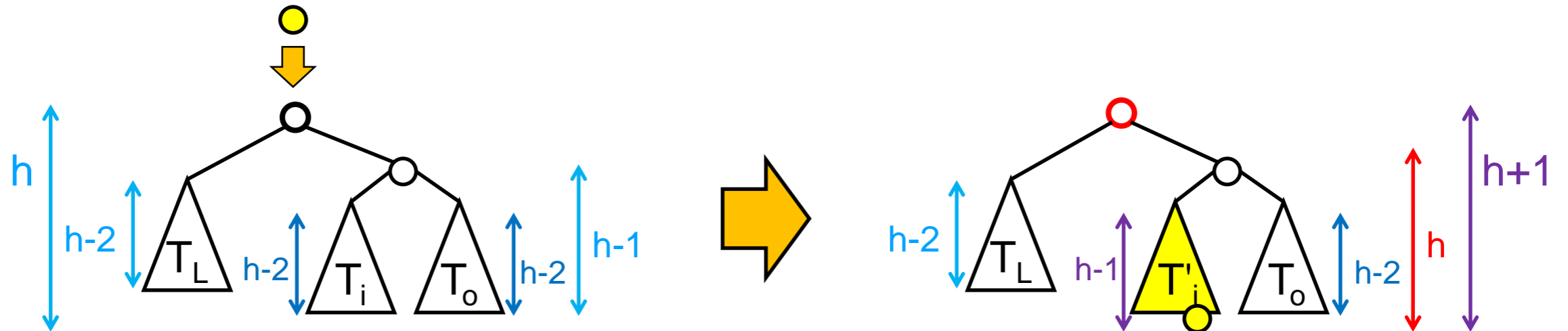
- but if  $h_o$  were  $h-3$ , the lowest violation would be **here**



# Insertion in the Inner Subtree



- $T_i$  and  $T_o$  have height  $h-2$



- $T'_i$  contains at least the inserted node

➤ let's expand it

- $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have height  $h-2$  or  $h-3$

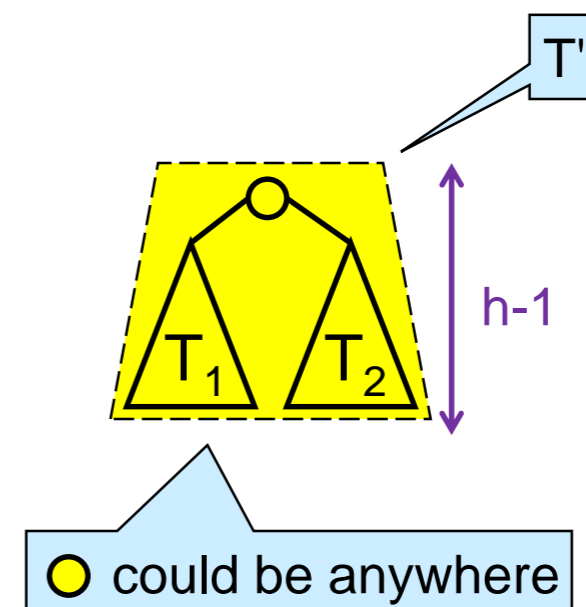
➤ one of them has height  $h-2$

- the inserted node could be

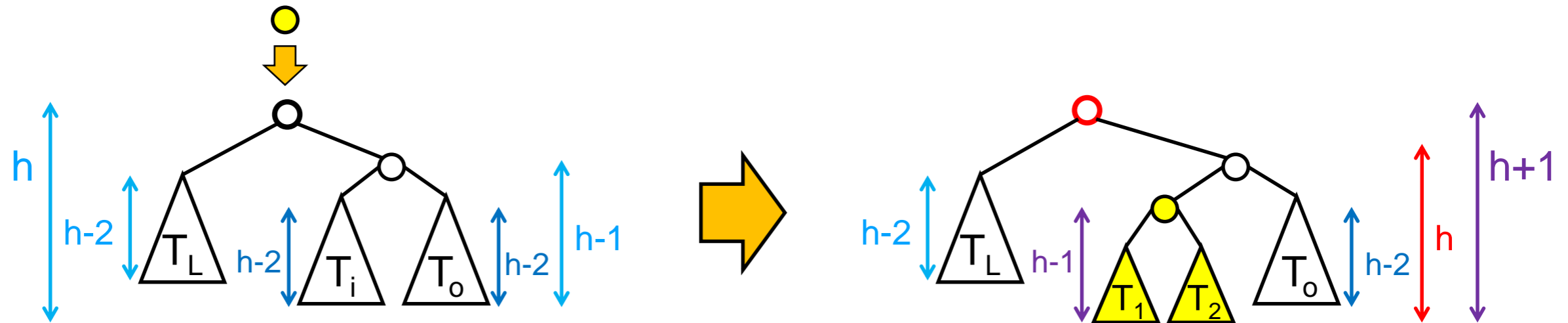
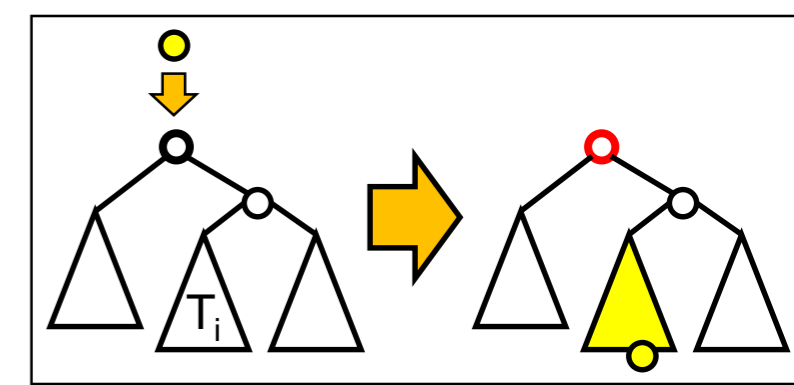
➤ the root – if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are empty

➤ in  $T_1$

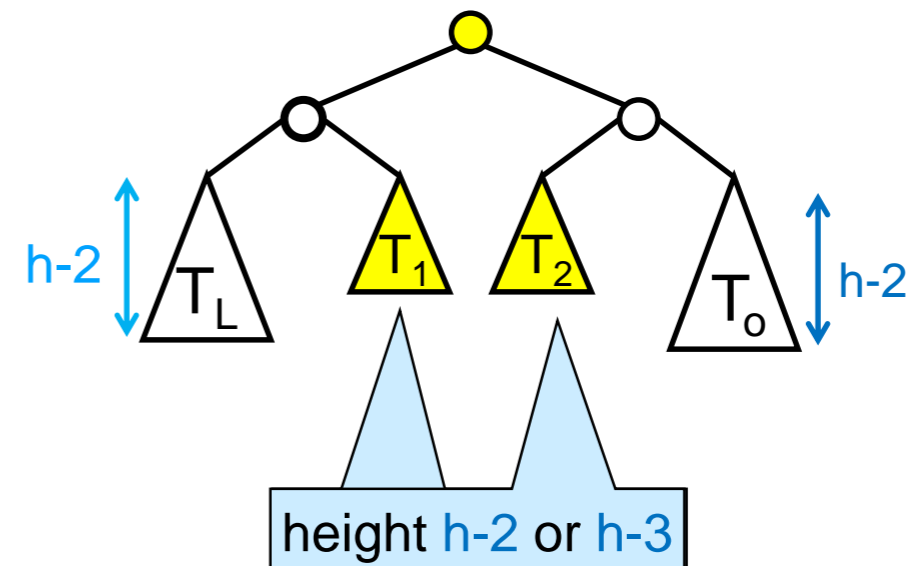
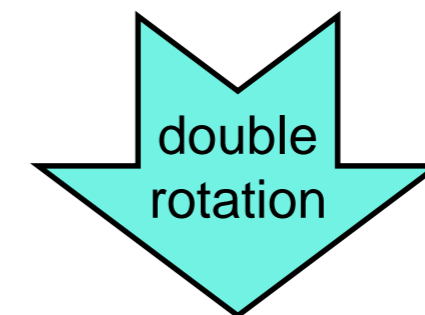
➤ in  $T_2$



# Insertion in the Inner Subtree

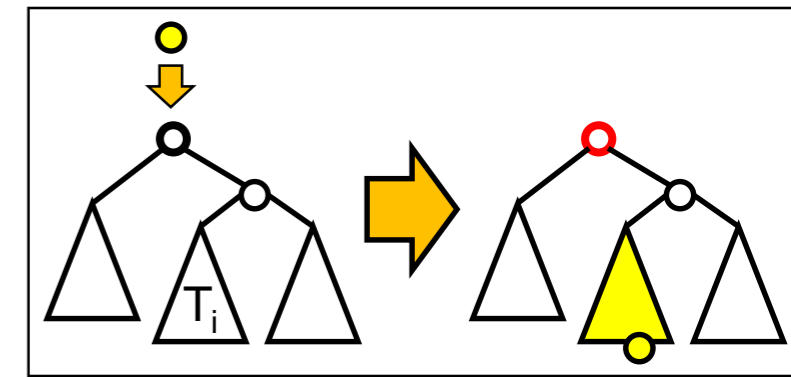


- This is the situation where we do a **double right/left rotation**

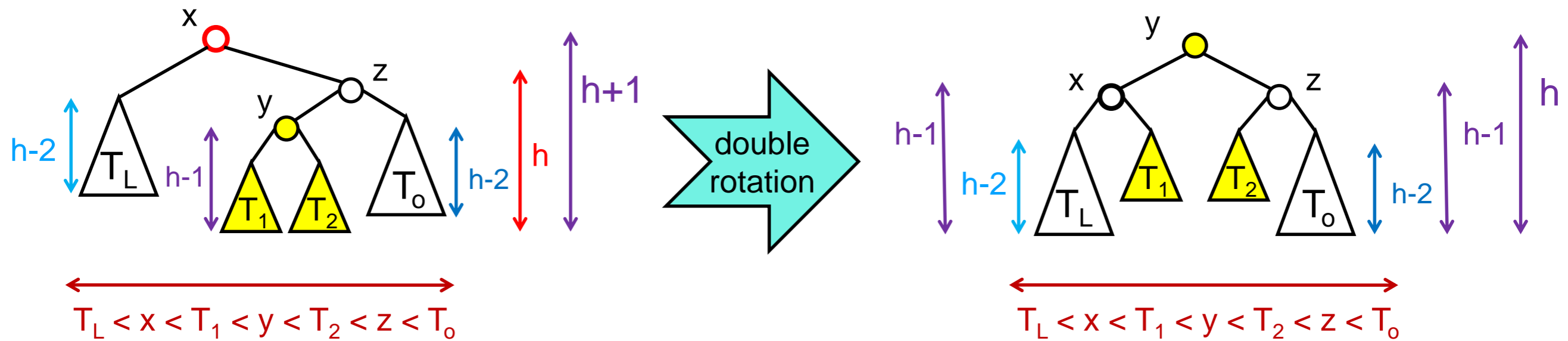


○ *Is this an AVL tree?*

# Insertion in the Inner Subtree



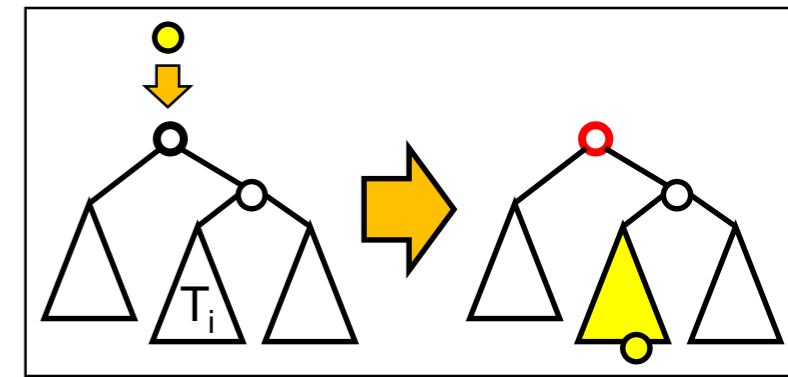
- Is this an AVL tree?



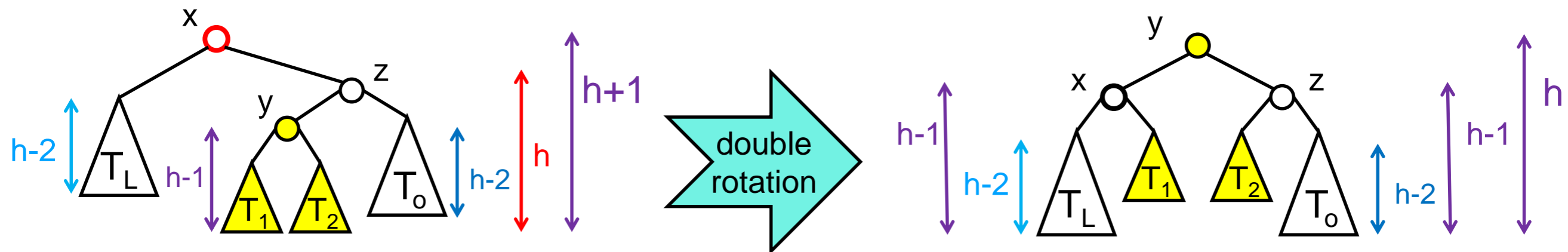
- BST insertion and the rotations maintains the **ordering invariant**



# Insertion in the Inner Subtree



● Is this an AVL tree?



- $T_L$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $T_O$  are AVL trees
  - because x was the lowest violation
- $T_L-x-T_1$  is an AVL tree of height  $h-1$ 
  - because  $T_L$  has height  $h-2$  and
  - $T_1$  has height either  $h-2$  or  $h-3$
- $T_2-z-T_O$  is an AVL tree of height  $h-1$ 
  - because  $T_2$  has height either  $h-2$  or  $h-3$
  - $T_O$  has height  $h-2$  and
- $(T_L-x-T_1)-y-(T_2-z-T_O)$  is an AVL tree of height  $h$

The height invariant is restored



# Summary

- When inserting into an AVL tree of height  $h$ 
  - If there is no violation, the tree height remains  $h$  or grows to  $h+1$
  - If there is a violation, the tree height remains  $h$
- To fix a violation
  - perform a rotation on the **lowest violation**
    - a **single rotation** if the node was inserted in its **outer subtree**
    - a **double rotation** if the node was inserted in its **inner subtree**
- **One** rotation fixes the whole tree
  - The resulting tree is again an AVL tree
  - **lookup**, **insert** and **find\_min** cost  $O(\log n)$  in it
    - where  $n$  is the number of nodes

# Implementation

# The AVL Dictionary Interface

- This is exactly the same interface we had for BST dictionaries
  - the client can't tell the difference

except that it's much faster

```
Library Interface
// typedef _____* dict_t;

dict_t dict_new()
/*@ensures \result != NULL;          @*/;

entry dict_lookup(dict_t D, key k)
/*@requires D != NULL;              @*/
/*@ensures \result == NULL
           || key_compare(entry_key(\result), k) == 0; @*/;

void dict_insert(dict_t D, entry e)
/*@requires D != NULL && e != NULL;  @*/
/*@ensures dict_lookup(D, entry_key(e)) == e; @*/;

entry dict_min(dict_t D,)
/*@requires D != NULL;              @*/;
```

```
Client Interface
// typedef _____* entry;
// typedef _____ key;

key entry_key(entry e)
/*@requires e != NULL;              @*/;

int key_compare(key k1, key k2);
```

- We modify the BST *implementation* to use AVL trees

# The AVL Dictionary Implementation

- We make surgical changes to the BST dictionary implementation
  - because AVL trees are BSTs and the BST implementation *mostly* works
- Specifically,
  - we extend the representation invariant to account the height invariant of AVL trees
  - **insert** now needs to perform rotations to rebalance the tree when needed
  - **lookup** and **find\_min** remains unchanged
    - because an AVL tree is a special case of a BST

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Order in which we will examine them

# avl\_lookup

- The implementation remains unchanged
  - but we rename all the `...bst...` functions `...avl...`

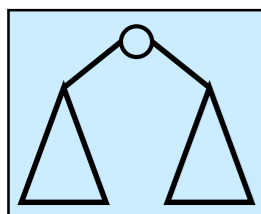
```

entry avl_lookup(tree* T, key k)
//@requires is_avl(T);
//@ensures \result == NULL
           || key_compare(entry_key(\result), k) == 0;
{
  // Code for empty tree
  if (T == NULL) return NULL;

  // Code for non-empty tree
  int cmp = key_compare(k, entry_key(T->data));
  if (cmp == 0) return T->data;
  if (cmp < 0) return avl_lookup(T->left, k);
  //@assert cmp > 0;
  return avl_lookup(T->right, k);
}

```

EMPTY



We will implement it later

- If  $T$  is an AVL tree with  $n$  nodes, then
  - it has height  $O(\log n)$
  - so `avl_lookup` costs  $O(\log n)$

- `find_min` stays the same too
  - it now costs  $O(\log n)$

# Inserting into an AVL Tree

```

tree* avl_insert(tree* T, entry e)
//@requires is_avl(T) && e != NULL;
//@ensures is_avl(\result) && \result != NULL;
//@ensures avl_lookup(\result, entry_key(e)) == e;
{
  // Code for empty tree
  if (T == NULL) return leaf(e);

  // Code for non-empty tree
  int cmp = key_compare(entry_key(e), entry_key(T->data));
  if (cmp == 0) T->data = e;
  else if (cmp < 0) {
    T->left = avl_insert(T->left, e);
    T = rebalance_left(T);
  }
  else { //@assert cmp > 0;
    T->right = avl_insert(T->right, e);
    T = rebalance_right(T);
  }
  return T;
}

```

The tree layout does not change

added

added

- **After** each recursive call, we rebalance the tree
  - `rebalance_left` after an insertion in the **left** subtree
  - `rebalance_right` after an insertion in the **right** subtree
- This guarantees we fix the **lowest violation**
- For `insert` to cost  $O(\log n)$ 
  - `rebalance_left/right` must cost  $O(1)$

*Let's look at one of them*

# rebalance\_right

- We call it right after an insertion in the right subtree

```
tree* rebalance_right(tree* T)
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
{
  if (height(T->right) - height(T->left) == 2) { // violation!
    if (height(T->right->right) > height(T->right->left)) {
      // Single rotation
      T = rotate_left(T);
    } else
    { // @assert height(T->right->left) > height(T->right->right);
      // Double rotation
      T->right = rotate_right(T->right);
      T = rotate_left(T);
    }
  }
  return T;
}
```

The height invariant doesn't hold

The insertion was in T->right

The insertion was in the **outer subtree**

we perform a **single rotation**

The insertion was in the **inner subtree**

we perform a **double rotation**

Just return T if it holds

- rebalance\_right must have cost  $O(1)$



# rebalance\_right

- We use the height of various subtrees to determine
  - if there is a violation
  - if the insertion happened in the inner or outer subtree

The height invariant doesn't hold

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//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
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    if (height(T->right) - height(T->left) == 2) { // violation!
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            // Double rotation
            T->right = rotate_right(T->right);
            T = rotate_left(T);
        }
    }
    return T;
}
```

The insertion was in the **outer subtree**

The insertion was in the **inner subtree**

- `rebalance_right` must have cost  $O(1)$ 
  - so `height`, `rotate_left` and `rotate_right` must cost  $O(1)$

# height

- We can transcribe the mathematical definition

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{height(EMPTY)} = 0 \\ \text{height} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \triangle_{T_L} \quad \triangle_{T_R} \end{array} \right) = 1 + \max \left( \text{height} \left( \triangle_{T_L} \right), \text{height} \left( \triangle_{T_R} \right) \right) \end{array} \right.$$

and get

```
int height(tree* T)
//@requires is_tree(T);
//@ensures \result >= 0;
{
  if (T == NULL) return 0;
  return 1 + max(height(T->left), height(T->right));
}
```

# height

- By transcribing the mathematical definition, we get

```
int height(tree* T)
//@requires is_tree(T);
//@ensures \result >= 0;
{
    if (T == NULL) return 0;
    return 1 + max(height(T->left), height(T->right));
}
```

- If  $T$  has  $n$  nodes,  $\text{height}(T)$  costs  $O(n)$ 
  - it recursively goes over every node in  $T$
- But we need **height** to cost  $O(1)$ 
  - otherwise **insert** will cost more than  $O(\log n)$
- *What can we do?*

# height

- Rather than computing the height of a tree by traversing it, we can **store** it
  - we add a **height field** in each node
- Then, the function **height** simply returns the contents of this field
  - or 0 if T is NULL
  - Its cost is now  $O(1)$
- This is a **space-time tradeoff**
  - we are using a bit of extra space to save a lot of time

```
typedef struct tree_node tree;  
struct tree_node {  
    tree* left;  
    int data;  
    tree* right;  
    int height; // >= 0  
};
```



```
int height(tree* T)  
//@requires is_tree(T);  
//@ensures \result >= 0;  
{  
    return T == NULL ? 0 : T->height;  
}
```



Return 0 if T is NULL  
and T->height otherwise

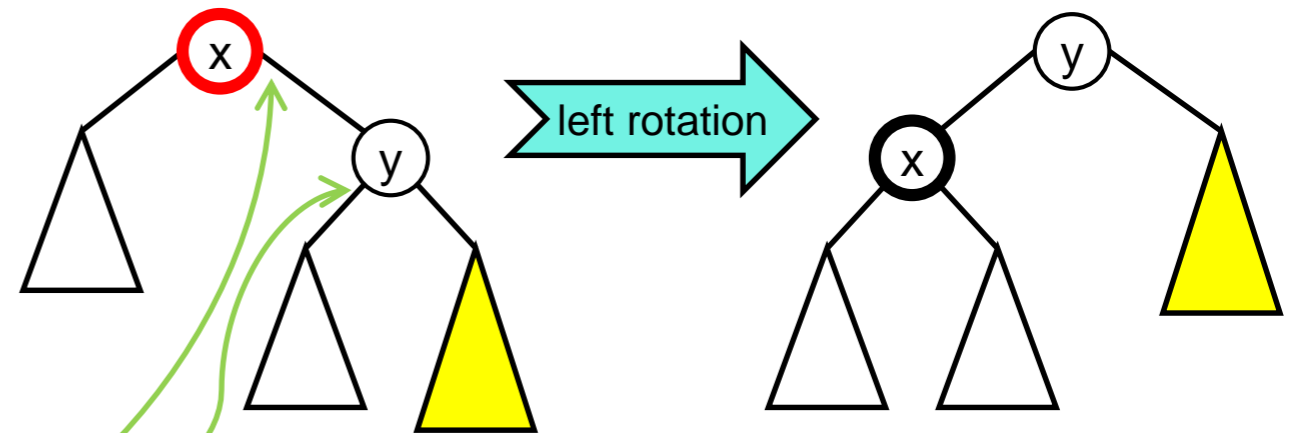
The new height field in the nodes

Computing the height of the tree  
over and over

# Rotations

- We implement single rotations by transcribing the figure

```
tree* rotate_left(tree* T)
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
{
  tree* temp = T->right;
  T->right = T->right->left;
  temp->left = T;
  return temp;
}
```



by updating two pointers

- The cost is  $O(1)$

- We implement double rotations as two single rotations

- The cost is  $O(1)$

- *Can it be this simple?*

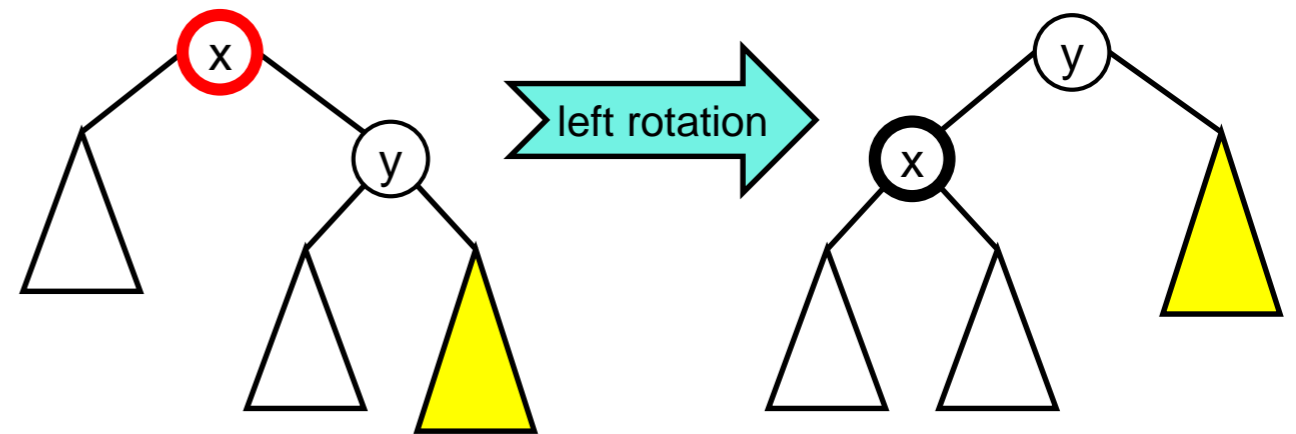
```
// Double rotation
T->right = rotate_right(T->right);
T = rotate_left(T);
```

from  
rebalance\_right

# Rotations

- *Can it be this simple?*

```
tree* rotate_left(tree* T)
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
{
  tree* temp = T->right;
  T->right = T->right->left;
  temp->left = T;
  return temp;
}
```



- The height fields of nodes x and y are now wrong! ❌
  - We need to update them
  - We can do so based on the height of their subtrees

- Let's write a general function:

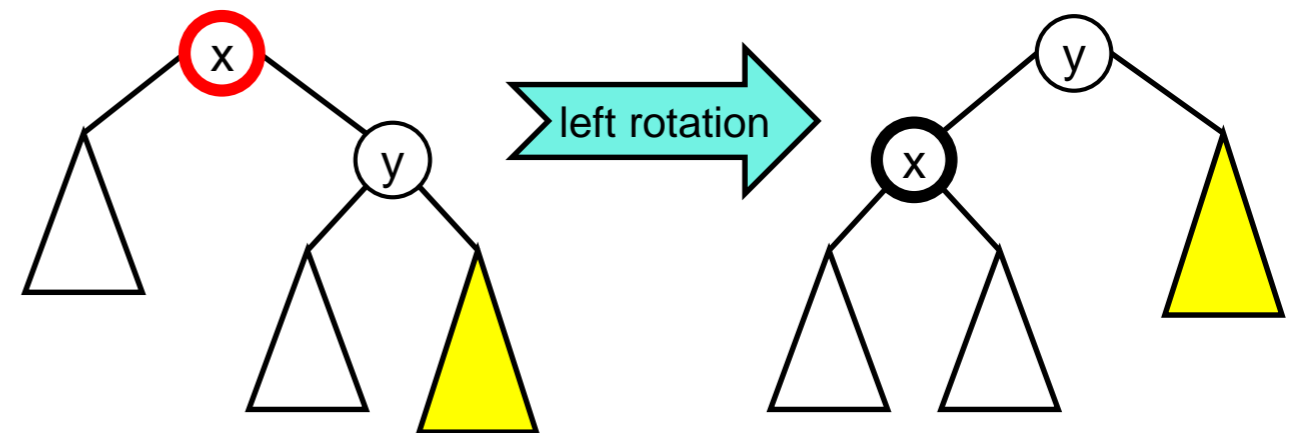
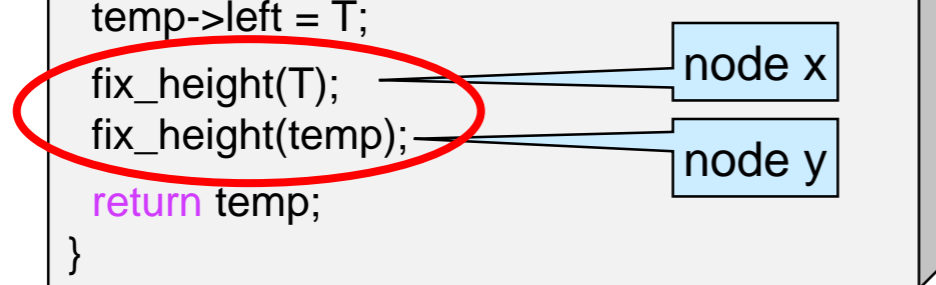
- `fix_height` costs  $O(1)$ 
  - because `height` costs  $O(1)$

```
void fix_height(tree* T)
//@requires is_tree(T) && T != NULL;
{
  int hl = height(T->left);
  int hr = height(T->right);
  T->height = 1 + max(hl, hr);
}
```

# Rotations Revisited

- We implement single rotations by transcribing the figure

```
tree* rotate_left(tree* T)
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
{
  tree* temp = T->right;
  T->right = T->right->left;
  temp->left = T;
  fix_height(T);
  fix_height(temp);
  return temp;
}
```



by updating two pointers

and then fixing the height of the affected nodes



- `rotate_left` costs  $O(1)$

# rebalance\_right Revisited

- We also need to fix the height when there is no violation

```
tree* rebalance_right(tree* T)
// T must be immediate result of a right-insertion
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
{
  if (height(T->right) - height(T->left) == 2) { // violation!
    if (height(T->right->right) > height(T->right->left)) {
      // Single rotation
      T = rotate_left(T);
    } else {
      //@assert height(T->right->left) > height(T->right->right);
      // Double rotation
      T->right = rotate_right(T->right);
      T = rotate_left(T);
    }
  } else { // No rotation needed, but tree may have grown
    fix_height(T);
  }
  return T;
}
```

When we handle a violation, the rotations fix the heights

Fixes the heights when no rotation was performed





# New Leaves

```
typedef struct tree_node tree;  
struct tree_node {  
    tree* left;  
    int data;  
    tree* right;  
    int height; // >= 0  
};
```

- When insertion creates a new leaf, we need to set its height to 1

```
tree* leaf(entry e)  
//@requires e != NULL;  
//@ensures is_avl(\result) && \result != NULL;  
{  
    tree* T = alloc(tree);  
    T->data = e;  
    T->left = NULL; // not necessary  
    T->right = NULL; // not necessary  
    T->height = 1;  
    return T;  
}
```

# Representation Invariants

# The AVL Representation Invariant

- An AVL tree is a BST that satisfies the height invariant
  - additionally, the height fields must all contain the true height

Checks that the height field in each node contains the true height of its subtree

Checks the height invariant

The AVL representation invariant

- We can use them to give precise contracts to all other functions

```
bool is_specified_height(tree* T)
//@requires is_tree(T);
{
    if (T == NULL) return true;
    return is_specified_height(T->left) // height(T->left) is correct
        && is_specified_height(T->right) // height(T->right) is correct
        && T->height == max(height(T->left),
                          height(T->right)) + 1; // height(T) is correct
}

bool is_balanced(tree* T)
//@requires is_tree(T);
{
    if (T == NULL) return true;
    return abs(height(T->left) - height(T->right)) <= 1
        && is_balanced(T->left)
        && is_balanced(T->right);
}

bool is_avl(tree* T) {
    return is_tree(T) && is_ordered(T, NULL, NULL) // our old is_bst
        && is_specified_height(T) // checks the height
        && is_balanced(T); // checks the height invariant
}
```

our old is\_bst

checks the height

checks the height invariant

# avl\_insert Revisited

- We can track the representation invariants at each step of insertion

```
tree* avl_insert(tree* T, entry e)
//@requires is_avl(T) && e != NULL;
//@ensures is_avl(\result) && \result != NULL;
//@ensures avl_lookup(\result, entry_key(e)) == e;
{
  // Code for empty tree
  if (T == NULL) return leaf(e);

  // Code for non-empty tree
  //@assert is_avl(T->left) && is_avl(T->right);
  int cmp = key_compare(entry_key(e), entry_key(T->data));
  if (cmp == 0) T->data = e;
  else if (cmp < 0) {
    T->left = avl_insert(T->left, e);
    //@assert is_avl(T->left) && is_avl(T->right);
    T = rebalance_left(T);
    //@assert is_avl(T);
  } else { //@assert cmp > 0;
    T->right = avl_insert(T->right, e);
    //@assert is_avl(T->left) && is_avl(T->right);
    T = rebalance_right(T);
    //@assert is_avl(T);
  }
  return T;
}
```

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If T is an AVL tree, its subtrees are too

T->left is an AVL tree by the postcondition of `avl_insert`

T->right did not change

`rebalance_left` restores T into a valid AVL tree

Similar



# rebalance\_right Revisited

- rebalance\_right

- takes a tree whose two subtrees are AVL trees
  - but itself may not be a valid AVL tree
- return an AVL tree

This is what we learned from `avl_insert`

```
tree* rebalance_right(tree* T)
// T must be immediate result of a right-insertion
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
//@requires is_avl(T->left) && is_avl(T->right);
//@ensures is_avl(result);
{
  if (height(T->right) - height(T->left) == 2) { // violation!
    if (height(T->right->right) > height(T->right->left)) {
      // Single rotation
      T = rotate_left(T);
    } else {
      //@assert height(T->right->left) > height(T->right->right);
      // Double rotation
      T->right = rotate_right(T->right);
      T = rotate_left(T);
    }
  }
  else { // No rotation needed, but tree may have grown
    fix_height(T);
  }
  return T;
}
```

but T itself may not be an AVL tree

T may not be an AVL tree

T is again an AVL tree

T may not be an AVL tree

T is again an AVL tree

T may not be an AVL tree

T is again an AVL tree



# Rotations revisited

- We expect `rotate_left` to
  - takes a tree whose two subtrees are AVL trees
    - but itself may not be a valid AVL tree
  - return an AVL tree

```
tree* rotate_left(tree* T)
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
//@requires is_avl(T->left) && is_avl(T->right);
//@ensures is_avl(\result);
{
  tree* temp = T->right;
  T->right = T->right->left;
  temp->left = T;
  fix_height(T);
  fix_height(temp);
  return temp;
}
```

but T itself may not be an AVL tree

- This would be true if used to implement single rotations **only**
- But we are also using it to implement double rotations
  - these contracts **do not hold** in this case

```
// Double rotation
T->right = rotate_right(T->right);
T = rotate_left(T);
```



# Rotations revisited

- Because we implement double rotations using single rotations, we must deploy weaker contracts

```
tree* rotate_left(tree* T)
//@requires T != NULL && T->right != NULL;
//@requires is_specified_height(T->left);
//@requires is_specified_height(T->right);
//@ensures is_specified_height(\result);
{
    tree* temp = T->right;
    T->right = T->right->left;
    temp->left = T;
    fix_height(T);
    fix_height(temp);
    return temp;
}
```

This only says that the heights are right



# Maintaining the Height

```
typedef struct tree_node tree;  
struct tree_node {  
    tree* left;  
    int data;  
    tree* right;  
    int height; // >= 0  
};
```

- We can use the same contracts in `fix_height`

```
void fix_height(tree* T)  
//@requires is_tree(T) && T != NULL;  
//@requires is_specified_height(T->left);  
//@requires is_specified_height(T->right);  
//@ensures is_specified_height(T);  
{  
    int hl = height(T->left);  
    int hr = height(T->right);  
    T->height = (hl > hr ? hl+1 : hr+1);  
}
```

Assuming the subtrees have valid height fields, it will make the height field in the whole tree valid