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Insertion

- Inserting a node, v, into an AVL tree changes the heights of some of the nodes in T.
- The only nodes whose heights can increase are the ancestors of node v.
- If insertion causes T to become unbalanced, then some ancestor of v would have a heightimbalance.
- □ We travel up the tree from v until we find the first node x such that its grandparent z is unbalanced.
- \Box Let y be the parent of node x.

Insertion (2)

To rebalance the subtree rooted at z, we must perform a *rotation*.



Rotations

- Rotation is a way of locally reorganizing a BST.
- Let u,v be two nodes such that u=parent(v)
- \Box Keys(T₁) < key(v) < keys(T₂) < key (u) < keys(T₃)



Insertion

- \Box Insertion happens in subtree T₁.
- \square ht(T₁) increases from h to h+1.
- Since x remains balanced ht(T₂) is h or h+1 or h+2.
 h+1 to h+2
 - If ht(T₂)=h+2 then x is originally unbalanced
 - If ht(T₂)=h+1 then ht(x) does not increase.
 - □ Hence $ht(T_2)=h$. h to h+1 h
- So ht(x) increases from h+1 to h+2.

Ζ

V

X

Insertion(2)



- Since y remains balanced, ht(T₃) is h+1 or h+2 or h+3.
 - □ If $ht(T_3)=h+3$ then y is originally unbalanced.
 - □ If $ht(T_3)=h+2$ then ht(y) does not increase.

 $\Box \text{ So ht}(T_3)=h+1.$

- So ht(y) inc. from h+2 to h+3.
- □ Since z was balanced ht(T₄) is h+1 or h+2 or h+3.
- □ z is now unbalanced and so $ht(T_4)=h+1$.

Single rotation



The height of the subtree remains the same after rotation. Hence no further rotations required



h+1

h+1

as original tree. Hence we need not go further up the tree.

h+1

h

Restructuring

 T_1

- The four ways to rotate nodes in an AVL tree, graphically represented
 - -Single Rotations: a = zsingle rotation b = y $\boldsymbol{b} = \boldsymbol{y}$ a T_0 T₃ T_1 T_3 T_0 T_1 T_2 T_2 c = zsingle rotation $\boldsymbol{b} = \boldsymbol{y}$ b = ia = xc =a = x T_3 T_3 T_0 T_2 T_2 T_1 T_0

Restructuring (contd.)

□ double rotations:



Deletion

- □ When deleting a node in a BST, we either delete a leaf or a node with only one child.
- In an AVL tree if a node has only one child then that child is a leaf.
- Hence in an AVL tree we either delete a leaf or the parent of a leaf.
- Hence deletion can be assumed to be at a leaf.

Deletion(2)

 \Box Let w be the node deleted.

- Let z be the first unbalanced node encountered while travelling up the tree from w. Also, let y be the child of z with larger height, and let x be the child of y with larger height.
- We perform rotations to restore balance at the subtree rooted at z.
- As this restructuring may upset the balance of another node higher in the tree, we must continue checking for balance until the root of T is reached



 Suppose deletion happens in subtree T₄ and its ht. reduces from h to h-1.
 Since z was balanced but is now unbalanced, ht(y) = h+1.

□ x has larger ht. than T_3 and so ht(x)=h.

□ Since y is balanced ht(T_3)= h or h-1

Deletion(4)



Since ht(x)=h, and x is balanced ht(T₁), ht(T₂) is h-1 or h-2.

□ However, both T_1 and T_2 cannot have ht. h-2

h-1 or h-2 h-1 or h-2

Single rotation (deletion)



After rotation height of subtree might be 1 less than original height. In that case we continue up the tree

Deletion: another case



As before we can claim that ht(y)=h+1 and ht(x)=h.

- □ Since y is balanced $ht(T_1)$ is h or h-1.
- If ht(T₁) is h then we would have picked x as the root of T₁.

 \Box So ht(T₁)=h-1



need to continue up the tree

h-1 or h-2 rotation(x,z)

h+2

h-1

h-1 or h-2

Z

V



Running time of insertion & deletion

Insertion

We perform rotation only once but might have to go O(log n) levels to find the unbalanced node.
 So time for insertion is O(log n)

Deletion

- \Box We need O(log n) time to delete a node.
- □ Rebalancing also requires O(log n) time.
- More than one rotation may have to be performed.