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- Solution was presented by G M Adelson-Velskii and E M Landis in 1962 – was called AVL tree
 - BST framework is still used
 - height is maintained in each node, dynamically
 - tree is restructured from time-to-time using rotations



Balanced binary trees

Definition (Balance factor)

The balance factor of a node is the height of its left subtree minus the height of its right subtree (sometimes opposite).

Definition (Balanced binary tree node)

A node of a binary tree with balance factor 1, 0, or -1 is considered balanced.

Definition (Height balanced binary tree)

An empty binary tree is balanced. A non-empty binary tree is balanced if its left and right subtrees are balanced and the root node is also balanced.



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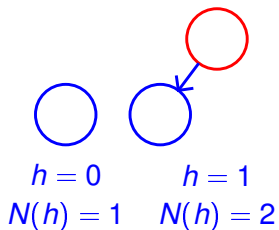


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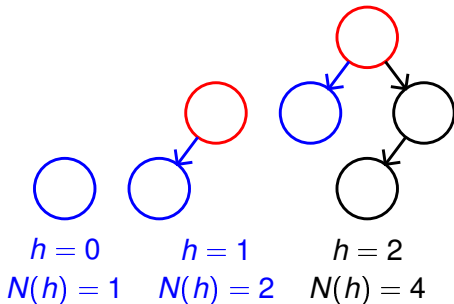
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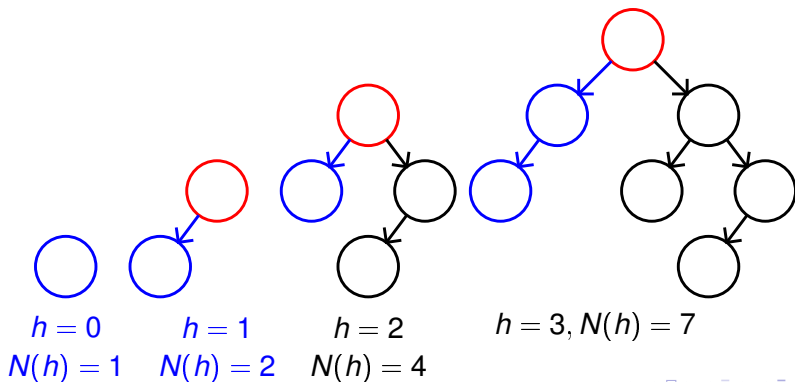
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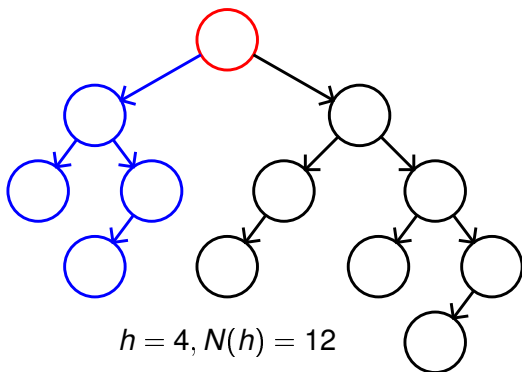
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Some worst case HB trees (contd.)



- Let $N(h)$ represent the minimum number of nodes in a balanced binary tree of height h
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Lengths a and b are in golden ratio if $\frac{a+b}{a} = \frac{a}{b} \equiv 1 + \frac{b}{a} = \frac{a}{b} \equiv 1 + \frac{1}{x} = x$
 Thus, $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$, $x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$, $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618034$ (golden ratio),
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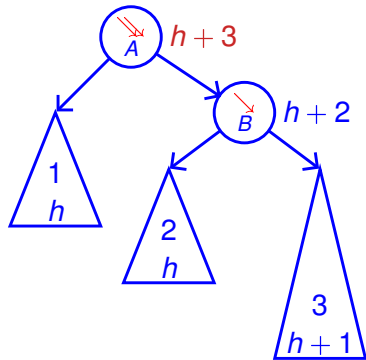
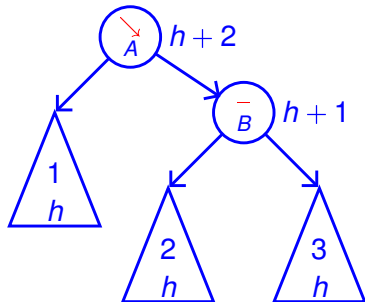
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    struct avlTTag  
        *lChild, *rChild;  
} avlTTyp, *avlTPtr;
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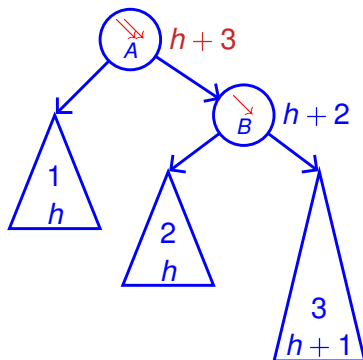
Insertion in AVL trees

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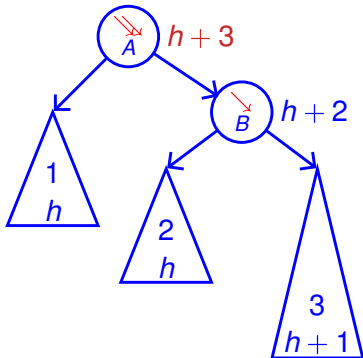
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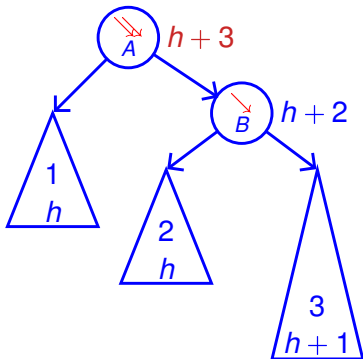
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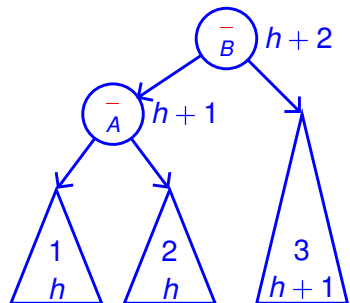
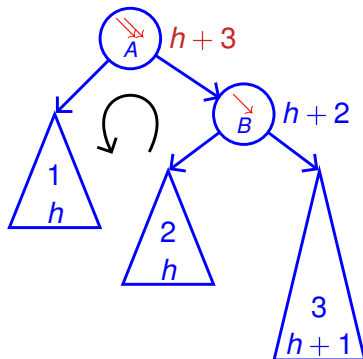
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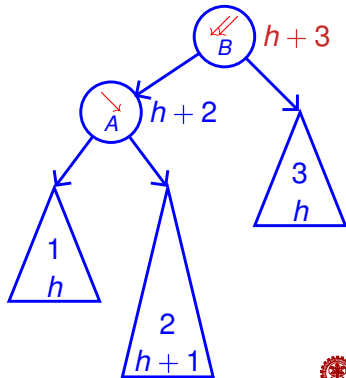
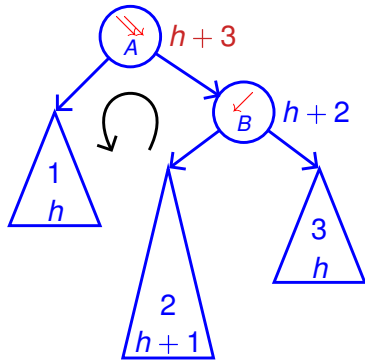
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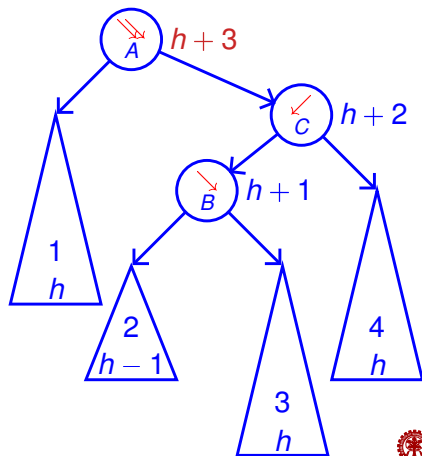
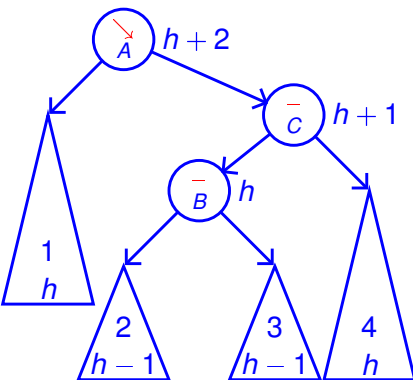


Failure to correct by single rotation after insertion

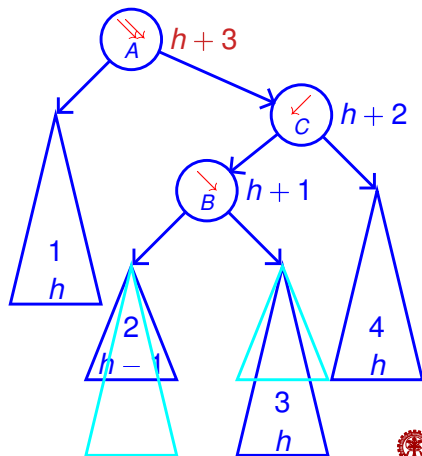
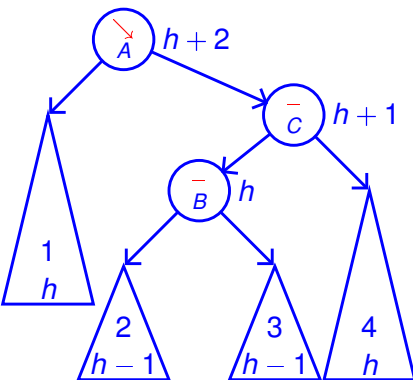
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- Application of single (left) rotation **fails** to restore balance



L-ST of R-child gaining height

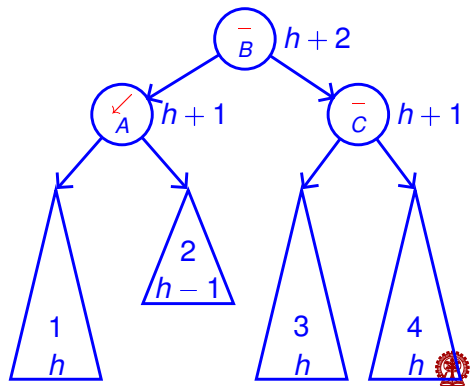
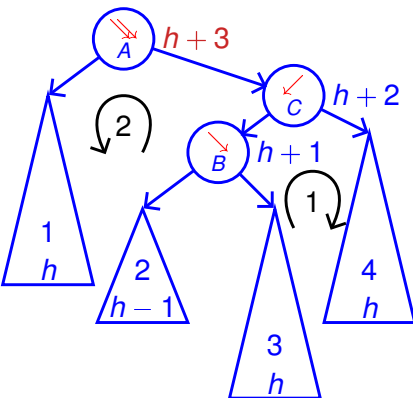


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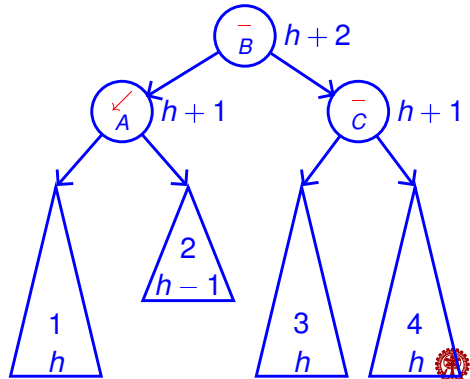
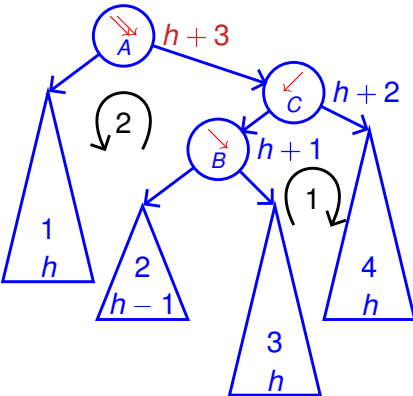
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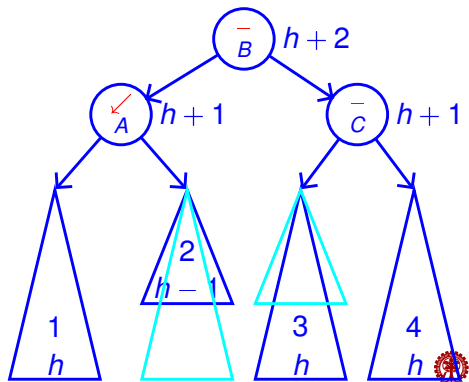
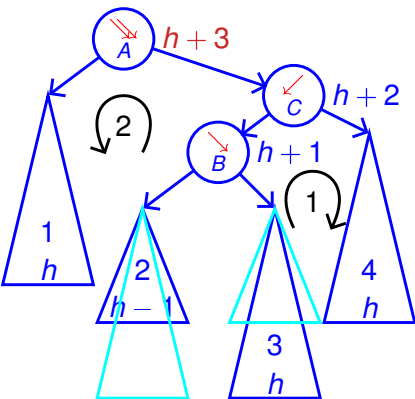
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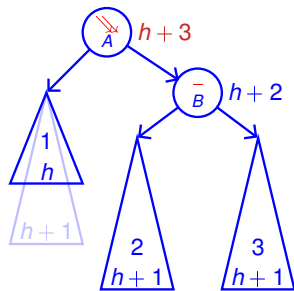
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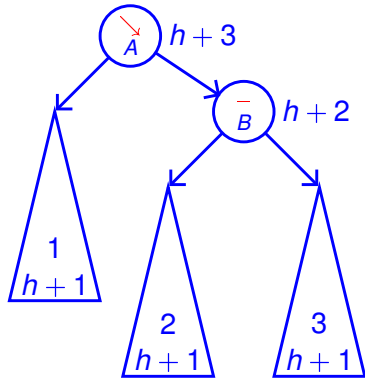
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- Then examine r-child (B)
- For deletion in R-ST, examine l-child



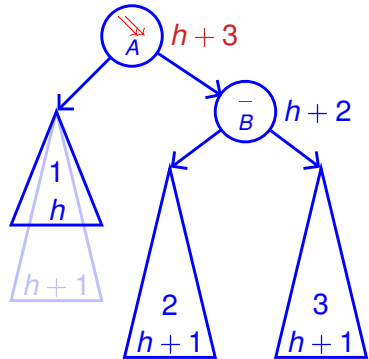
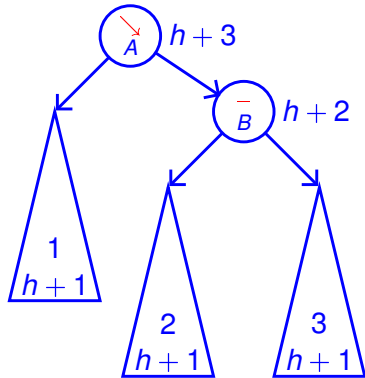
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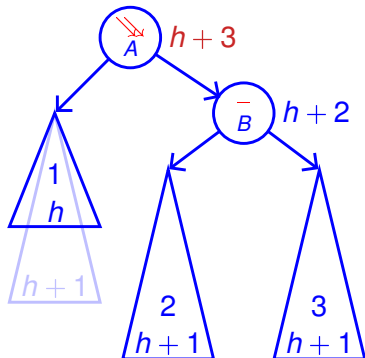
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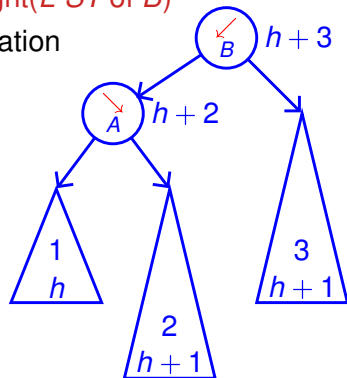
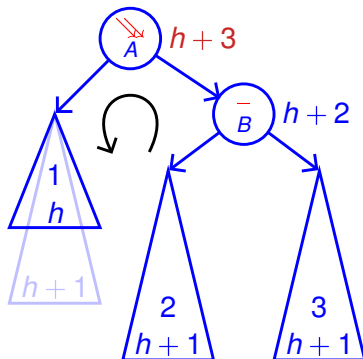
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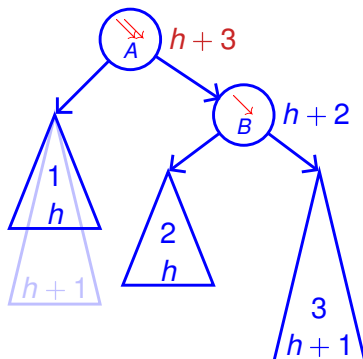


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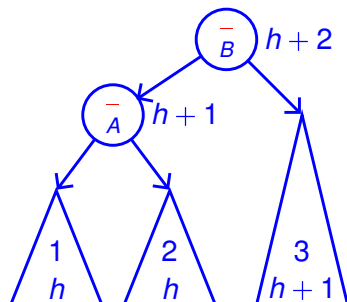
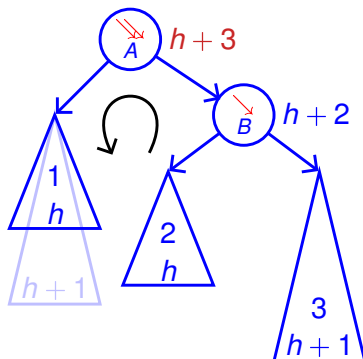
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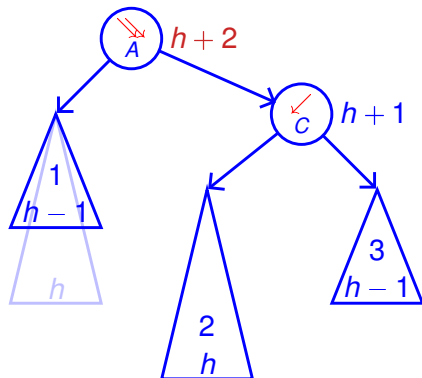


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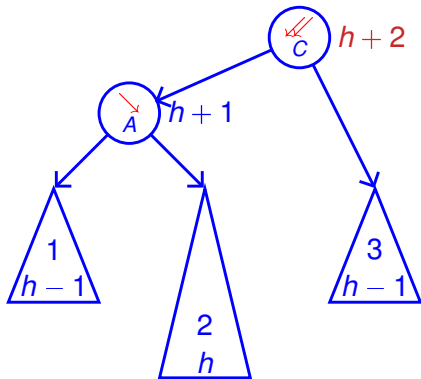
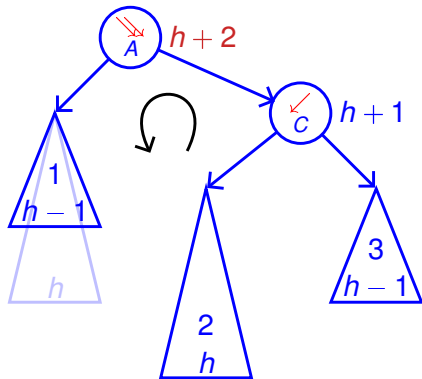
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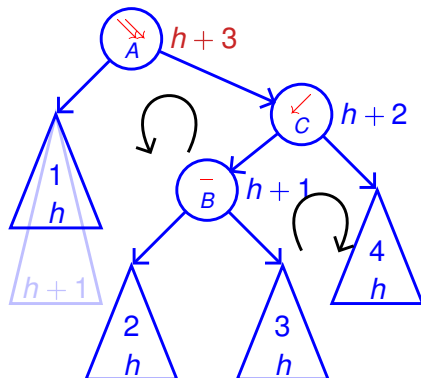
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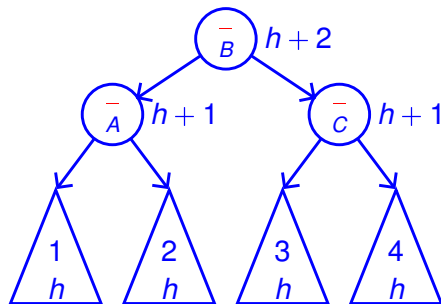
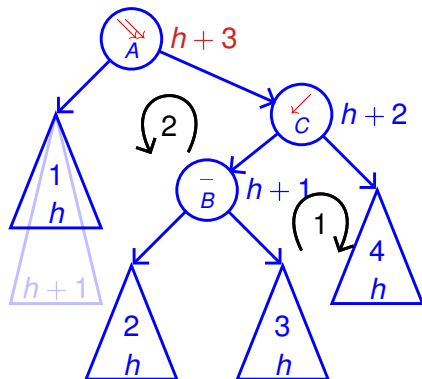
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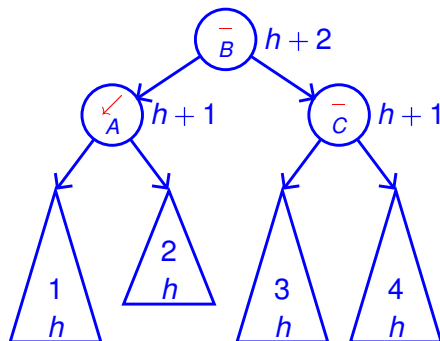
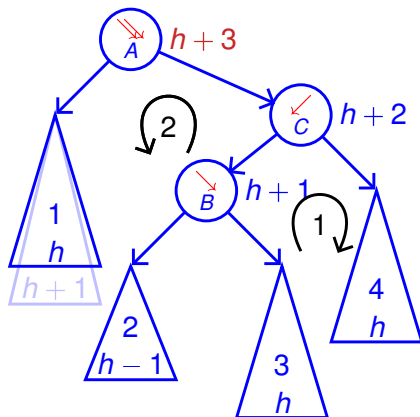


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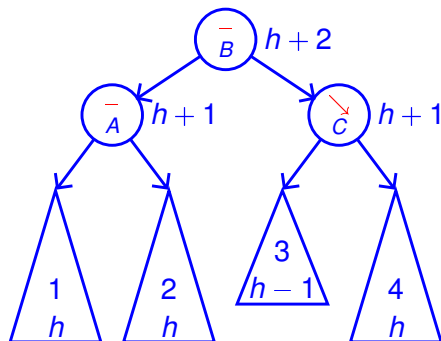
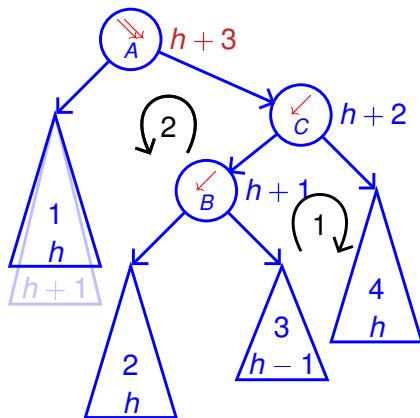
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- What happens if correction by double rotation is attempted?
- Now balance is restored
- There is a reduction in height, corrections must continue upwards



Other cases of double rotation



Other cases of double rotation (contd.)



Complexities of operations

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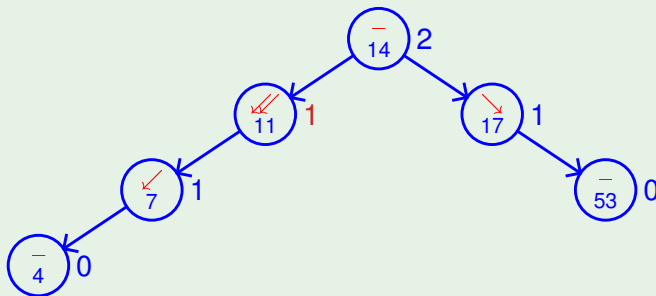
- Insert**
- Needs traversing to a leaf node
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- Delete**
- Needs traversing to a leaf node or a level above
 - Correction by rotations, may propagate back to root node, *monotonically*
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Examples of AVL tree operations

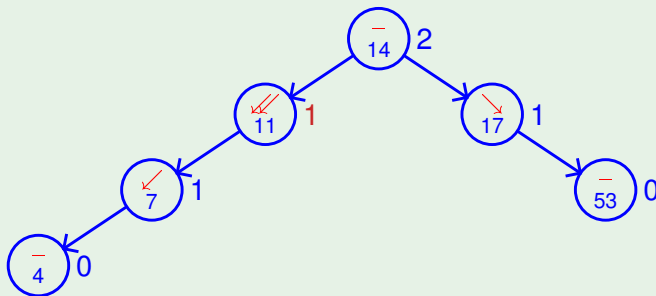
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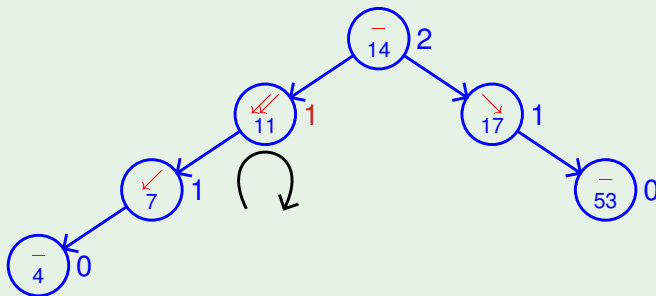
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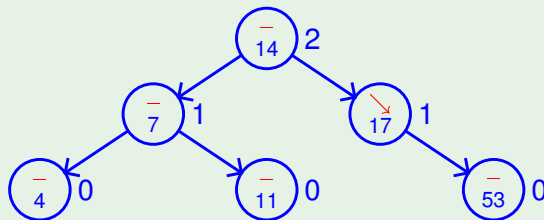
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Revisit 7: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) > \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$, apply right rotation

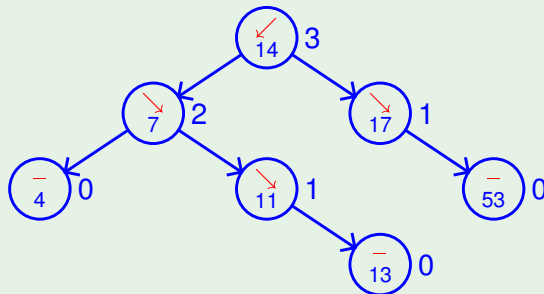
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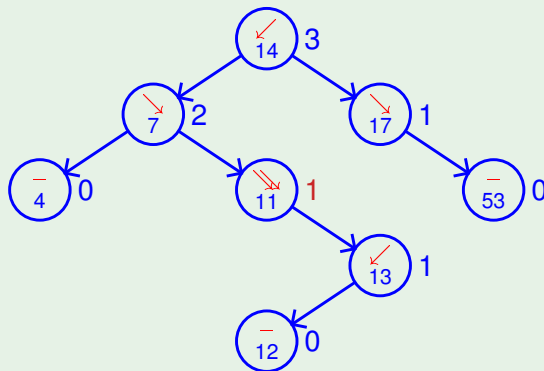
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Example (Insert: 13, 12)



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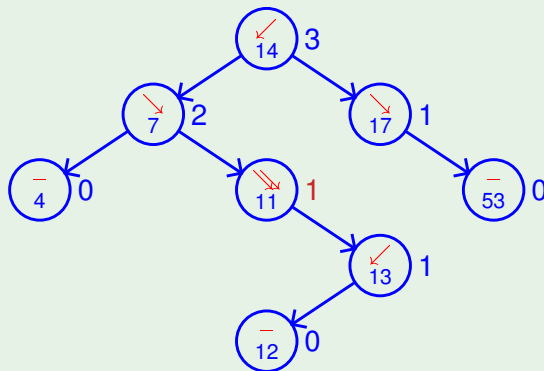
Example (Insert: 12)



Revisit 13:

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

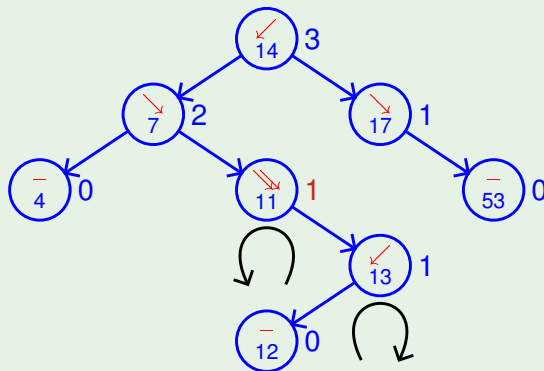
Example (Insert: 12)



Revisit 13: $\text{height}(R-ST) < \text{height}(L-ST)$

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

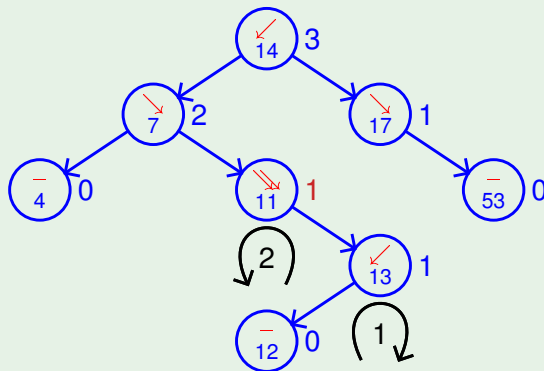
Example (Insert: 12)



Revisit 13: $\text{height}(R-ST) < \text{height}(L-ST)$, apply right-left rotation

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

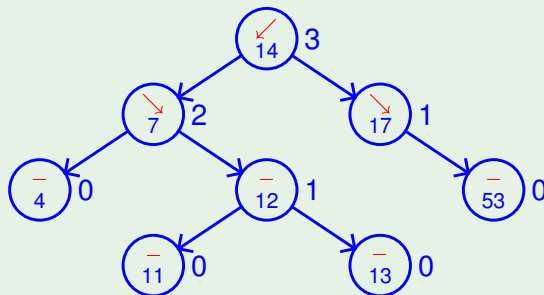
Example (Insert: 12)



Revisit 13: $\text{height}(R\text{-}ST) < \text{height}(L\text{-}ST)$, apply right-left rotation

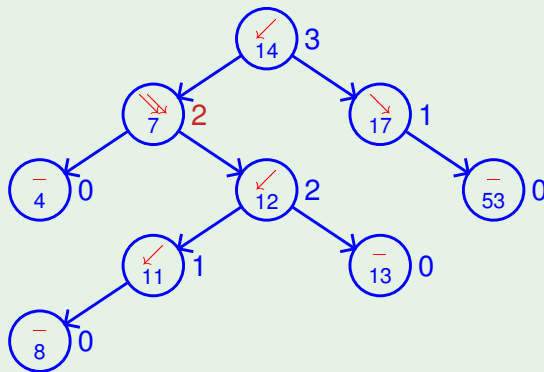
Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

Example (Insert: 12)



Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

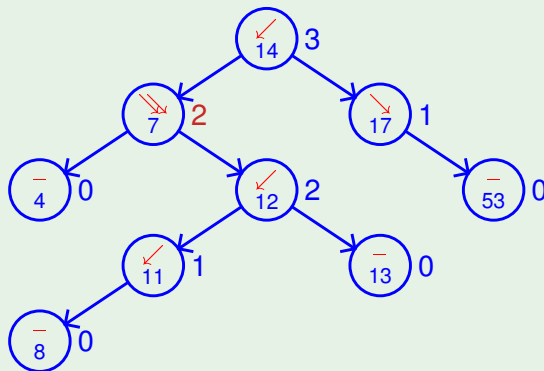
Example (Insert: 8)



Revisit 12:

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

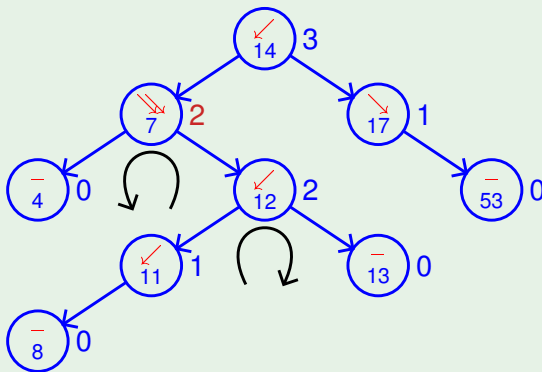
Example (Insert: 8)



Revisit 12: $\text{height}(L-ST) > \text{height}(R-ST)$

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

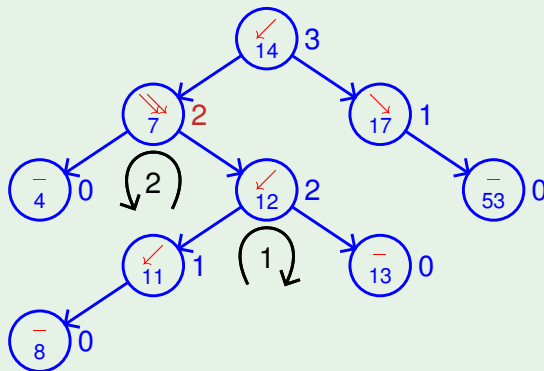
Example (Insert: 8)



Revisit 12: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) > \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$, apply double rotation

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

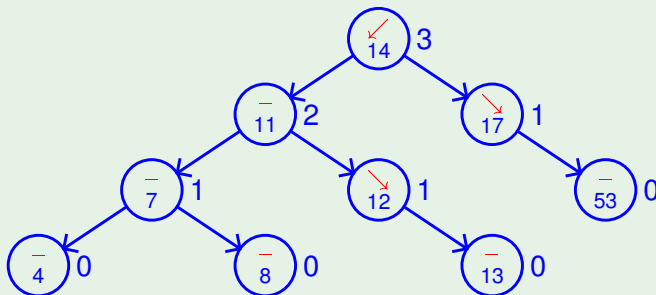
Example (Insert: 8)



Revisit 12: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) > \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$, apply double rotation

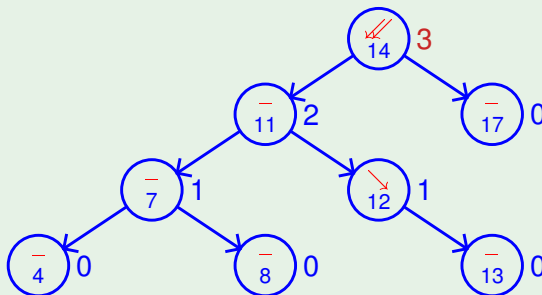
Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

Example (Insert: 8, Delete: 53)



Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

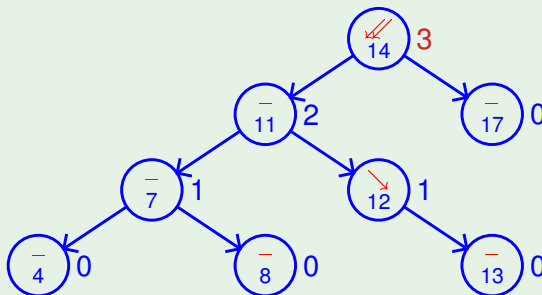
Example (Delete: 53)



Check 11:

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

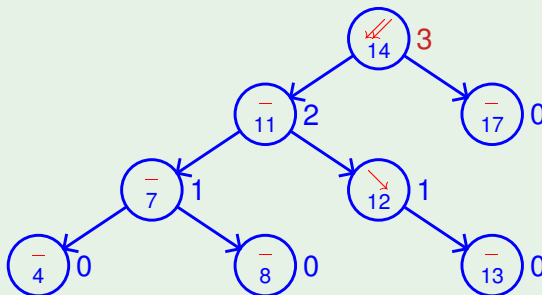
Example (Delete: 53)



Check 11: $\text{height}(L-ST) \geq \text{height}(R-ST)$

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

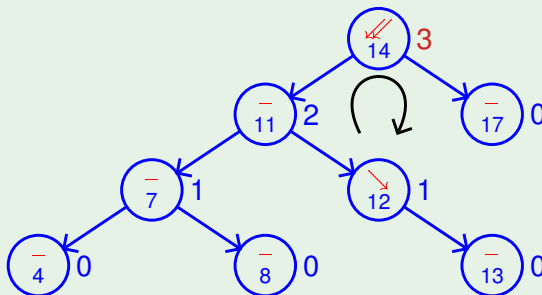
Example (Delete: 53)



Check 11: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) \geq \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$, apply single rotation

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

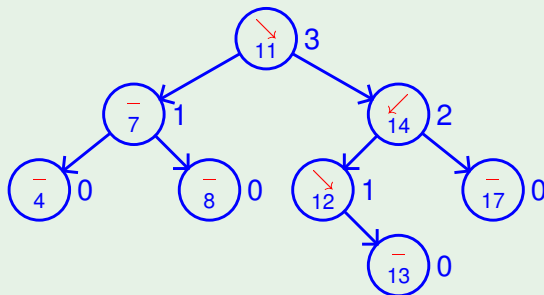
Example (Delete: 53)



Check 11: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) \geq \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$, apply single rotation

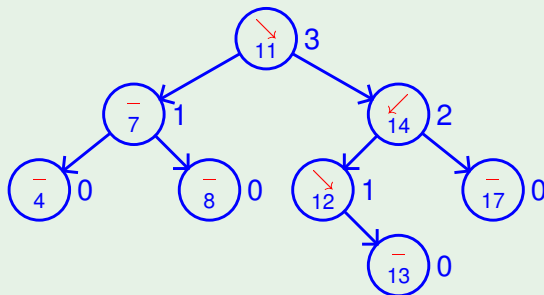
Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

Example (Delete: 53, 11)



Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

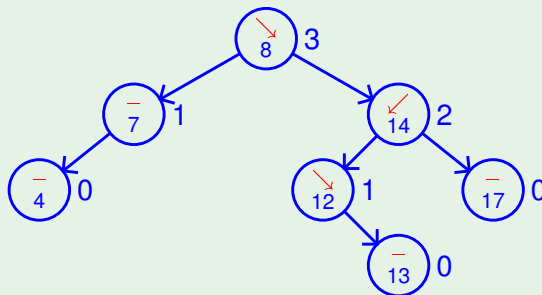
Example (Delete: 53, 11)



Double would also work as L-ST and R-ST were of equal height, but with more effort

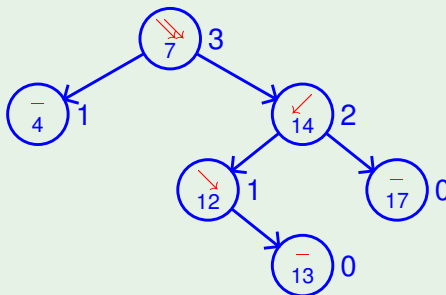
Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

Example (Delete: 11, 8)



Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

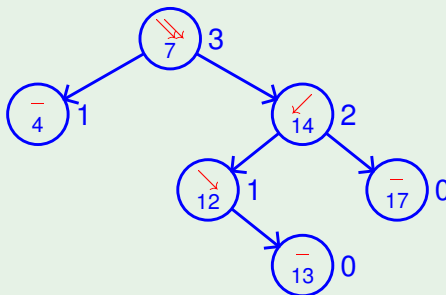
Example (Delete: 8)



Check 14:

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

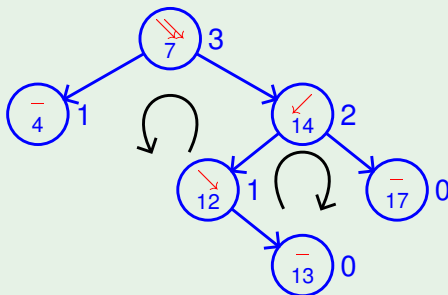
Example (Delete: 8)



Check 14: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) > \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

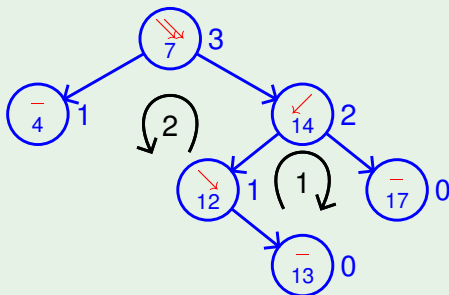
Example (Delete: 8)



Check 14: $\text{height}(L\text{-}ST) > \text{height}(R\text{-}ST)$, apply double rotation

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

Example (Delete: 8)



Check 14: $\text{height}(L\text{-ST}) > \text{height}(R\text{-ST})$, apply double rotation

Examples of AVL tree operations (contd.)

Example (Delete: 8)

