#### CS151 Intro to Data Structures

Balanced Search Trees, AVL Trees

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## Announcements

LAST HOMEWORK - HW8 (AVL Trees) due May 7th

Start early!!!

Graphs: Extra credit lab

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# **Binary Search Tree Review**

## What can go wrong?



# **Balanced Binary Trees**

## **Balanced Binary Trees**

- Difference of heights of left and right subtrees at any node is at most 1
- Add an operation to BSTs to maintain balance:
  - Rotation

Move a child above its parent and relink subtrees Maintains BST order



- Used to maintain balance
- When should **rotate** be invoked?
  - Difference of heights of left and right subtrees at any node is > 1



- Assume heights of subtrees are equal
  h(T1) = h(T2) = h(T3) = h(T4)
- What is the height of the entire tree?
  h(T3) + 2
- What is the height of the left subtree of a?
  - h(T1)
- What is the height of the right subtree of a?
  - h(T4) + 2
- Is this tree balanced?



Right subtree is too large!

How can we rotate to fix this?

What should we make the root?



### Rotations

Right rotation:

- Performed when left side is heavier
- left child becomes root

Left rotation:

- Performed when right side is heavier
- right child becomes root



#### Left or Right rotation?



#### Example 2:



Should we do a left or right rotation?

What will become the root?

Let's draw what it will look like after rotation

#### Example 2: Rotate Right



#### RotateRight Algorithm



1. Root.left =
 Pivot.right

# 2. Pivot.right = root

#### RotateLeft Algorithm



1. Root.right =
 Pivot.left

2. Pivot.left =
root

#### Example:

- 1. What is the height of the right and left subtrees?
- 2. Is this tree balanced?
- 3. Insert 140. Now, revisit questions (1) and (2)
- 4. Rotate? Which one?



## **Runtime Complexity**

Runtime Complexity of rotation?

- O(1)

Constant time... we're just updating links

Sometimes a single rotation is not enough to restore balance





**Right** child of a is too heavy.. because **Right subtree** of b is too heavy.. Single Left rotation on the root needed **Right** child of a is too heavy... because **Left subtree** of c is too heavy **Is a single rotation enough?** 



- Rotate Right at c because right subtree of root is too heavy
- 2. Rotate Left at the root (a)

#### **Double Rotation Example 2:**



- Rotate Left at a because right subtree of root is too heavy
- 2. Rotate right at the root (c)





c = z  $T_1$  double rotation a = y b = x  $T_4$   $T_1$   $T_2$   $T_2$   $T_3$   $T_4$   $T_1$   $T_2$   $T_3$   $T_4$ 

**Right** subtree is too heavy because of **left** subtree of c

- 1. Rotate Right about c
- 2. Rotate Left about a

Left subtree is too heavy because of **right** subtree of a

- 1. Rotate Left about a
- 2. Rotate Right about c

When do we need a double rotation vs a single rotation?



**Double rotation** 

Single rotation Do

**Double rotation** 

Look for zig-zag pattern!

When do we need a double rotation?

Left subtree is too heavy on the right side rotateLeftRight

OR

Right subtree is too heavy on the left side rotateRightLeft



### **Double Rotation Code**

```
def rotateLeftRight(n)
 n.left = rotateLeft(n.left);
 n = rotateRight(n);
```

```
def rotateRightLeft(n)
 n.right = rotateRight(n.right);
 n = rotateLeft(n);
```

#### Examples - which way should I rotate?



rotateLeft rotateRightLeft rotateRight rotateLeftRight

## Summary: Tree rotation

- Can rotate to left or right
- Used to restore balance in height
- Rotation maintains BST order
- Runtime complexity of rotation?
  - O(1)

# **AVL Trees**

#### **AVL** Trees

- "self balancing binary search tree"
- For every internal node, the heights of the two children differ by at most 1
- does rotations upon insert/removal if necessary

## **AVL Height**

- We keep track of the height of each node as a field for quick access
  - height of a leaf is 1
- The height of an AVL tree is logn
  - Always balanced

# Insertion

#### **AVL Tree Example**



#### Insert 54



## Insertion (54)





#### New node always has height 1

Parent may change height

#### Which node do we "rebalance over"?



lowest subtree with diff(heights) > 1

#### Exercise

- Create an AVL tree by inserting the nodes in this order:
  - M, N, O, L, K, Q, P, H, I, A

#### **AVL** Animation

## **Rebalance Algorithm**

```
If left.height > right.height + 1:
 if (left.right.height > left.left.height) //double rotate
     rotateLeftRight(n)
 else:
     rotateDight(n)
```

rotateRight(n)

```
else if right.height > left.height + 1:
 if (right.left.height > right.right.height) //double rotate
     rotateRightLeft(n)
 else:
```

```
rotateLeft(n)
```

## **Runtime Complexity:**

Insertion (plus rotation)

- a. search + find node to rebalance + rotate
- b. O(logn) + O(logn) + O(1) = O(logn)

# Deletion

#### Delete Example 1: 32



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#### Delete Example 2:78



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#### rotateLeftRight



#### Delete Example 3: 20



## Delete Example 3: 20

- Deletion can cause more than one rotation
- Worst case requires O(logn) rotations
  - deleting from a deepest leaf node and rotating each subtree up to the root

#### Removal

#### Runtime Complexity?

- a. search + find node to rebalance + rotate
- b. O(logn) + O(logn) + O(1) = O(logn)

#### Still O(logn) even though we may need multiple rotations? Why?

-> Even though we may need to find multiple nodes to rebalance we only traverse the height of the tree once

### Performance of BSTs

Runtime complexity:

search? BST: O(n) AVL: O(logn)

## Performance of BSTs

Runtime complexity:

insert? BST: O(n) AVL: O(logn)

### Performance of BSTs

Runtime complexity:

remove? BST: O(n) AVL: O(logn)

## Summary

AVL Trees:

BST with a rotate operation which maintains tree balance O(logn) operations

**Rotations:** 

double rotation needed when Left subtree is too heavy on the right side OR Right subtree is too heavy on the left side (zig-zag pattern)

Rotations are constant time