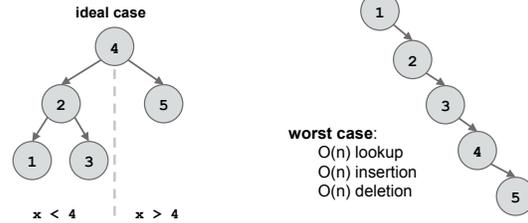


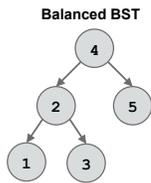
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Tree Rotations and AVL Trees

Review: Binary Search Tree (BST)



Make BSTs balanced!



worst case:
 $O(\log n)$ lookup
 $O(\log n)$ insertion
 $O(\log n)$ deletion

If a BST becomes unbalanced, we can **rebalance** it in $O(\log n)$.

Review: definition of Height

```
public static int getHeight(TreeNode t) {
    if (t == null)
        return -1;
    return 1 + Math.max(getHeight(t.left),
        getHeight(t.right));
}
```

length of the longest path from a node to a leaf

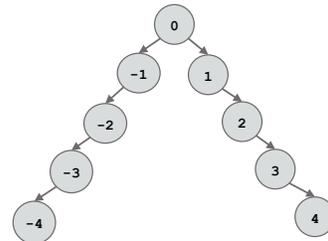
Definition of Balanced

```
public static boolean isBalanced(TreeNode t) {
    return t == null ||
        Math.abs(getHeight(t.left) -
            getHeight(t.right)) <= 1 &&
            isBalanced(t.left) &&
            isBalanced(t.right);
}
```

A tree is balanced if each of its subtrees is balanced and their heights differ by at most 1

isBalanced: Recursion needed!

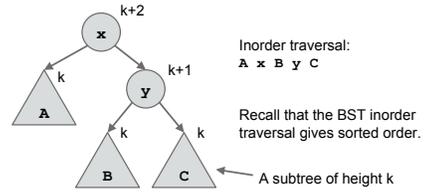
All subtrees need to be balanced!



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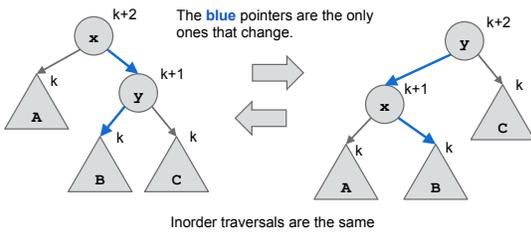
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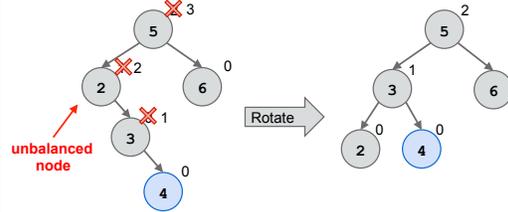
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Rotations: Used to balance a BST



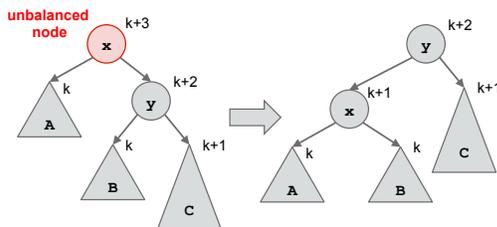
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Rotations example



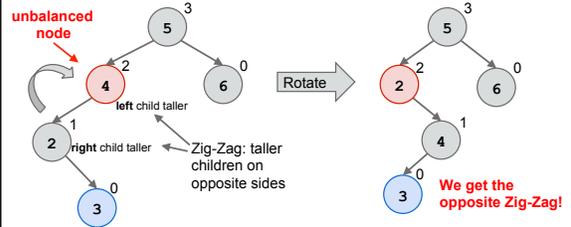
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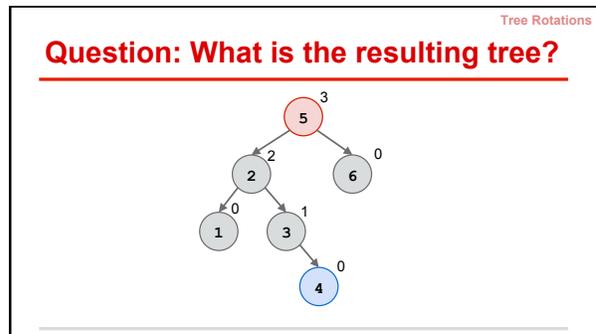
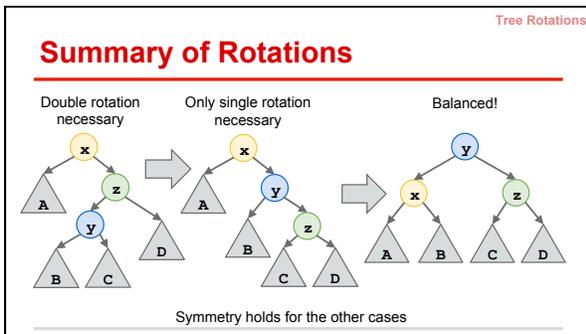
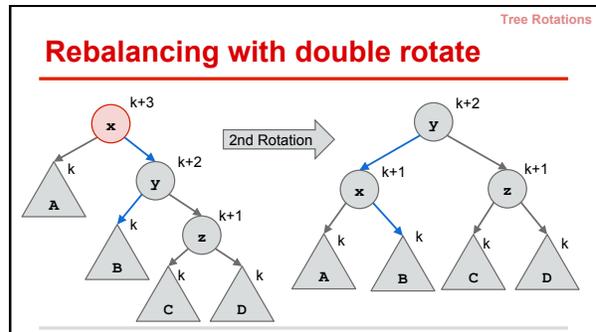
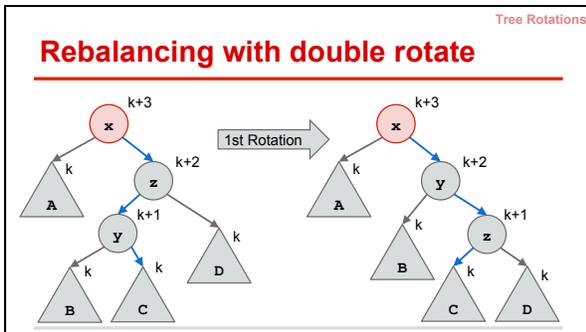
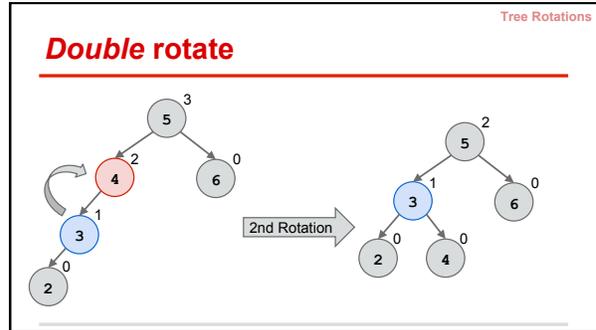
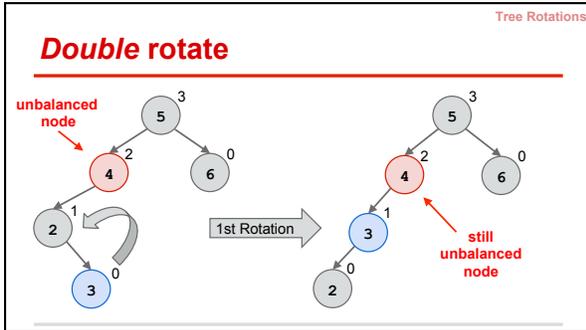
Rebalancing



Tree Rotations

Problem: Rotating a Zig-Zag!





Tree Rotations

Question: What is the resulting tree?

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AVL Trees

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Named after its two [Soviet](#) inventors, [Georgy Adelson-Velsky](#) and [E. M. Landis](#), who described AVL trees in a paper in 1962.

First invention of *self-balancing BSTs*.
 Later: red-black trees, splay trees, and others

AVL Trees

AVL Tree

AVL Tree: self-balancing BST

AVL invariant:
 the height difference between its left and right children is at most 1

Lookup works the same as a normal BST lookup

worst case:
 $O(\log n)$ lookup
 $O(\log n)$ insertion
 $O(\log n)$ deletion

AVL Trees

Inserting an element

insert (E elem)

Insert like a normal BST and if the AVL invariant is broken, do a single or double rotation to fix it

Localizing the problem:

1. Imbalance will occur only on the path from the root to the newly inserted node
2. Rebalancing should occur at the **deepest** node
3. Must search for possible imbalance all the way up to root

<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/AVLtree.html>

Why use AVL Trees?

If HashSets have a lookup of expected $O(1)$, why use BSTs with an expected lookup time of $O(\log n)$?

Depends on the problem:

1. Binary Search Trees are great at keeping elements in **sorted order**.
2. Key Ranges: How many words in the set start with k and end in z ?
3. `findPredecessor(E elem)` and `findSuccessor(E elem)`
 - $O(\log n)$ for AVL Tree, expected case $O(n)$ for HashSet
4. Better worst case lookup and insertion times

Prelim Information

1. Tree Rotations will *not* be tested on Prelim 2
2. You don't need to be able to write Tree Rotations code but can find it online if interested