

# CSE 373

# Data Structures & Algorithms

## Lecture 06

## AVL Trees

# Balanced BST

## Observation

- BST: the shallower the better!
- For a BST with  $n$  nodes
  - Average height is  $O(\log n)$
  - Worst case height is  $O(n)$
- Simple cases such as  $\text{insert}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$  lead to the worst case scenario: height  $O(n)$

## Solution: Require a **Balance Condition** that

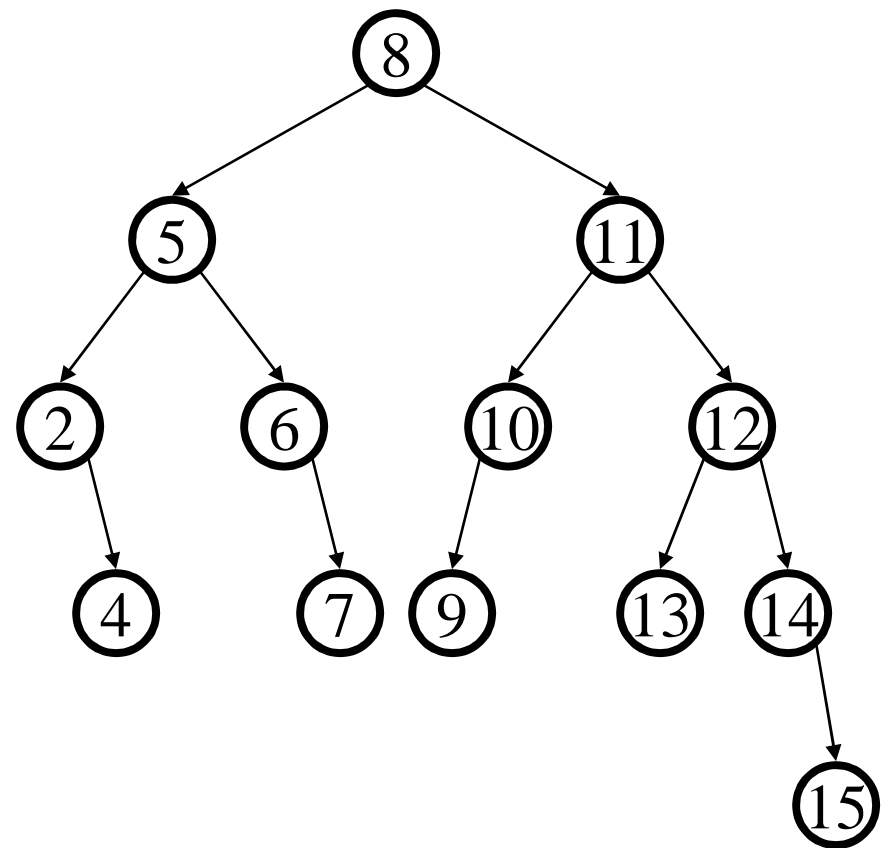
1. ensures depth is  $O(\log n)$       – strong enough!
2. is easy to maintain              – not too strong!

# The AVL Tree Data Structure

Adelson-Velskii and Landis

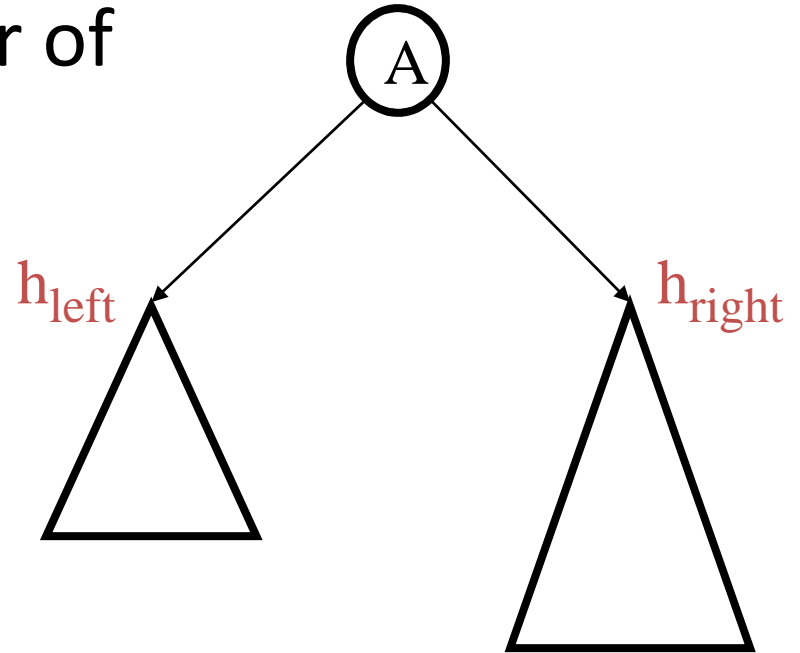
An AVL tree is:

1. A binary search tree
2. Heights of left and right subtrees of *every node* differ by at most **1**



# Recursive Height Calculation

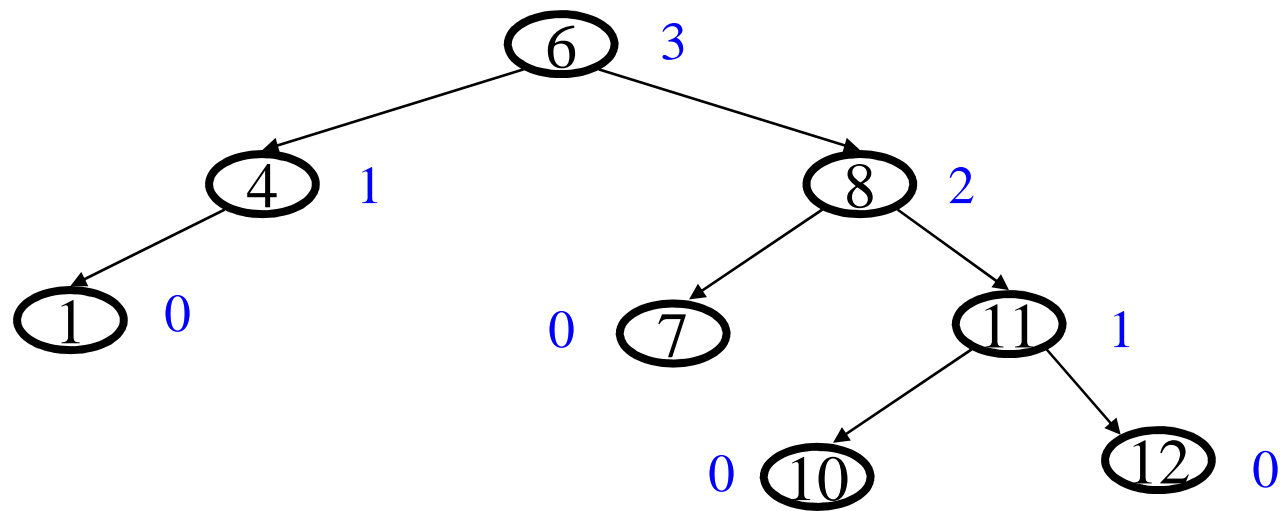
*Recall:* height is max number of edges from root to a leaf



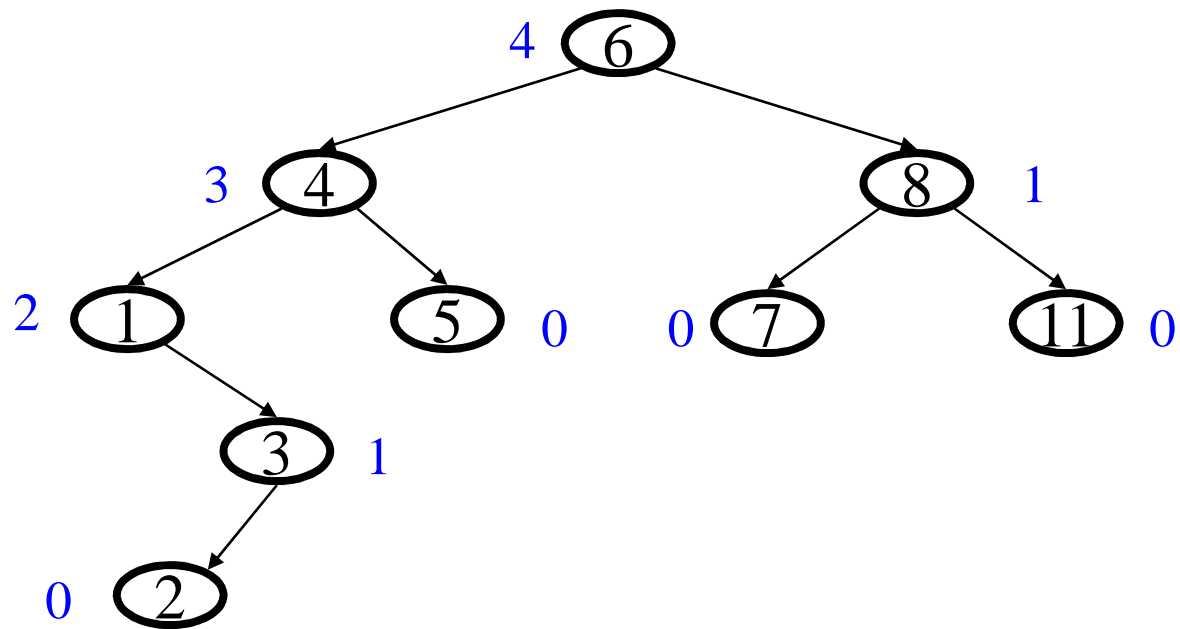
How do we compute height at A?

Note:  $\text{height}(\text{null}) = -1$

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# An AVL Tree has Height $O(\log n)$

**Proof** Let  $S(h)$  be the min # of nodes in an AVL tree of height  $h$

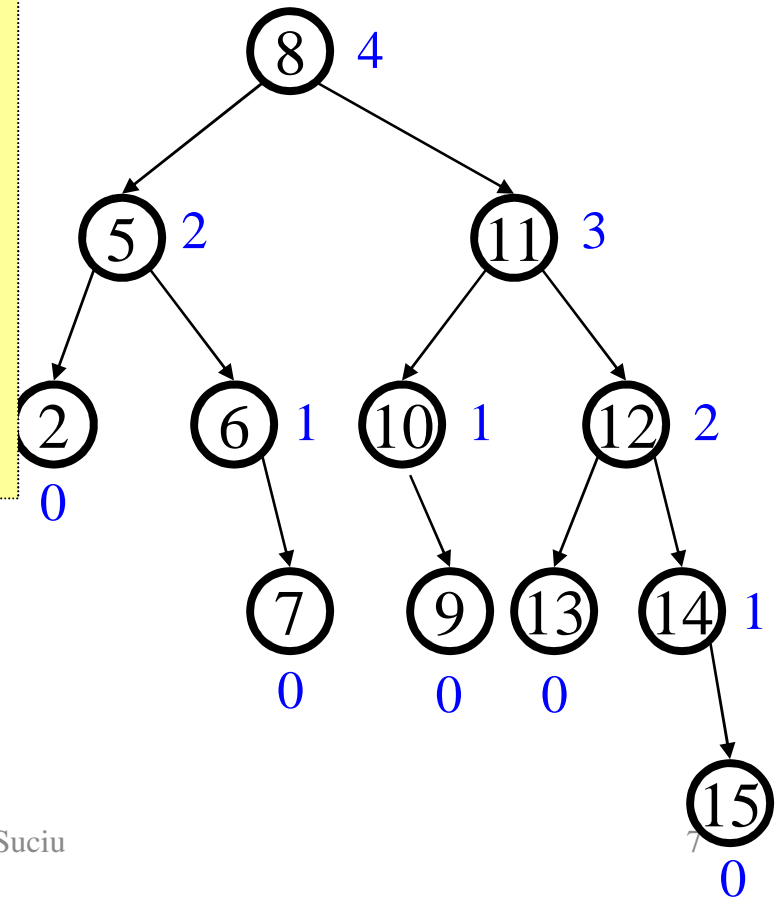
**Claim:**  $S(h) = S(h-1) + S(h-2) + 1$

Solution of recurrence:

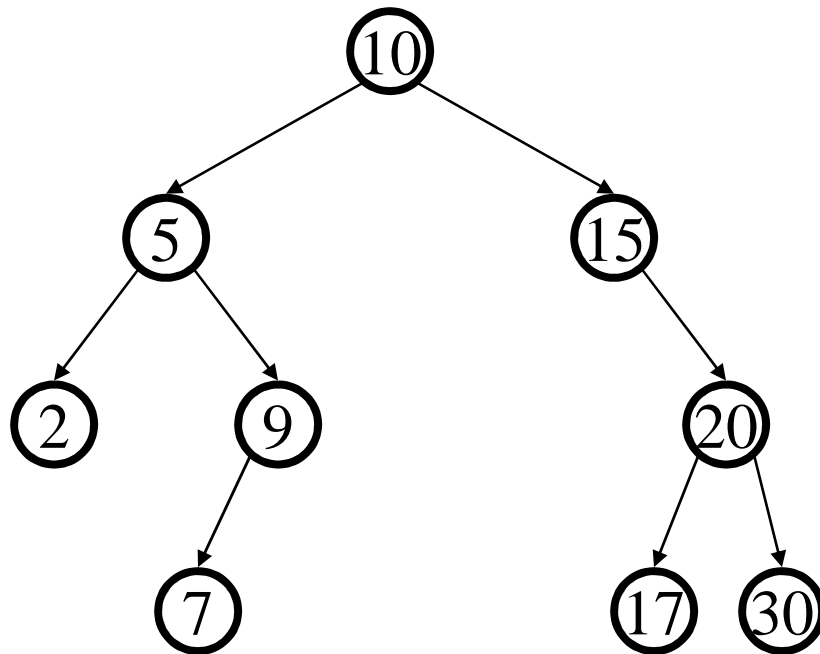
$S(h) = O(2^h)$

(like Fibonacci numbers)

AVL tree of height  $h=4$   
with the min # of nodes (12)



# Testing the Balance Property



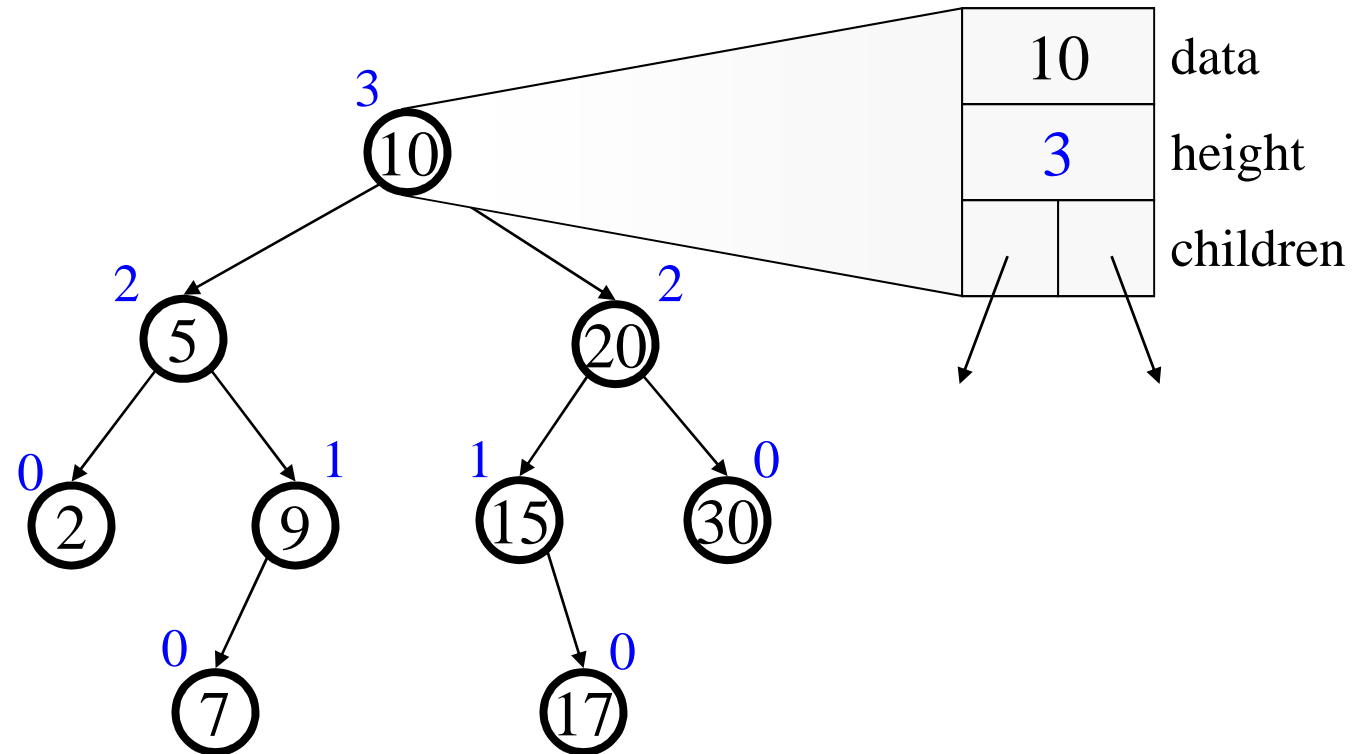
We need to be able to:

1. Track Balance
2. Detect Imbalance
3. Restore Balance

**NULL** has a height of **-1**



# An AVL Tree



Track height at all times.

# AVL trees: find, insert, delete

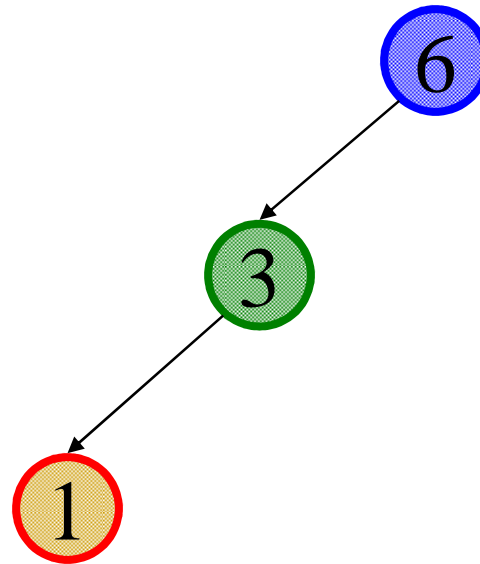
- **AVL find:**
  - Same as BST find.
- **AVL insert:**
  - Same as BST insert, *except* you need to check your balance and may need to “fix” the AVL tree after the insert.
- **AVL delete:**
  - We’re not going to talk about it, but same basic idea. Delete it, check your balance, and fix it.

# Bad Case #1

Insert(6)

Insert(3)

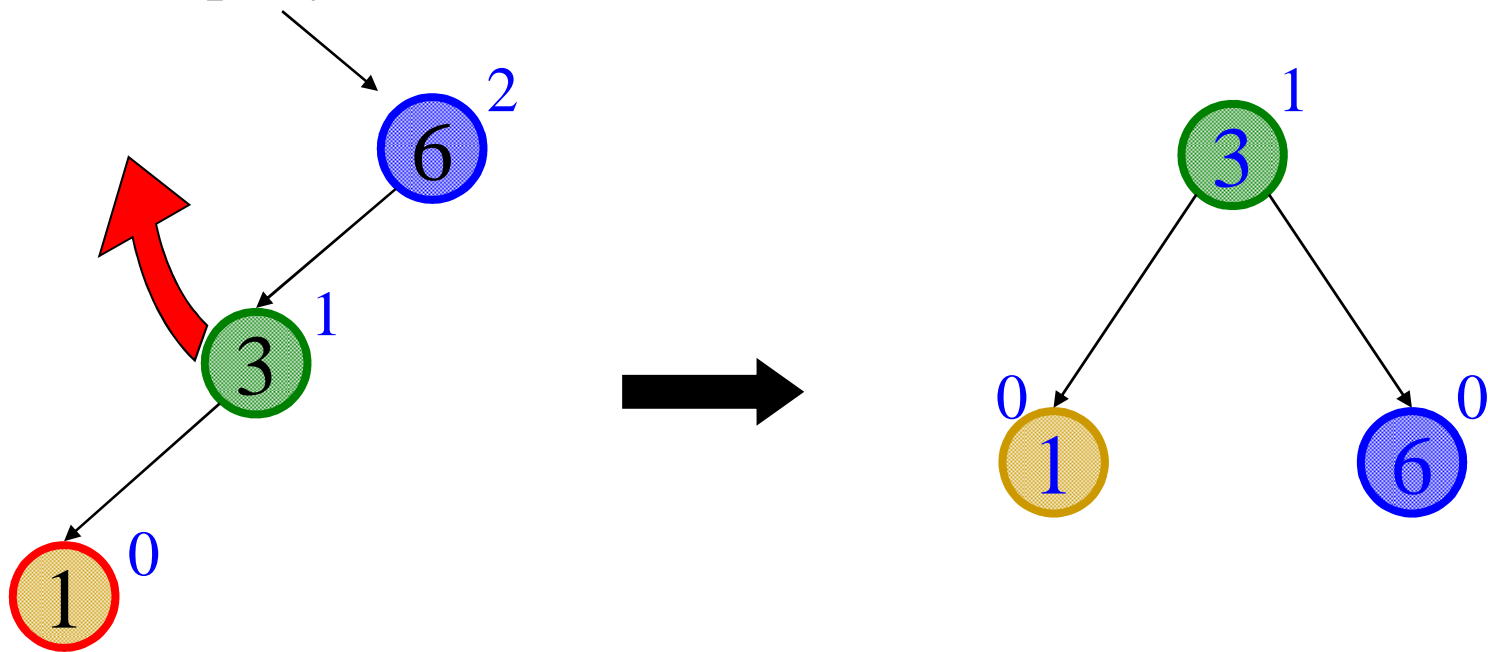
Insert(1)



Simple illustration

# Fix: Apply Single Rotation

AVL Property violated at this node (x)



Intuition: 3 must become root

Single Rotation:

1. Rotate between x and child

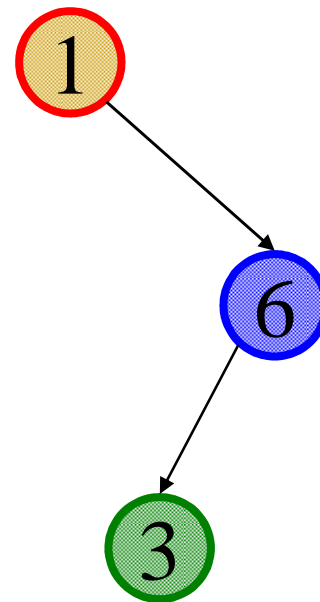
Simple illustration

# Bad Case #2

Insert(1)

Insert(6)

Insert(3)

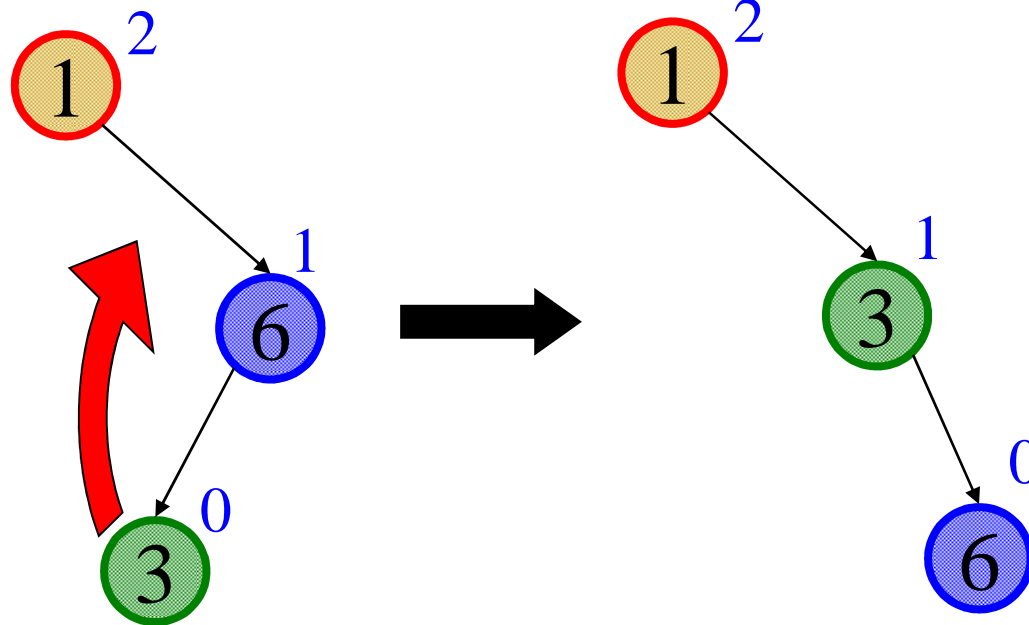


Simple illustration

# Single Rotation Does Not Work

AVL Property violated at this node (x)

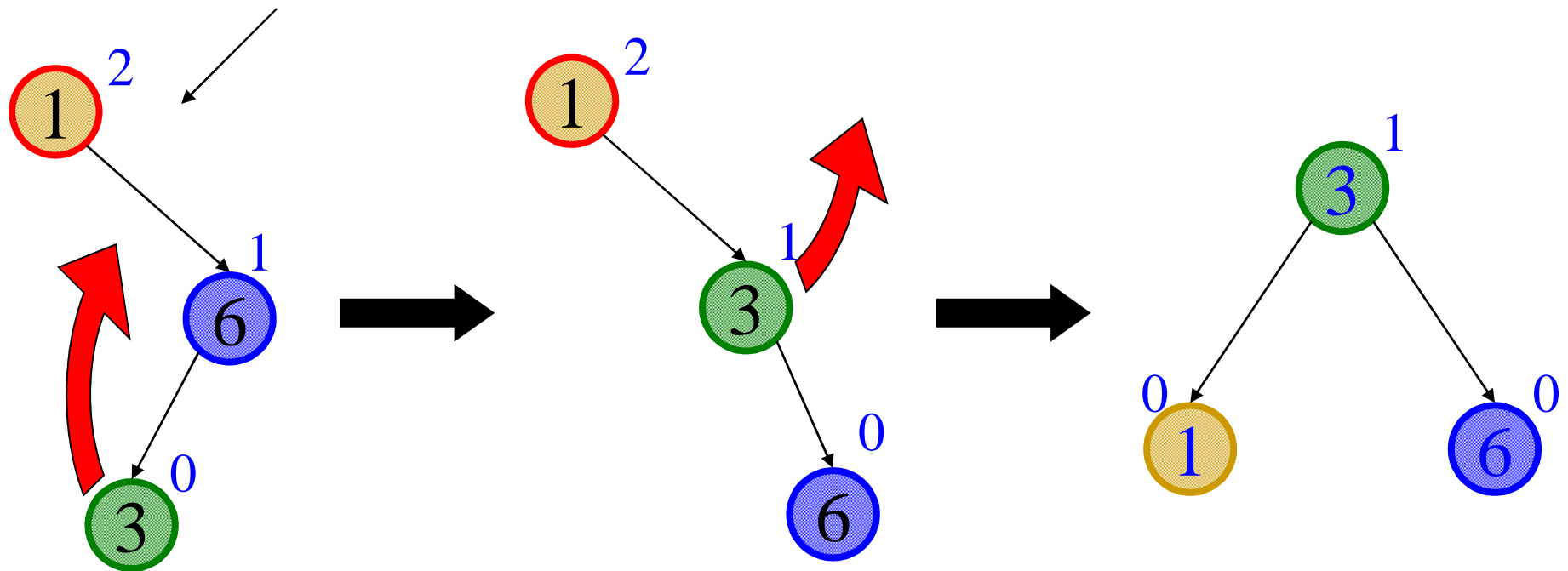
It's a BST, but it's unbalanced



Simple illustration

# Fix: Apply Double Rotation

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## Double Rotation

1. Rotate between x's child and grandchild
2. Rotate between x and x's new child

Simple illustration

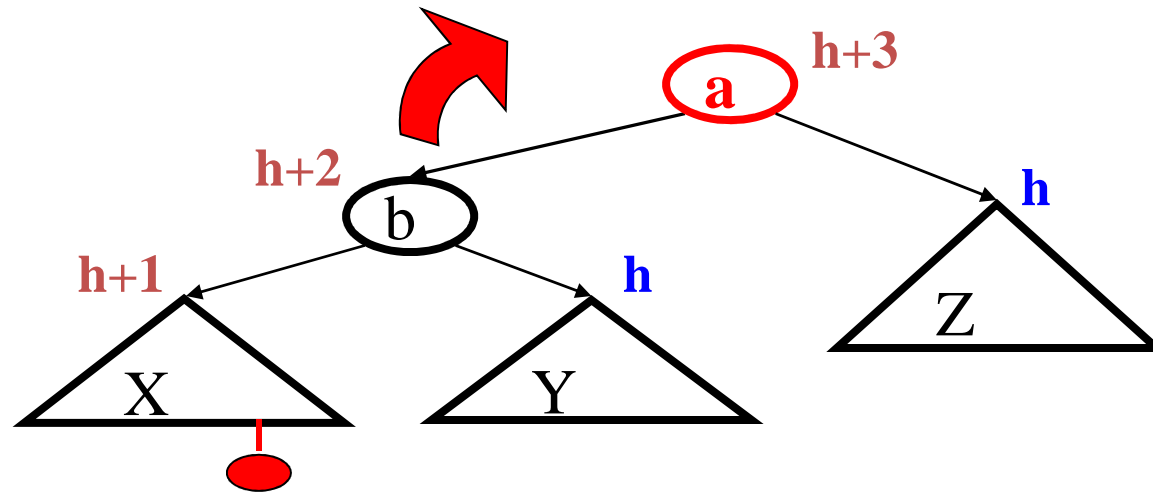
# AVL tree insert

1. Find spot for new key
2. Hang new node there with this key
3. Search back up the path for imbalance
4. If there is an imbalance:
  - Case #1: Perform single rotation and exit (zig-zig)
  - Case #2: Perform double rotation and exit (zig-zag)

Both rotations keep the subtree height unchanged.  
Hence only one rotation is sufficient!

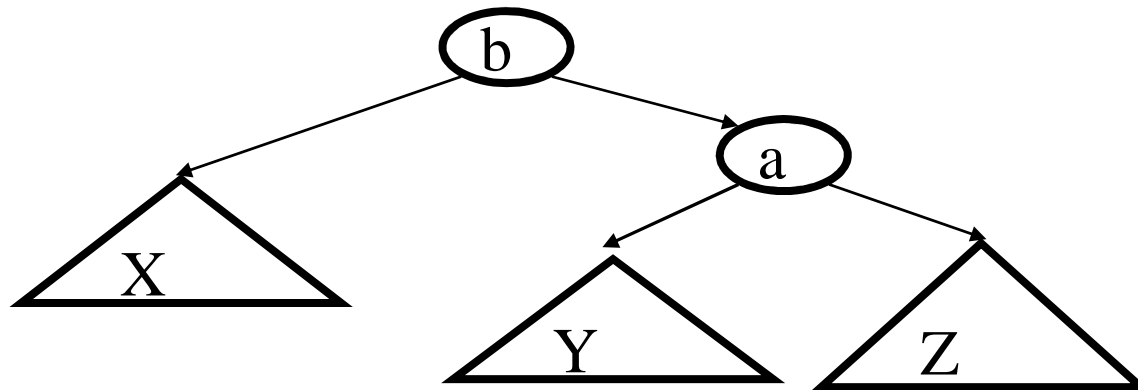


# Case #1: Single Rotation (Zig-zig)

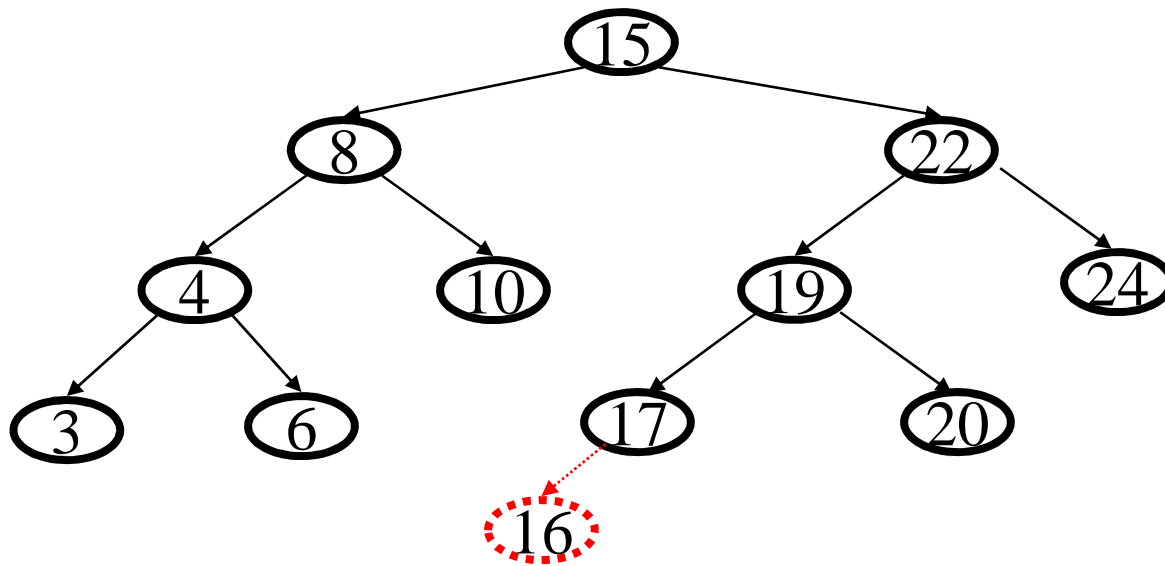


$X < b < Y < a < Z$

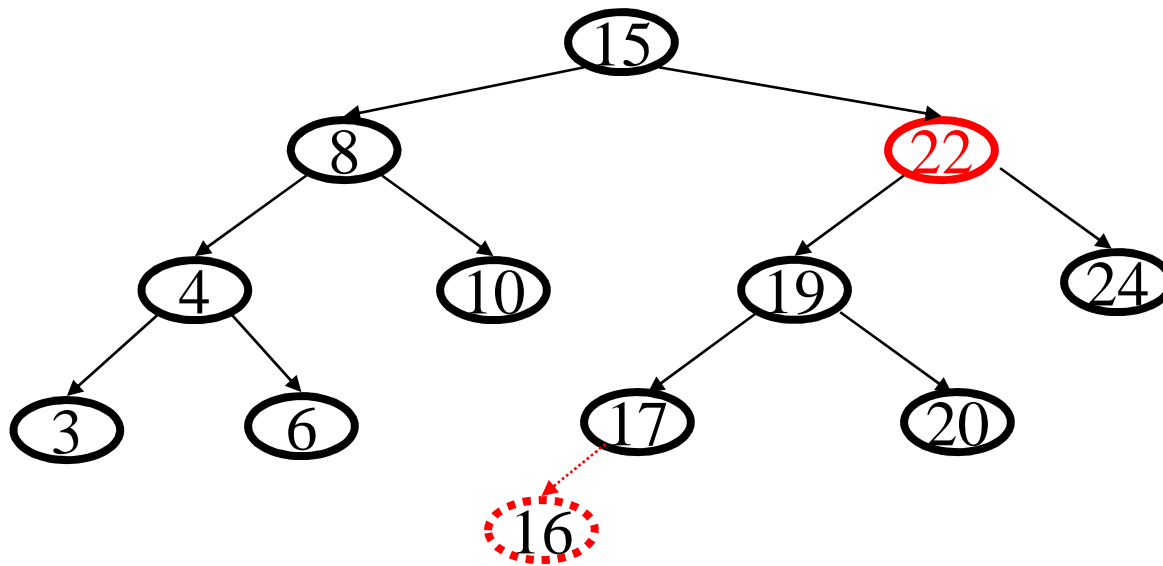
single rotation



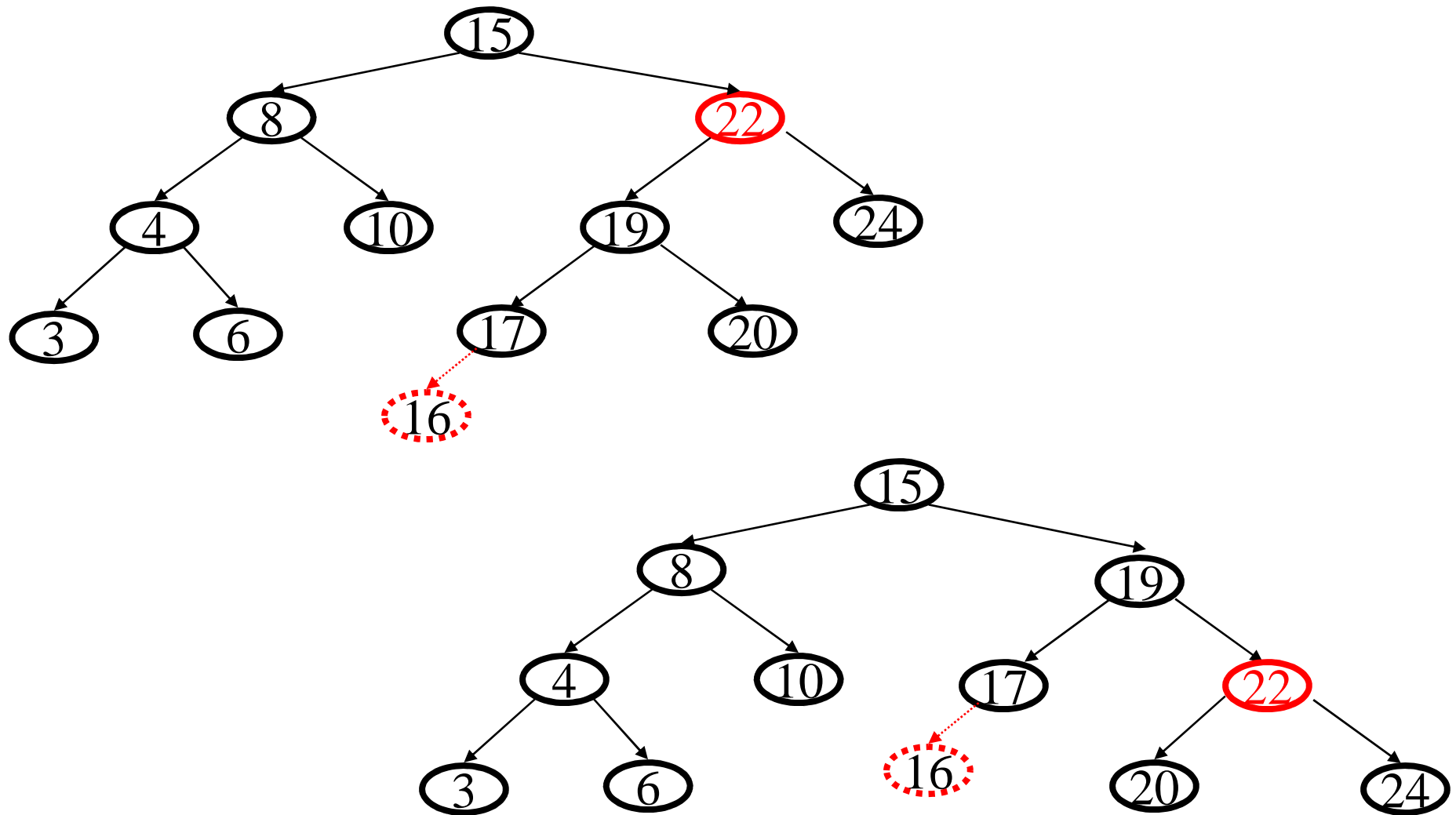
# Single rotation example



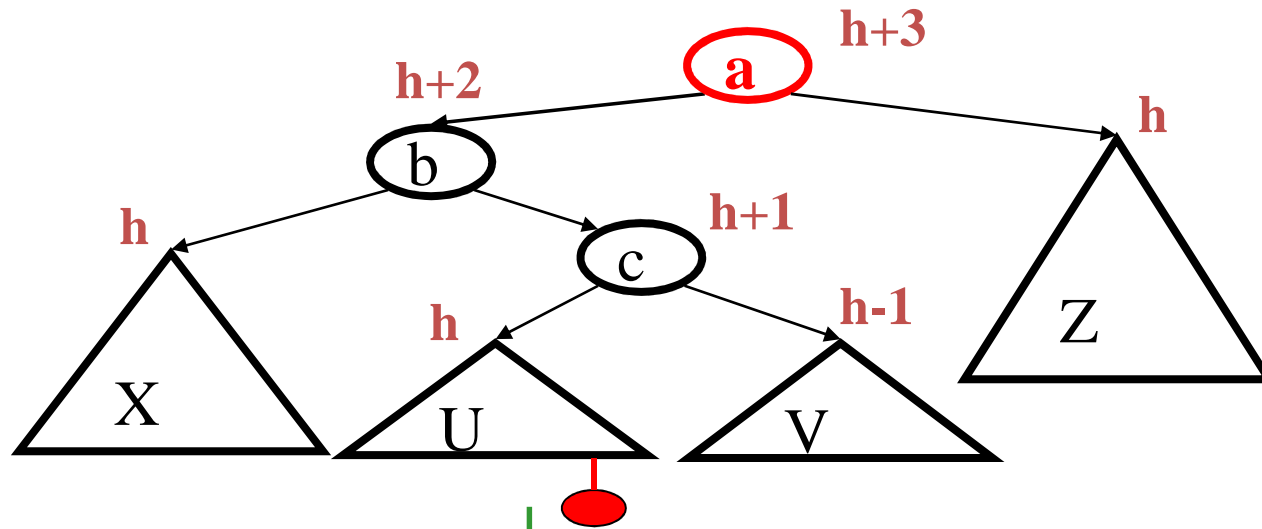
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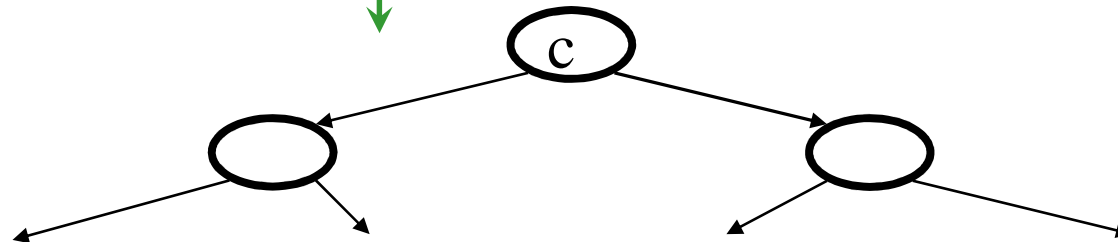


# Case #2: Double Rotation (Zig-zag)

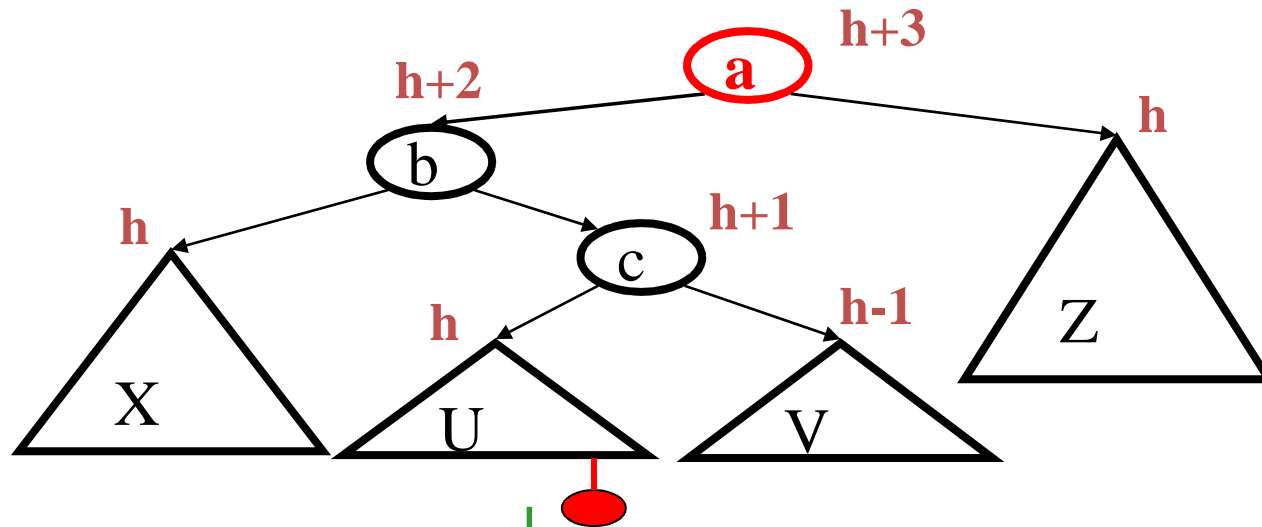


Let's break subtree Y into pieces:

Insert on left child's right (at U or V)

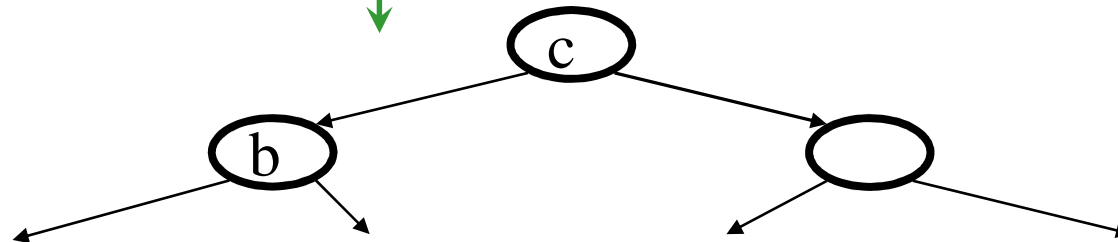


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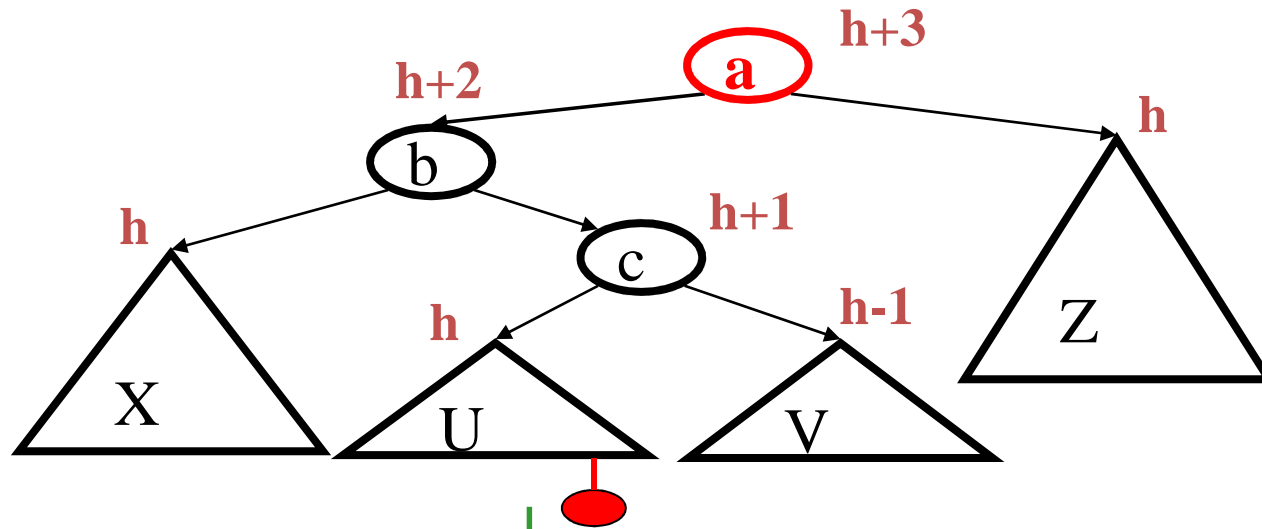


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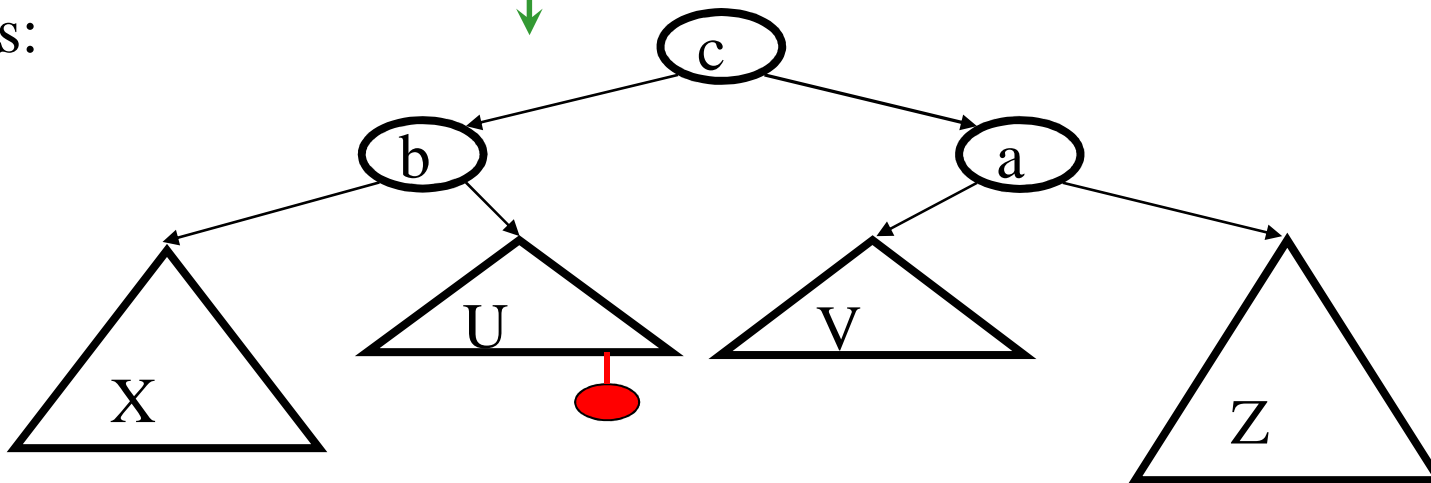


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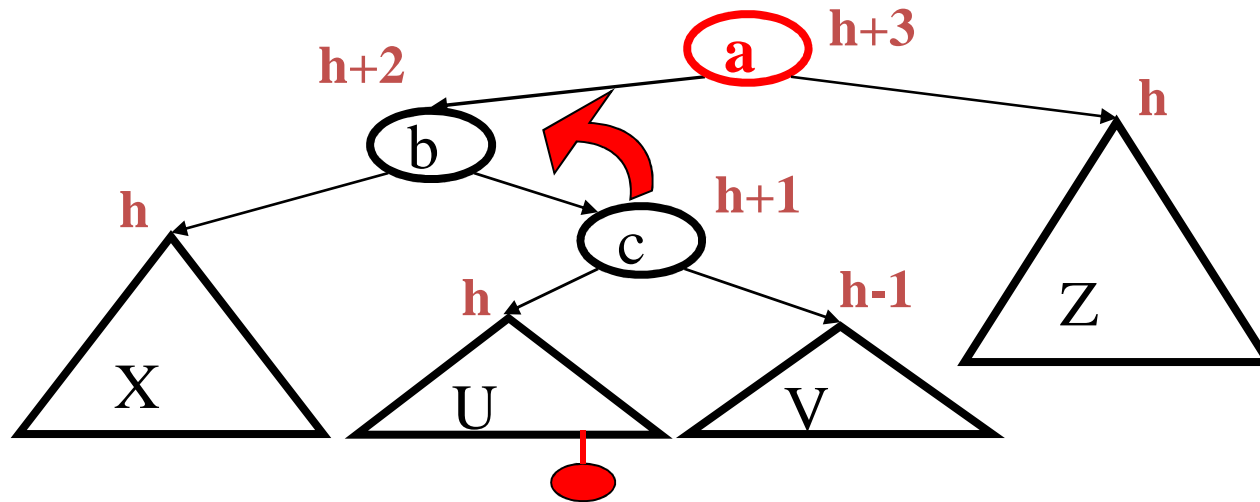


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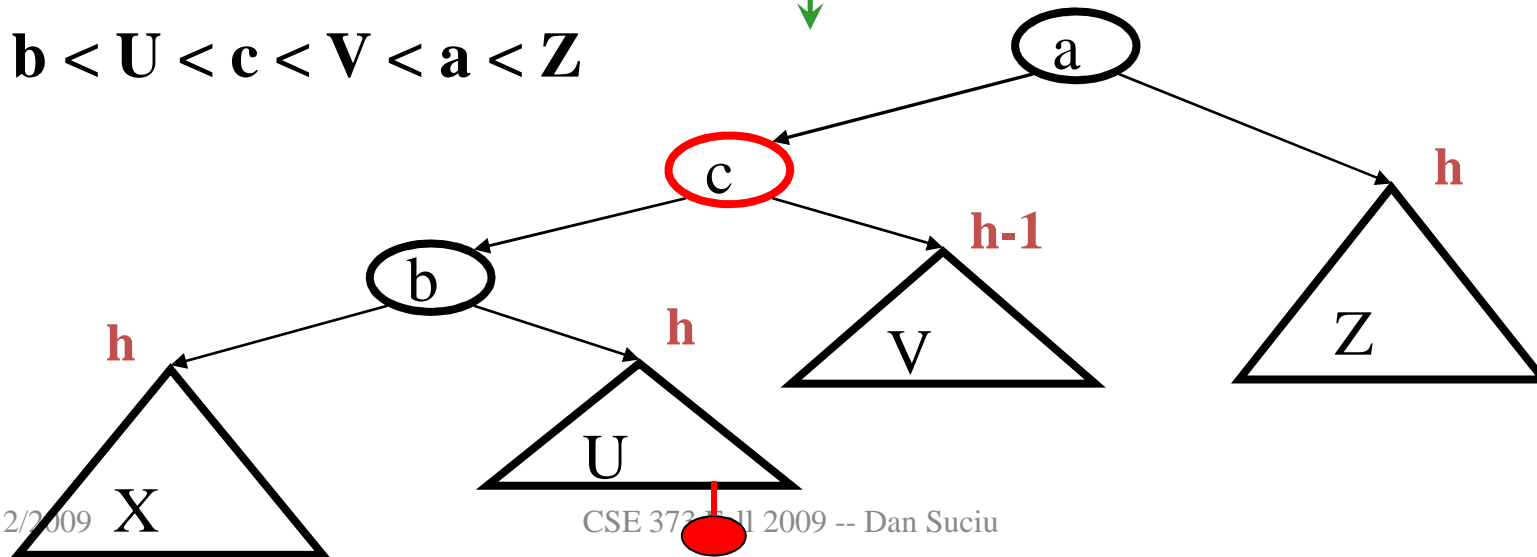


Can also do this in two rotations



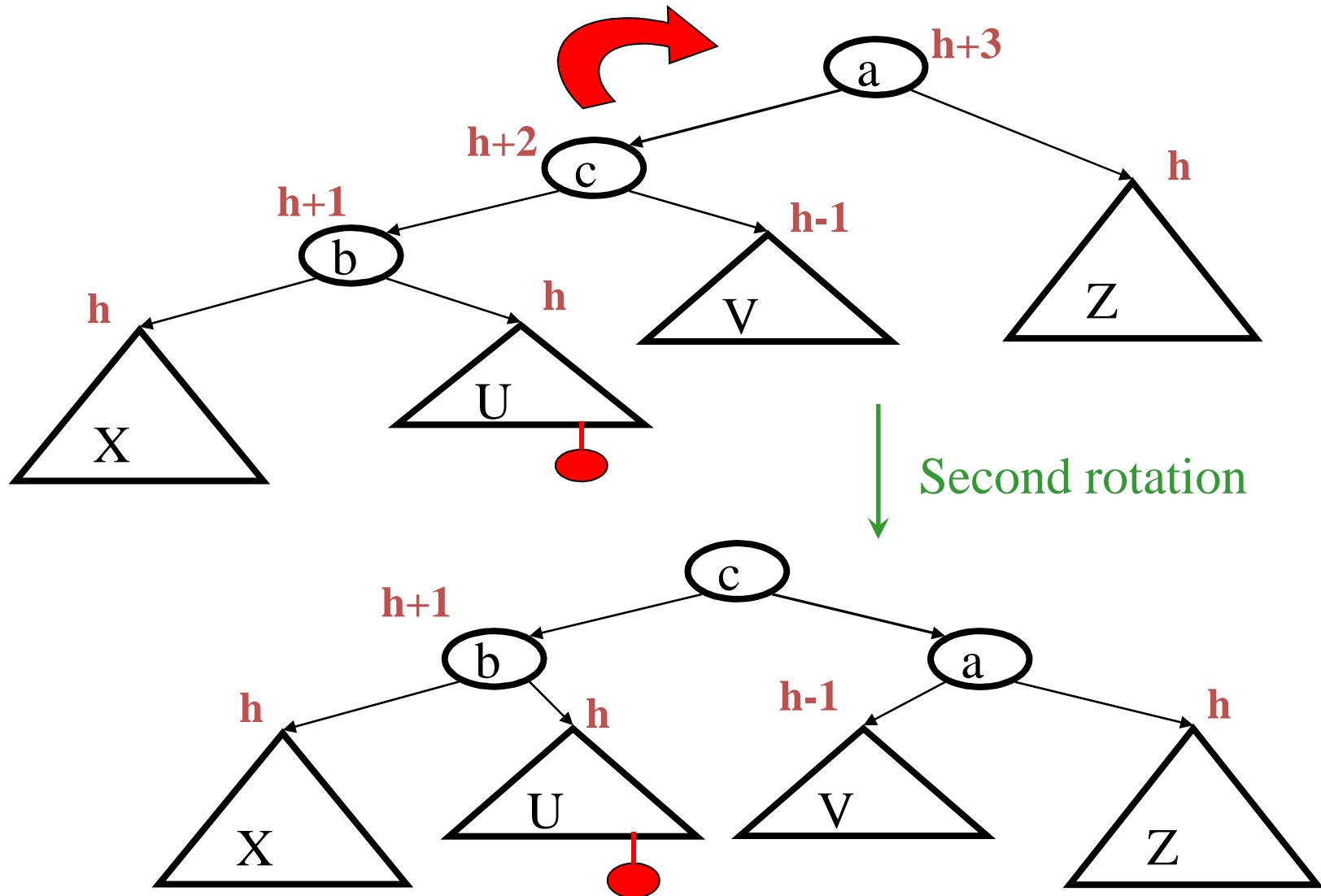
First rotation

$X < b < U < c < V < a < Z$

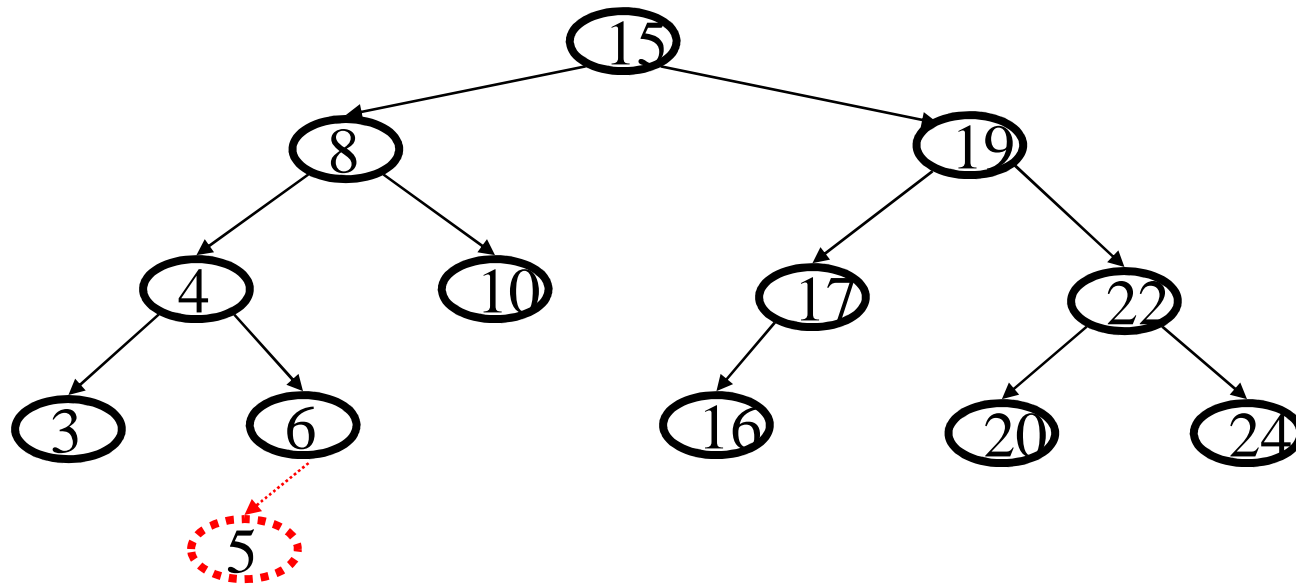




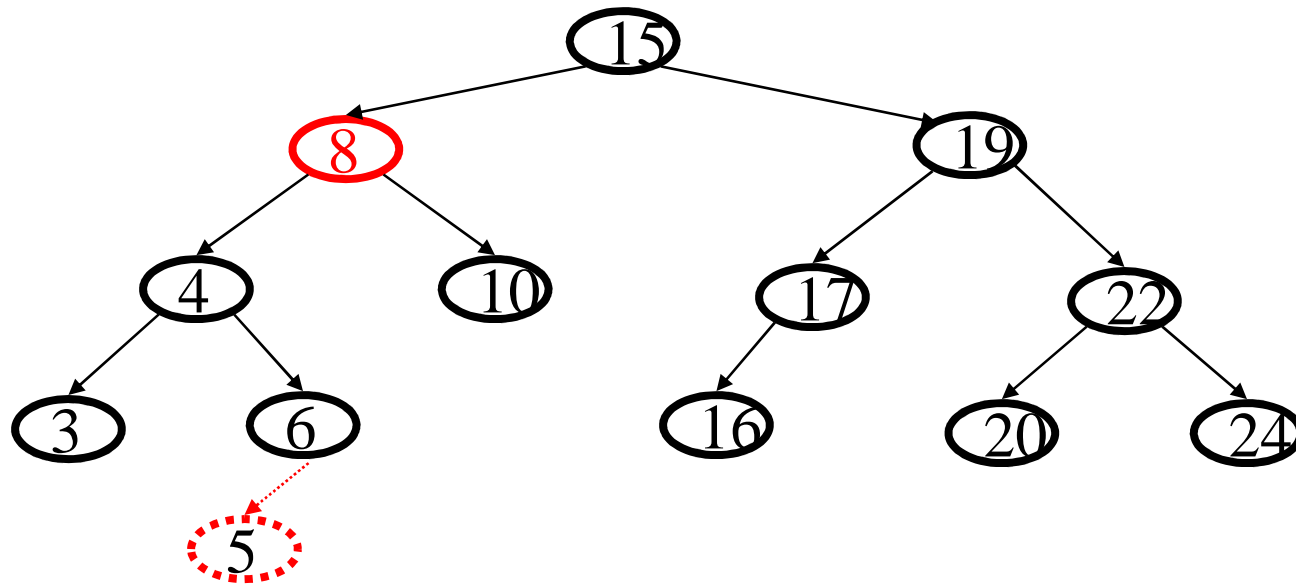
# Second rotation



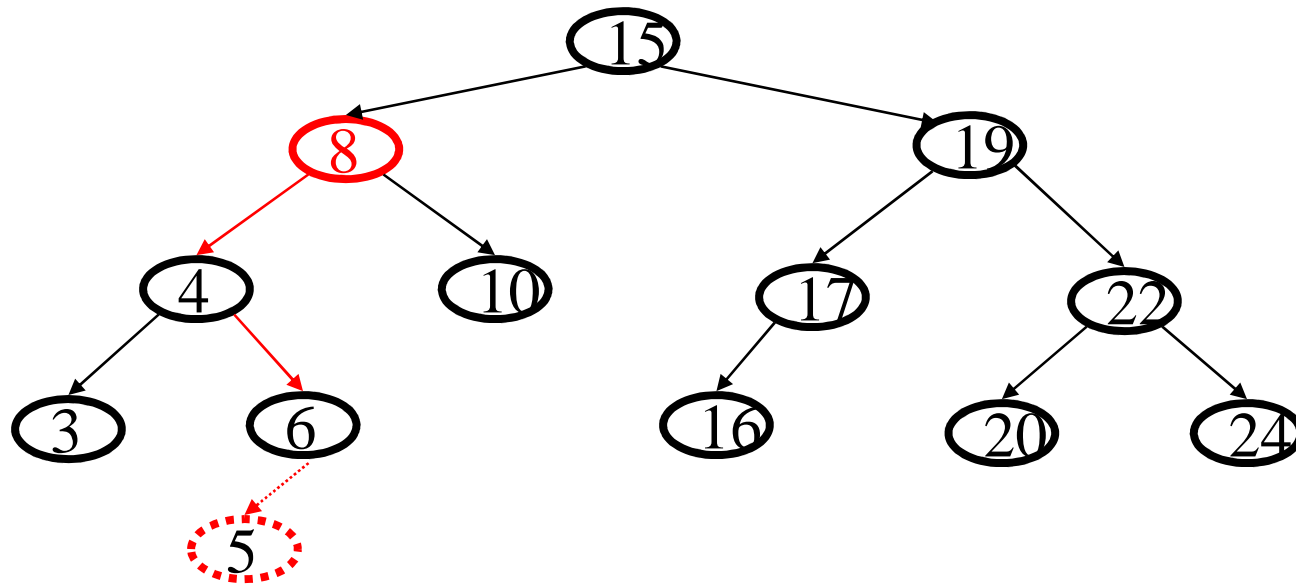
# Double rotation example



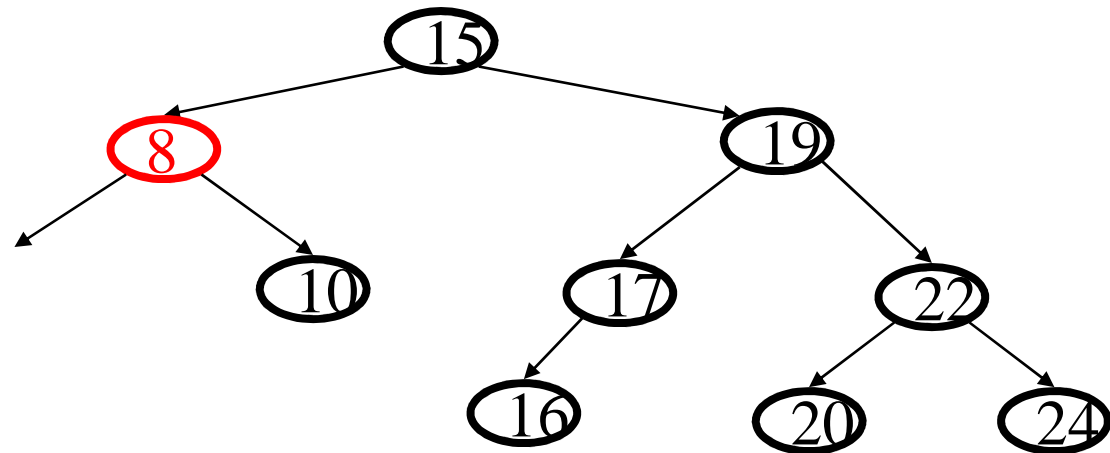
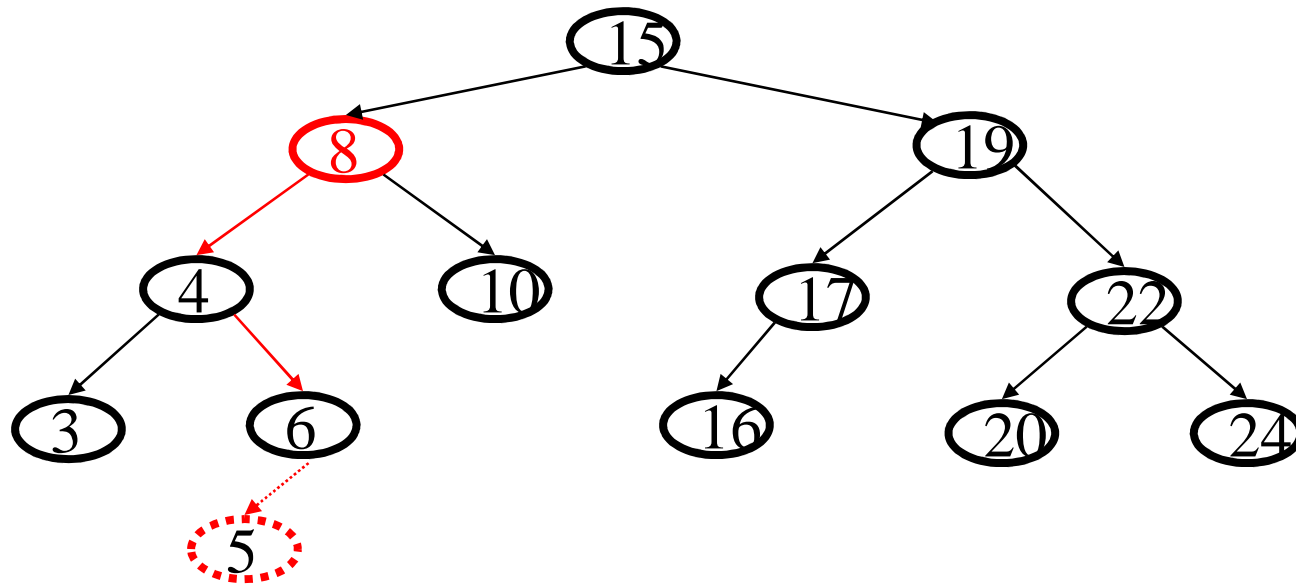
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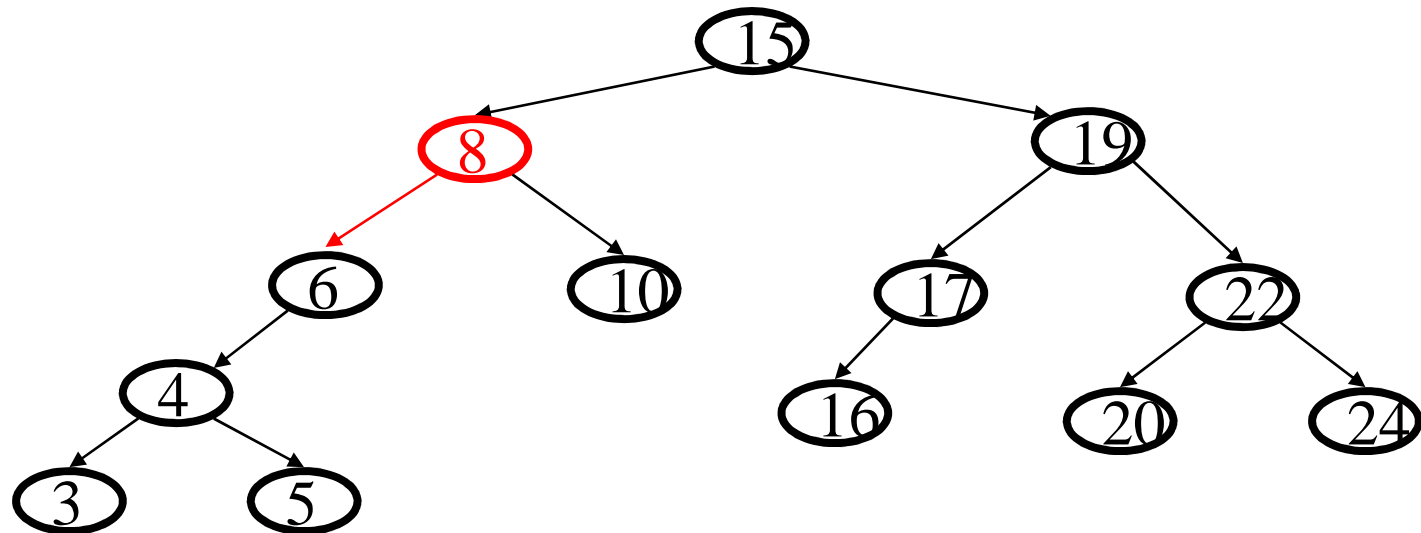
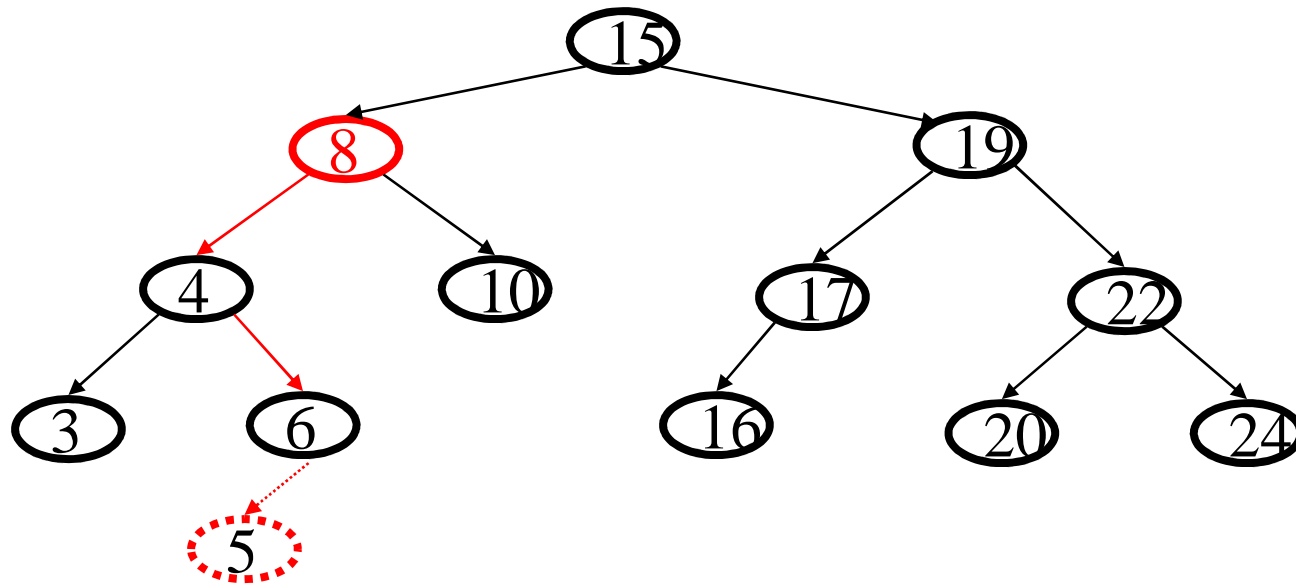
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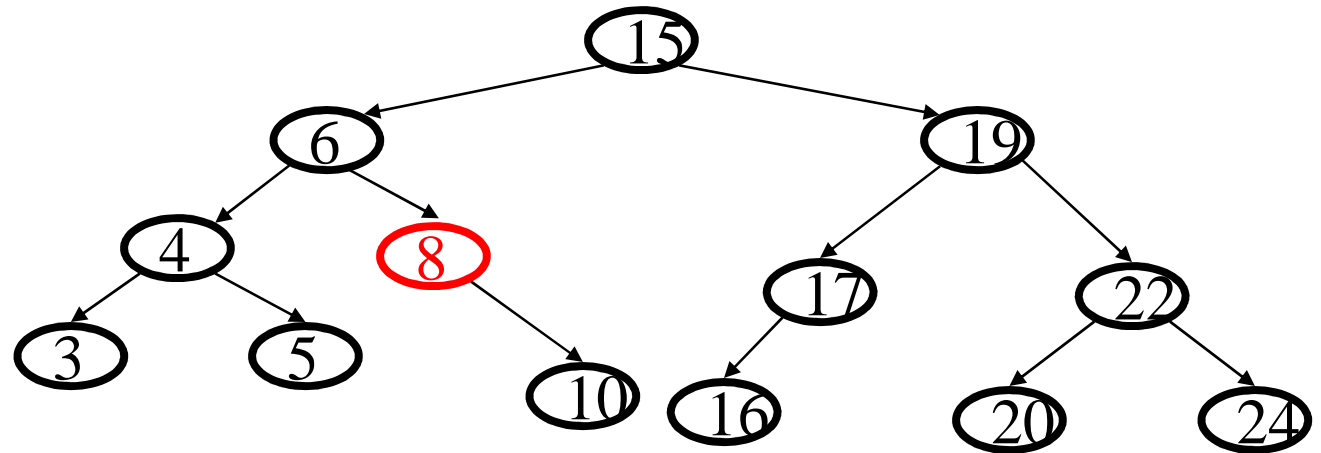
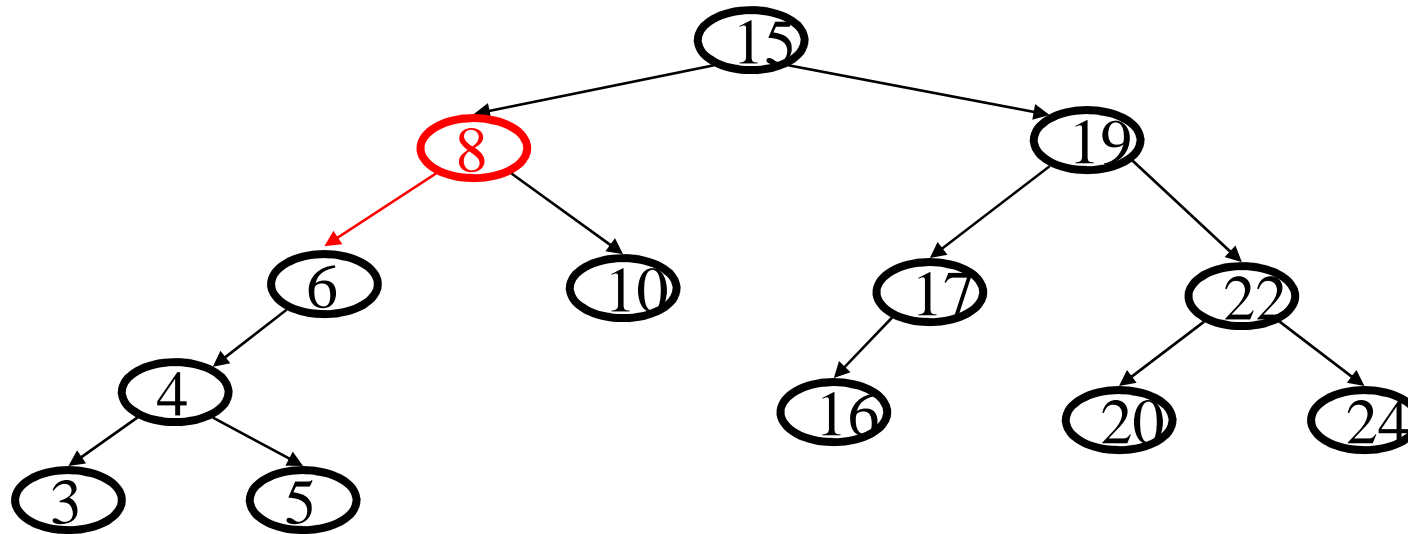
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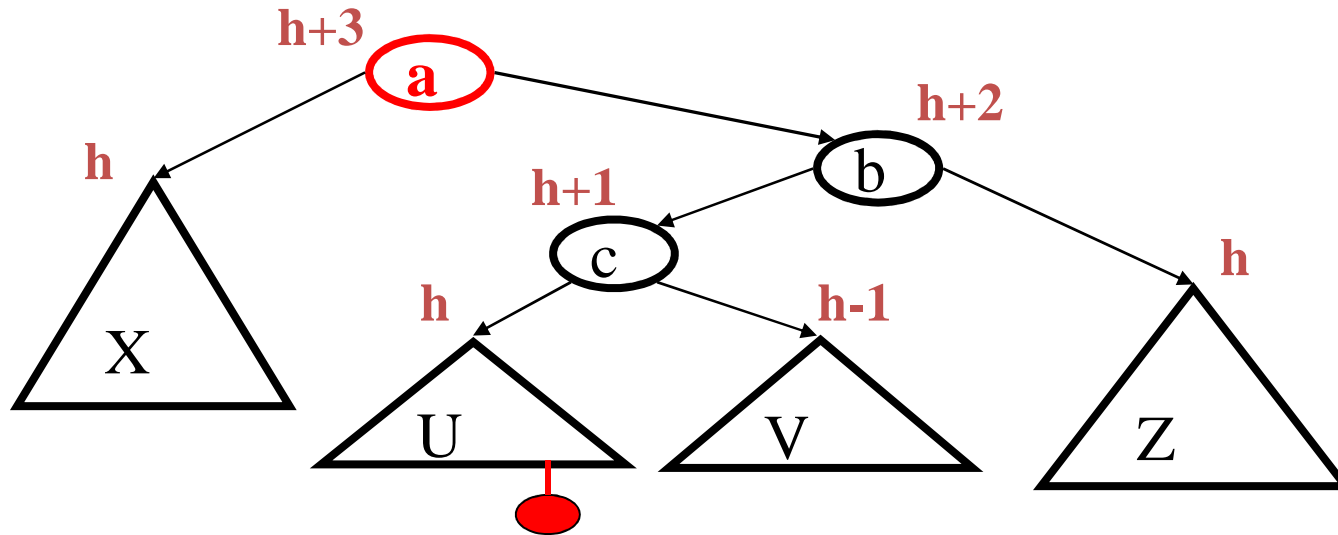
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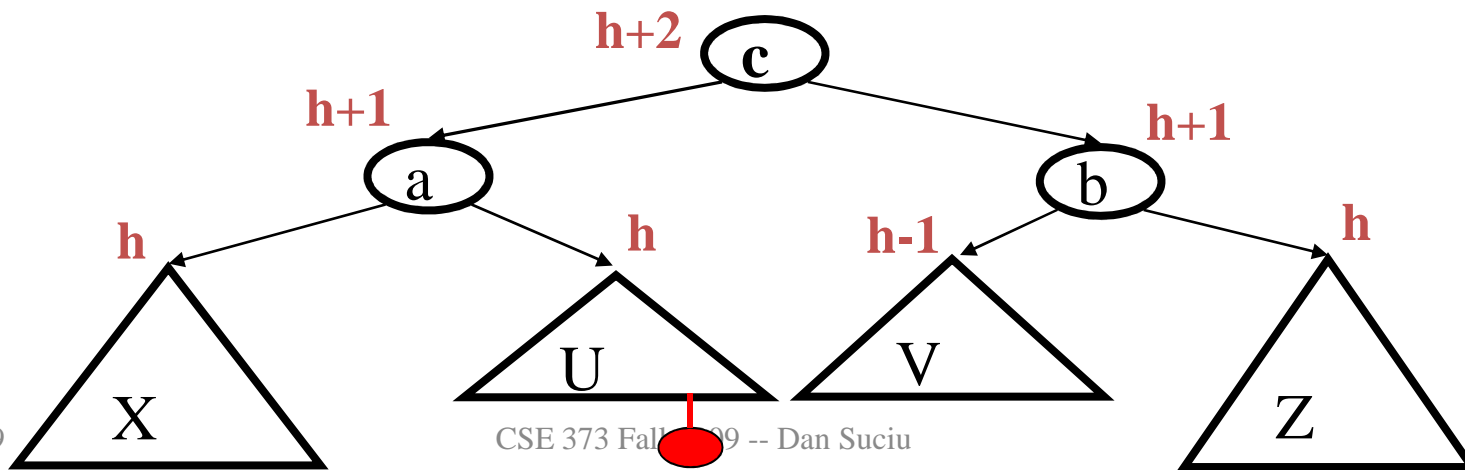
# Double rotation example



# Case #3: Zag-zig

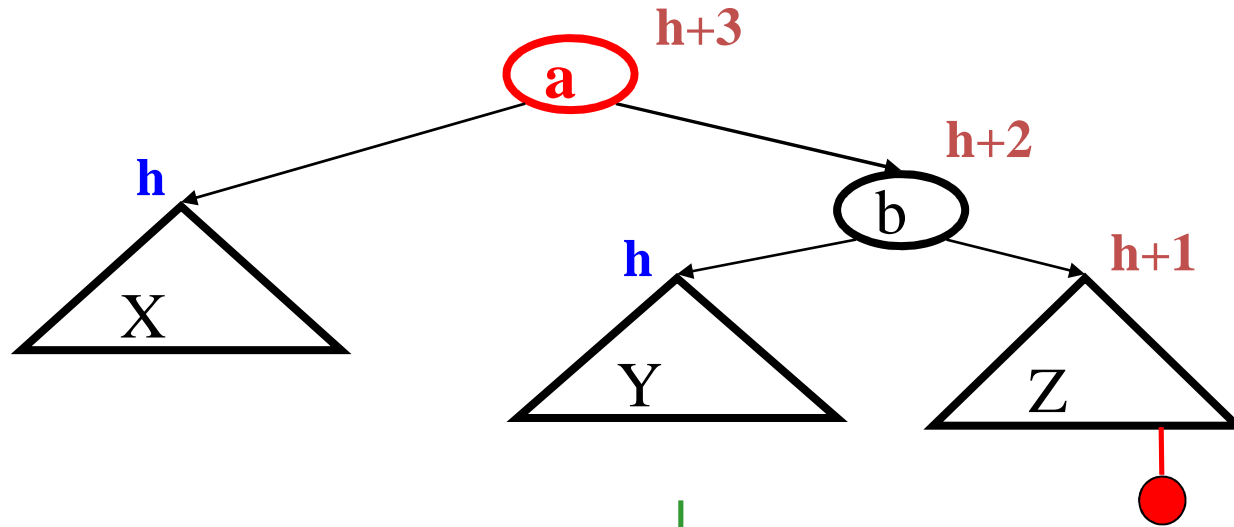


Double rotation

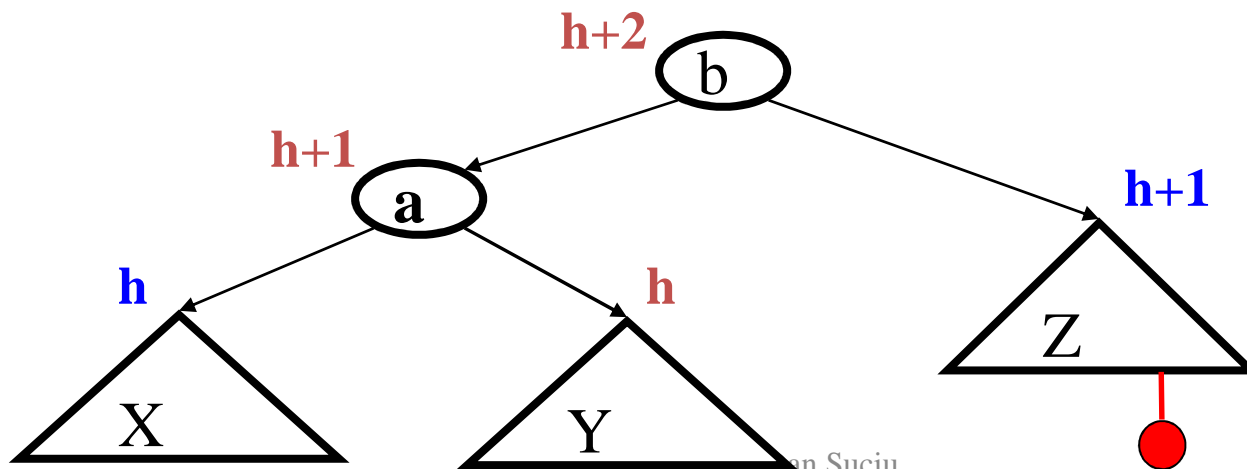




# Case #4: Zag-zag



Single rotation



# Recap of AVL tree insert

Let  $x$  be the node where an imbalance occurs.

Four cases to consider. The insertion is in the

1. **left** subtree of the **left** child of  $x$ . *zig-zag*
2. **right** subtree of the **left** child of  $x$ . *zig-zig*
3. **left** subtree of the **right** child of  $x$ . *zag-zig*
4. **right** subtree of the **right** child of  $x$ . *zag-zag*

**Idea:** Cases 1 & 4 are solved by a **single rotation**.  
Cases 2 & 3 are solved by a **double rotation**.

# AVL complexity

What is the worst case complexity of a find?

$O(\log n)$

What is the worst case complexity of an insert?

$O(\log n)$

What is the worst case complexity of buildTree?

$O(n \log n)$