



# AVL Tree: insert & delete

Simple Examples

# [ Consider add & delete ]

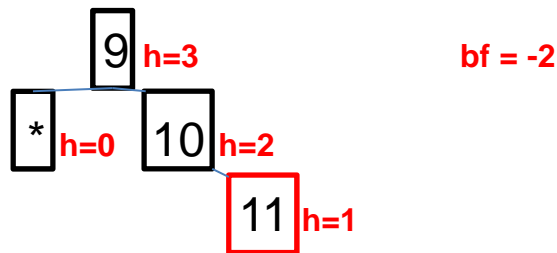
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- Add

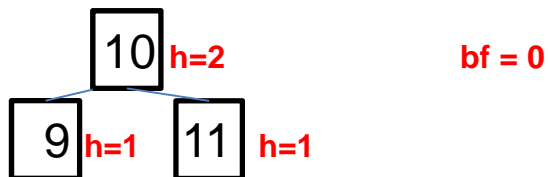
- When you have worked out the cases for add...
  - **Outside = single rotation**
  - **Inside = double rotation**
- You can then treat delete as equivalent to add and derive the **general case** for add and delete to rebalance the tree

# Add – outside → simple rotation

Look at simple cases



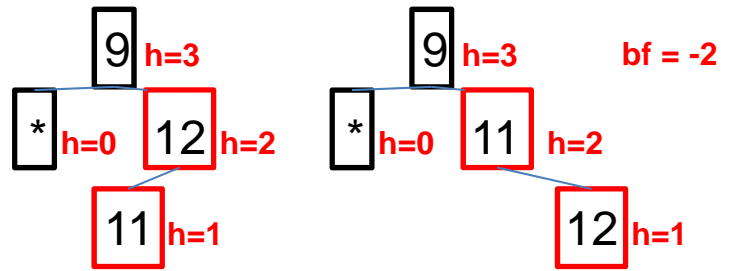
**SLR(T)**



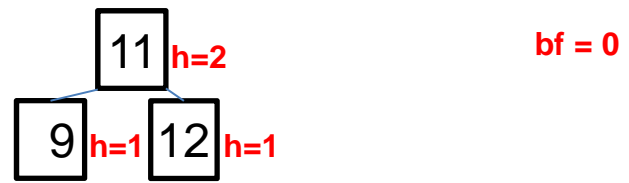
- **Add 11 to (\*,9,10)**
- Adding is on the **OUTSIDE**
- Balance factor (bf)  **$h(L)-h(R)$** 
  - $bf = 0 - 2 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow ?LR$
- Now look at the R-child (10)
  - $bf = -1 \rightarrow SLR$
- **Single Left Rotation** required to re-balance the tree i.e. to maintain the AVL constraint.
- **Single Right Rotation**  
**SRR** is the mirror image

# [ Add – inside → double rotation ]

Look at simple cases



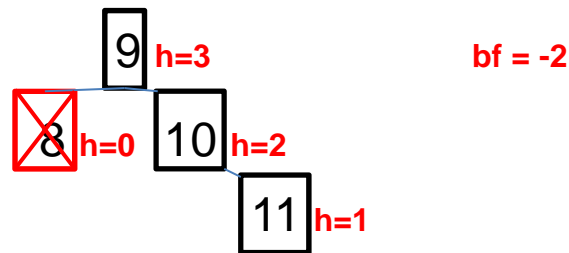
$$DLR(T) = SRR(RC(T)) + SLR(T)$$



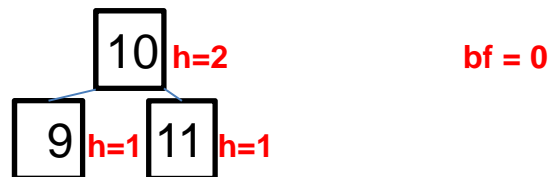
- Add 11 to (\*,9,12)
- Adding is on the **INSIDE**
- Balance factor (bf)  **$h(L)-h(R)$** 
  - $bf = 0 - 2 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow ?LR$
- Now look at the R-child (12)
  - $bf = 1 \rightarrow DLR$
- **Double Left Rotation**  
required to re-balance the tree i.e. to maintain the AVL constraint.
- **Double Right Rotation**  
**DRR** is the mirror image

# Delete → simple rotation (i)

Look at simple cases



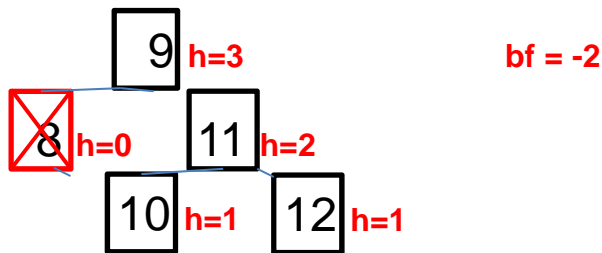
**SLR(T)**



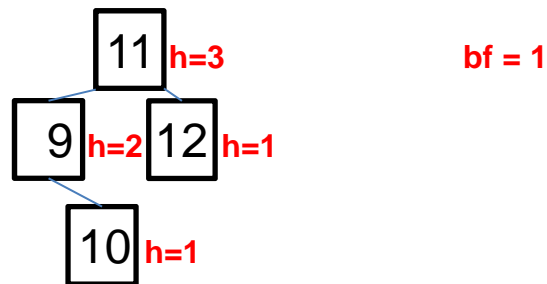
- Delete 8 from (8,9,(\*,10,11))
- Equivalent to add 11 to (\*,9,10)
- Adding is on the **OUTSIDE**
- Balance factor (bf)  $h(L)-h(R)$ 
  - $bf = 0 - 2 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow ?LR$
- Now look at the R-child (10)
  - $bf = -1 \rightarrow SLR$
- **Single Left Rotation** required to re-balance the tree i.e. to maintain the AVL constraint.
- **Single Right Rotation**  
SRR is the mirror image

# Delete → simple rotation (ii)

Look at simple cases



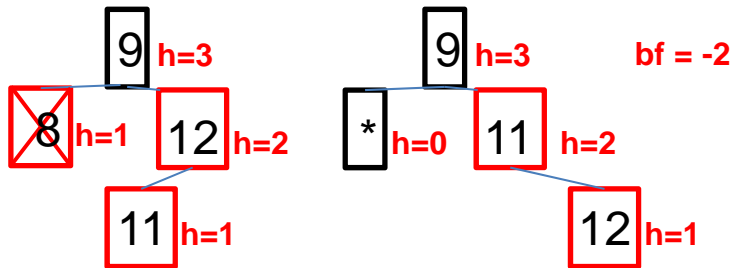
**SLR(T)**



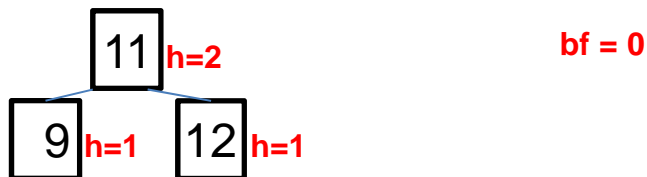
- Delete 8 from (8,9,(10,11,12))
- Balance factor (bf)  $h(L)-h(R)$ 
  - $bf = 0 - 2 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow ?LR$
- Now look at the R-child (11)
  - $bf = 0 \rightarrow SLR$
- **Single Left Rotation** required to re-balance the tree i.e. to maintain the AVL constraint.
- **Single Right Rotation**  
SRR is the mirror image

# Delete → double rotation

Look at simple cases



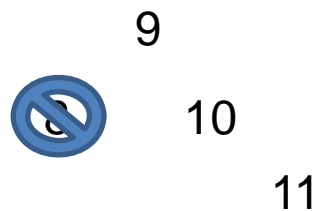
$$\text{DLR}(T) = \text{SRR}(\text{RC}(T)) + \text{SLR}(T)$$



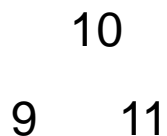
- Delete 8 from (8,9,(11,12,\*))
- Equivalent to add 11 to (\*,9,12)
- Adding is on the **INSIDE**
- Balance factor (bf)  $h(L)-h(R)$ 
  - $bf = 0 - 2 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow ?LR$
- Now look at the R-child (12)
  - $bf = 1 \rightarrow \text{DLR}$
- **Double Left Rotation**  
required to re-balance the tree  
i.e. to maintain the AVL  
constraint.
- **Double Right Rotation**  
**DRR** is the mirror image

# [ Comparing add and delete (i) ]

Look at simple cases



**SLR(T)**



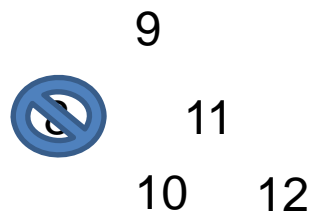
This represents 2 cases

1. **Add 11 to (\*,9,10)**
  2. **Remove 8 from (8,9,(\*,10,11))**
- Both use a **Single Left Rotation** to re-balance the tree i.e. to maintain the AVL constraint.
  - Adding Is on the **OUTSIDE**
  - Single Right Rotation  
**SRR** is the mirror image

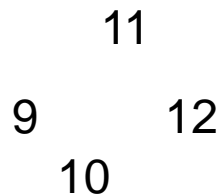


# [ Comparing add and delete (ii) ]

Look at simple cases



**SLR(T)**



Think about this example

Delete 8 from  
(8,9,(10,11,12))

Is like

Add 12 to (\*,9,11) →

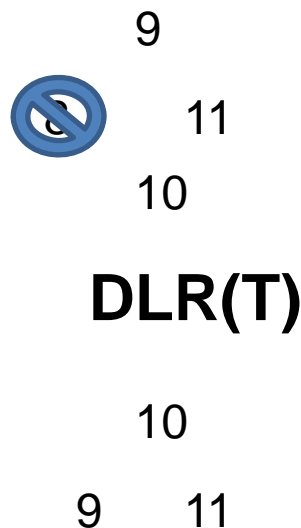
SLR → (9,11,12)

Add 10 gives

((\*,9,10),11,12)

# [ Comparing add and delete (iii) ]

Look at simple cases



$$\text{DLR}(T) = \text{SRR}(\text{RC}(T)) + \text{SLR}(T)$$

This represents 2 cases

1. **Add 10 to (\*,9,11)**
  2. **Remove 8 from (8,9,(10,11,\*))**
- Both use a **Double Left Rotation** to re-balance the tree i.e. to maintain the AVL constraint.
  - Adding Is on the **INSIDE**
  - Double Right Rotation **DDR** is the mirror image

## [ Next step – write the lab code ]

- The above is sufficient info to produce the code for the lab
- It is worth thinking where in the code the rebalancing function is called
- **Challenge**: it is possible to have just one call to the rebalancing function 😊

# [ In summary ]

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- Start with simple examples
- Derive general principles
- Balancing may be done **just after** the ADD / REMOVE
- Think carefully **where** you re-balance!
- Hint: in one place only in the BST code
- It's a tree – balance takes 4 lines! 😊