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Consider a situation when data elements are inserted in a BST in sorted order: 1, 2, 3, ...

- BST becomes a degenerate tree.
- Search operation FindKey takes On),
which is as inefficient as in a list.



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- It is possible that after a number of insert and delete operations a binary tree may become imbalanced and increase in height.
- Can we insert and delete elements from BST so that its height is guaranteed to be O(log $\mathrm{n}) ? \rightarrow$ Yes, AVL Tree ensures this.
- Named after its two inventors: Adelson-Velski and Landis.


## Imbalanced Tree



## AVL Tree: Definition

- Height-balanced tree: A binary tree is a height-balanced-p-tree if for each node in the tree, the difference in height of its two subtrees is at the most $p$.
- AVL tree is a BST that is height-balanced-1tree.

AVL Trees: Examples


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Elements: The elements are nodes, each node contains the following data type: Type
Structure: Same as for the BST; in addition the height difference of the two subtrees of any node is at the most one.
Domain: the number of nodes in a AVL is bounded; type AVLTree

## ADT AVL Tree

Operations:

1. Method FindKey (int tkey, boolean found).
2. Method Insert (int k, Type e, boolean inserted).
3. Method Remove_Key (int tkey, boolean deleted)
4. Method Update(Type e)

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5. Method Traverse (Order ord)
6. Method DeleteSub ()
7. Method Retrieve (Type e)
8. Method Empty (boolean empty).
9. Method Full (boolean full)

## ADT AVL Tree

## Representation:

```
public class <Type> AVLNode // AVL Tree Node {
    private:
        int key
        Type data;
    Balance bal; //Balance is enum +1, 0, -1
    AVLNode<Type> *left, *right;
    public AVLNode(int, Type); // constructors
} ;
```


## AVL Tree: Insert

- Step 1: A node is first inserted into the tree as in a BST.
- There is always a unique path from the root to the new node called the search path.
- Step 2: Nodes in the search path are examined to see if there is a pivot node. Three cases arise.
- A pivot node is a node closest to the new node on the search path, whose balance is either -1 or +1 .


## AVL Tree: Insert

Case 1: There is no pivot node. No adjustment required.

- Case 2: The pivot node exists and the subtree to which the new node is added has smaller height. No adjustment required.
- Case 3: The pivot node exists and the subtree to which the new node is added has the larger height. Adjustment required.


## Insert: Case 1



## Insert: Case 2

Pivot Node


## Insert: Case 3



## Insert: Case 3

- When after an insertion or a deletion an AVL tree becomes imbalanced, adjustments must be made to the tree to change it back into an AVL tree.
- These adjustments are called rotations.
- Rotations are either single or double rotations.
- For Case 3 there are 4 sub-cases ( $2+2$ )


## Insert: Case3 (Sub-Case 1)



## Insert: Case 3 (Sub-Case 2)



## Insert: Case 3 (Sub-Case 3)



## Insert: Case 3 (Sub-Case 4)



## Insertion Example



## AVL Tree: Delete

- Step 1: Delete the node as in BSTs. Leaf or node with one child, will always be deleted.
- Step 2: For each node on the path from the root to deleted node, check if the node has become imbalanced; if yes perform rotation operations otherwise update balance factors and exit. $\rightarrow$ Three cases can arise for each node $p$, in the path.


## AVL Tree: Delete

- Step 2 (contd.): Case 1: Node p has balance factor 0 . No rotation needed.
Case 2: Node p has balance factor of +1 or - 1 and a node was deleted from the taller sub-trees. No rotation needed.
Case 3: Node p has balance factor of +1 or -1 and a node was deleted from the shorter sub-trees. Rotation needed. Eight subcases. (4 + 4)


## Delete: Case 1



Node to be deleted.

## Delete: Case 2



Node to be deleted.

## Delete: Case 3 (Sub-Case 1)



Deleted Node

## Delete: Case 3 (Sub-Case 2)



## Deleted Node

## Delete: Case 3 (Sub-Case 3)



## Delete: Case 3 (Sub-Case 4)



## Delete: Case 3 (Other Sub-Cases)

- Sub-Case 5: mirror image of Sub-Case 1.
- Sub-Case 6: mirror image of Sub-Case 2.
- Sub-Case 7: mirror image of Sub-Case 3.
- Sub-Case 8: mirror image of Sub-Case 4.


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