

# CS 240 – Data Structures and Data Management

## Module 4: Dictionaries

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# Dictionary ADT

**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 *findElement*( $k$ ))
- *insert*( $k, v$ ) (also called *insertItem*( $k, v$ ))
- *delete*( $k$ ) (also called *removeElement*( $k$ ))
- optional: *closestKeyBefore*, *join*, *isEmpty*, *size*, etc.

Examples: symbol table, license plate database

# Elementary Implementations

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*  $\Theta(n)$

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## Binary Search Trees (review)

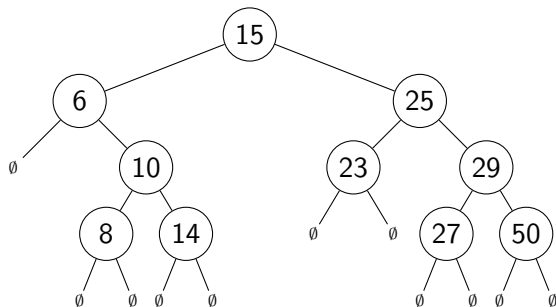
**Structure** Binary tree: all nodes have two (possibly empty) subtrees

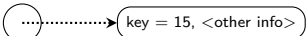
Every node stores a KVP

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.

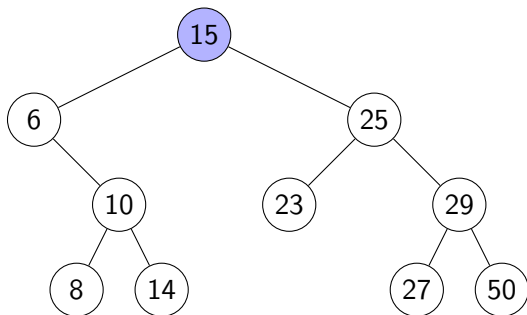


( In our examples we only show the keys, and we show them directly in the node. A more accurate picture would be  )

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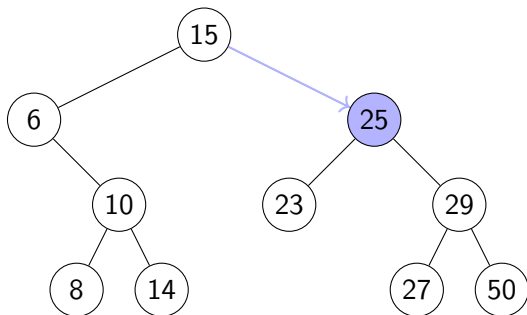




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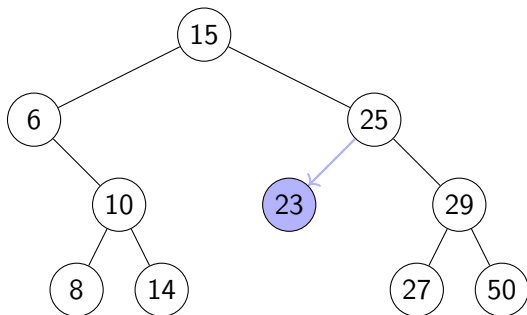
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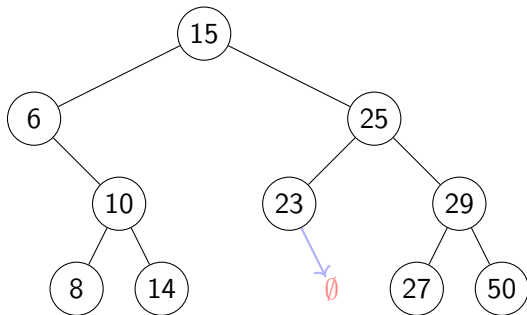
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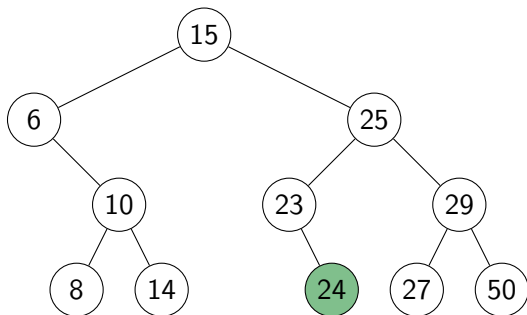


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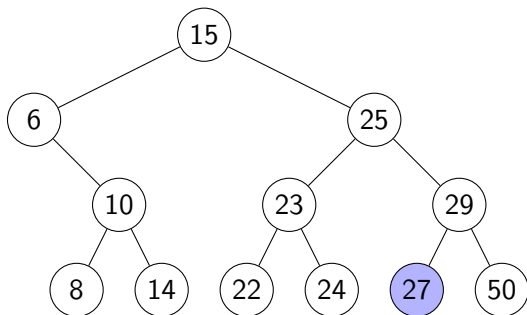
*BST::insert*( $k, v$ ) Search for  $k$ , then insert ( $k, v$ ) as new node

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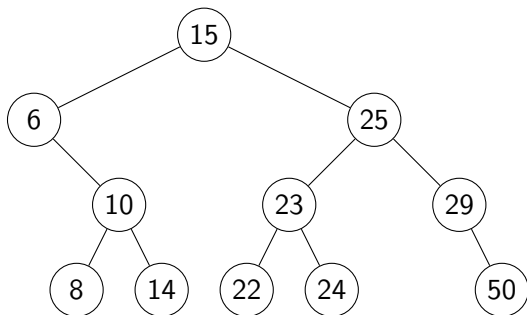
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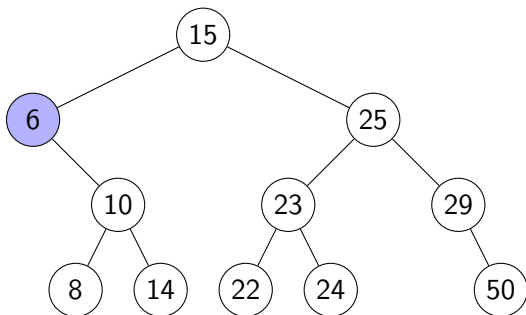
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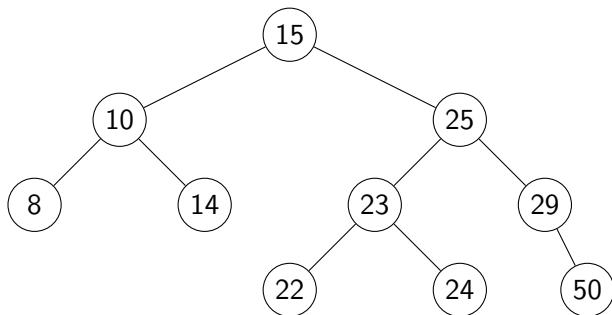
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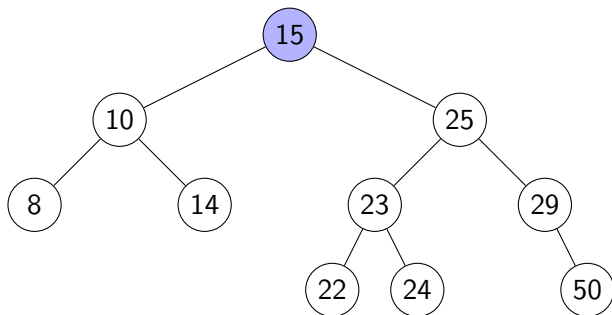
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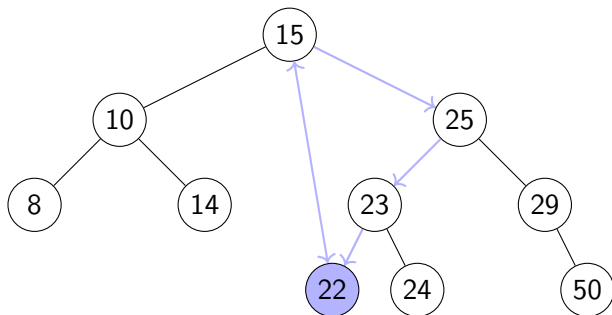
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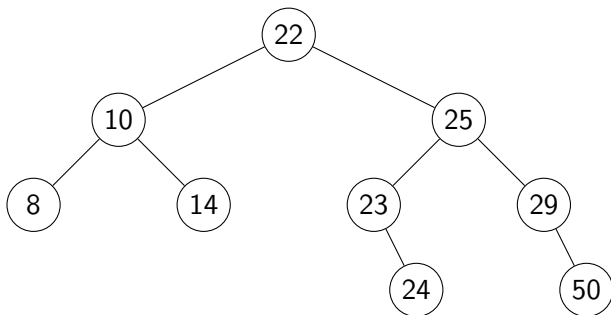
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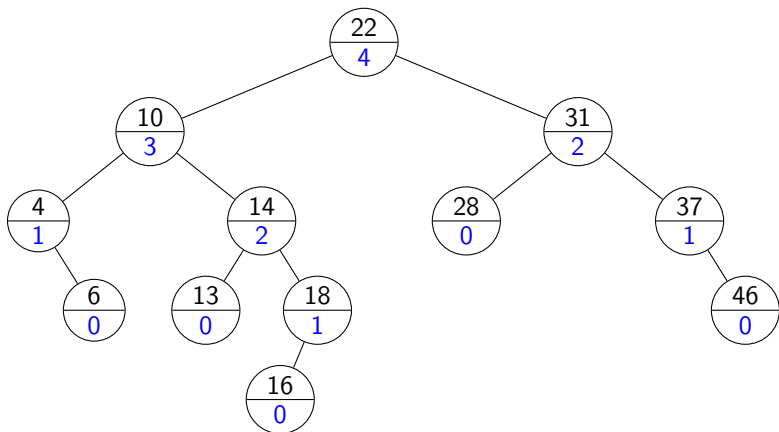
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- Need to store at each node  $v$  the height of the subtree rooted at it
- Can show: It suffices to store  $balance(v)$  instead
  - ▶ uses fewer bits, but code gets more complicated

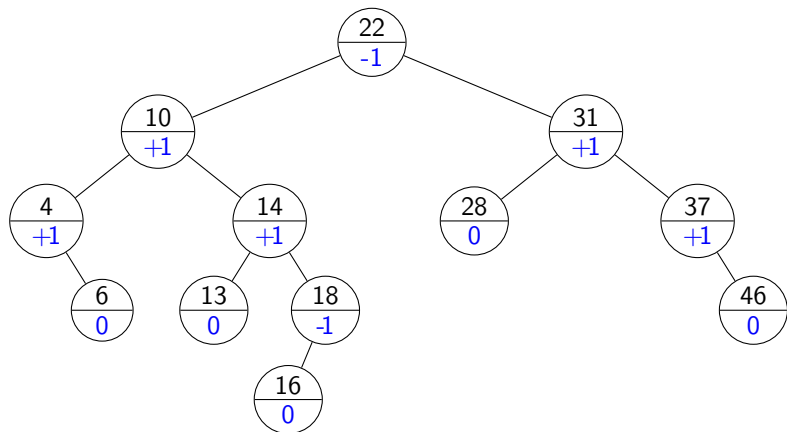
## AVL tree example

(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*, *insert*, *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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# AVL insertion

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  $z$ , updating heights.
  - ▶ We assume for this that we have parent-links. This can be avoided if *BST::Insert* returns the full path to  $z$ .
- If the height difference becomes  $\pm 2$  at node  $z$ , then  $z$  is **unbalanced**. Must re-structure the tree to rebalance.

# AVL insertion

*AVL::insert*( $k, v$ )

1.  $z \leftarrow \text{BST::insert}(k, v)$  // leaf where  $k$  is now stored
2. **while** ( $z$  is not NIL)
3.     **if** ( $|z.\text{left}.\text{height} - z.\text{right}.\text{height}| > 1$ ) **then**
4.         Let  $y$  be taller child of  $z$
5.         Let  $x$  be taller child of  $y$
6.          $z \leftarrow \text{restructure}(x, y, z)$  // see later
7.         **break** // can argue that we are done
8.      $\text{setHeightFromSubtrees}(z)$
9.      $z \leftarrow z.\text{parent}$

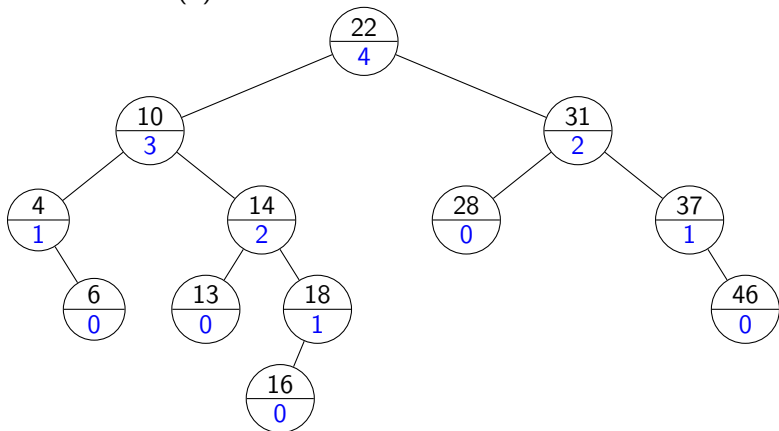
*setHeightFromSubtrees*( $u$ )

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



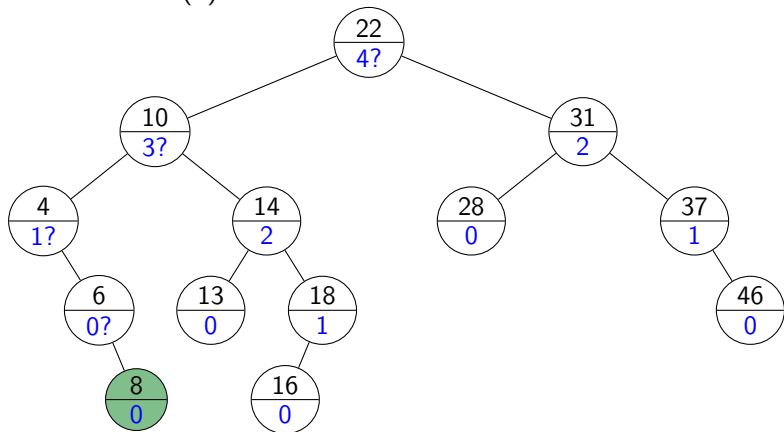
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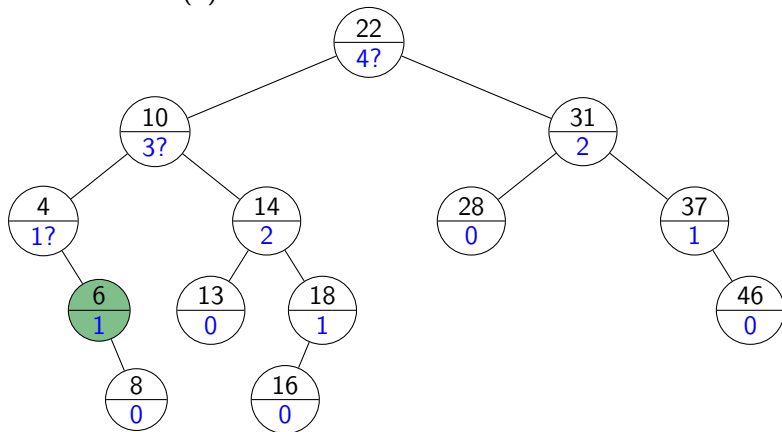
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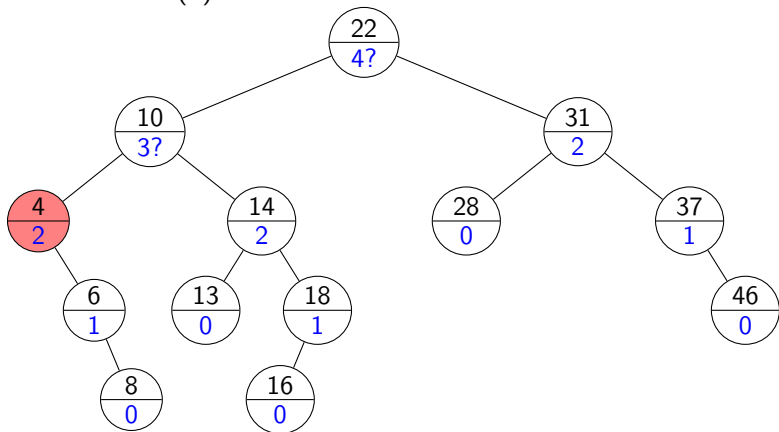
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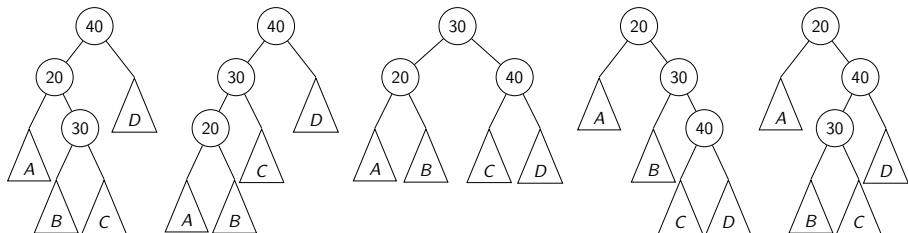
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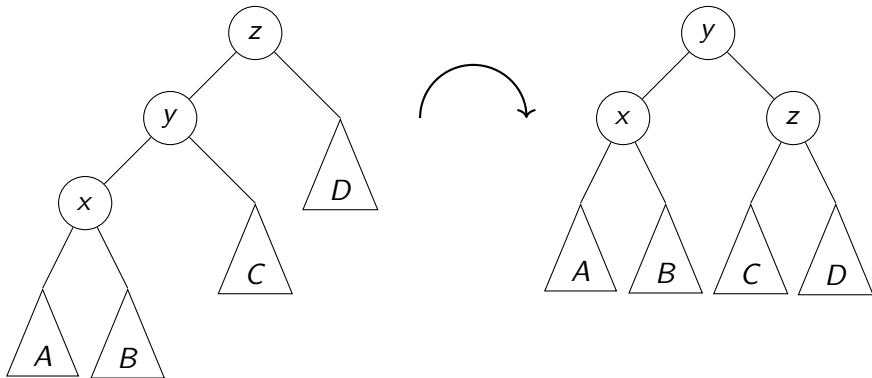
**Note:** there are many different BSTs with the same keys.



**Goal:** change the *structure* among three nodes without changing the *order* and such that the subtree becomes balanced.

## Right Rotation

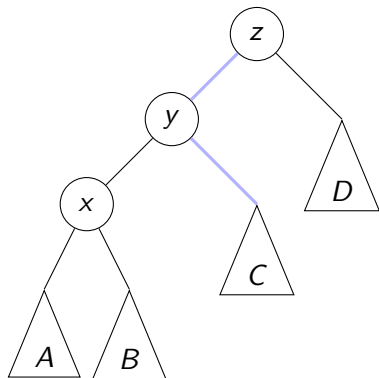
This is a **right rotation** on node  $z$ :



*rotate-right*( $z$ )

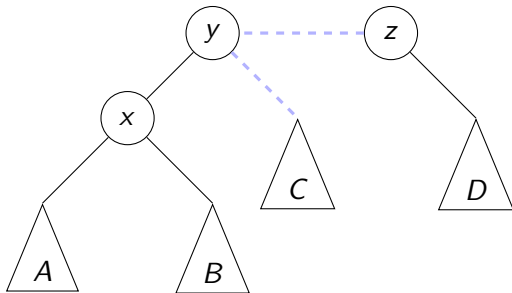
1.  $y \leftarrow z.left, z.left \leftarrow y.right, y.right \leftarrow z$
2. *setHeightFromSubtrees*( $z$ ), *setHeightFromSubtrees*( $y$ )
3. **return**  $y$  // returns new root of subtree

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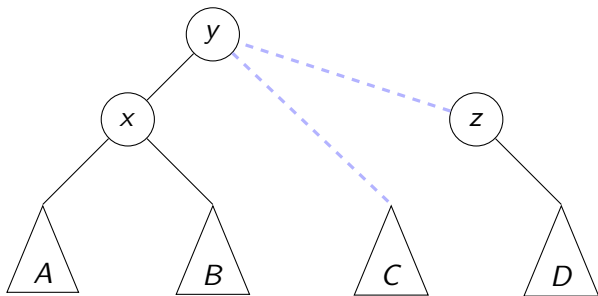




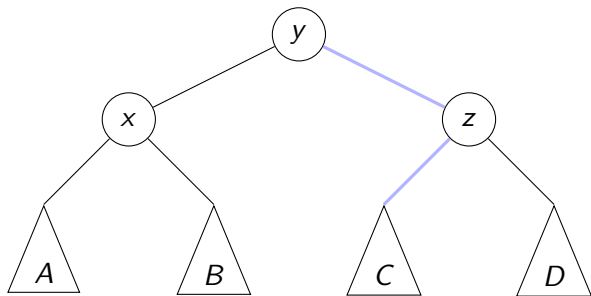
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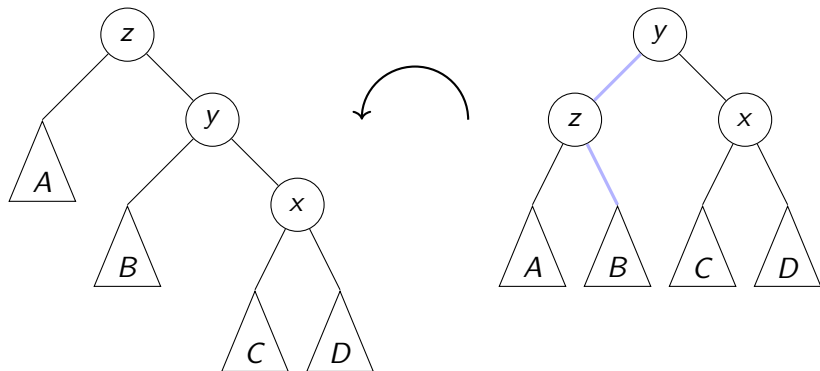


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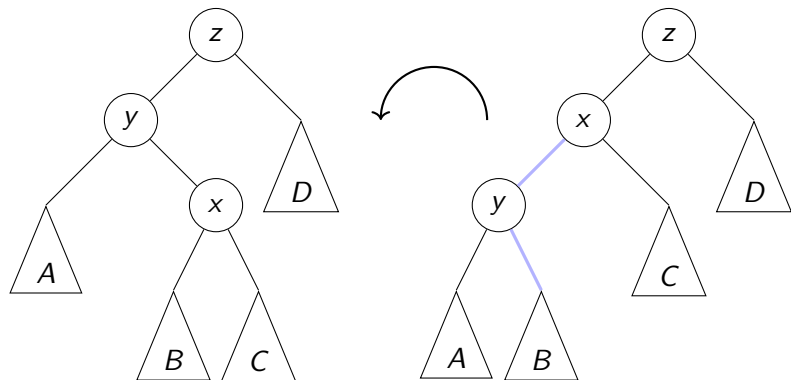
Symmetrically, this is a **left rotation** on node  $z$ :



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

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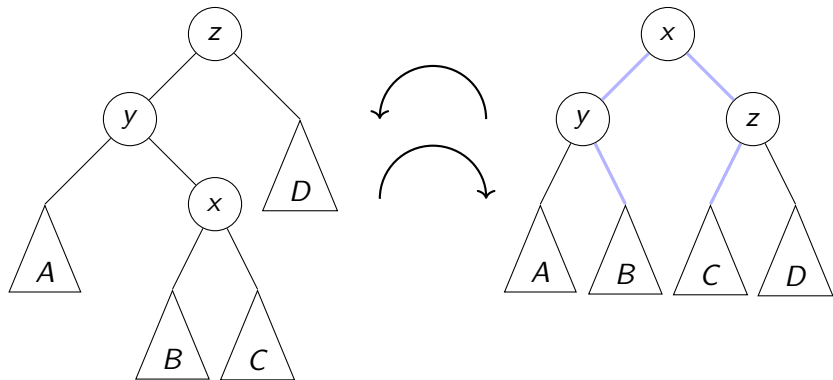
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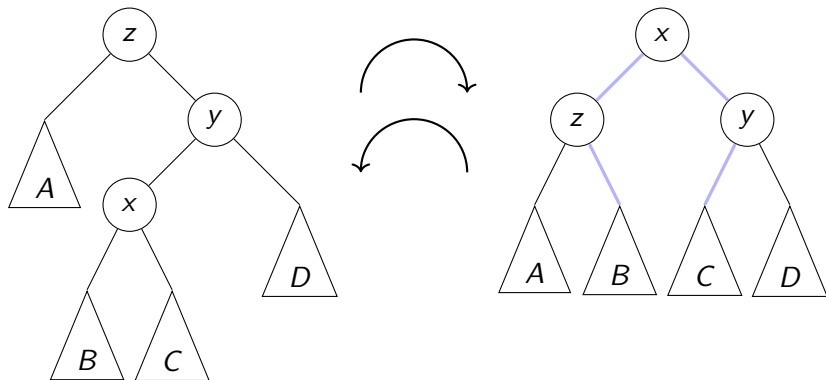


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
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
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
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
node  $x$  has parent  $y$  and grandparent  $z$

1. **case**

 : // Right rotation  
**return** *rotate-right*( $z$ )

 : // Double-right rotation  
 $z.\text{left} \leftarrow$  *rotate-left*( $y$ )  
**return** *rotate-right*( $z$ )

 : // Double-left rotation  
 $z.\text{right} \leftarrow$  *rotate-right*( $y$ )  
**return** *rotate-left*( $z$ )

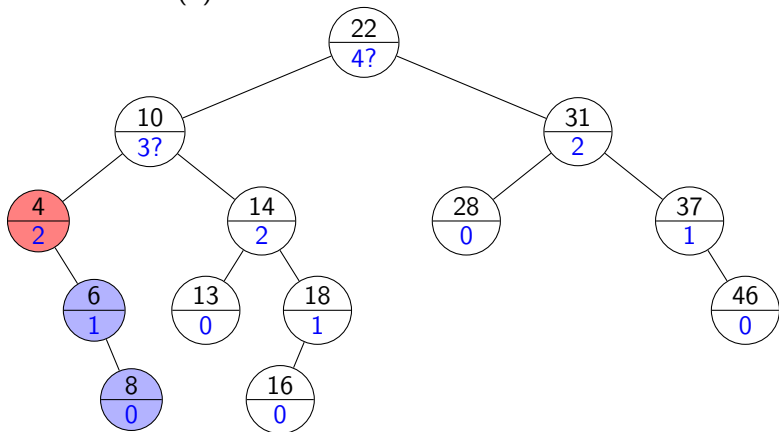
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**Rule:** The middle key of  $x, y, z$  becomes the new root.



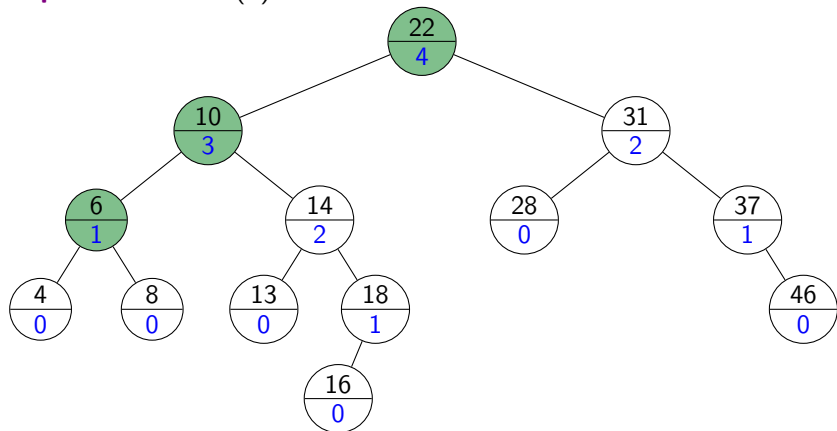
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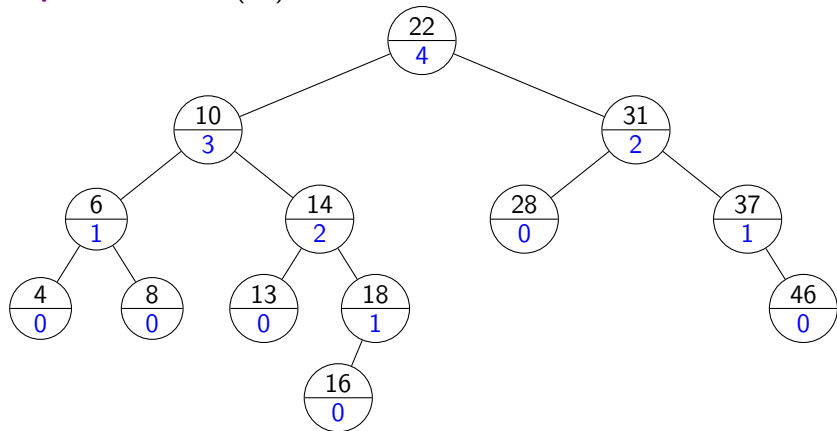
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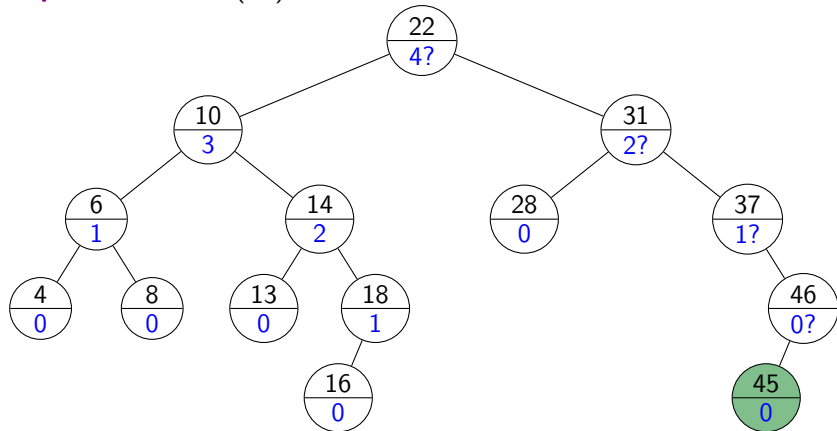
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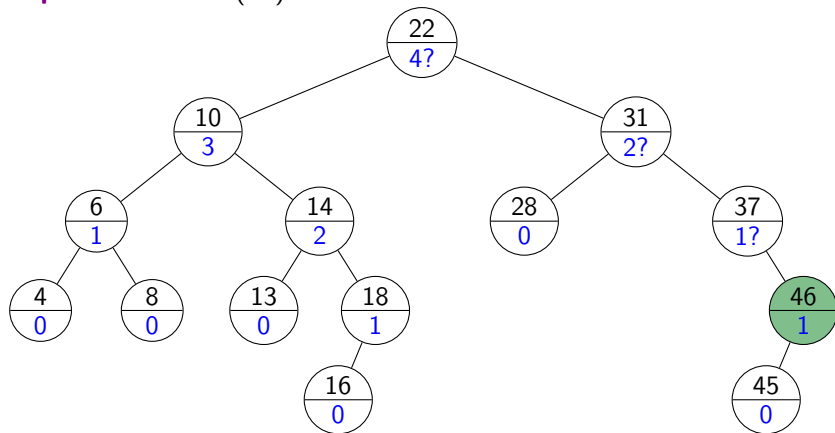
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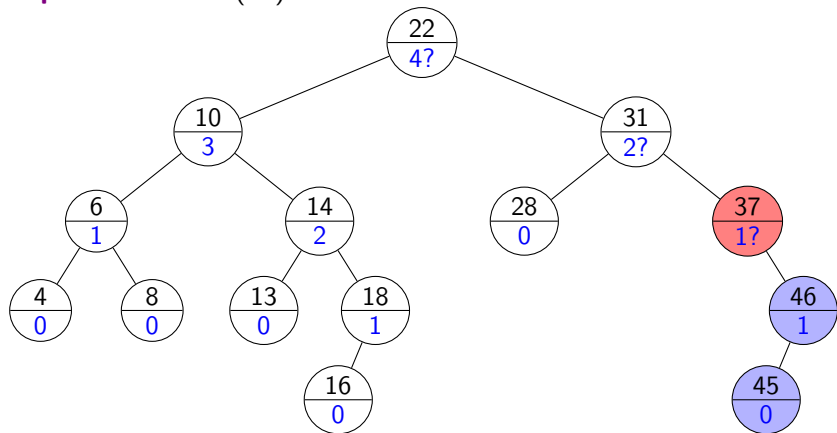
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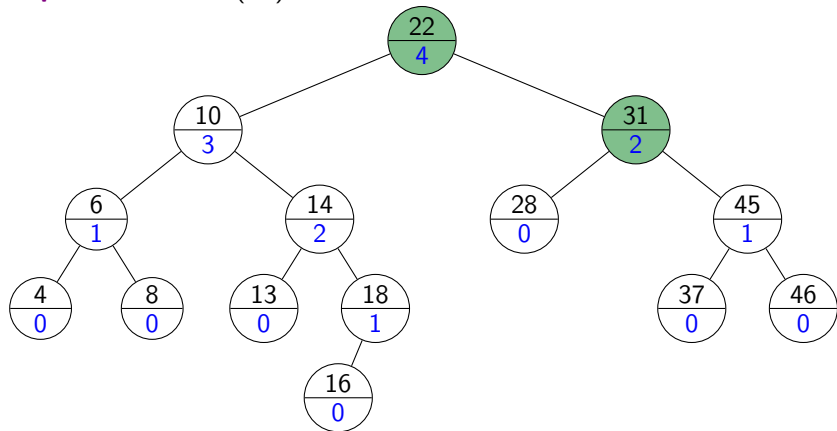
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Remove the key  $k$  with *BST::delete*.

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.

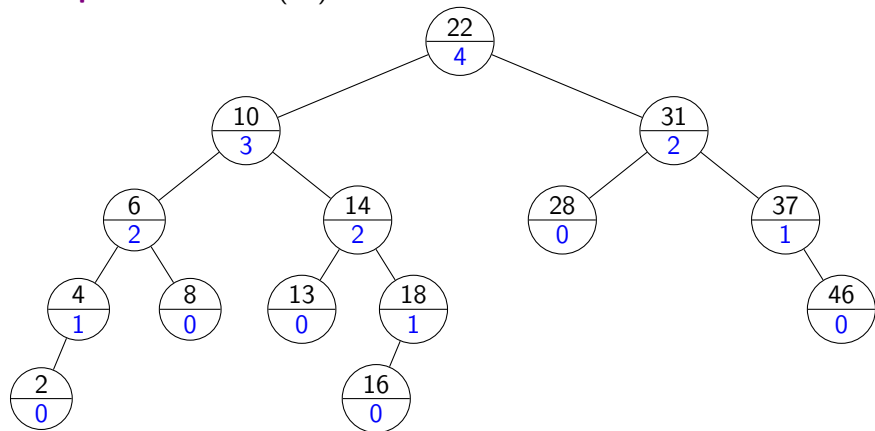
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AVL::delete(k)
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1.  $z \leftarrow \text{BST::delete}(k)$
2. // Assume  $z$  is the parent of the BST node that was removed
3. **while** ( $z$  is not NIL)
4.     **if** ( $|z.\text{left}.\text{height}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



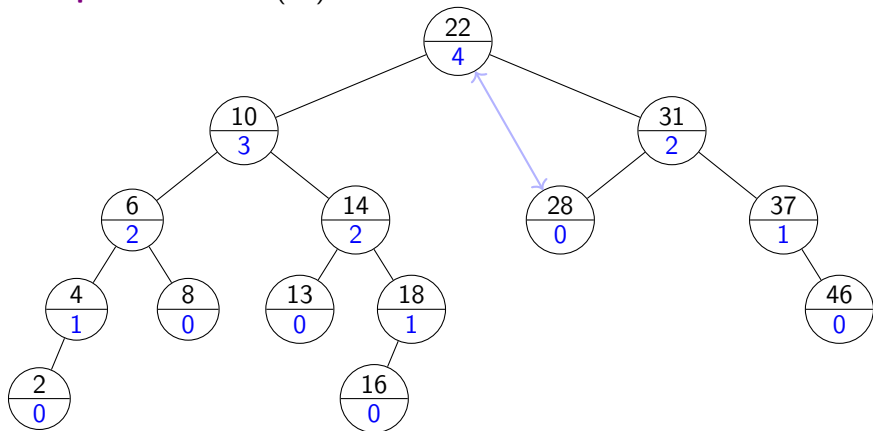
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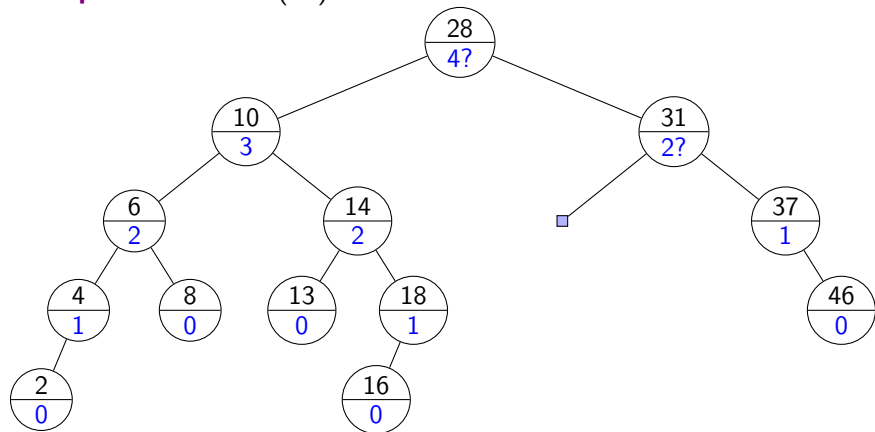
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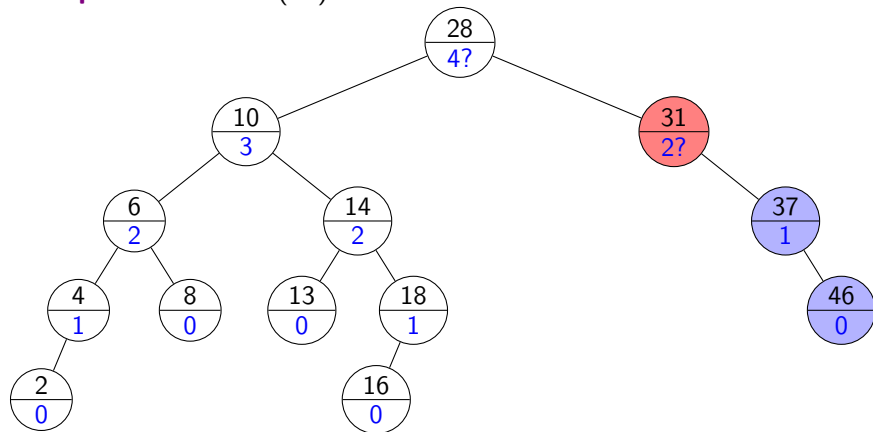
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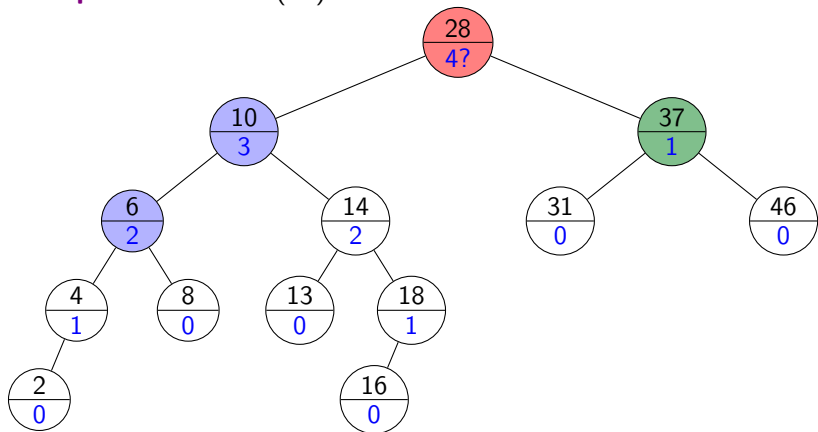
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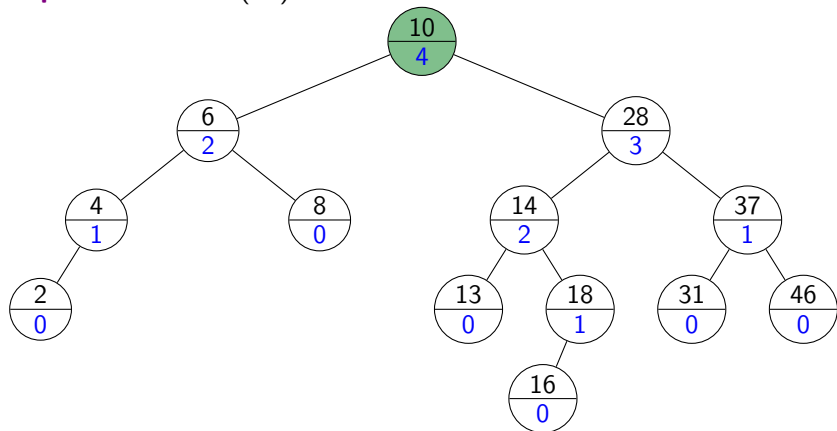
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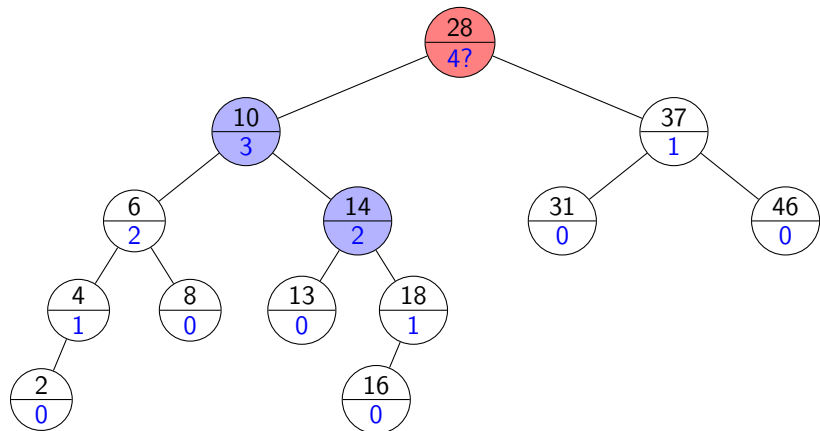
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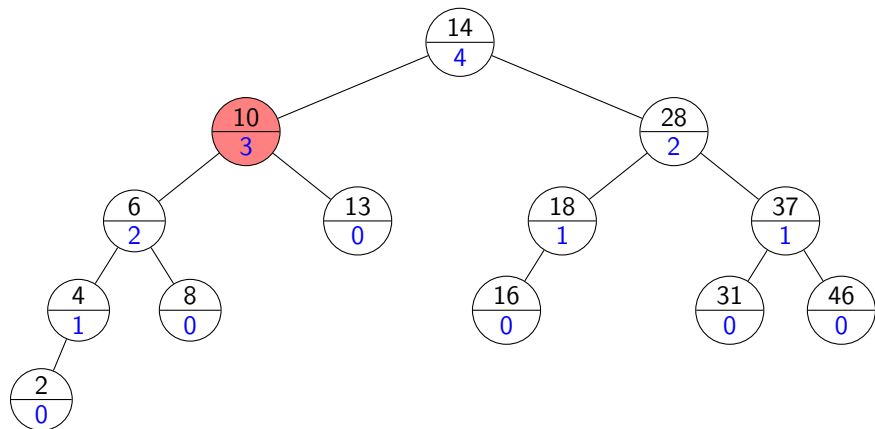
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Resulting tree is *not* an AVL-tree.



# AVL Tree Operations Runtime

**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* restores the height of the subtree to what it was,
- so *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  $\Theta(\text{height}) = \Theta(\log n)$ .

But in practice, the constant is quite large.