

CSE 373: Data Structures and Algorithms

# More on AVL Trees

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# Quick (Anonymous) Feedback

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1. In general, pace of class:

- 1 too fast
- 2 kind of fast
- 3 just right
- 4 kind of slow
- 5 Too slow

2. Please **Keep** doing this

3. Please **Quit** doing this

4. Please **Start** doing this

# Outline

So far

- BSTs are efficient for insert and remove operations, but in worst case they take linear time –  $O(n)$ .
- If we keep BSTs 'balanced', we can avoid the worst case.
- We can easily maintain a balanced BSTs using the AVL balance condition

Today

- Maintaining AVL balance condition
- (Maybe) Intro to Hash tables

# AVL trees: Balanced BSTs

**AVL Trees** must satisfy the following properties:

- **binary trees**: every node must have between 0 and 2 children
- **binary search tree (BST property)**: for every node, all keys in the left subtree must be smaller and all keys in the right subtree must be larger than the root node
- **Balanced (AVL property)**: for every node, there can be no more than a difference of 1 in the height of the left subtree from the right.  $\text{Math.abs}(\text{height}(\text{left subtree}) - \text{height}(\text{right subtree})) \leq 1$

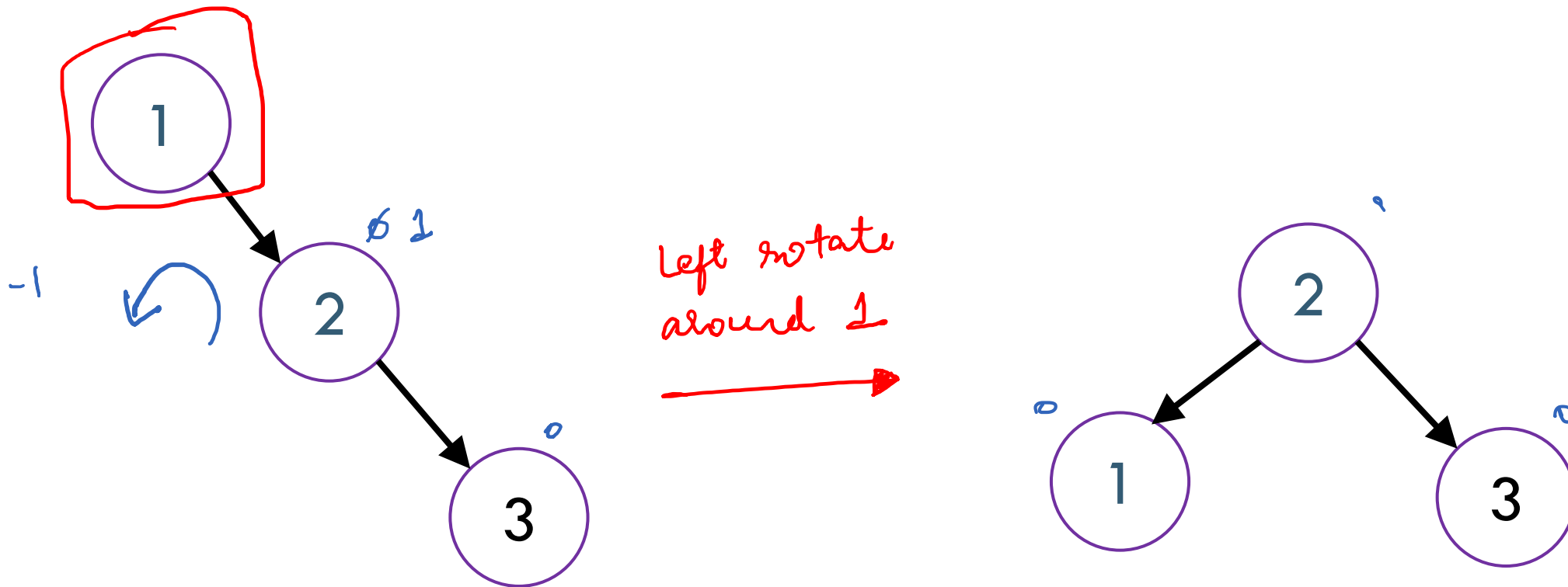
AVL stands for **A**delson-**V**elsky and **L**andis (the inventors of the data structure)

The AVL property:

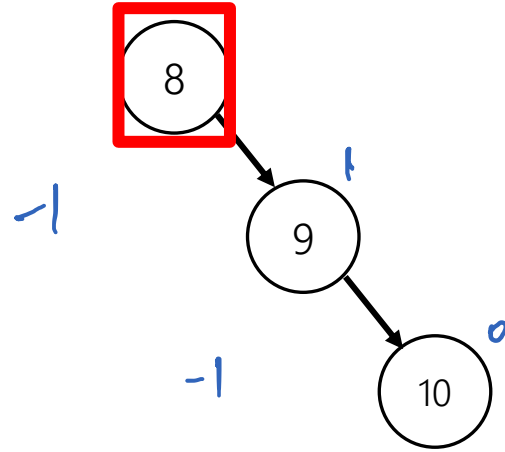
1. ensures depth is always  $O(\log n)$  – Yes!
2. is easy to maintain – Yes! (using single and double rotations)

# Insertion

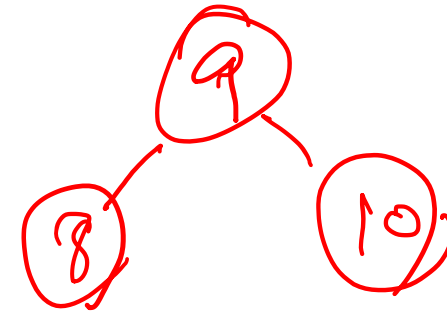
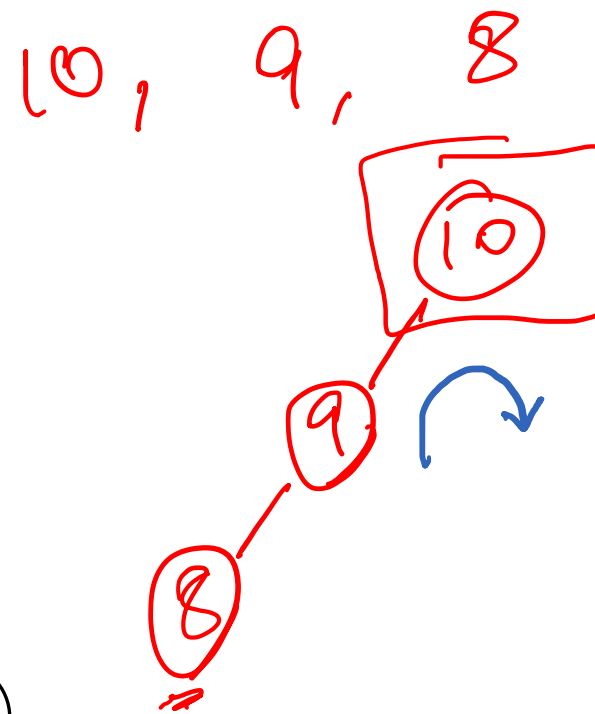
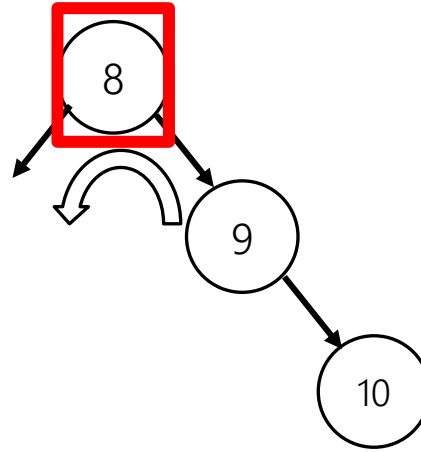
What happens if when we do an insert(3), we break the AVL condition?



# AVL Example: 8,9,10



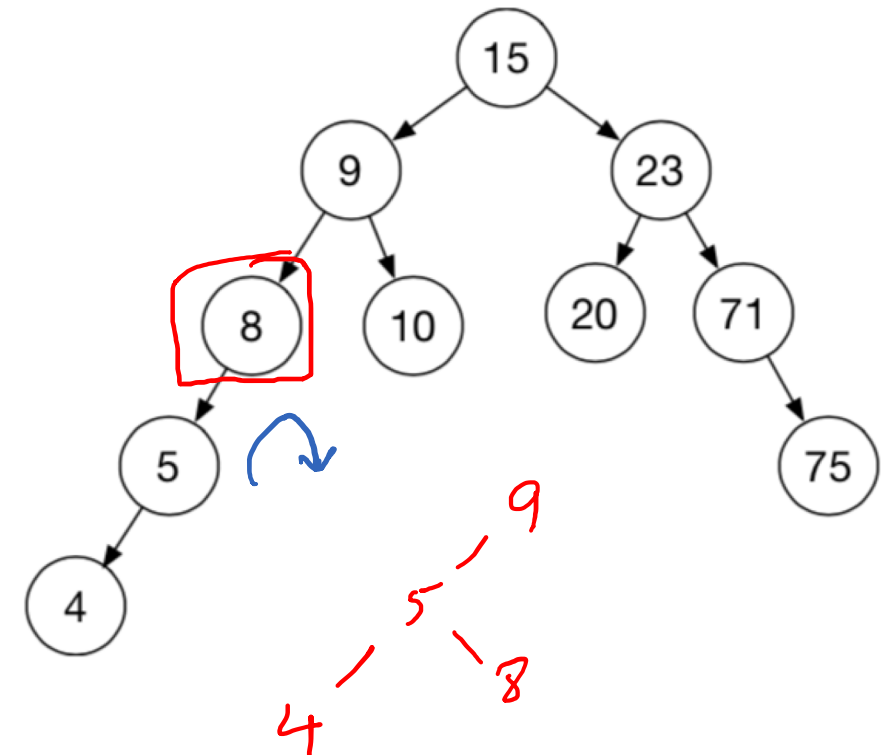
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# Worksheet (Q1)

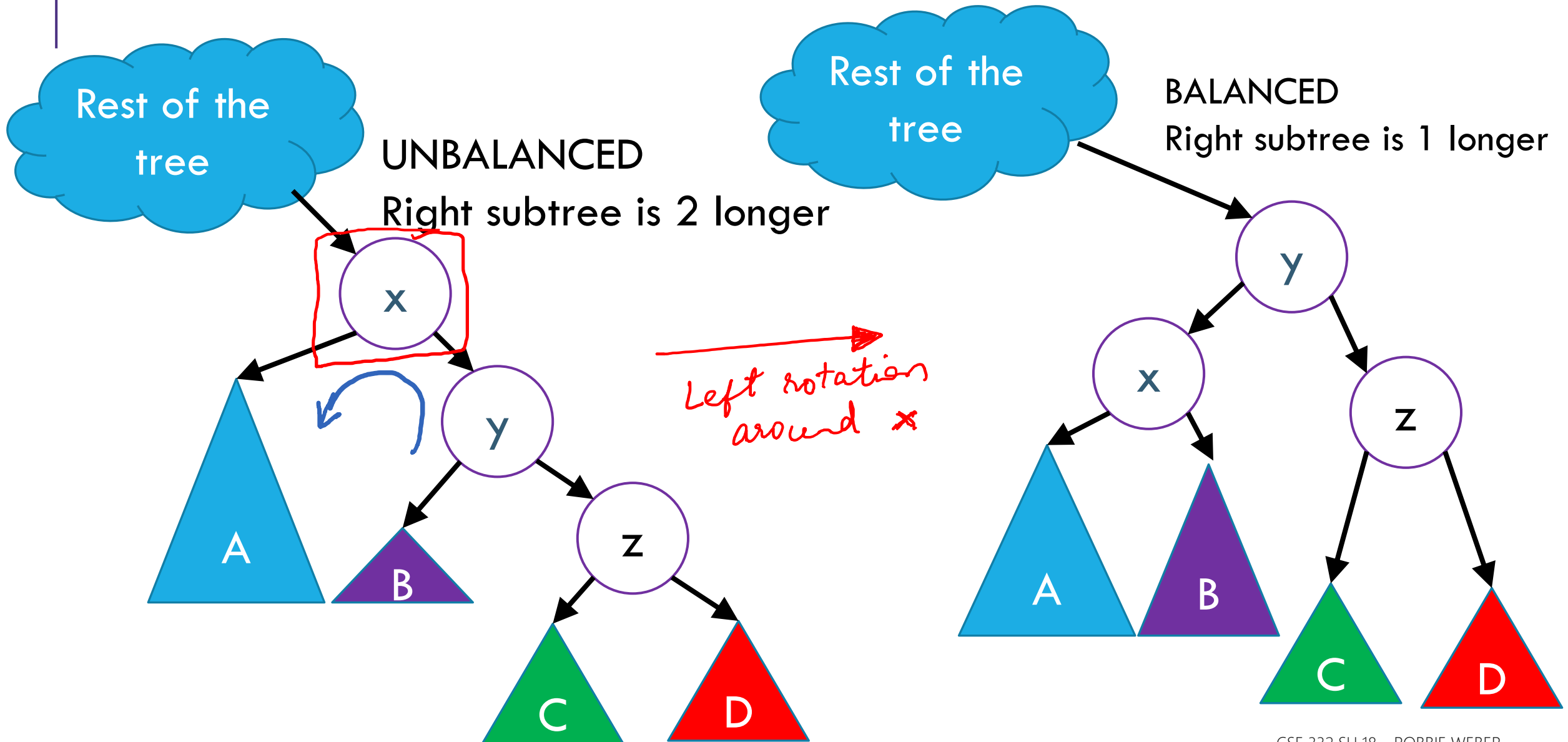
**(Q1)** Answer the following questions for the corresponding tree (on the right):

- A. Is this a BST? (Y/N): *N*
- B. Highlight the AVL unbalanced node:
- C. Is this a 'line' or 'kink' case?
- D. To make this AVL balanced, how many rotations do you need? (single/double)



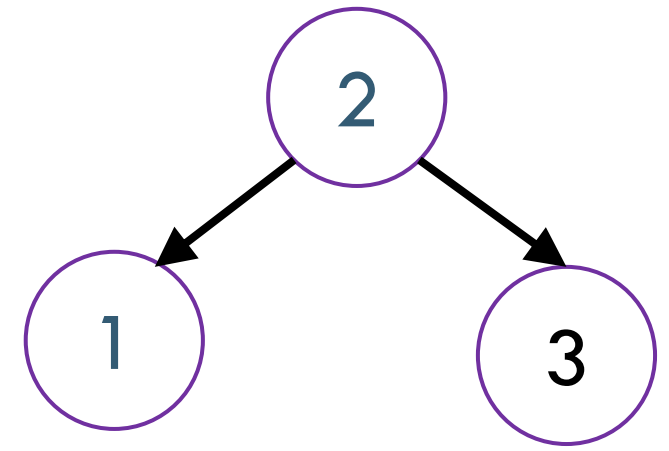
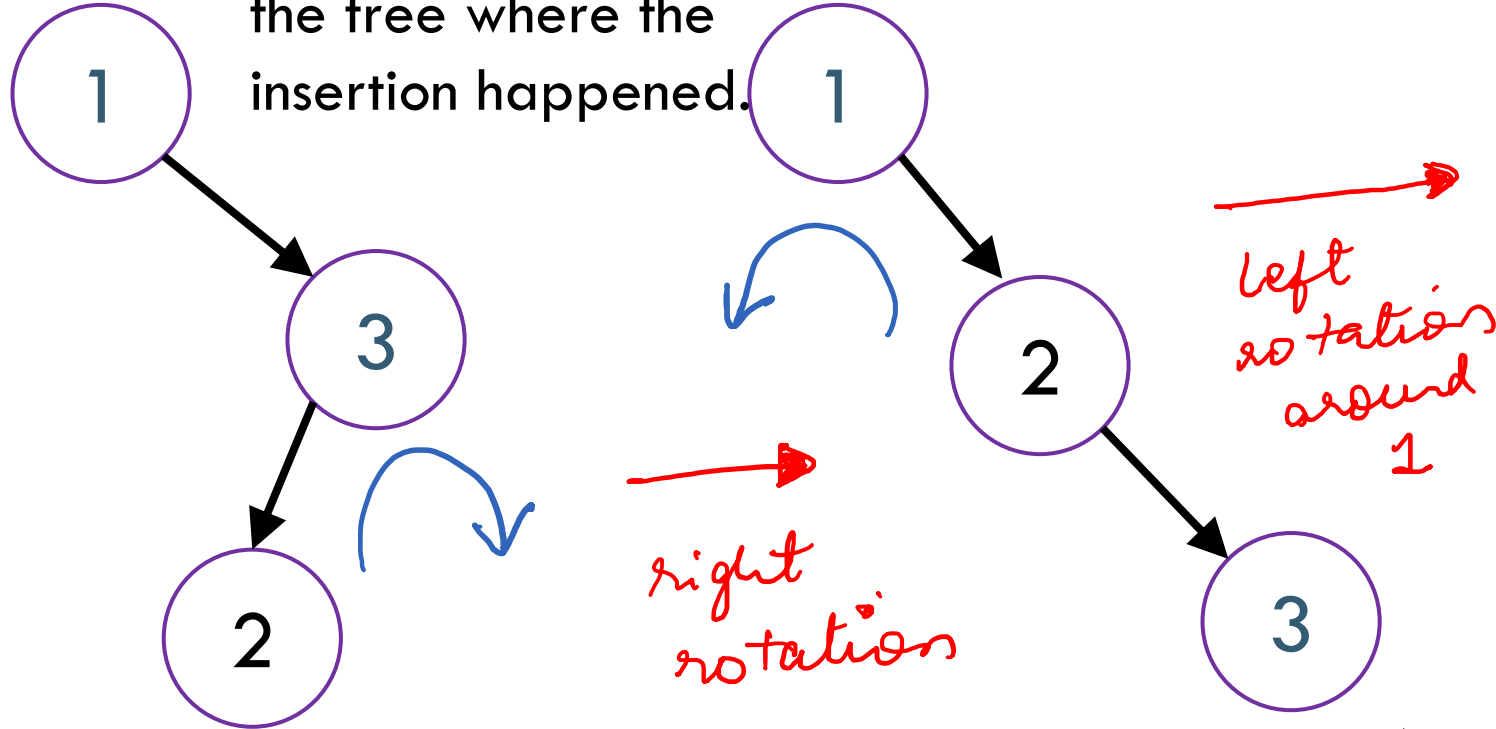


# Left Rotation



# It Gets More Complicated

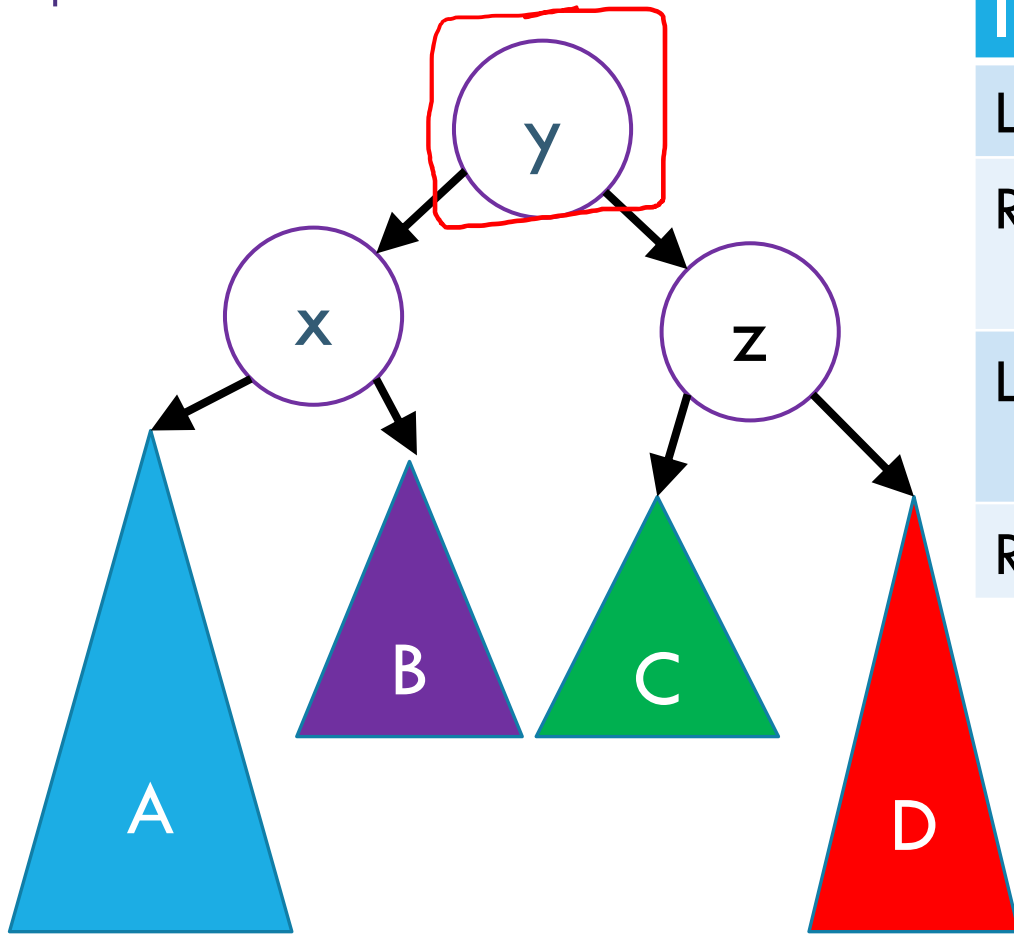
There's a "kink" in the tree where the insertion happened.



Now do a left rotation.

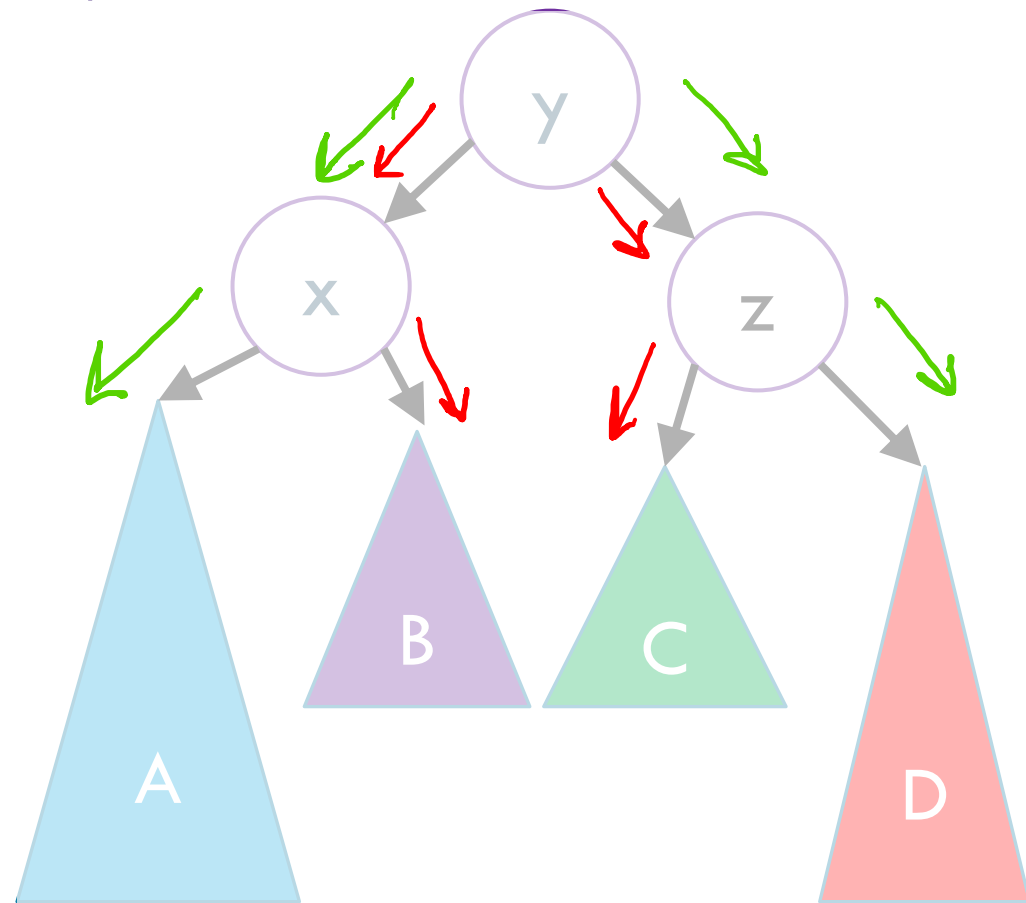
Can't do a left rotation  
Do a "right" rotation around 3 first.

# Four cases to consider



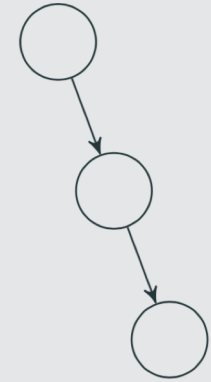
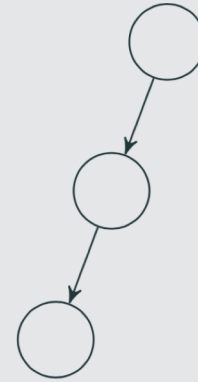
Insert location	Solution
Left subtree of left child of y (A)	Single right rotation
Right subtree of left child of y (B)	Double (left-right) rotation
Left subtree of right child of y (C)	Double (right-left) rotation
Right subtree of right child of y (D)	Single left rotation

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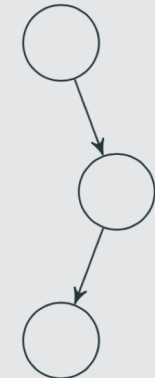
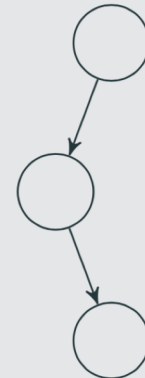
*line case*

The “line” case

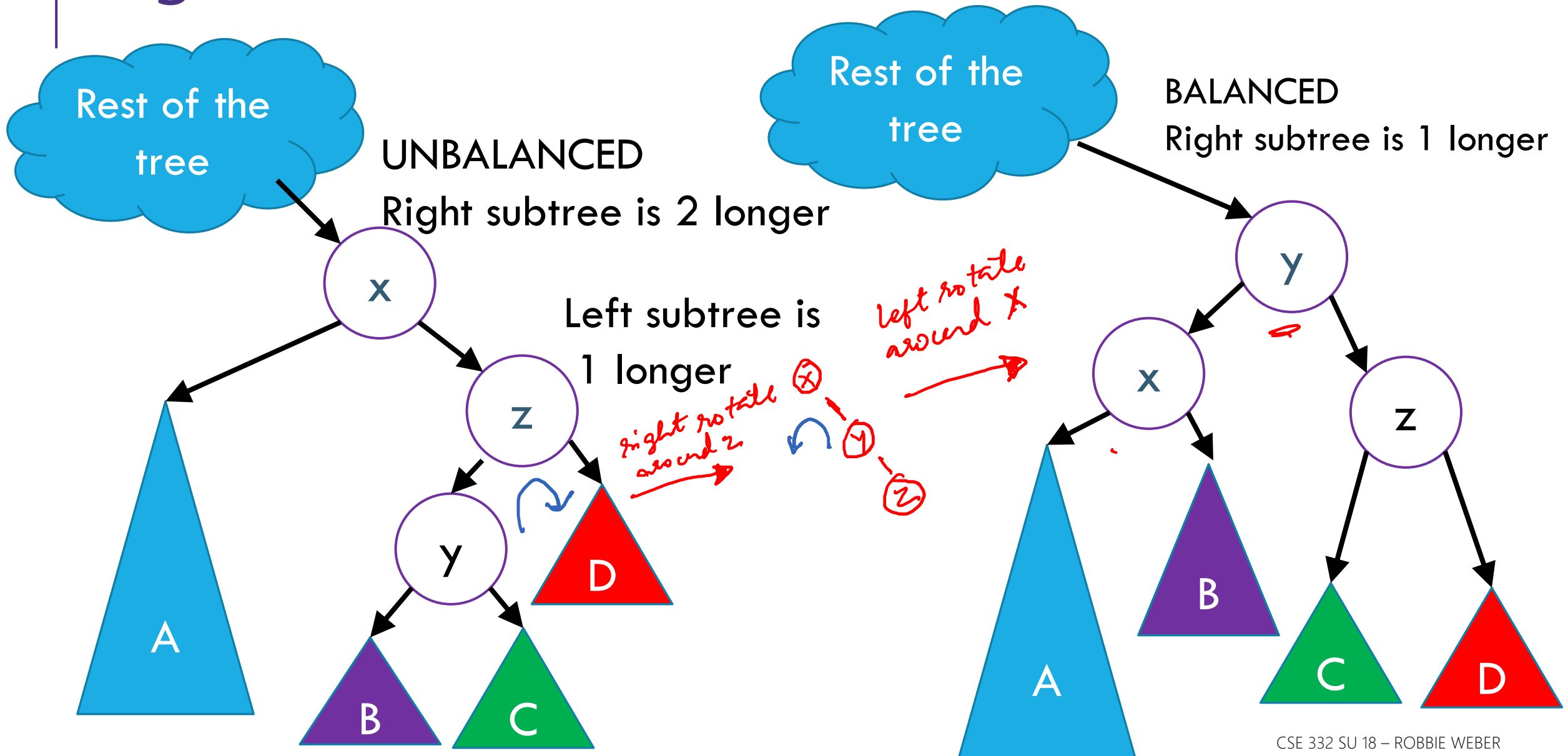


The “kink” case

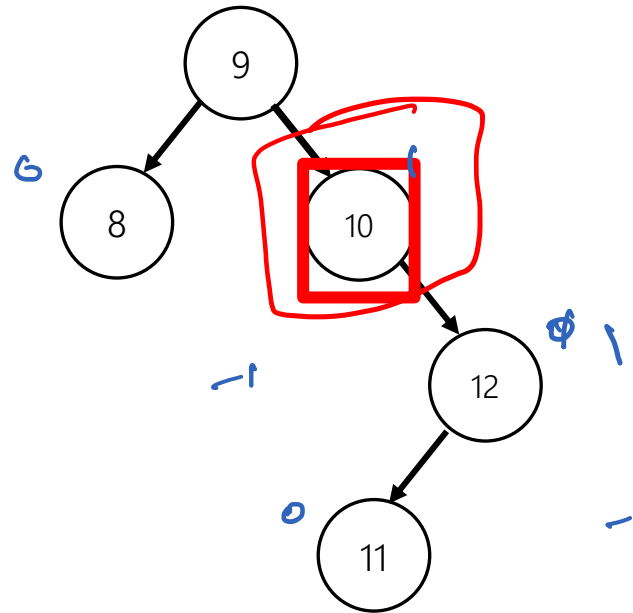
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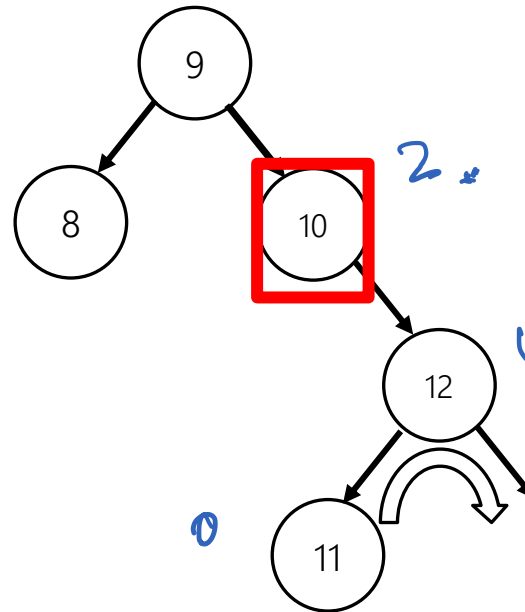
# Right Left Rotation



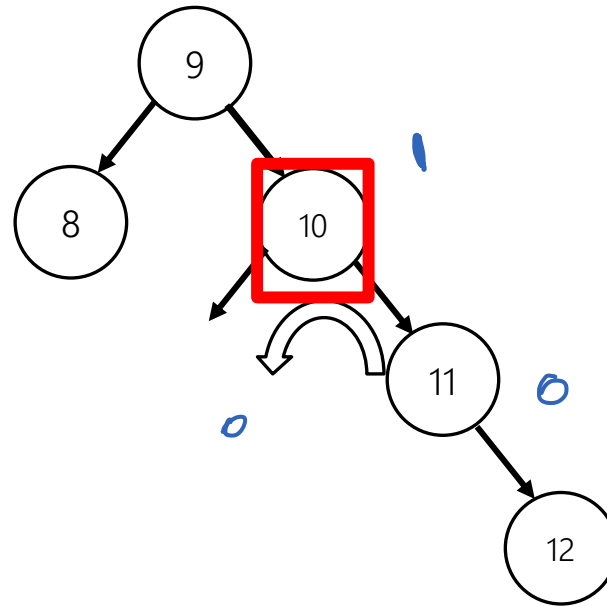
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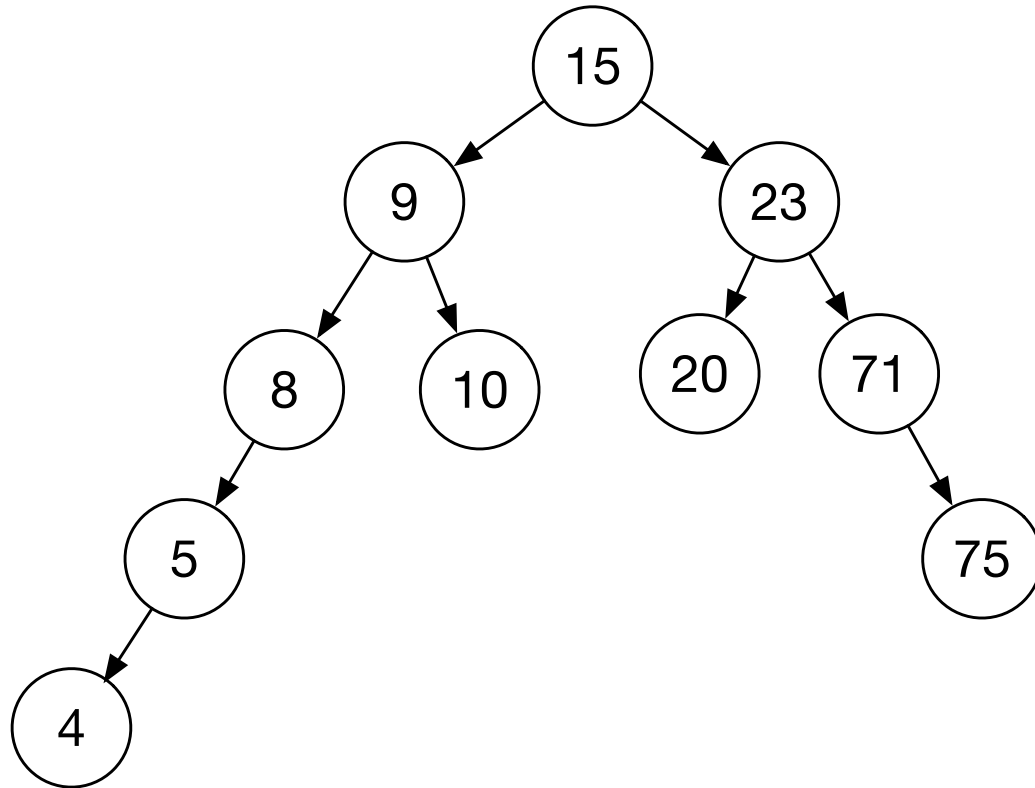


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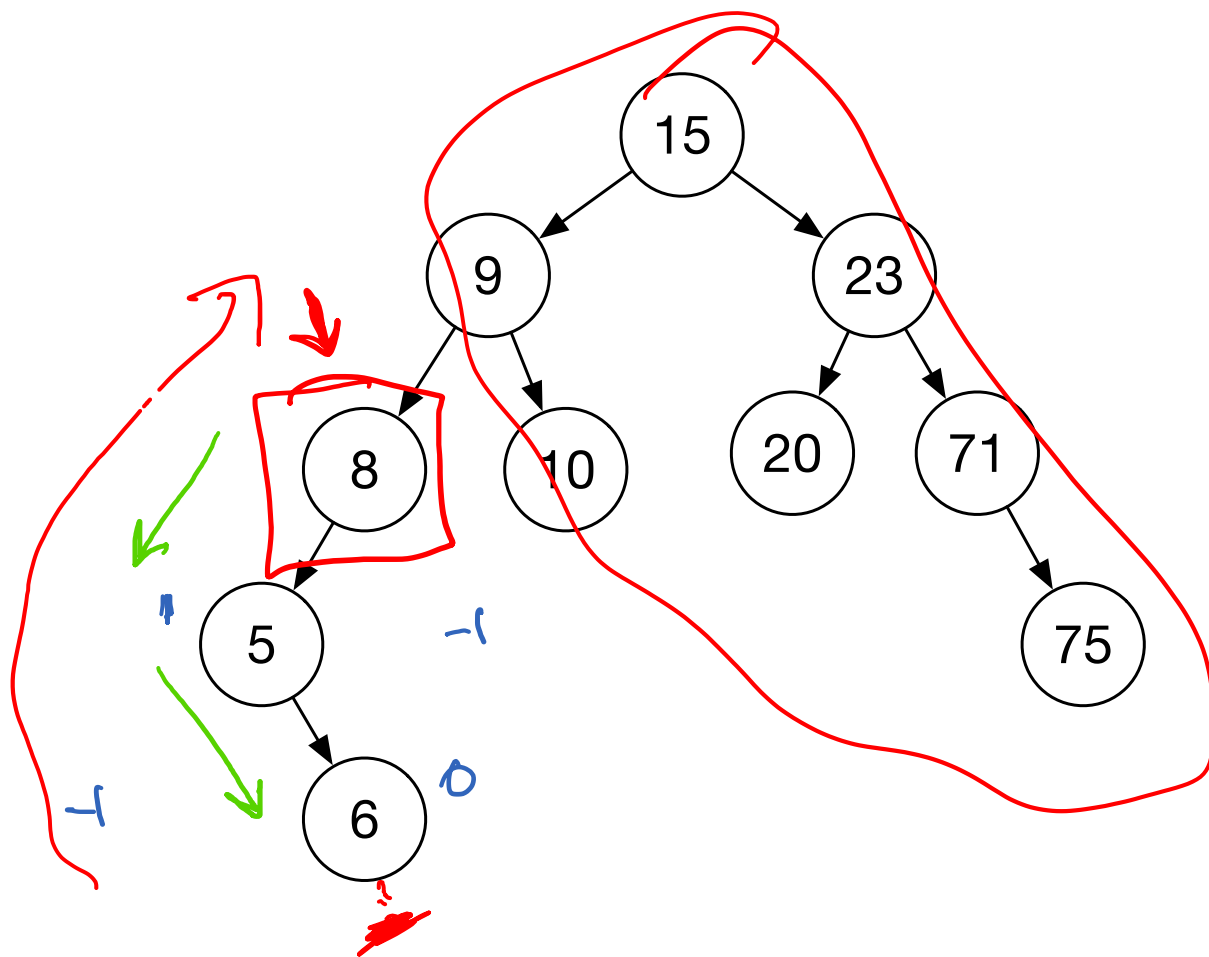




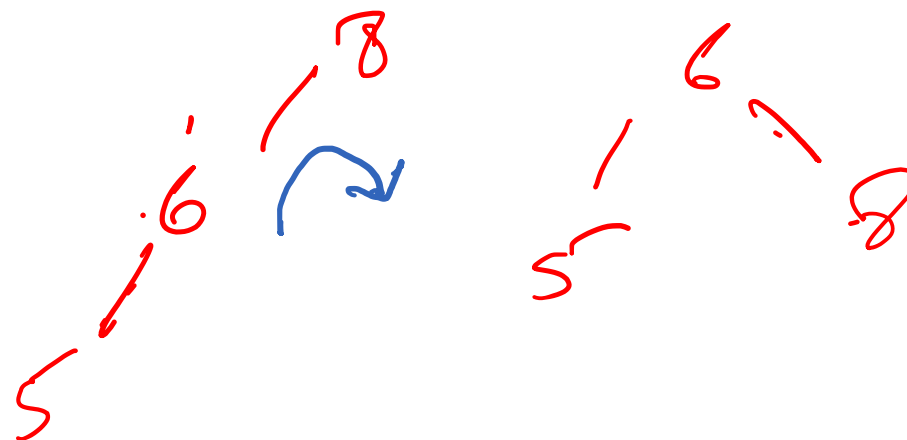
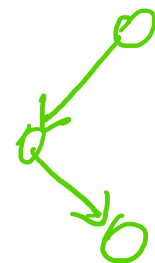
# Worksheet (Q10A)



# Worksheet (Q10B)



Kink case



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- Just go back up the tree from where we inserted.

How many rotations might we have to do?

- Just a single or double rotation on the lowest unbalanced node.
- A rotation will cause the subtree rooted where the rotation happens to have the same height it had before insertion.

# Lots of cool Self-Balancing BSTs out there!

Popular self-balancing BSTs include:

AVL tree

Splay tree

2-3 tree

AA tree

Red-black tree

Scapegoat tree

Treap

(Not covered in this class, but several are in the textbook and all of them are online!)

(From [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-balancing\\_binary\\_search\\_tree#Implementations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-balancing_binary_search_tree#Implementations))