

# CSE 332 Winter 2024

## Lecture 8: AVL Trees

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# Dictionary (Map) ADT

- Contents:
  - Sets of key+value pairs
  - Keys must be comparable
- Operations:
  - insert(key, value)
    - Adds the (key,value) pair into the dictionary
    - If the key already has a value, overwrite the old value
      - Consequence: Keys cannot be repeated
  - find(key)
    - Returns the value associated with the given key
  - delete(key)
    - Remove the key (and its associated value)

# Less Naïve attempts

- Binary Search Trees (Friday)
- Tries (Project)
- AVL Trees (Today)
- B-Trees (this week)
- HashTables (next week)
- Red-Black Trees (not included in this course)
- Splay Trees (not included in this course)

# Dictionary Data Structures

Data Structure	Time to insert	Time to find	Time to delete
Unsorted Array	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$
Unsorted Linked List	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$
Sorted Array	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(n)$
Sorted Linked List	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$
Binary Search Tree	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$
AVL Tree	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$

# Binary Search Tree

- Binary Tree

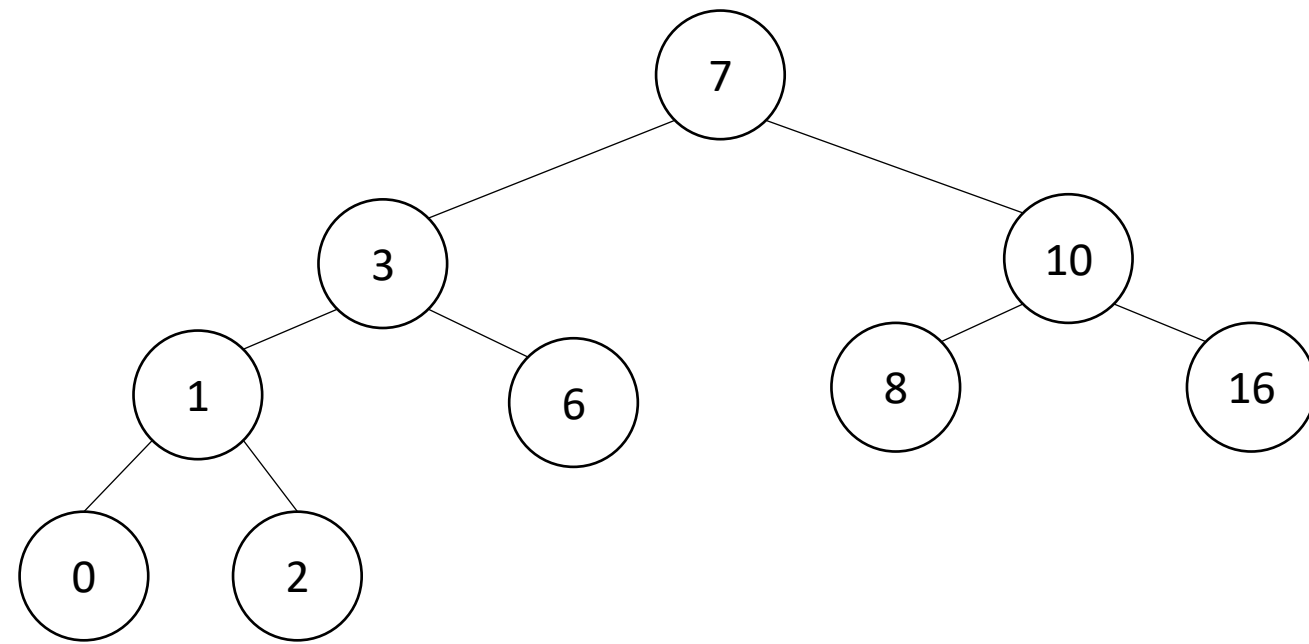
- Definition:
- Every node has at most 2 children

- Order Property

- All keys in the left subtree are smaller than the root
- All keys in the right subtree are larger than the root
- Apply recursively

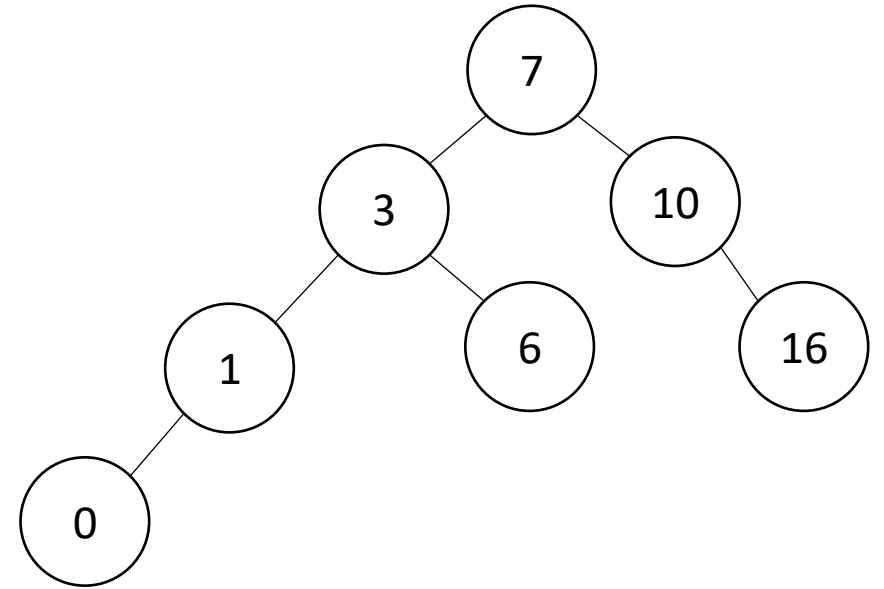
- Why?

- Makes searching quicker
  - Worst case: tree's height



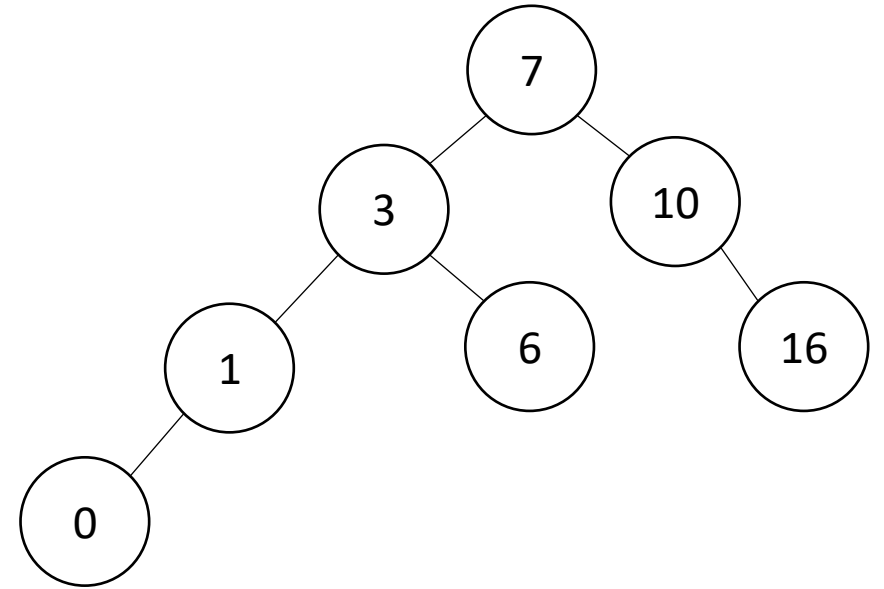
# Find Operation (recursive)

```
find(key, root){  
    if (root == Null){  
        return Null;  
    }  
    if (key == root.key){  
        return root.value;  
    }  
    if (key < root.key){  
        return find(key, root.left);  
    }  
    if (key > root.key){  
        return find(key, root.right);  
    }  
    return Null;  
}
```



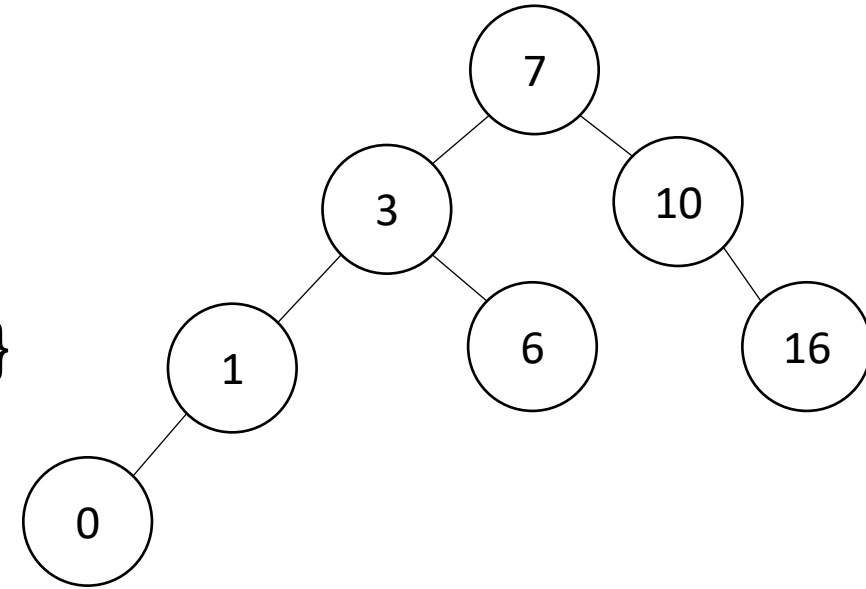
# Find Operation (iterative)

```
find(key, root){  
    while (root != Null && key != root.key){  
        if (key < root.key){  
            root = root.left;  
        }  
        else if (key > root.key){  
            root = root.right;  
        }  
    }  
    if (root == Null){  
        return Null;  
    }  
    return root.value;  
}
```



# Insert Operation (iterative)

```
insert(key, value, root){  
  if (root == Null){ this.root = new Node(key, value); }  
  parent = Null;  
  while (root != Null && key != root.key){  
    parent = root;  
    if (key < root.key){ root = root.left; }  
    else if (key > root.key){ root = root.right; }  
  }  
  if (root != Null){ root.value = value; }  
  else if (key < parent.key){ parent.left = new Node(key, value); }  
  else{ parent.right = new Node (key, value); }  
}
```



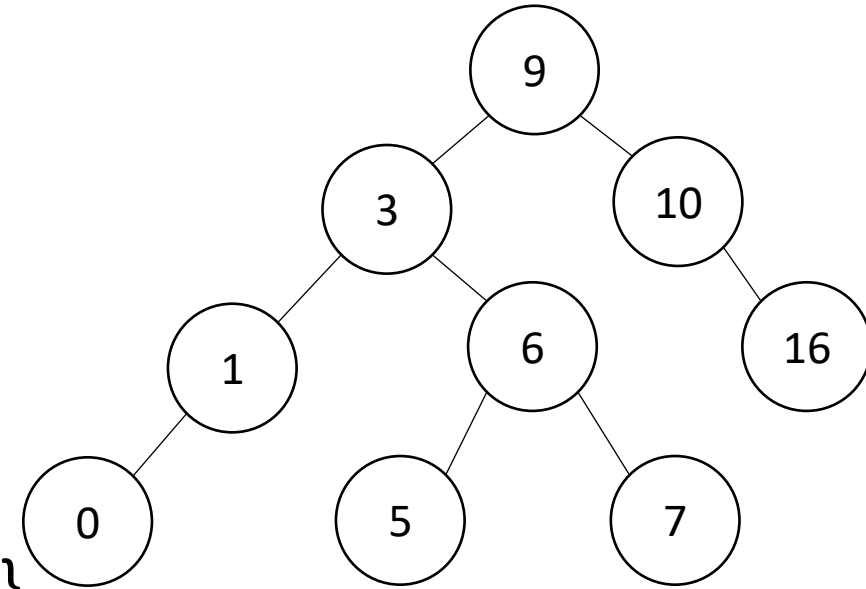
**Note: Insert happens only at the leaves!**





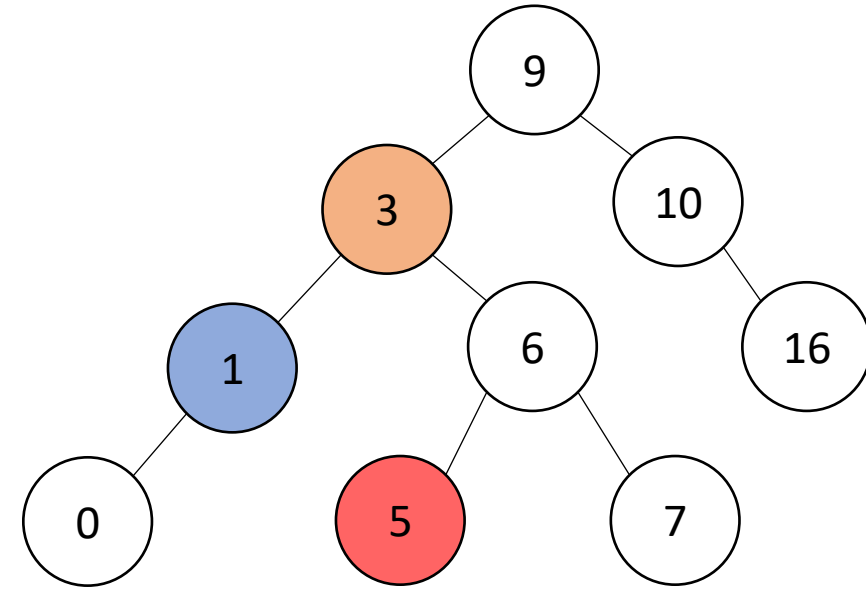
# Delete Operation (iterative)

```
delete(key, root){  
  while (root != Null && key != root.key){  
    if (key < root.key){ root = root.left; }  
    else if (key > root.key){ root = root.right; }  
  }  
  if (root == Null){ return; }  
  // Now root is the node to delete, what happens next?  
}
```



# Delete – 3 Cases

- 0 Children (i.e. it's a leaf)
- 1 Child
- 2 Children

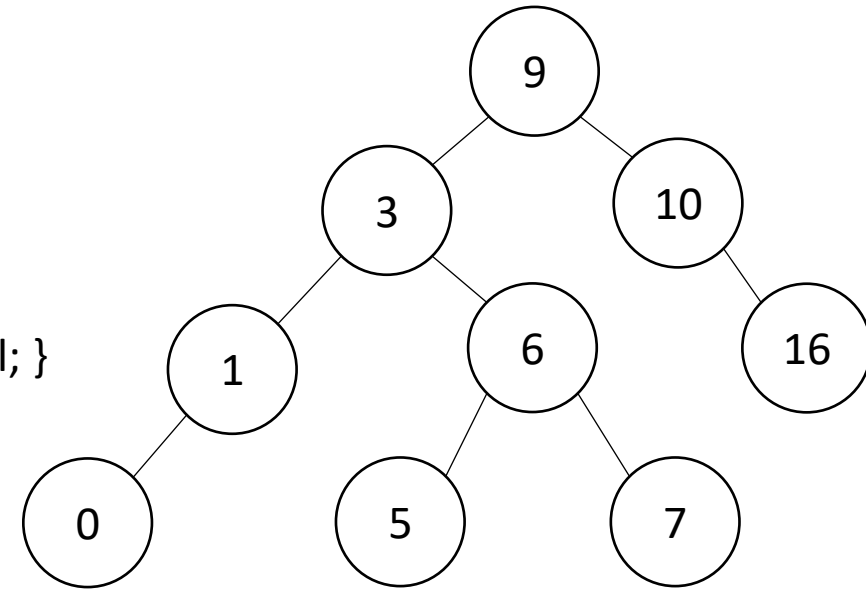


# Finding the Max and Min

- Max of a BST:
  - Right-most Thing
- Min of a BST:
  - Left-most Thing

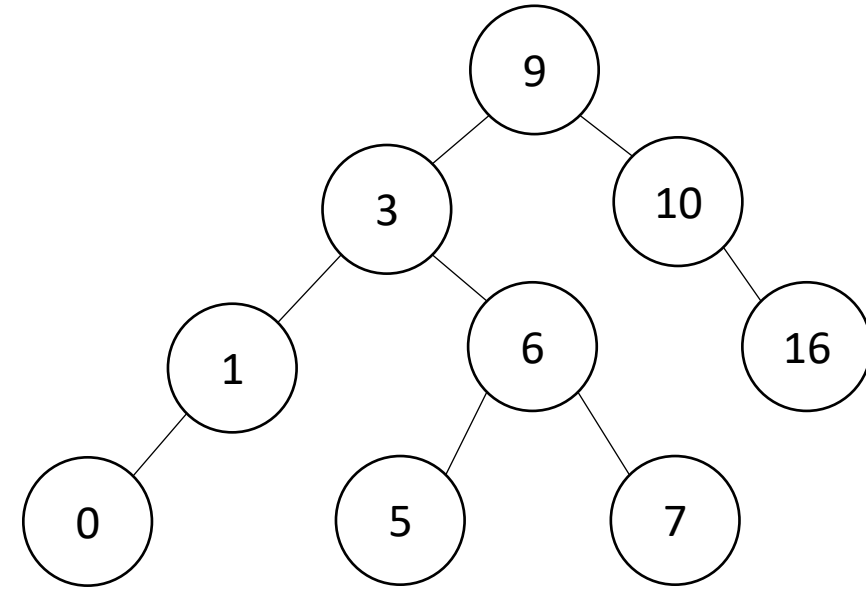
```
maxNode(root){  
    if (root == Null){ return Null; }  
    while (root.right != Null){  
        root = root.right;  
    }  
    return root;  
}
```

```
minNode(root){  
    if (root == Null){ return Null; }  
    while (root.left != Null){  
        root = root.left;  
    }  
    return root;  
}
```



# Delete Operation (iterative)

```
delete(key, root){  
  while (root != Null && key != root.key){  
    if (key < root.key){ root = root.left; }  
    else if (key > root.key){ root = root.right; }  
  }  
  if (root == Null){ return; }  
  if (root has no children){  
    make parent point to Null Instead;  
  }  
  if (root has one child){  
    make parent point to that child instead;  
  }  
  if (root has two children){  
    make parent point to either the max from the left or min from the right  
  }  
}
```



# Improving the worst case

- How can we get a better worst case running time?

# “Balanced” Binary Search Trees

- We get better running times by having “shorter” trees
- Trees get tall due to them being “sparse” (many one-child nodes)
- Idea: modify how we insert/delete to keep the tree more “full”

Idea 1: Both Subtrees of Root have same #  
Nodes



Idea 2: Both Subtrees of Root have same height

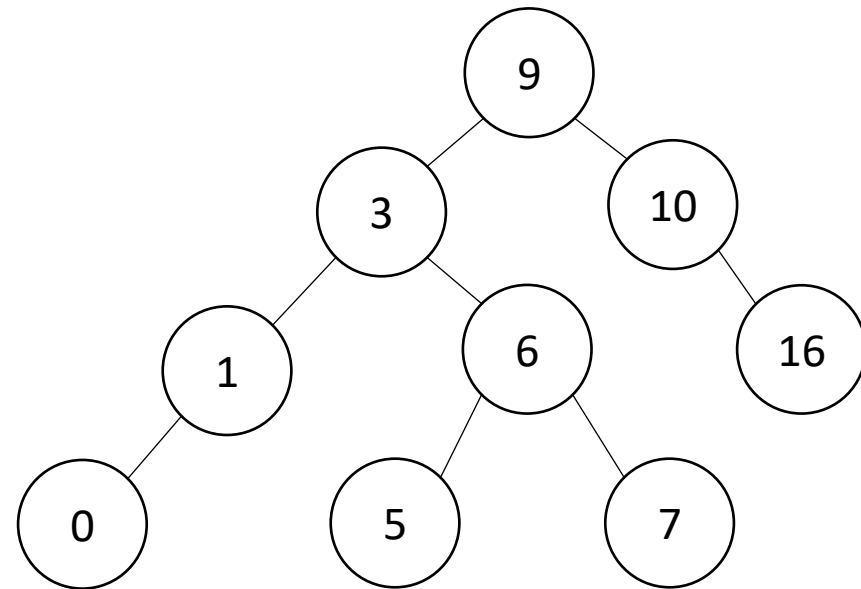
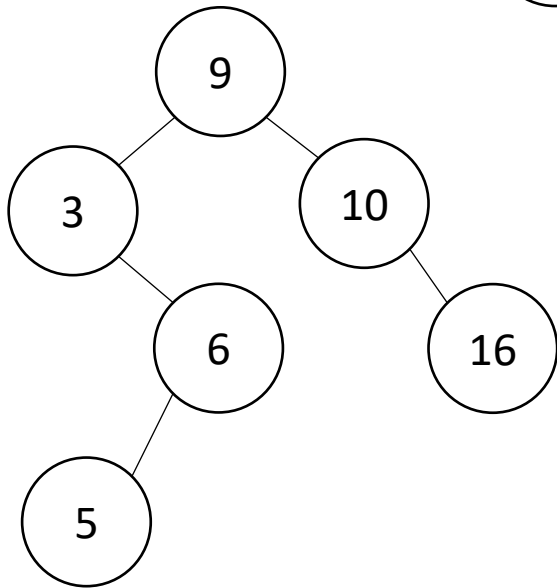
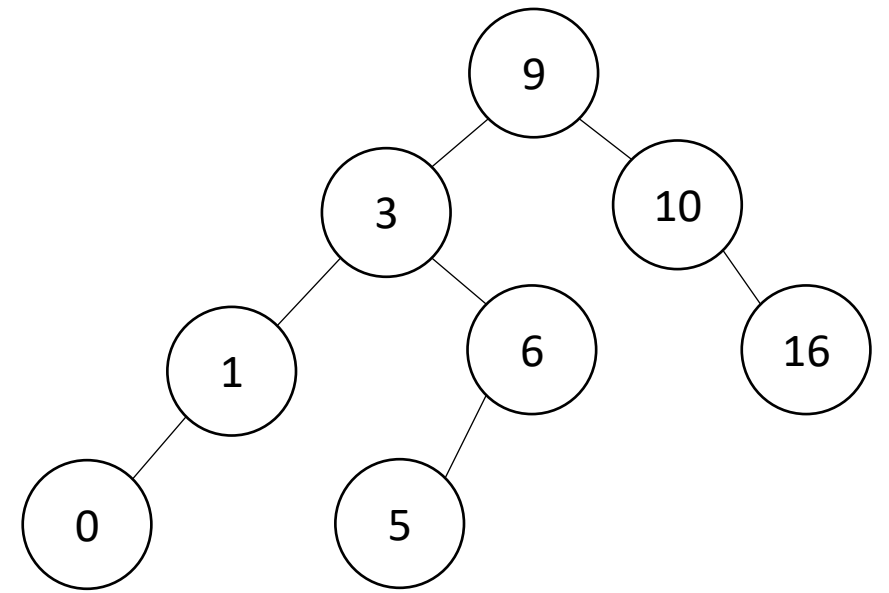
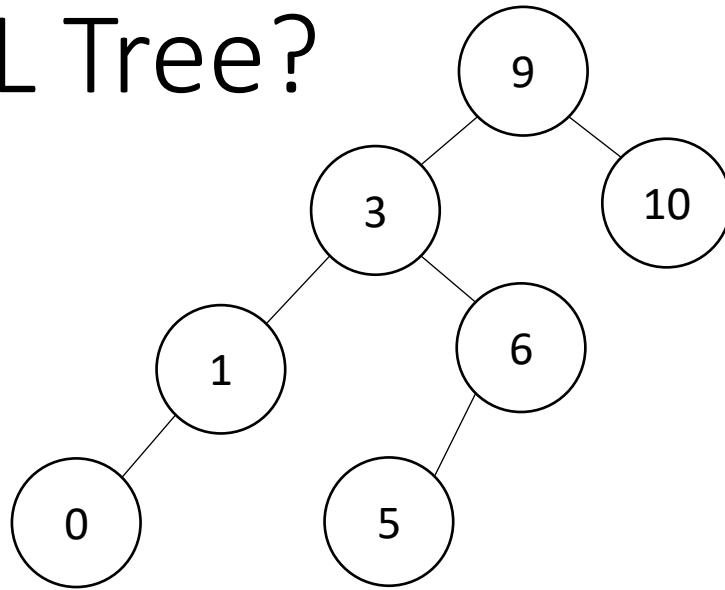
Idea 3: Both Subtrees of every Node have same # Nodes

Idea 4: Both Subtrees of every Node have same height

# AVL Tree

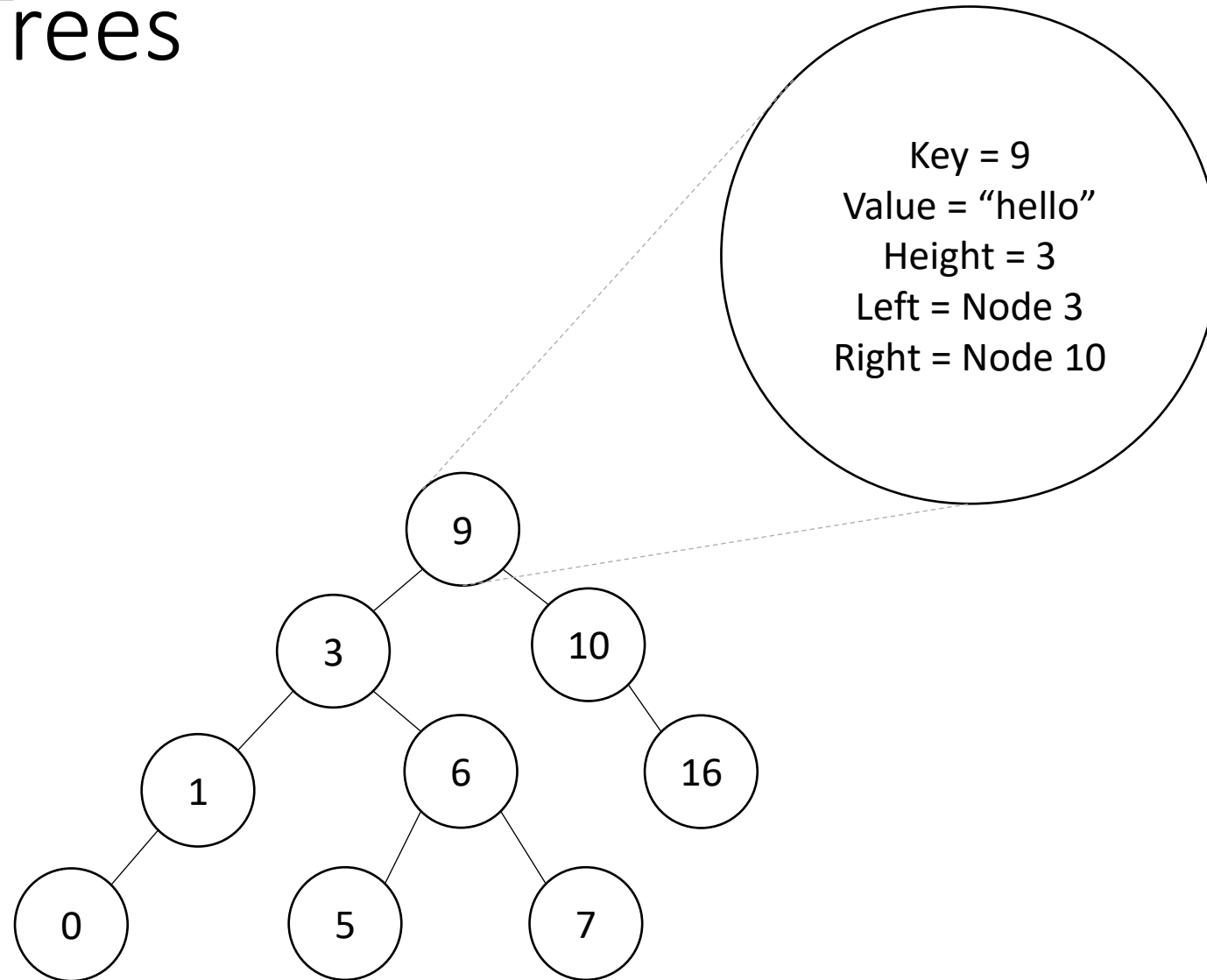
- A Binary Search tree that maintains that the left and right subtrees of every node have heights that differ by at most one.
  - height of left subtree and height of right subtree off by at most 1
  - Not too weak (ensures trees are short)
  - Not too strong (works for any number of nodes)
- Idea of AVL Tree:
  - When you insert/delete nodes, if tree is “out of balance” then modify the tree
  - Modification = “rotation”

# Is it an AVL Tree?



# Using AVL Trees

- Each node has:
  - Key
  - Value
  - Height
  - Left child
  - Right child

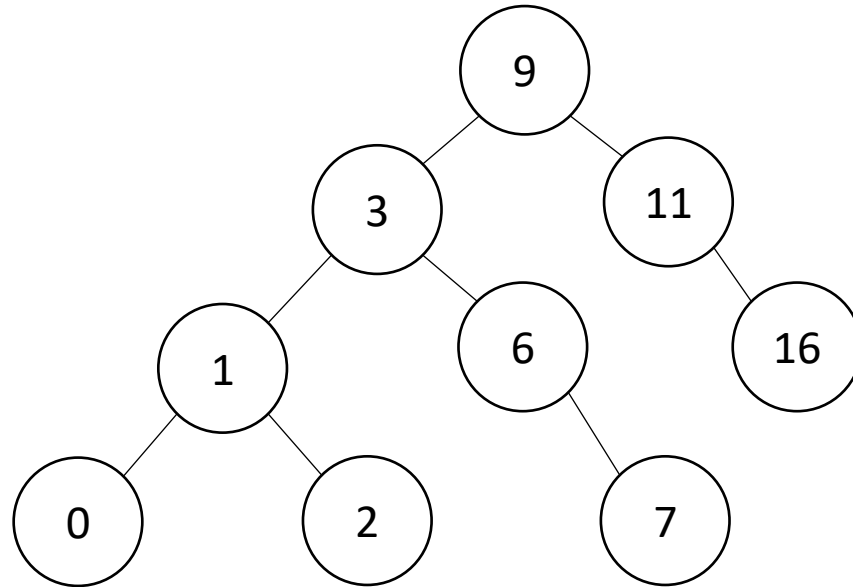


# Inserting into an AVL Tree

- Starts out the same way as BST:
  - “Find” where the new node should go
  - Put it in the right place (it will be a leaf)
- Next check the balance
  - If the tree is still balanced, you’re done!
  - Otherwise we need to do rotations

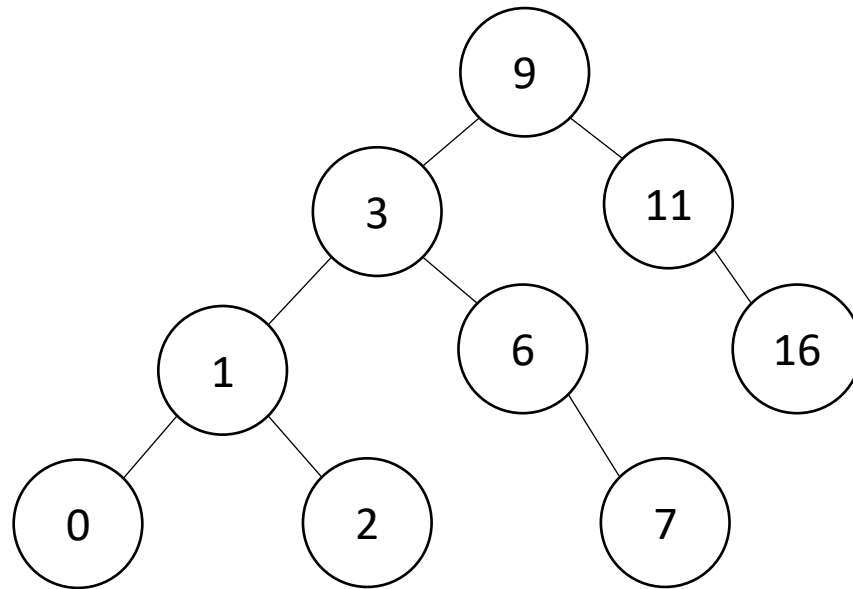
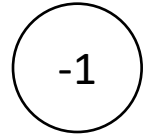
# Insert Example

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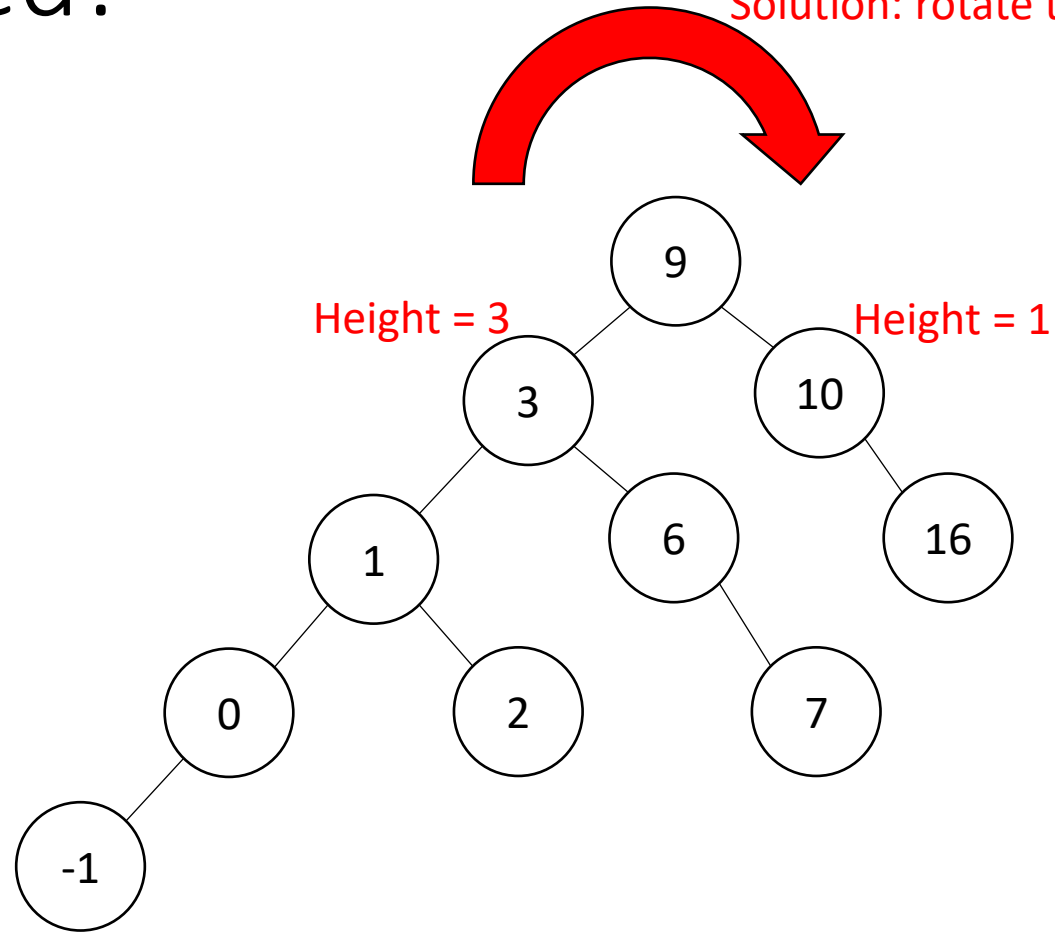


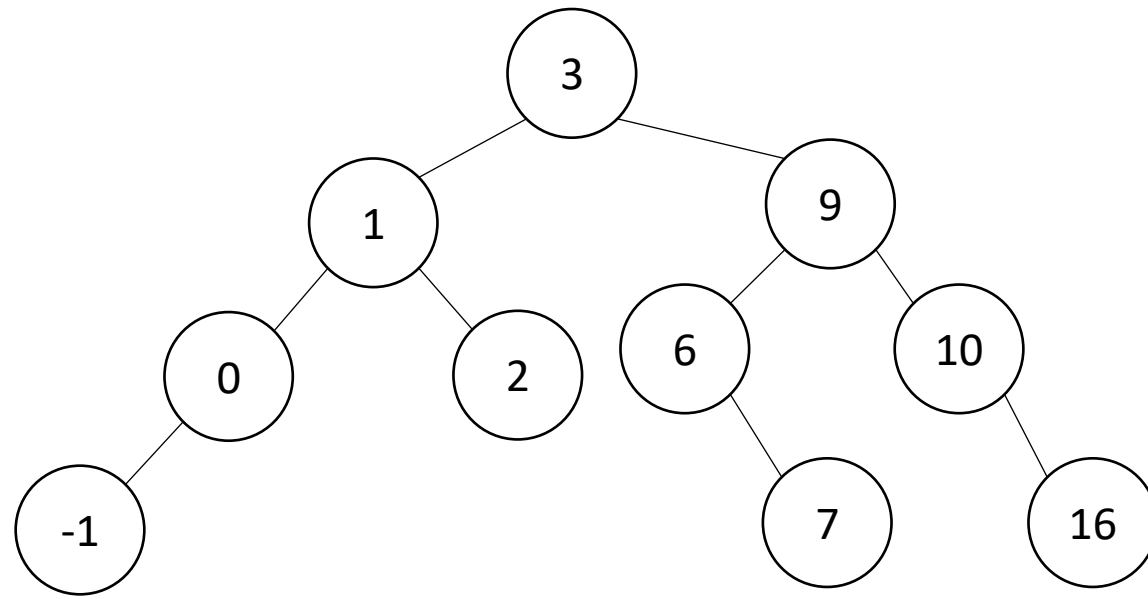
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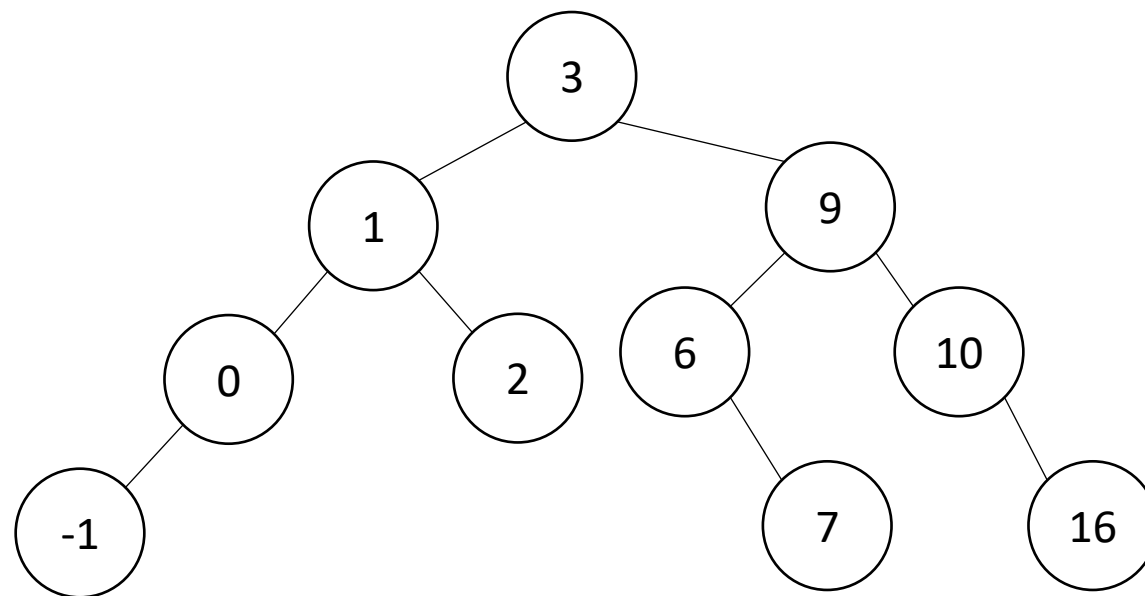
# Not Balanced!

Solution: rotate the whole tree to the right



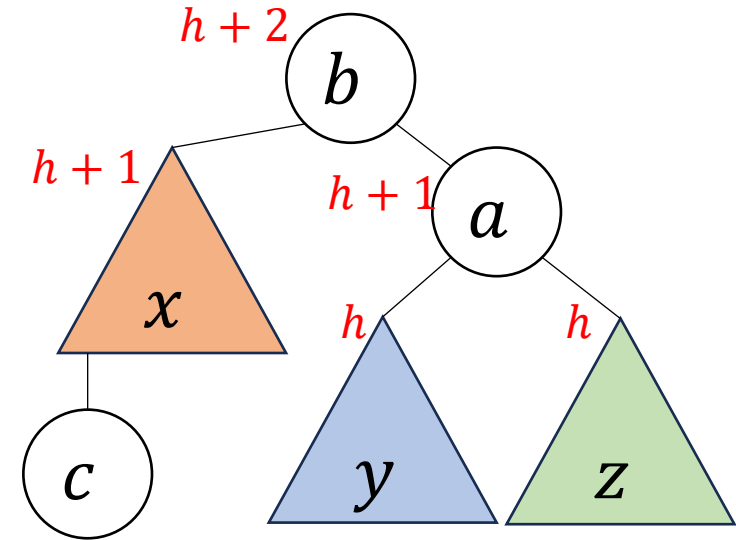
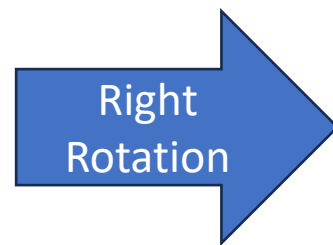
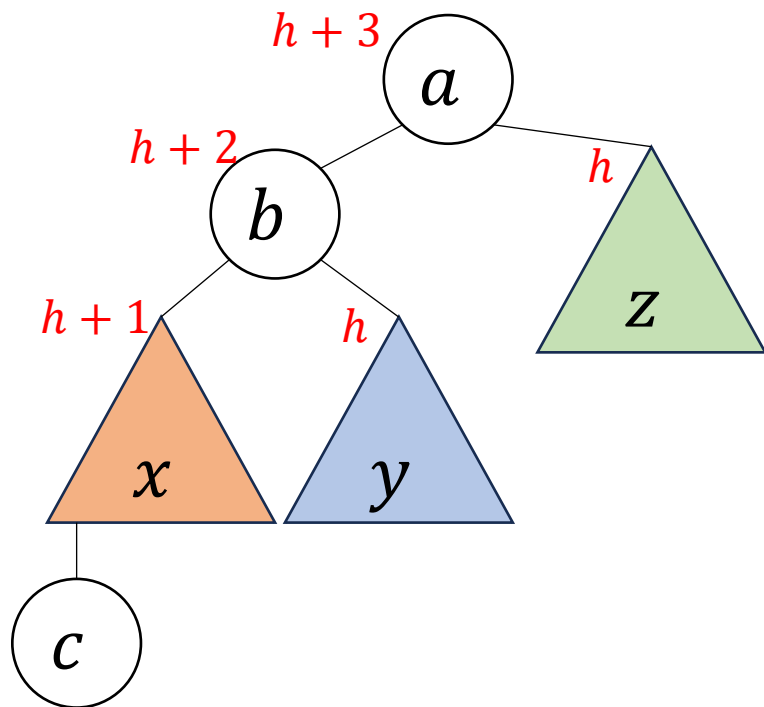


# Balanced!



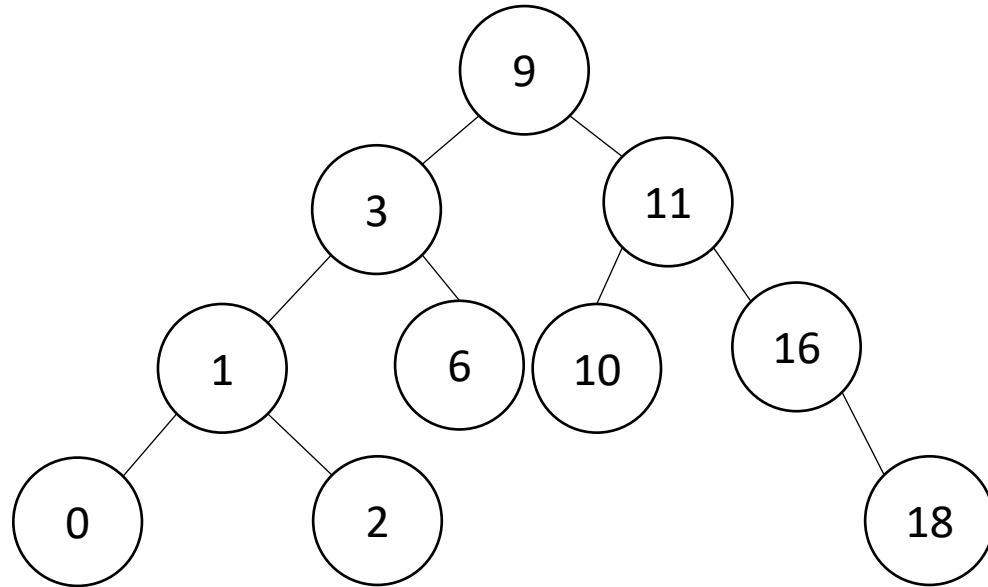
# Right Rotation

- Make the left child the new root
- Make the old root the right child of the new
- Make the new root's right subtree the old root's left subtree

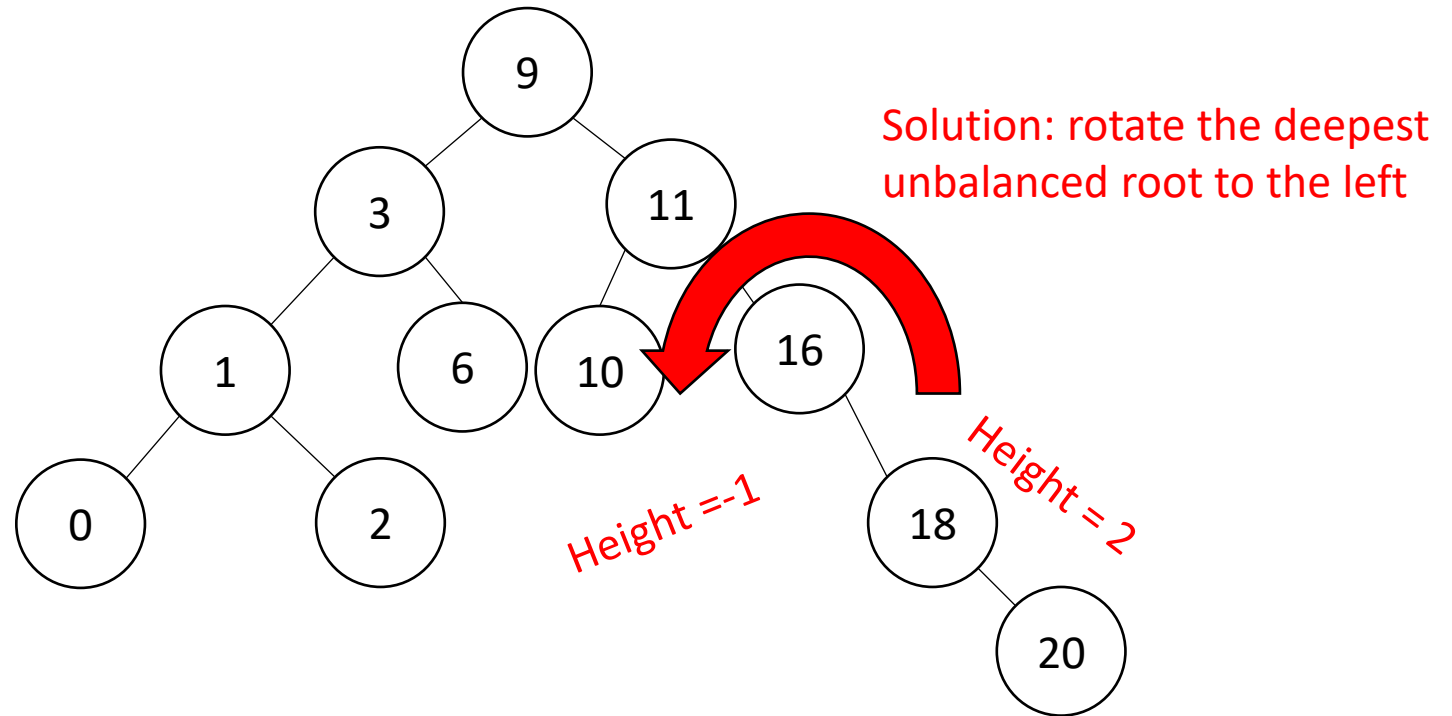


# Insert Example

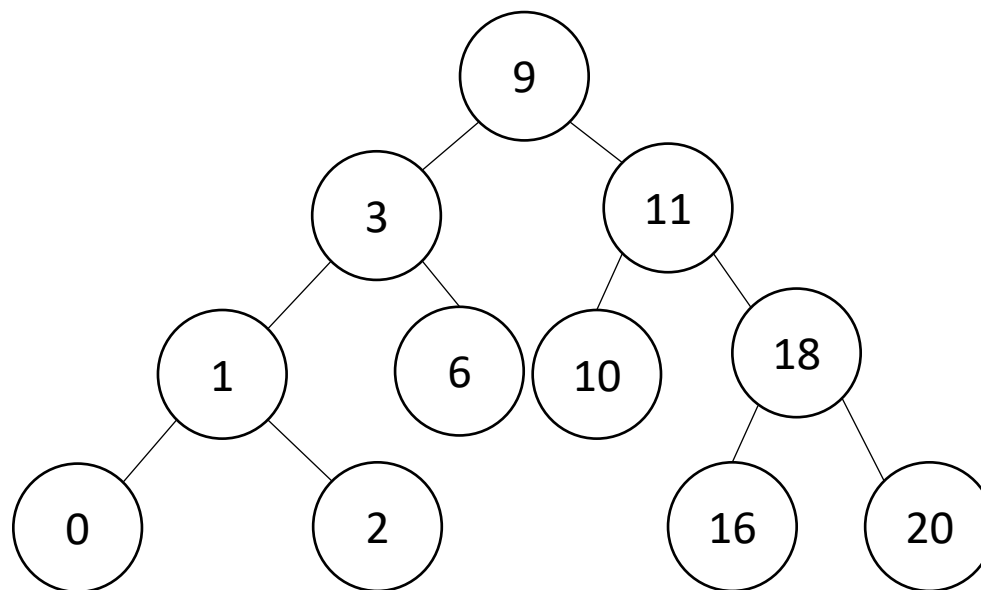
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# Not Balanced!



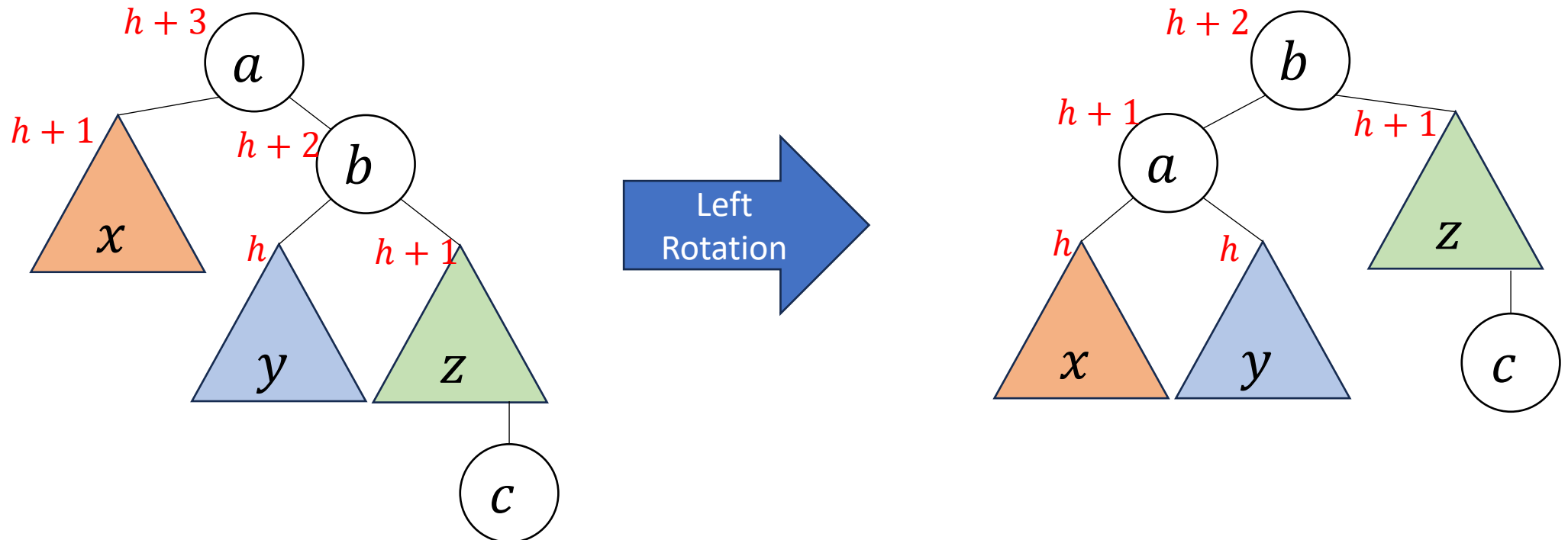
# Balanced!





# Left Rotation

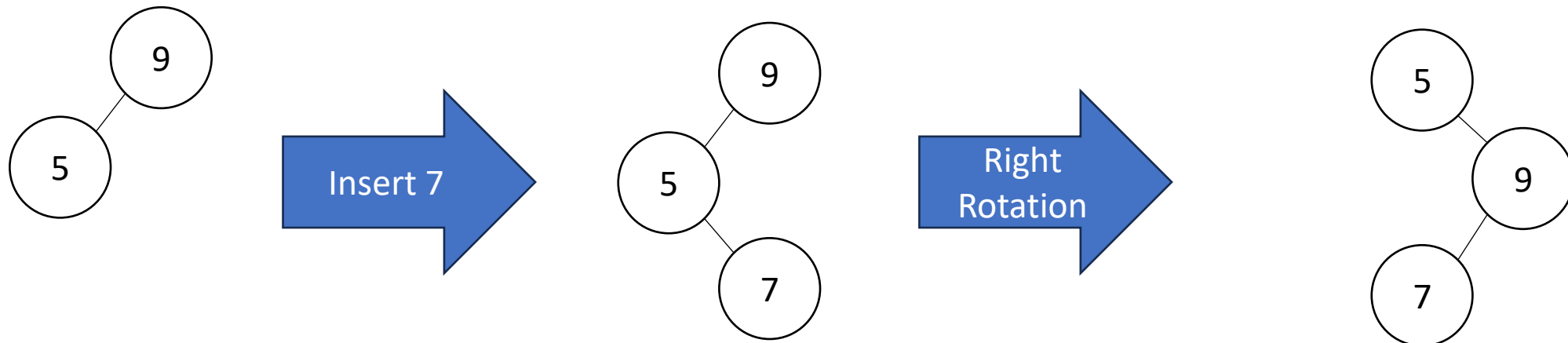
- Make the right child the new root
- Make the old root the left child of the new
- Make the new root's left subtree the old root's right subtree



# Insertion Story So Far

- After insertion, update the heights of the node's ancestors
- Check for unbalance
- If unbalanced then at the deepest unbalanced root:
  - If the left subtree was deeper then rotate right
  - If the right subtree was deeper then rotate left

} This is incomplete!  
There are some cases  
where this doesn't work!



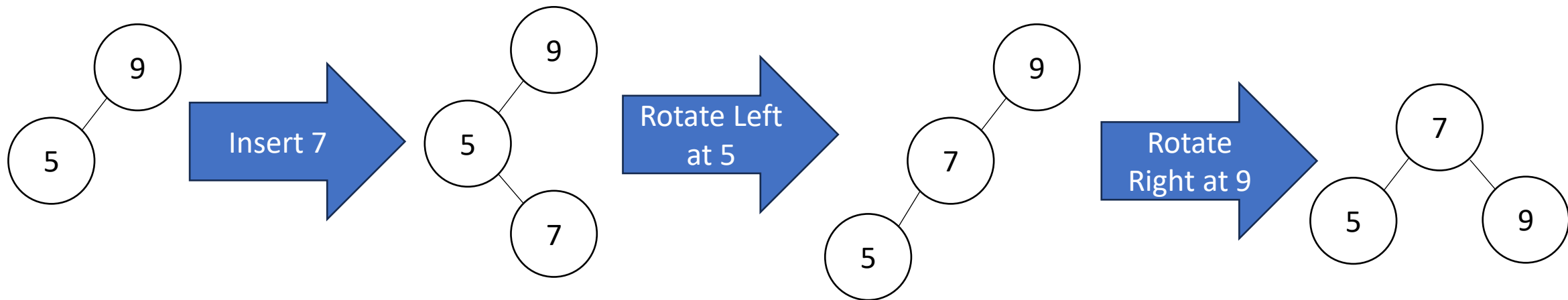
# Insertion Story So Far

- After insertion, update the heights of the node's ancestors
- Check for unbalance
- If unbalanced then at the deepest unbalanced root:
  - Case LL: If we inserted in the **left** subtree of the **left** child then rotate right
  - Case RR: If we inserted in the **right** subtree of the **right** child then rotate left
  - Case LR: If we inserted into the **right** subtree of the **left** child then ???
  - Case RL: If we inserted into the **left** subtree of the **right** child then ???

Cases LR and RL require 2 rotations!

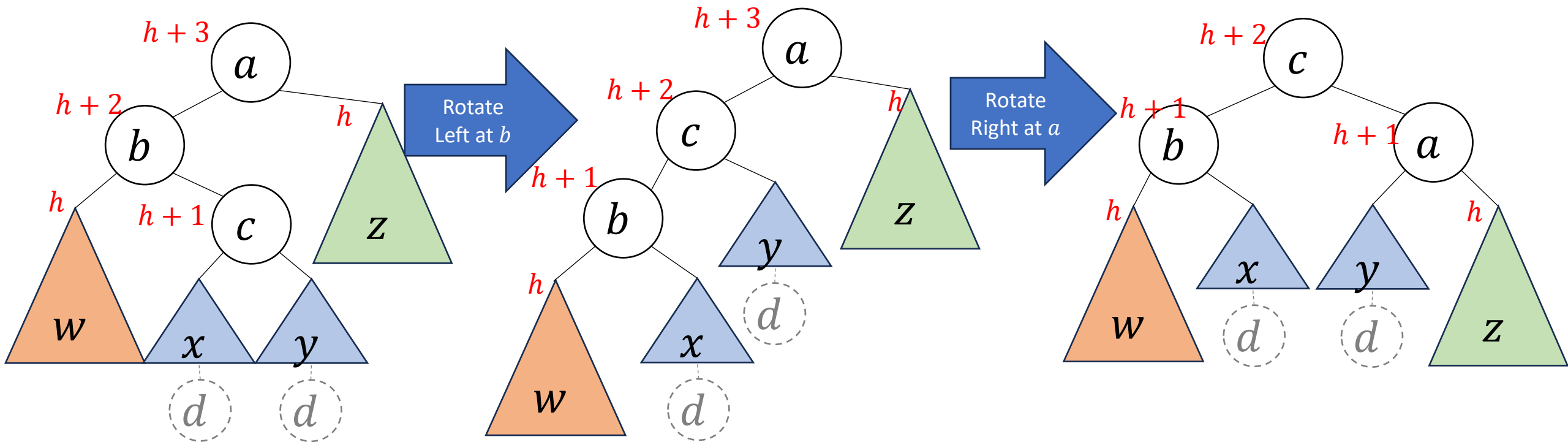
# Case LR

- From deepest unbalanced root:
  - Rotate left at the left child
  - Rotate right at the root



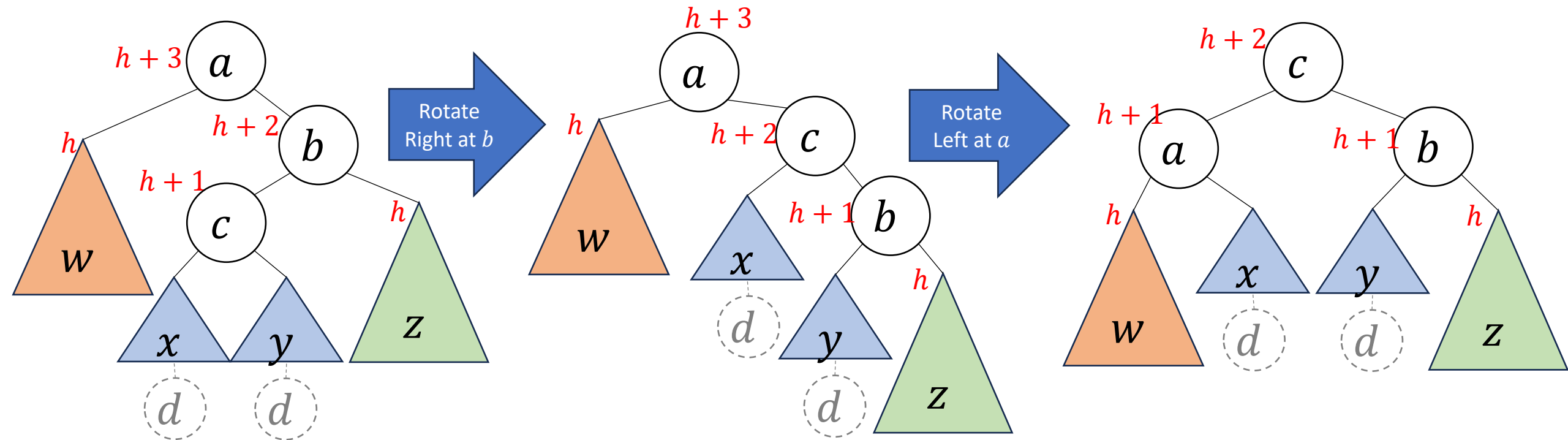
# Case LR in General

- Imbalance caused by inserting in the left child's right subtree
- Rotate left at the left child
- Rotate right at the unbalanced node



# Case RL in General

- Imbalance caused by inserting in the right child's left subtree
- Rotate right at the right child
- Rotate left at the unbalanced node



# Insert Summary

- After a BST insertion, update the heights of the node's ancestors
- From leaf to root, check if each node is unbalanced
- If a node is unbalanced then at the deepest unbalanced node:
  - Case LL: If we inserted in the **left** subtree of the **left** child then: rotate right
  - Case RR: If we inserted in the **right** subtree of the **right** child then: rotate left
  - Case LR: If we inserted into the **right** subtree of the **left** child then: rotate left at the left child and then rotate right at the root
  - Case RL: If we inserted into the **left** subtree of the **right** child then: rotate right at the right child and then rotate left at the root
- Done after either reaching the root or applying **one** of the above cases

# Delete Summary

- Tldr: same cases, reverse direction of rotation, may need to repeat with ancestors
- After a BST deletion, update the heights of the node's ancestors
- From leaf to root, check if each node is unbalanced
- If a node is unbalanced then at the deepest unbalanced node:
  - Case LL: If we deleted in the **left** subtree of the **left** child then: **rotate left**
  - Case RR: If we deleted in the **right** subtree of the **right** child then: **rotate right**
  - Case LR: If we deleted into the **right** subtree of the **left** child then: **rotate right** at the left child and then **rotate left** at the root
  - Case RL: If we deleted into the **left** subtree of the **right** child then: **rotate left** at the right child and then **rotate right** at the root
- **Continue checking until reach the root**