

# CS 240 – Data Structures and Data Management

## Module 4: Dictionaries

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# ADT Dictionary (review)

**Dictionary:** An ADT consisting of a collection of items, each of which contains

- a *key*
- some *data* (the “value”)

and is called a *key-value pair* (KVP). Keys can be compared and are (typically) unique.

Operations:

- *search*( $k$ ) (also called *lookup*( $k$ ))
- *insert*( $k, v$ )
- *delete*( $k$ ) (also called *remove*( $k$ ))
- optional: *successor*, *join*, *is-empty*, *size*, etc.

Examples: symbol table, license plate database

# Elementary Realizations (review)

Common assumptions:

- Dictionary has  $n$  KVPs
- Each KVP uses constant space  
(if not, the “value” could be a pointer)
- Keys can be compared in constant time

## Unordered array or linked list

*search*  $\Theta(n)$

*insert*  $\Theta(1)$  (except array occasionally needs to resize)

*delete*  $\Theta(n)$  (need to search)

## Ordered array

*search*  $\Theta(\log n)$  (via binary search)

*insert*  $\Theta(n)$

*delete*  $\Theta(n)$

## Binary Search (review)

Only applies to a *sorted array*:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
30	40	70	90	100	120	140

*binary-search*( $A, n, k$ )

$A$ : Sorted array of size  $n$ ,  $k$ : key

1.  $\ell \leftarrow 0, r \leftarrow n - 1$
2. **while** ( $\ell \leq r$ )
3.      $m \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{\ell+r}{2} \rfloor$
4.     **if** ( $A[m]$  equals  $k$ ) **then return** “found at  $A[m]$ ”
5.     **else if** ( $A[m] < k$ ) **then**  $\ell \leftarrow m + 1$
6.     **else**  $r \leftarrow m - 1$
7. **return** “not found, but would be between  $A[\ell-1]$  and  $A[\ell]$ ”

We will return to binary search (and sometimes improve it!) later.

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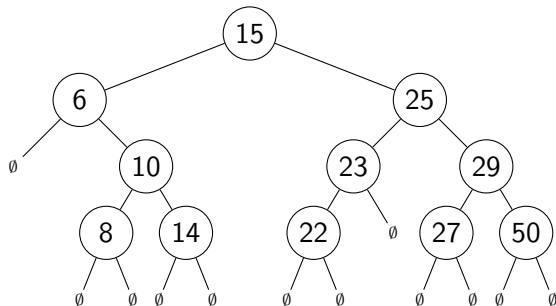
**Structure** Binary tree: all nodes have two (possibly empty) subtrees

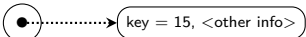
Every node stores a KVP

Empty subtrees usually not shown

**Ordering** Every key  $k$  in  $T.left$  is less than the root key.

Every key  $k$  in  $T.right$  is greater than the root key.



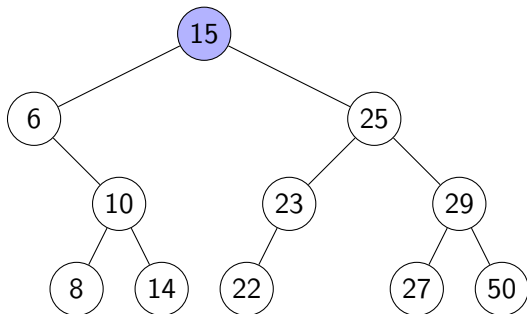
( In our examples we only show the keys, and we show them directly in the node. A more accurate picture would be  )



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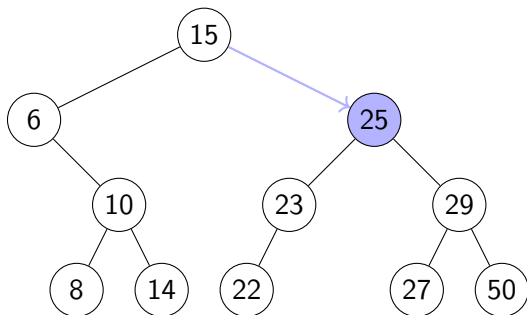
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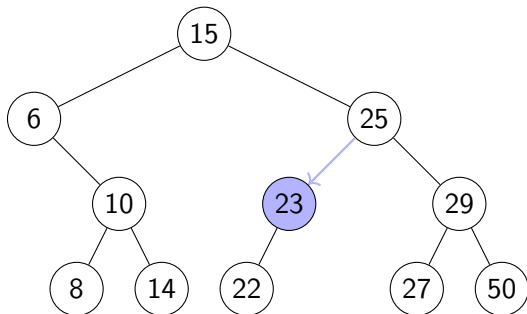
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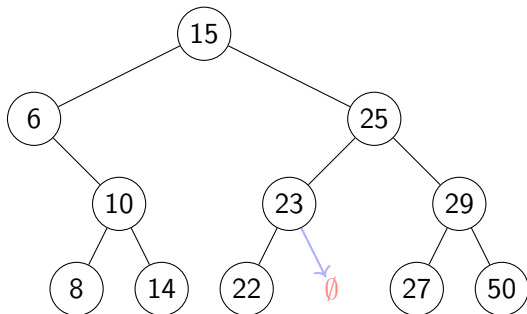
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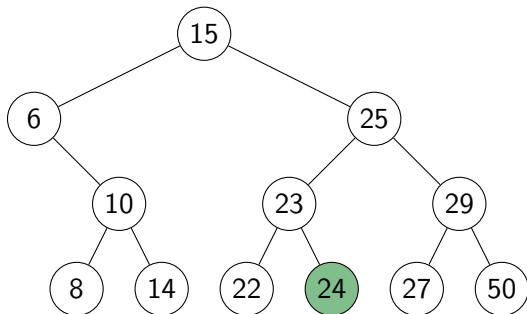


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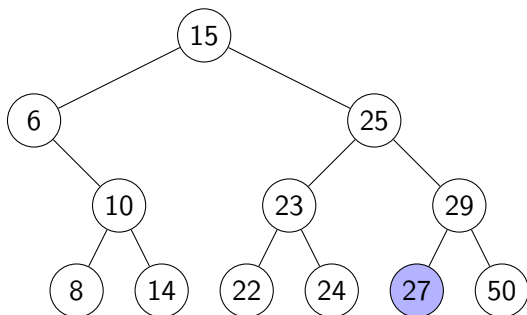
*BST::insert*( $k, v$ ) Search for  $k$ , then insert ( $k, v$ ) as new node

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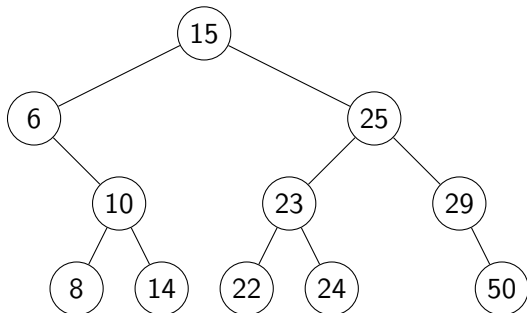
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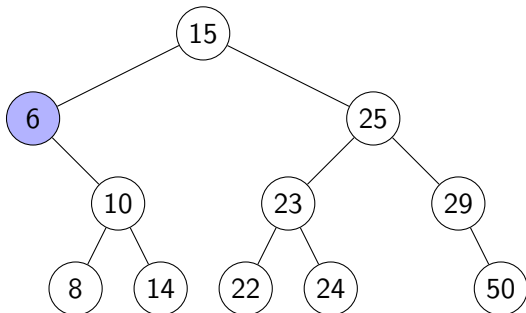
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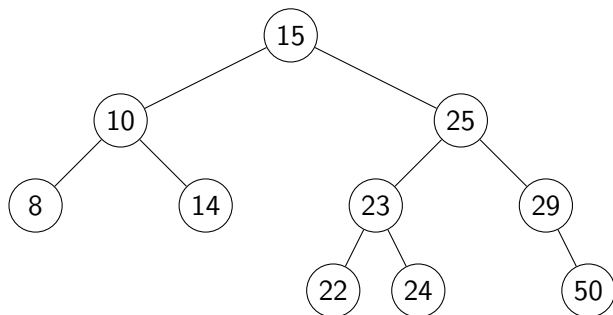
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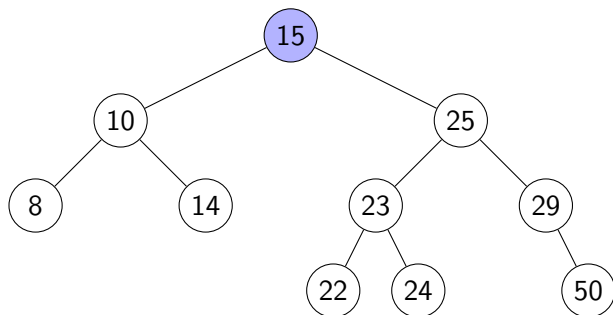
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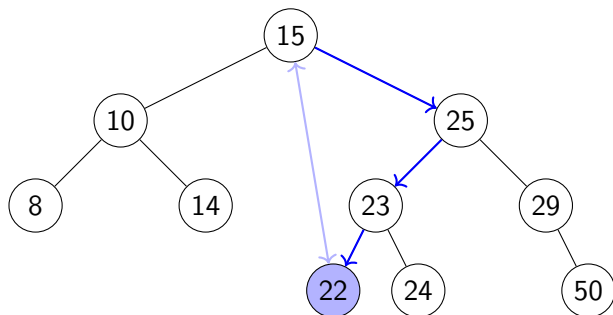
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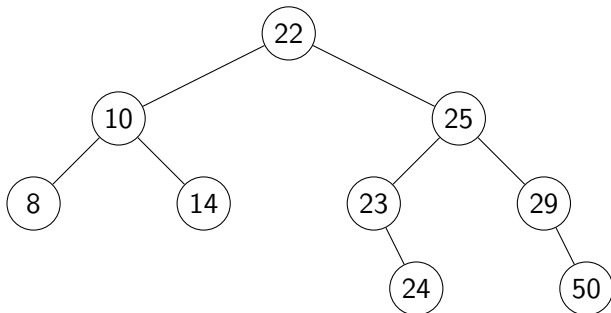
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**Goal:** Create subclasses of BSTs where the height is *always* good.

- Impose a structural property.
- Argue that the property implies logarithmic height.
- Discuss how to maintain the property during operations.

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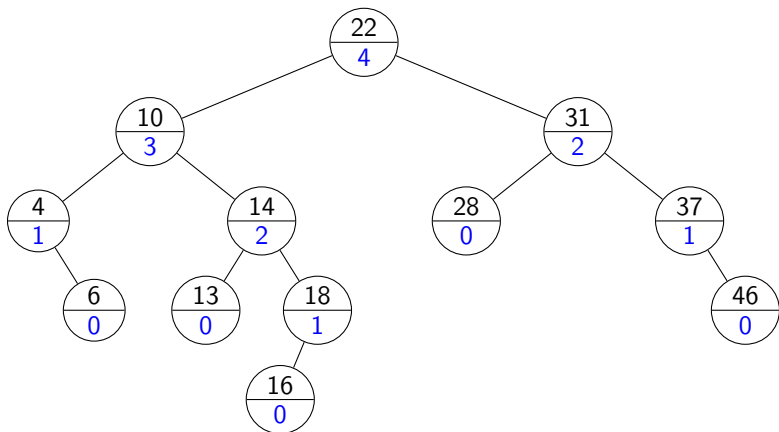
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- Need to store at each node  $v$  the height of the subtree rooted at it

(There are ways to implement AVL-trees where we only store  $balance(v)$ , so fewer bits. But the code gets more complicated (no details).)

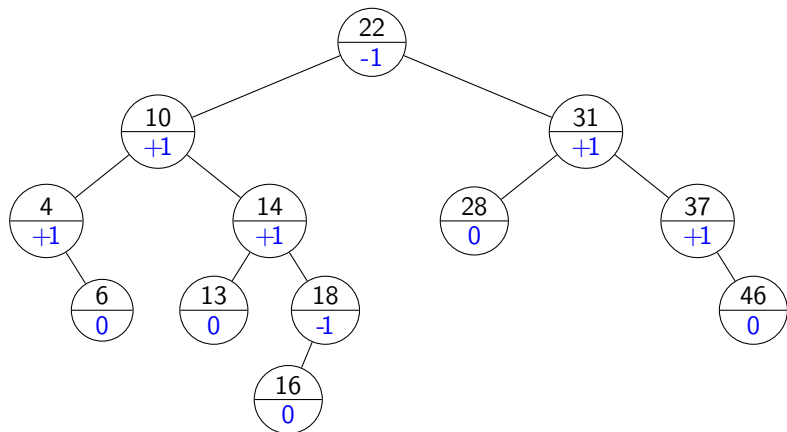
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(The lower numbers indicate the height of the subtree.)



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Alternative: store balance (instead of height) at each node.



## Height of an AVL tree

**Theorem:** An AVL tree on  $n$  nodes has  $\Theta(\log n)$  height.

$\Rightarrow$  *search*, *BST::insert*, *BST::delete* all cost  $\Theta(\log n)$  in the *worst case!*

### Proof:

- Define  $N(h)$  to be the *least* number of nodes in a height- $h$  AVL tree.
- What is a recurrence relation for  $N(h)$ ?
- What does this recurrence relation resolve to?

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To perform  $AVL::insert(k, v)$ :

- First, insert  $(k, v)$  with the usual BST insertion.
- We assume that this returns the new leaf  $z$  where the key was stored.
- Then, move up the tree from  $z$ .

(We assume for this that we have parent-links. This can be avoided if  $BST::insert$  returns the full path to  $z$ .)

- Update height (easy to do in constant time):

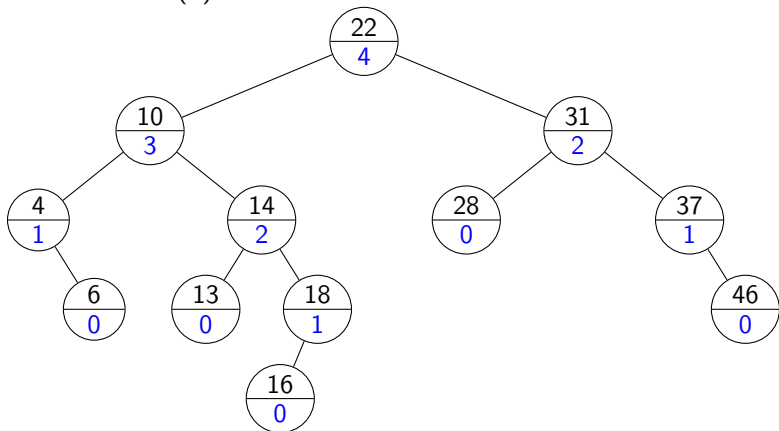
$setHeightFromSubtrees(u)$

$$1. \quad u.height \leftarrow 1 + \max\{u.left.height, u.right.height\}$$

- If the height difference becomes  $\pm 2$  at node  $z$ , then  $z$  is **unbalanced**. Must re-structure the tree to rebalance.

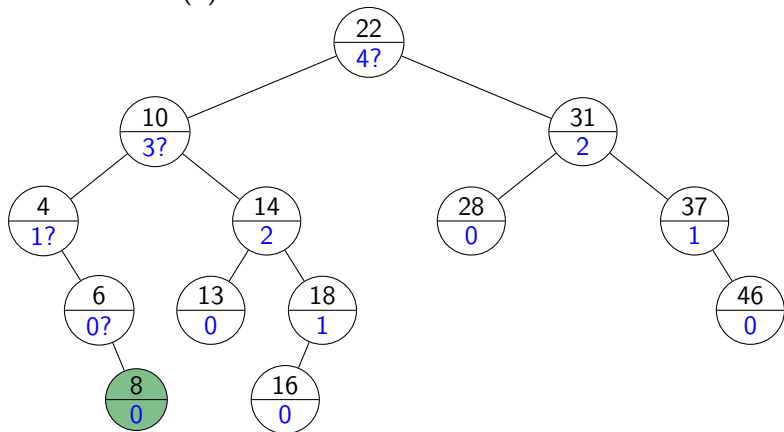
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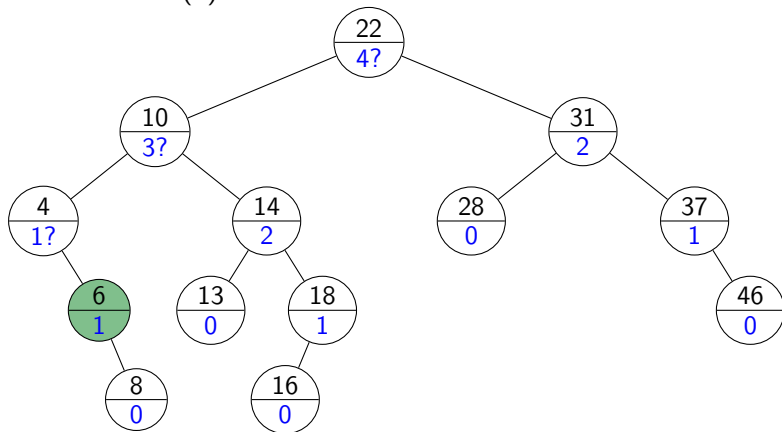
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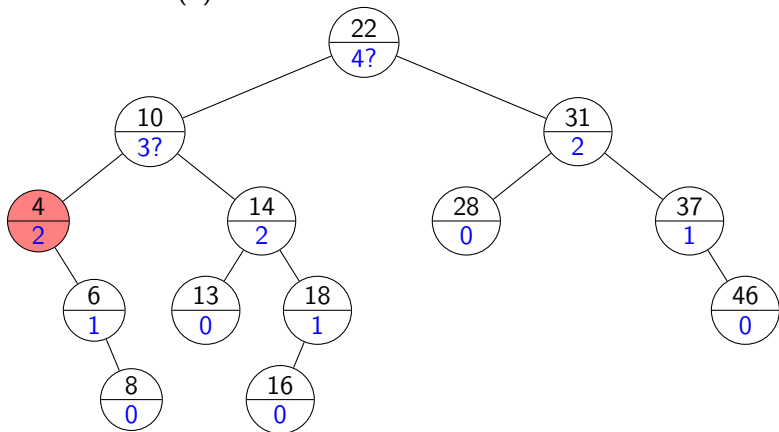
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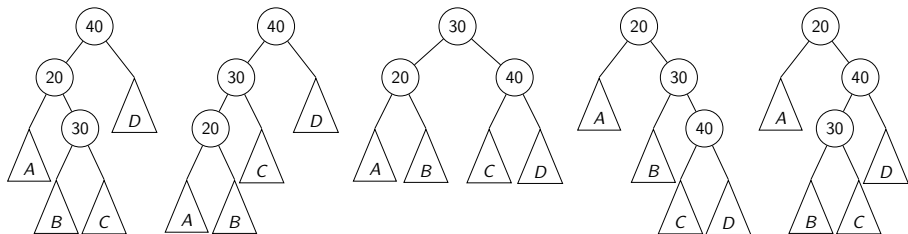
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## Changing structure without changing order

**Note:** There are many different BSTs with the same keys.

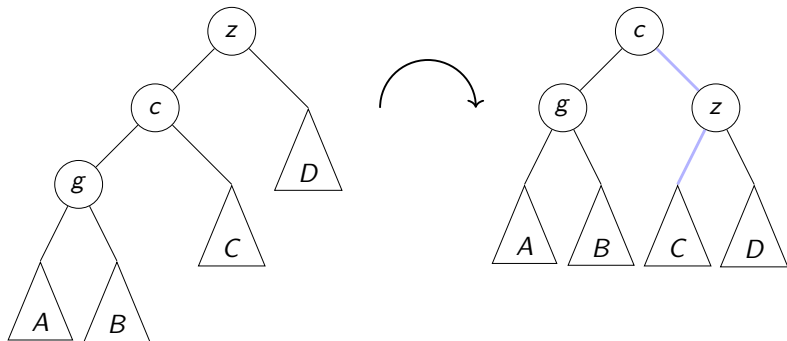


**Goal:** Change the *structure* locally nodes without changing the *order*.

**Longterm goal:** Restructure such the subtree becomes balanced.

## Right Rotation

This is a **right rotation** on node  $z$ :

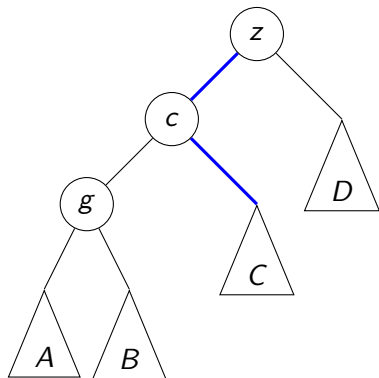


*rotate-right*( $z$ )

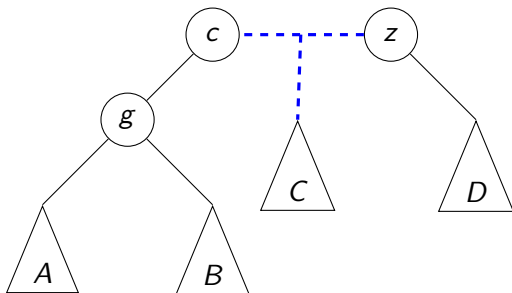
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2. *setHeightFromSubtrees*( $z$ ), *setHeightFromSubtrees*( $c$ )
3. **return**  $c$  // returns new root of subtree

(Notation  $\stackrel{P}{\leftarrow}$  means 'also change parent-reference of right-hand-side')

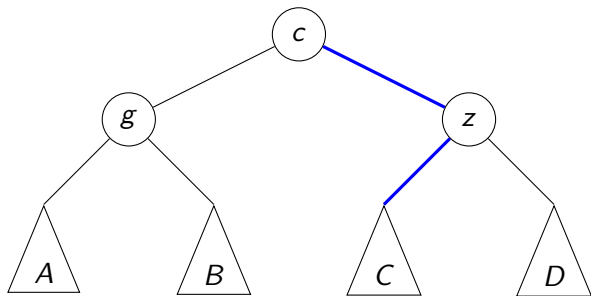
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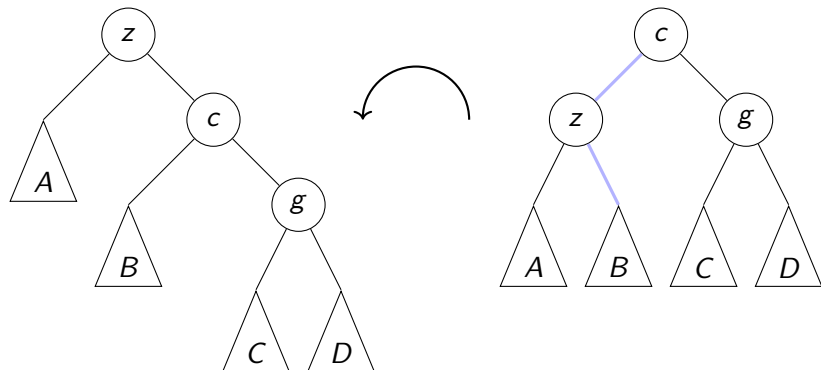
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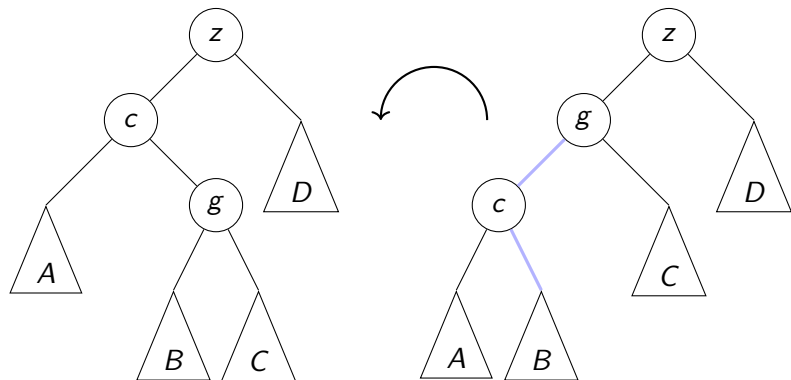
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Again, only two links need to be changed and two heights updated.  
Useful to fix right-right imbalance.

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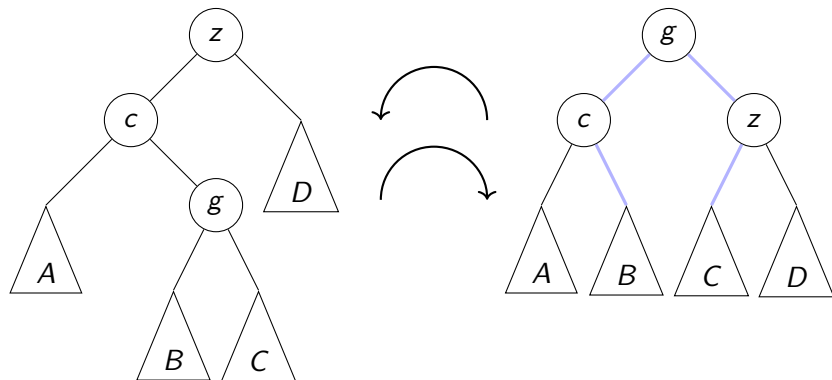
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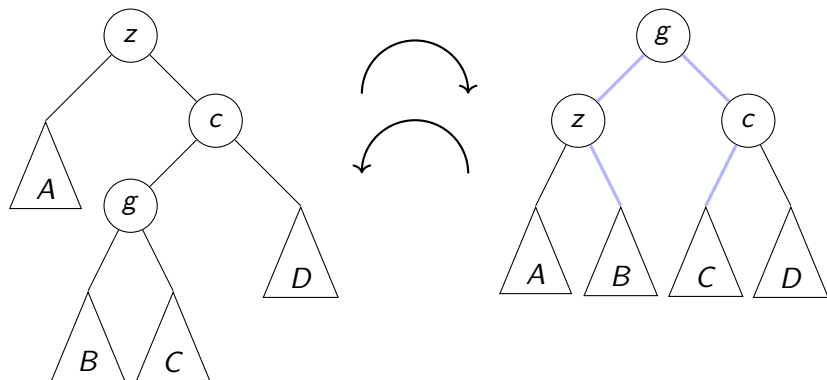


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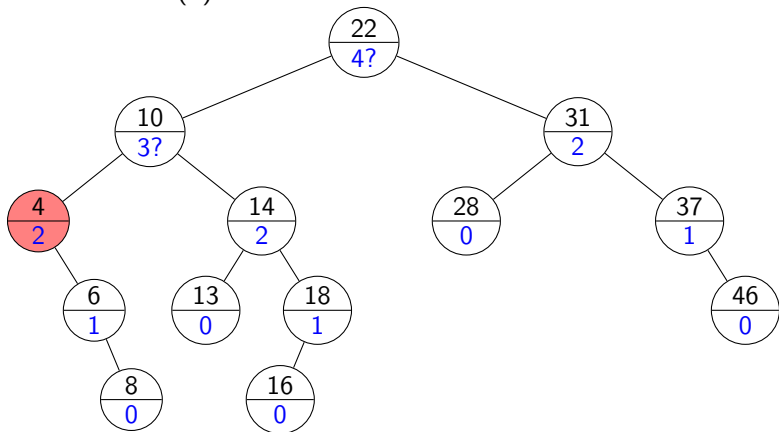
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- Imbalance at  $z$ : do (single or double) rotation
- Choose  $c$  as child where subtree has bigger height.

```
AVL::insert( $k, v$ )
1.  $z \leftarrow$  BST::insert( $k, v$ ) // leaf where  $k$  is now stored
2. while ( $z$  is not NULL)
3.     if ( $|z.left.height - z.right.height| > 1$ ) then
4.         Let  $c$  be taller child of  $z$ 
5.         Let  $g$  be taller child of  $c$  (so grandchild of  $z$ )
6.         restructure( $g, c, z$ ) // see later
7.         break // can argue that we are done
8.     setHeightFromSubtrees( $z$ )
9.      $z \leftarrow z.parent$ 
```

Can argue: For insertion *one* rotation restores all heights of subtrees.

⇒ No further imbalances, can stop checking.





## Fixing a slightly-unbalanced AVL tree

*restructure*( $g, c, z$ )

node  $g$  is child of  $c$  which is child of  $z$

1.  $p \leftarrow z.\text{parent}$  // save for later

2. **case**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{left} \end{array} \right.$

	:	// Right rotation
		$u \leftarrow \textit{rotate-right}(z)$
	:	// Double-right rotation
		$z.\text{left} \xleftarrow{p} \textit{rotate-left}(c)$
		$u \leftarrow \textit{rotate-right}(z)$
	:	// Double-left rotation
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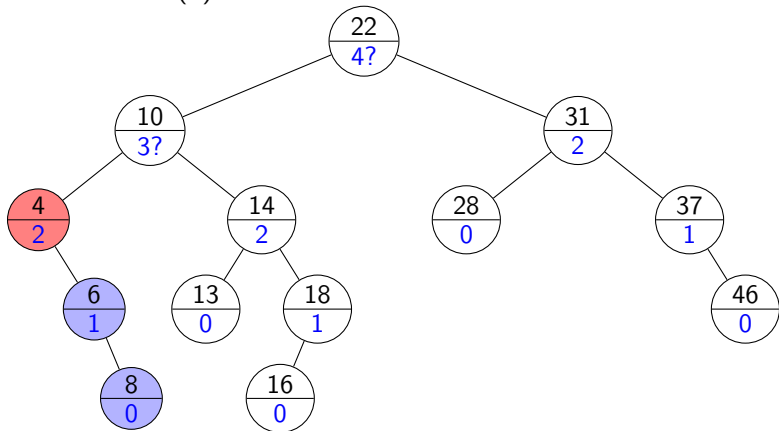
3. make  $u$  the appropriate child of  $p$  and **return**  $u$

**Rule:** The middle key of  $g, c, z$  becomes the new root.



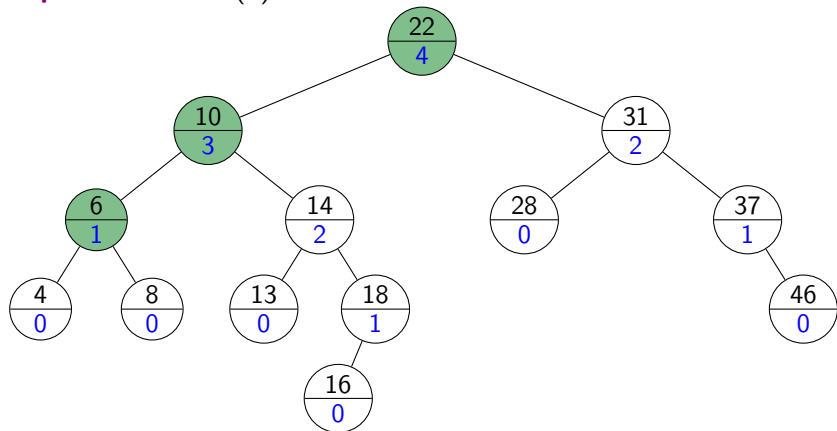
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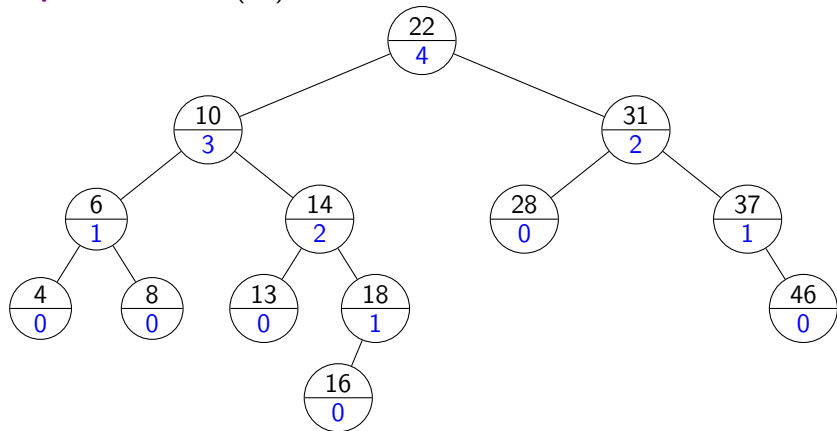
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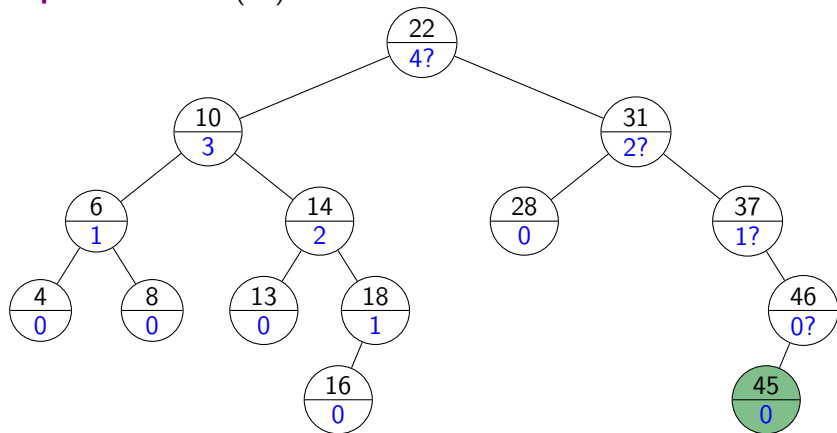
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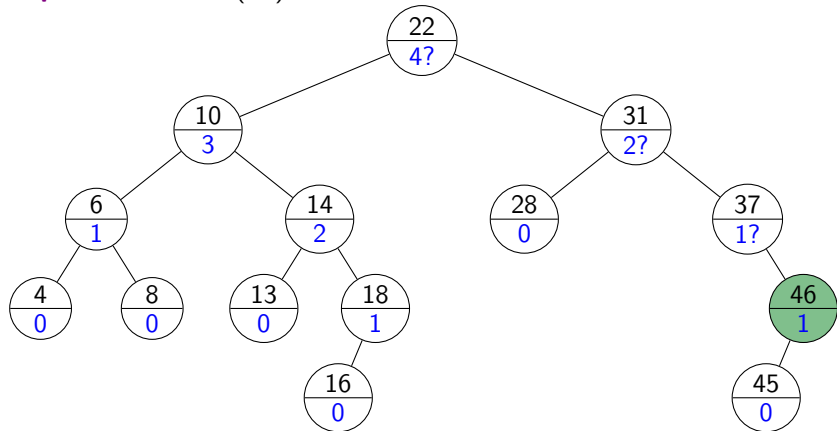
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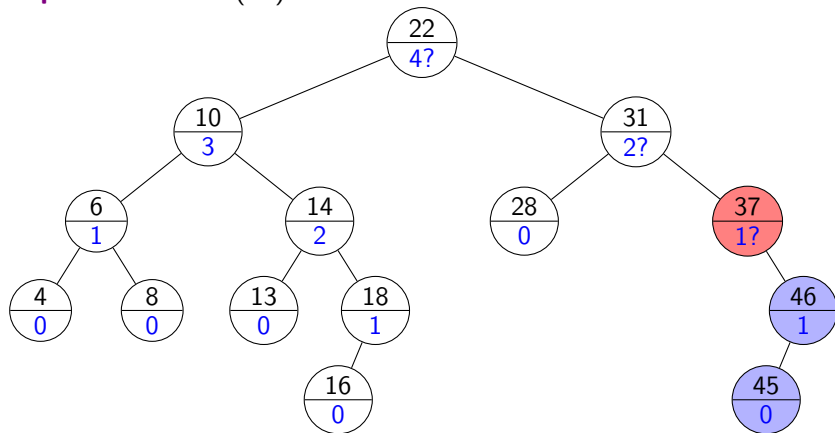
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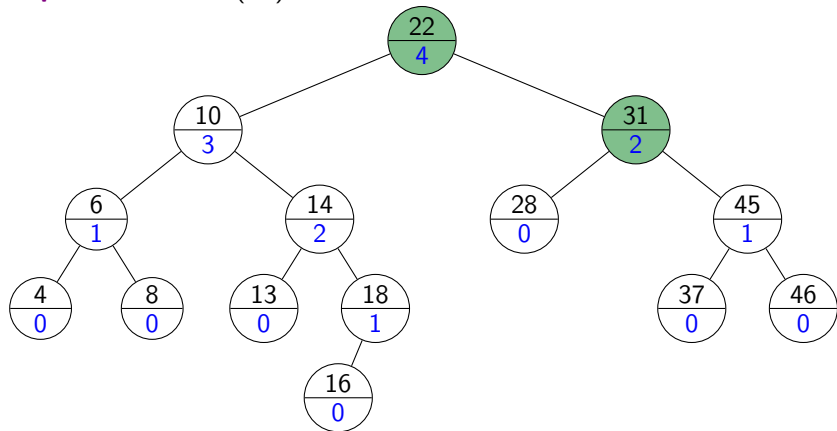
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- ADT Dictionary
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- Restructuring a BST: Rotations
- AVL insertion revisited
- Deletion in AVL Trees



## AVL Deletion

Remove the key  $k$  with *BST::delete*.

Find node where *structural* change happened.

(This is not necessarily near the node that had  $k$ .)

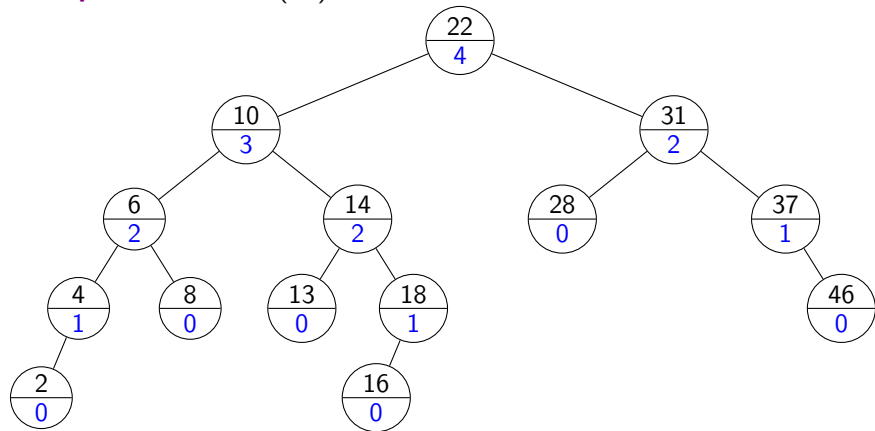
Go back up to root, update heights, and rotate if needed.

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AVL::delete(k)
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1.  $z \leftarrow \text{BST::delete}(k)$
2. // Assume  $z$  is the parent of the BST node that was removed
3. **while** ( $z$  is not NULL)
4.     **if** ( $|z.\text{left}.\text{height} - z.\text{right}.\text{height}| > 1$ ) **then**
5.         Let  $c$  be taller child of  $z$
6.         Let  $g$  be taller child of  $c$  (break ties to avoid double rotation)
7.          $z \leftarrow \text{restructure}(g, c, z)$
8.     // Always continue up the path
9.     *setHeightFromSubtrees*( $z$ )
10.     $z \leftarrow z.\text{parent}$

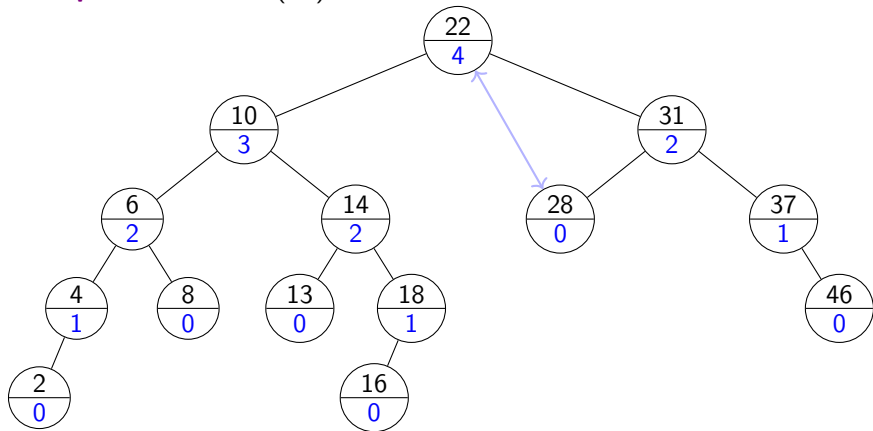
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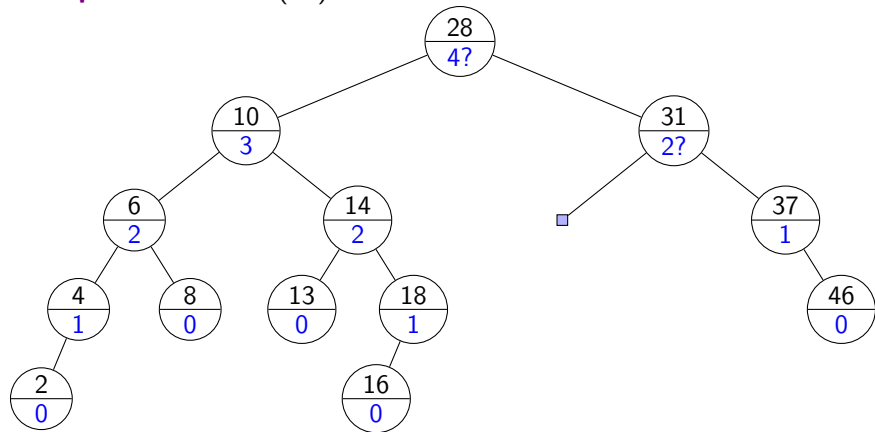
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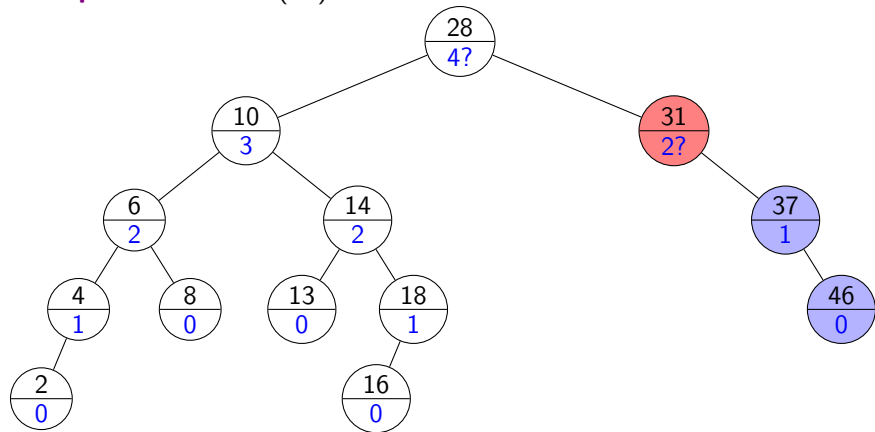
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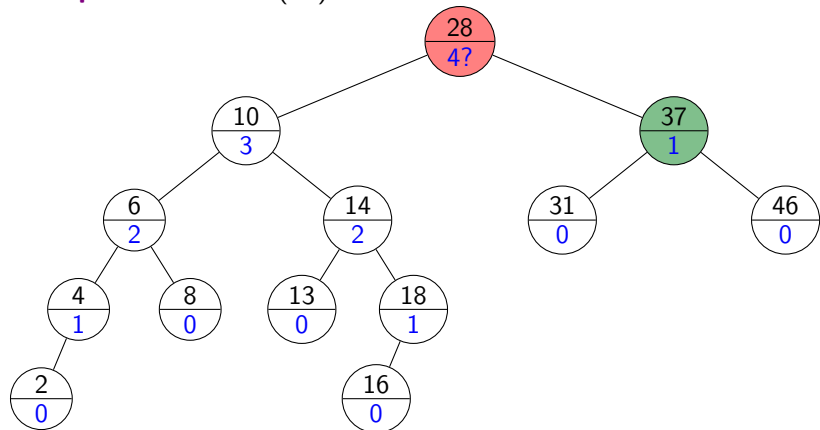
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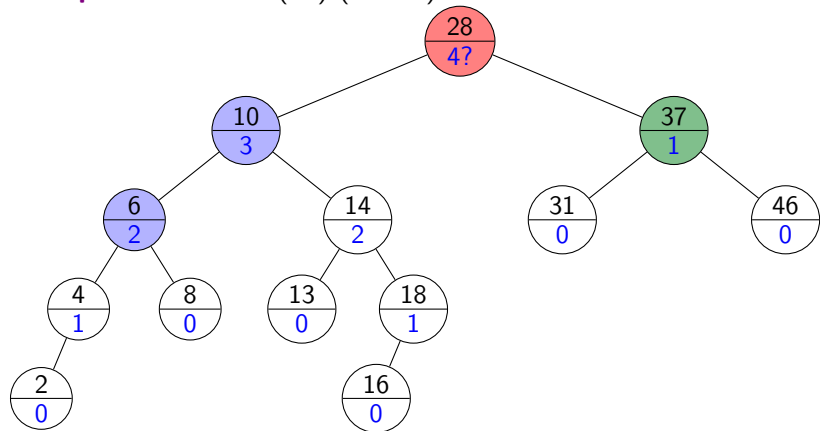
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A single *restructure* is not enough to restore all balances.

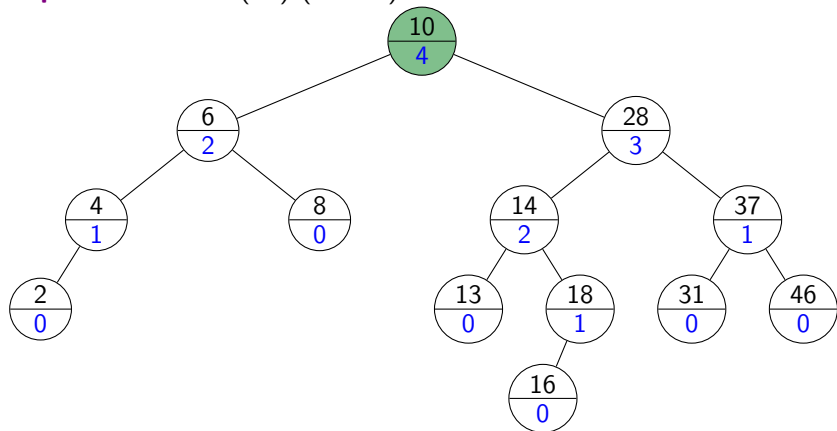
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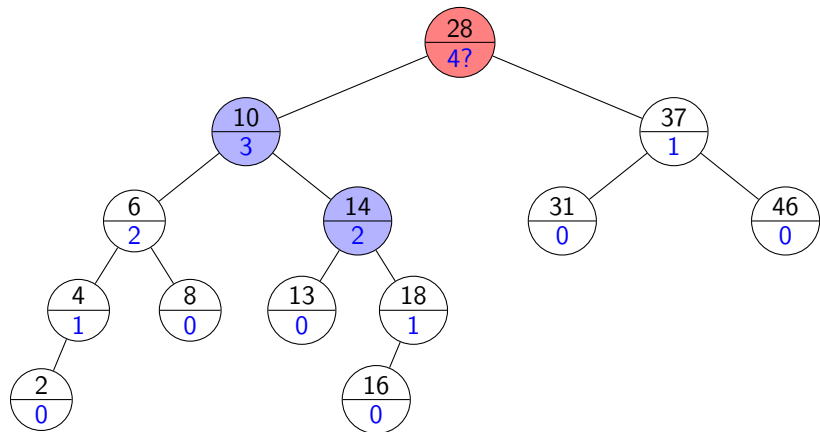
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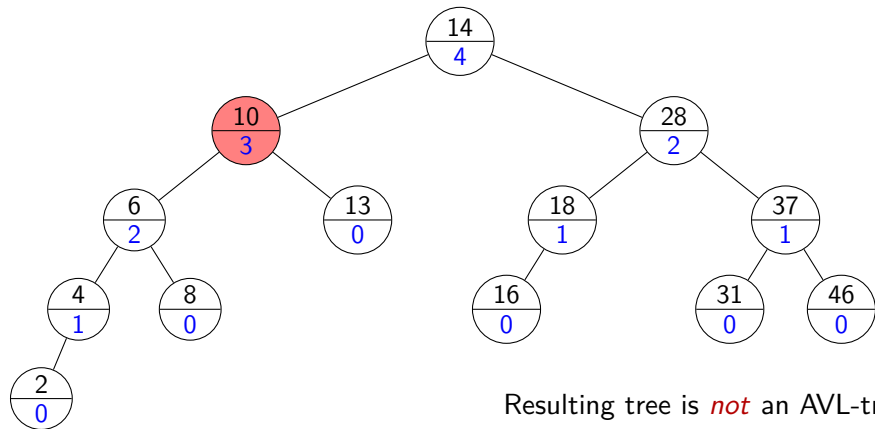
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Resulting tree is *not* an AVL-tree.  
Violation is *below* where we check further.

# AVL Tree Summary

**search:** Just like in BSTs, costs  $\Theta(\text{height})$

**insert:** *BST::insert*, then check & update along path to new leaf

- total cost  $\Theta(\text{height})$
- *restructure* will be called *at most once*.

**delete:** *BST::delete*, then check & update along path to deleted node

- total cost  $\Theta(\text{height})$
- *restructure* may be called  $\Theta(\text{height})$  times.

*Worst-case* cost for all operations is  $\Theta(\text{height}) = \Theta(\log n)$ .

- In practice, the constant is quite large.
- Other realizations of ADT Dictionary are better in practice ( $\rightarrow$  later)