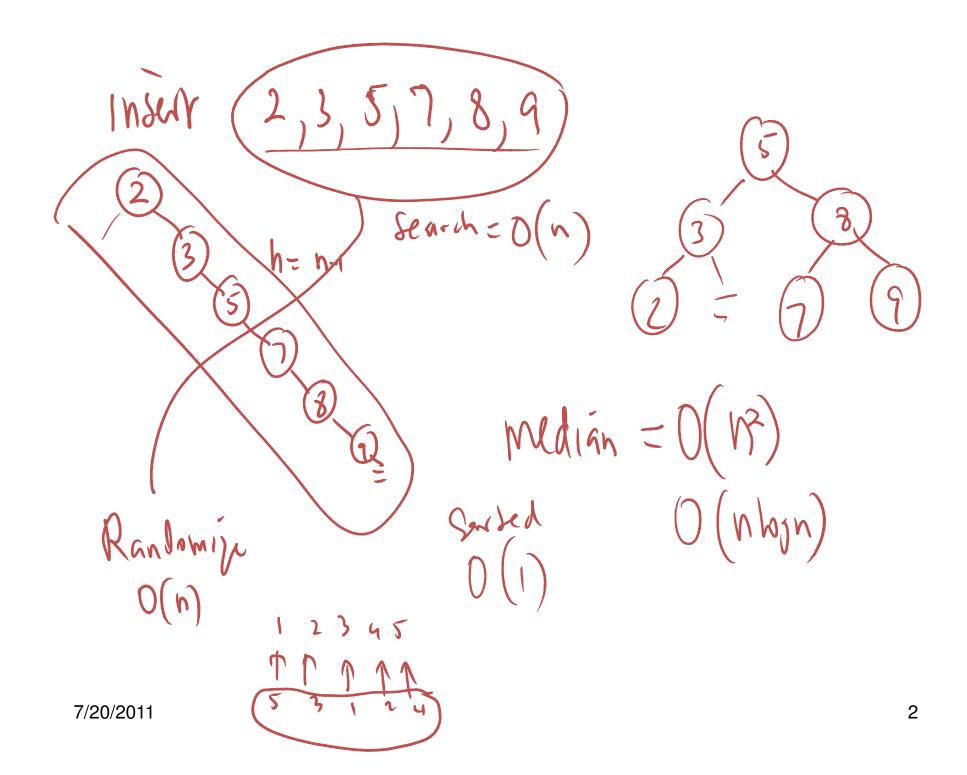
Balanced Trees

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In a "good" BST we have

depth of T = O(log n)

n = num of nodes in the tree

- •Theorem: If the tree is constructed from n inputs given in random order, then we can expect the depth of the tree to be $log_2 n$ (no proof given)
- •But if the input is already (nearly, reverse,...) sorted we are in trouble.

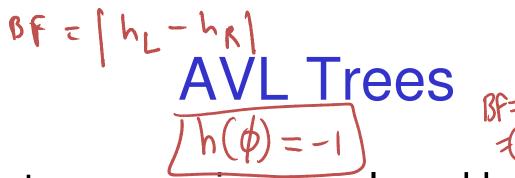
Forcing good behavior

- We can show that for any n inputs, there always is a BST containing these elements of logarithmic depth.
- But if we just insert the standard way, we may build a very unbalanced, deep tree.
- Can we somehow force the tree to remain shallow?

•At low cost?

Balanced Trees

- A balanced tree is where equal ("almost")
 number of nodes exists in left and right sub trees
 of each node
 - However in practice this is hard to enforce
- We can expect the trees to remain shallow by "randomizing" a data set before inserting to a tree
 - Need O(n) operations to randomize the data set
- Arelaxed balanced condition can be used in building a "good" tree
 - AVL trees



AVL trees requires a relaxed balanced

condition

 Define "balanced factor" of a node to be the absolute difference in heights between left and right sub trees

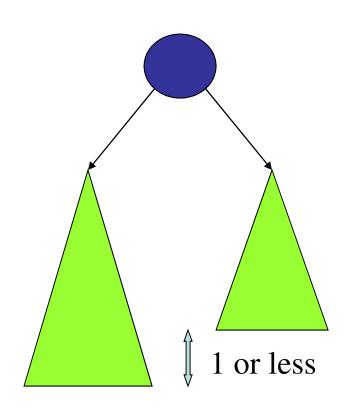
AVL tree is defined as a tree such that, for

each node, balanced factor ≤ 1

AVL-Trees

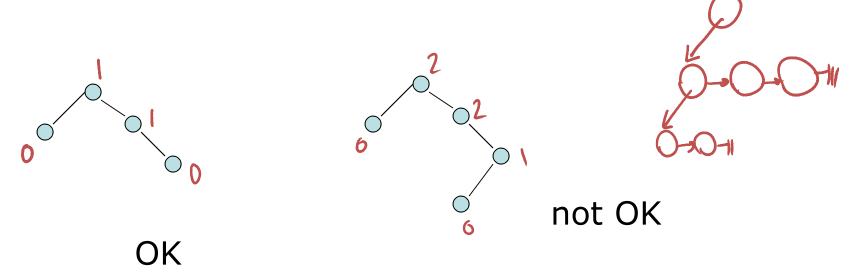
G. M. Adelson-Velskii and E. M. Landis,

1962



AVL-Trees

An AVL-tree is a BST with the property that at every node the difference in the depth of the left and right subtree is at most 1.



Bad News

Insertion in an AVL-tree is more complicated: inserting a new element as a leaf may break the balance of the tree.

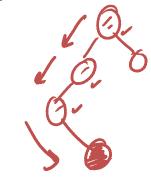
But we can't just place the new element somewhere else, we have to maintain the BST property.

Solution: insert in standard place, but then rebalance the tree.

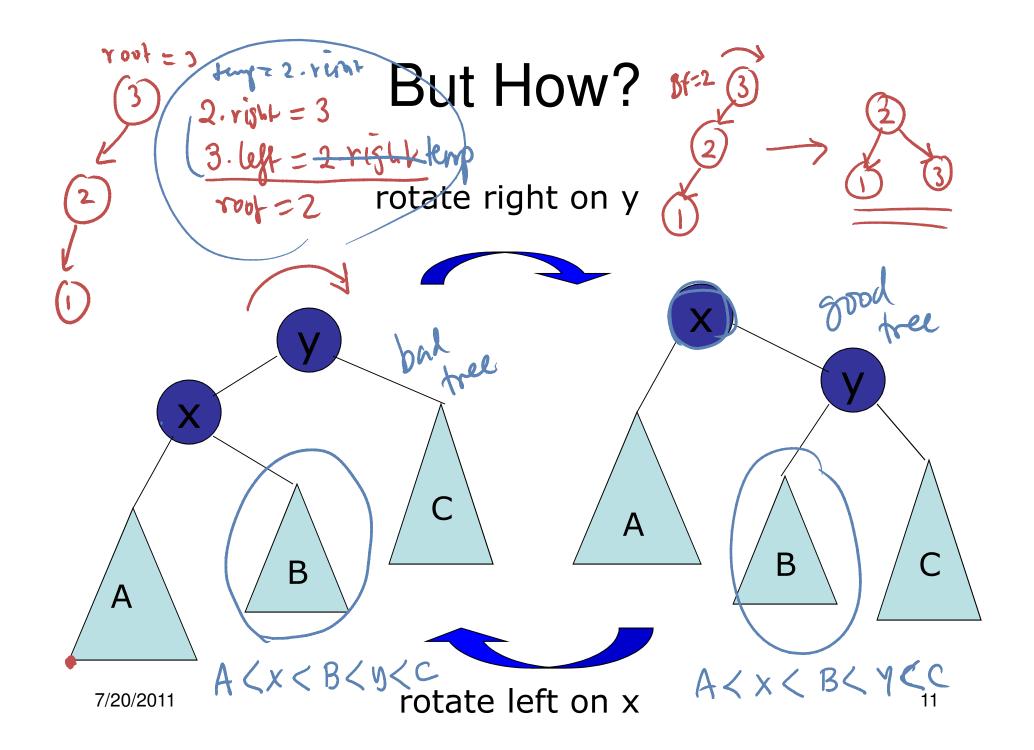
But How?

The magic concept is rotation. A rotation rearranges a BST, but preserve the BST property.

Can be done out in O(1) steps.



To fix up an AVL tree, we have to perform several rotations, but only along a branch: total damage is O(log #nodes).



So?

Rotation does not change the flattening, so we still have a BST.

But the depth of the leaves change by -1 in A, stay the same in B, and change by +1 in C.

Well, not quite

Unfortunately, there are other cases to consider, depending on where exactly the balance condition is violated.

To fix some of them requires a double rotation.

There is a nice demo at:

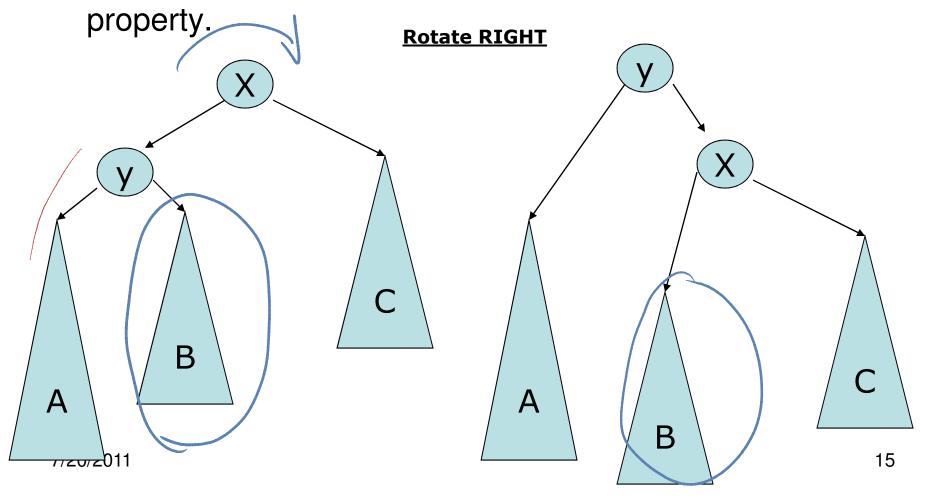
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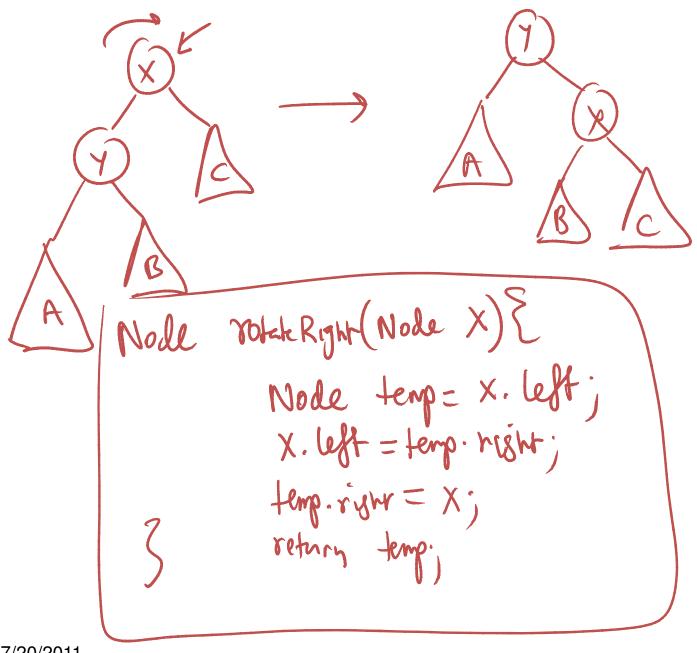
Tree Balance Rotations

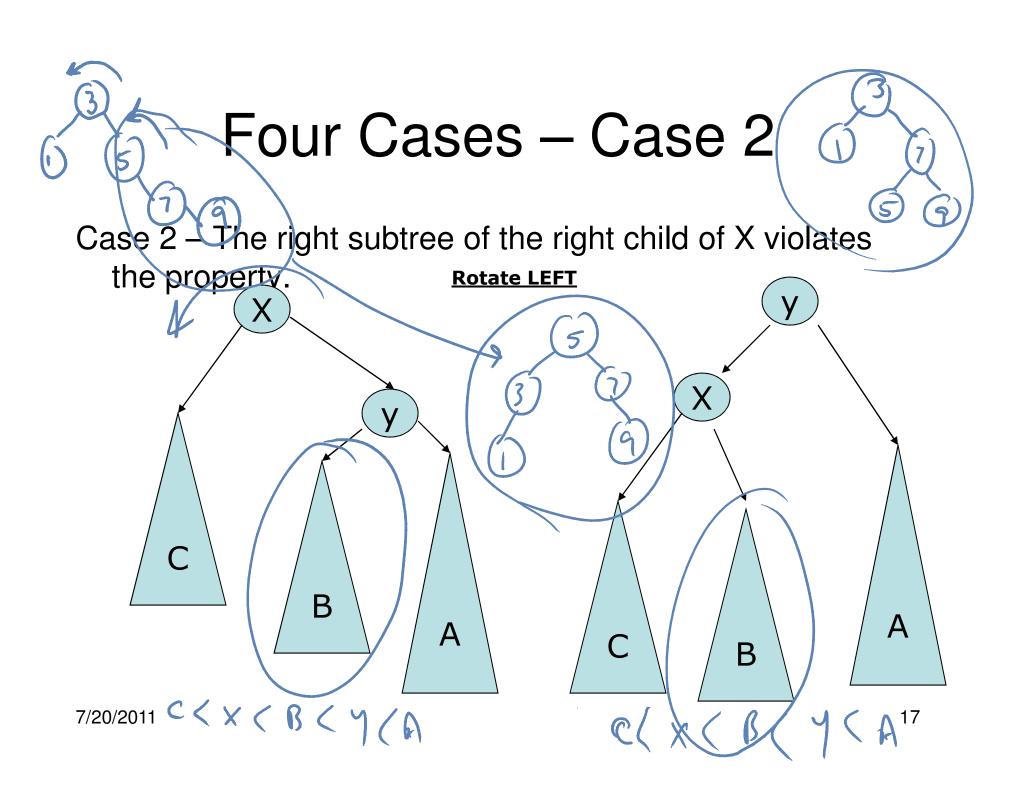
- Note that after an insertion only the nodes in the path from root to the node have their balance information altered
- Find the node that violates the AVL condition and rebalance the tree.
- Assume that X is the node that has violated the AVL condition
 - I.e The left and right sub trees of X is differ by 2 in height.

Four Cases – Case I

Case I – The left subtree of the left child of X violates the



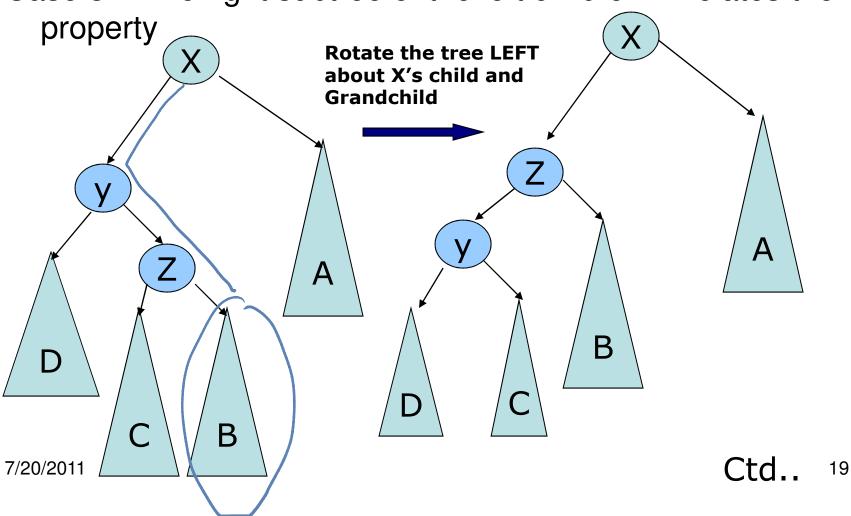


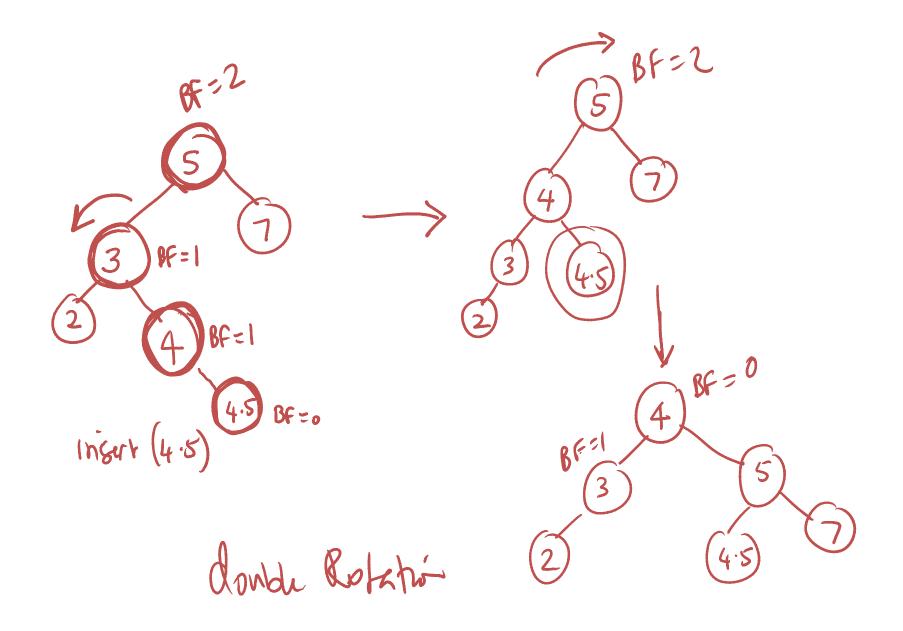


Write code for case 2

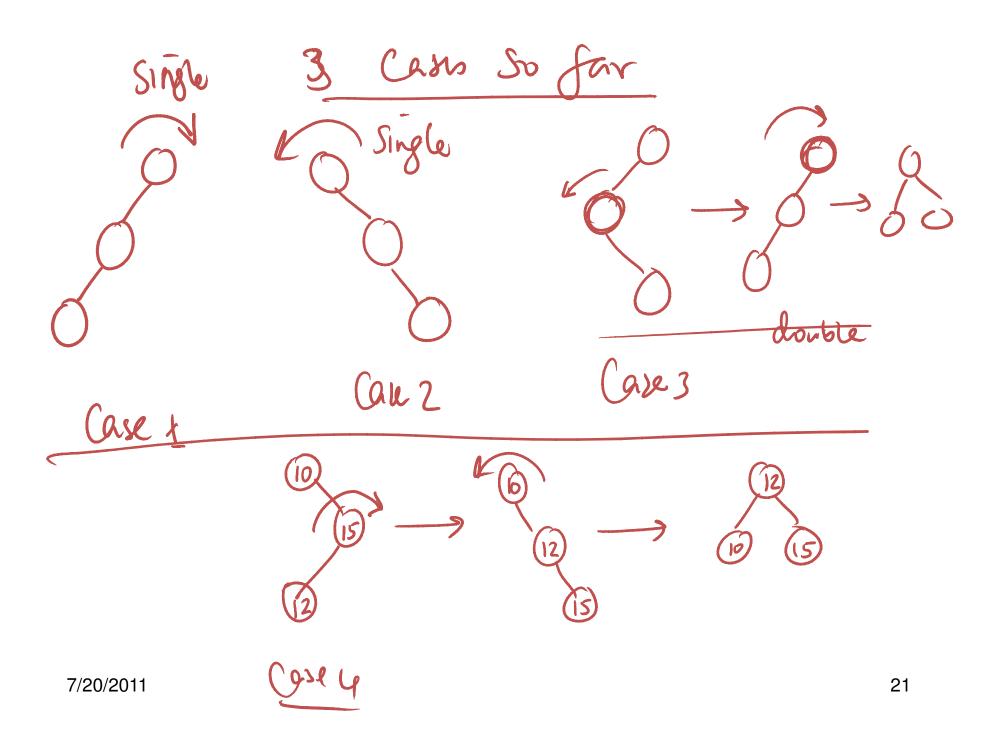
Four Cases – Case 3

Case 3 – The right subtree of the left child of X violates the

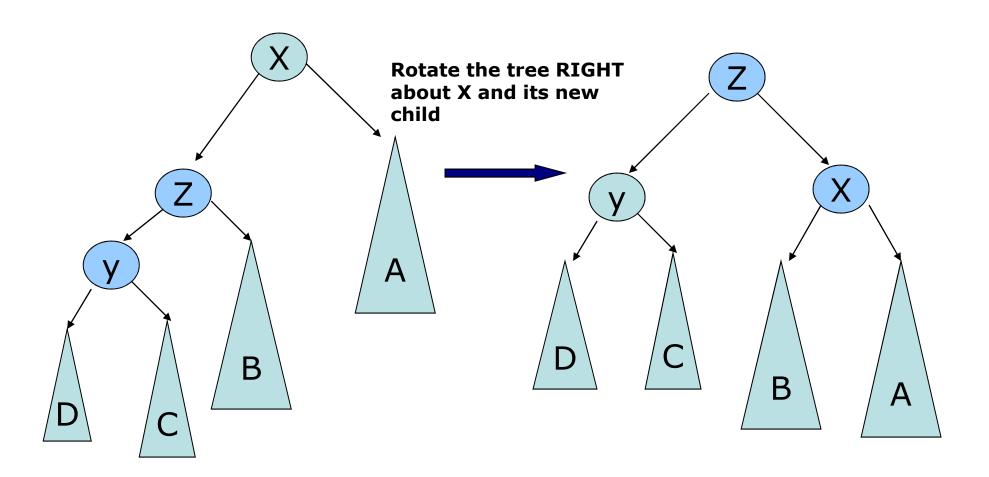




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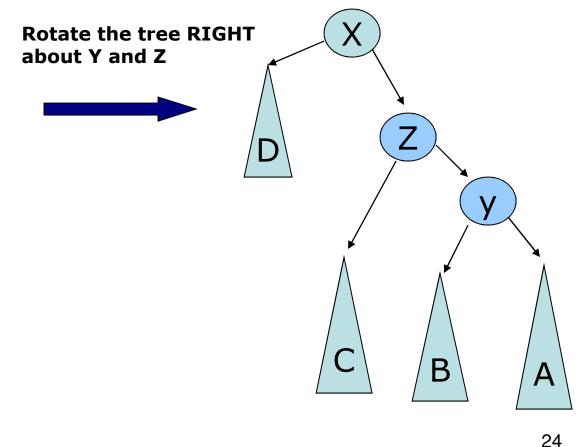


Write code for case 3 using cases 1 and 2 code

Four Cases – Case 4

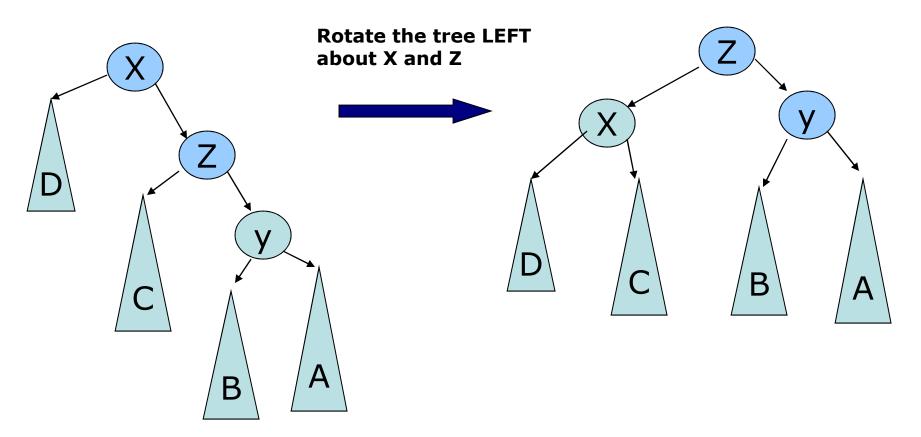
Case 4 – The left subtree of the right child of X violates the

property

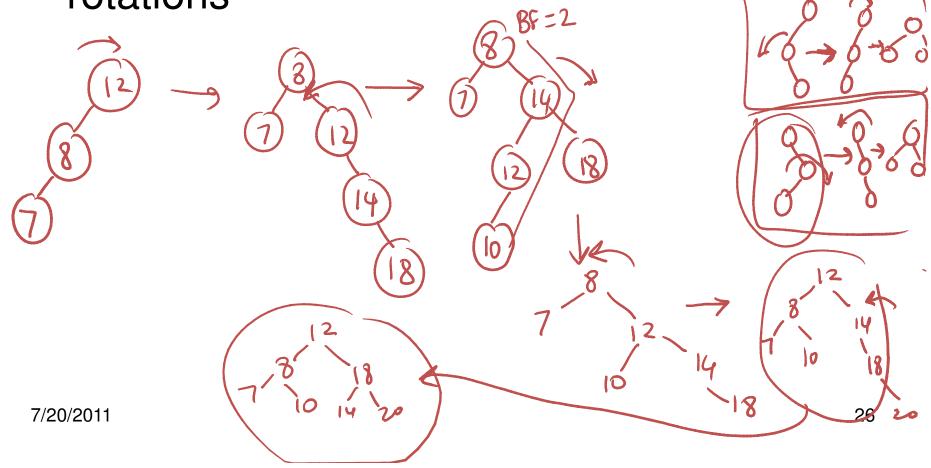


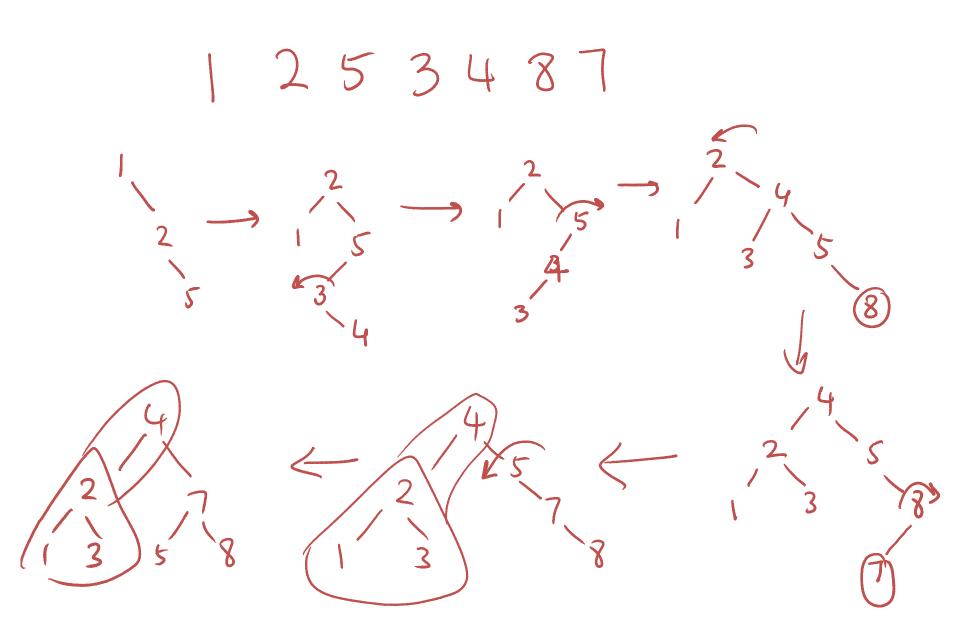
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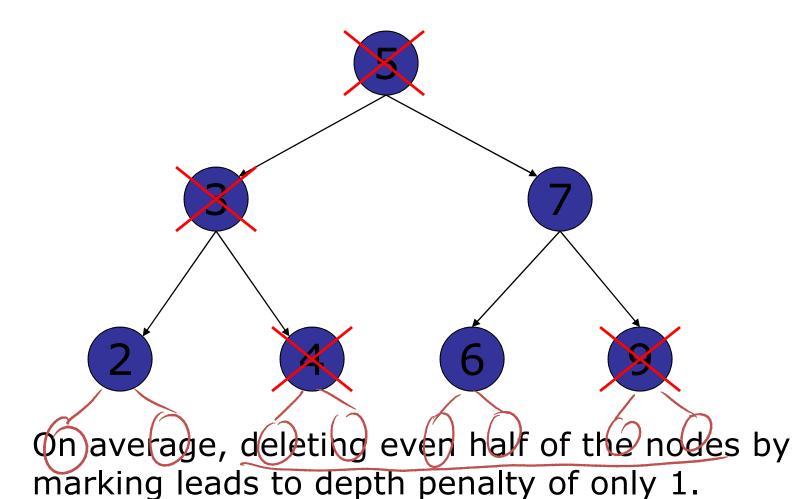
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Implementing AVL trees

 The main complications are insertion and deletion of nodes.

- For deletion:
 - Don't actually delete nodes.
 - Just mark nodes as deleted.
 - Called *lazy deletion*.

Lazy deletion



AVL Summary

- Insert a new node in left or right subtree.
- Test the height information along the path of the insertion. If not changed we are done
- Otherwise do a single or double rotation based on the four cases
- Question: What is the best thing to do about height info?