



CSCI 241

Lecture 11

Balanced Binary Search Trees

Announcements

Goals

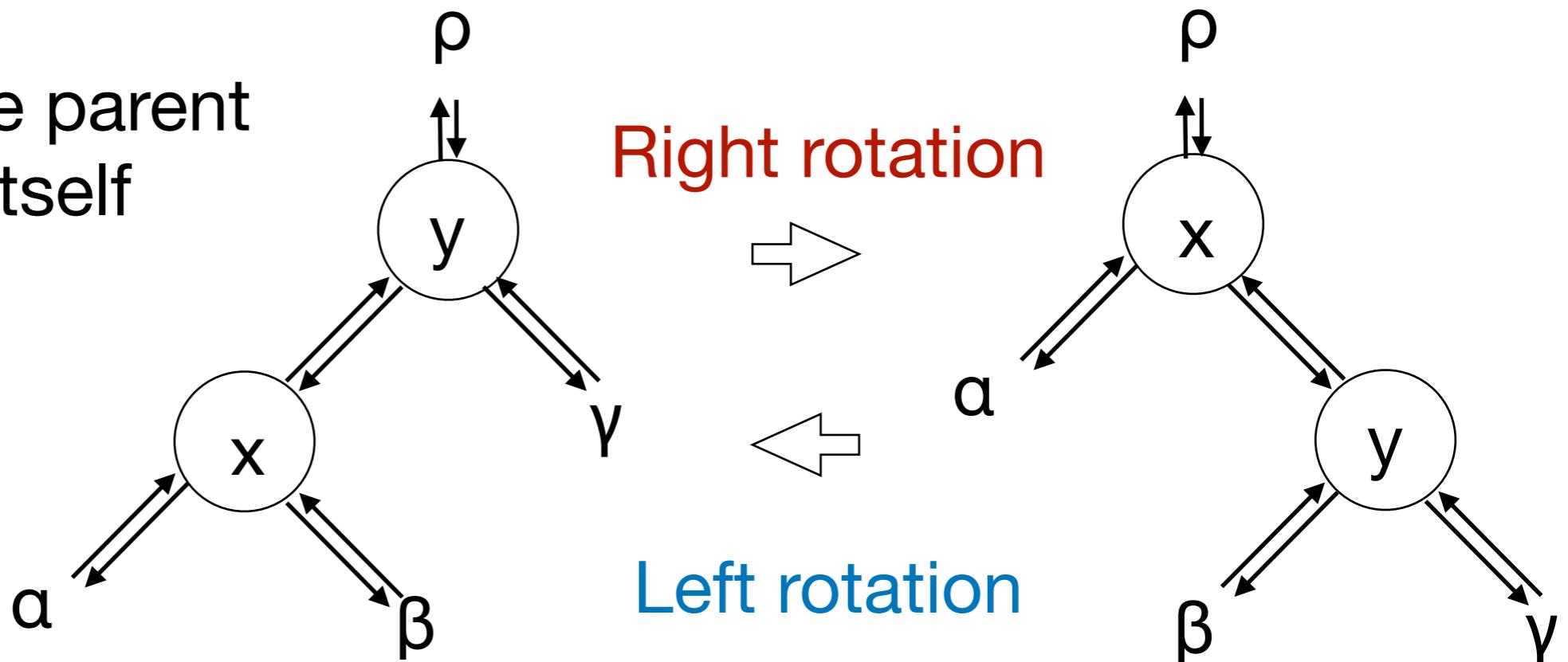
- Be prepared to implement **rotations** in BSTs
- Be prepared to implement AVL rebalancing.

Tree Rotations

Steps in left rotation (move y up to x's position):

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2. Transfer the parent
3. Transfer x itself

x.R gets y.L
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Warm-up

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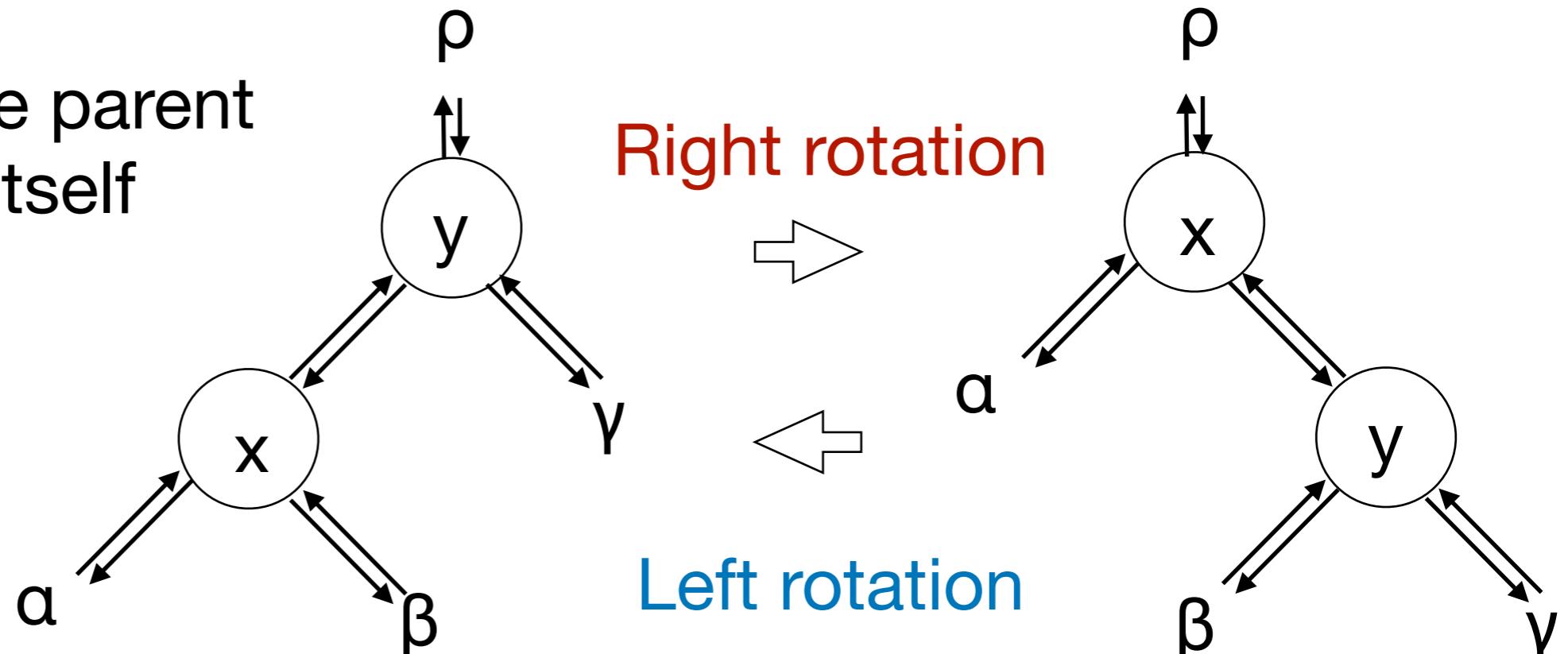
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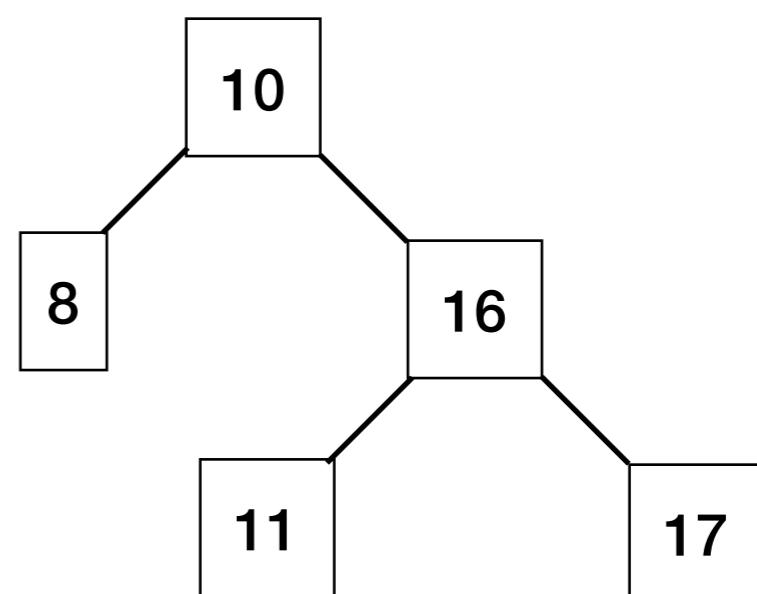
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Perform a **left rotation**
on the root of this tree:

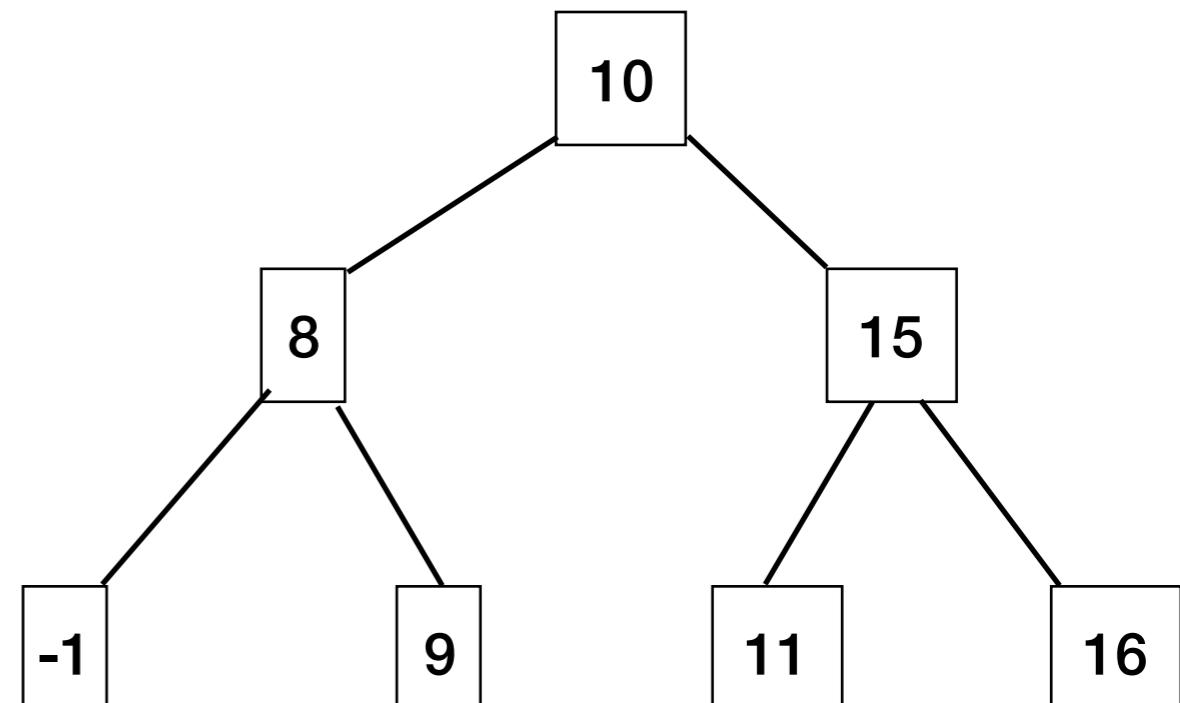
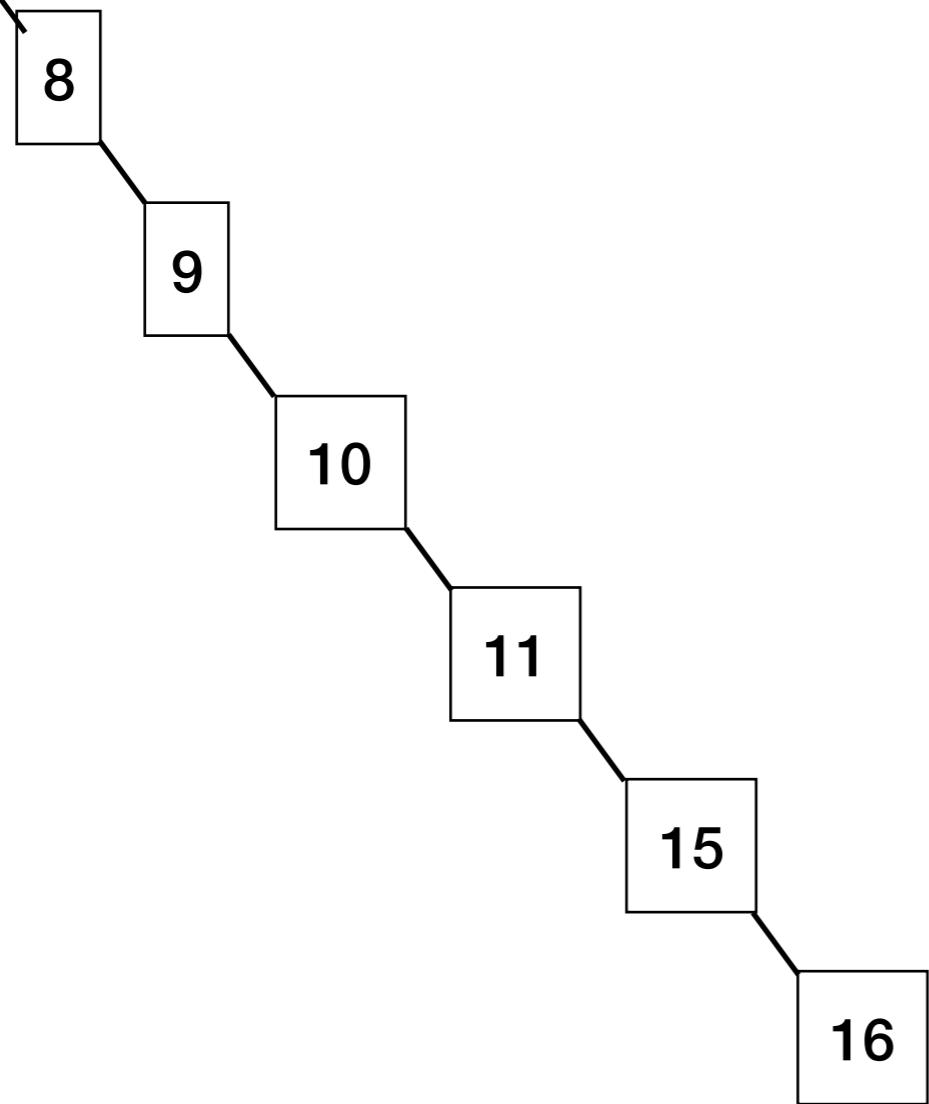


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Balace Factor(n) = height(n.right) - height(left)

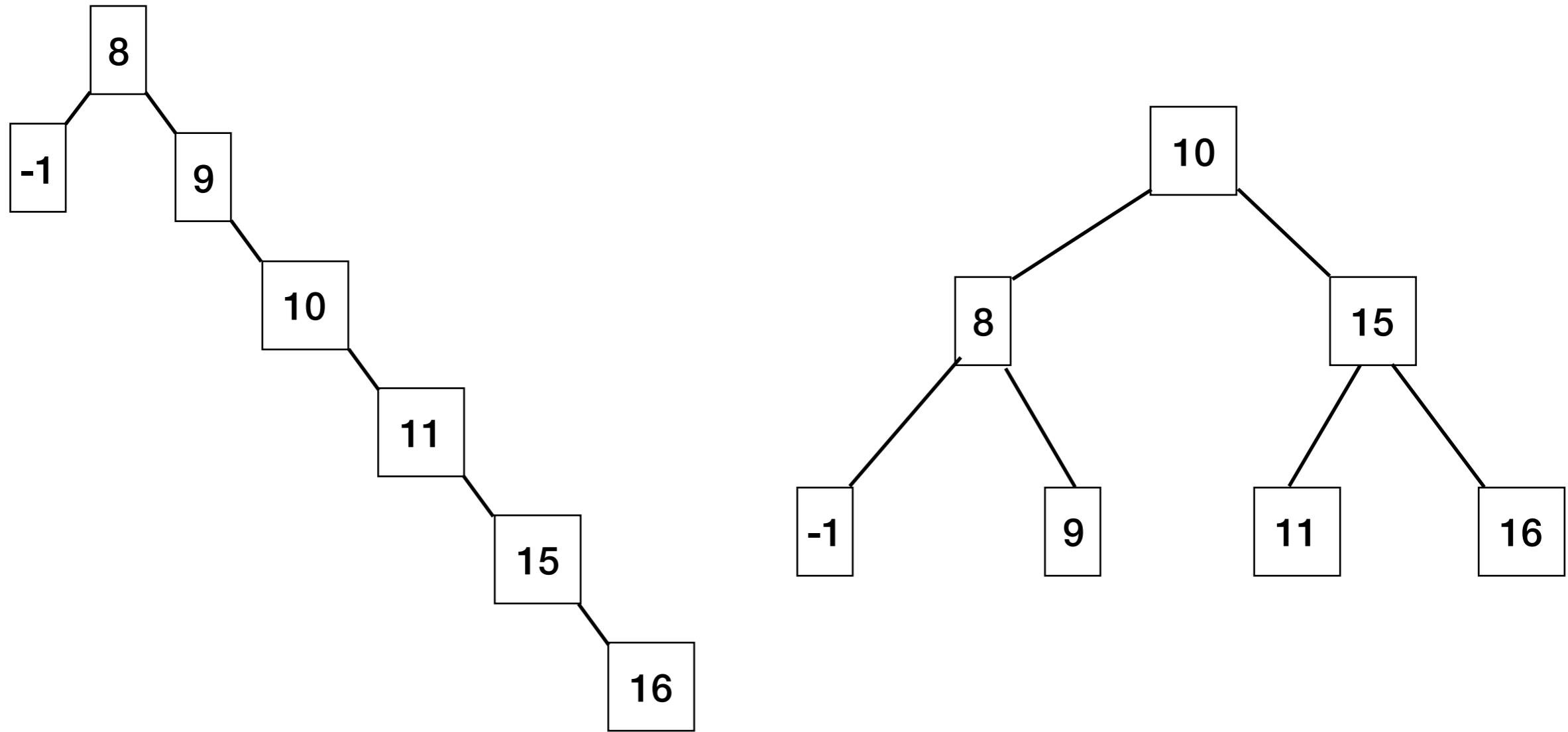
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For convenience: define **height(null) = -1**



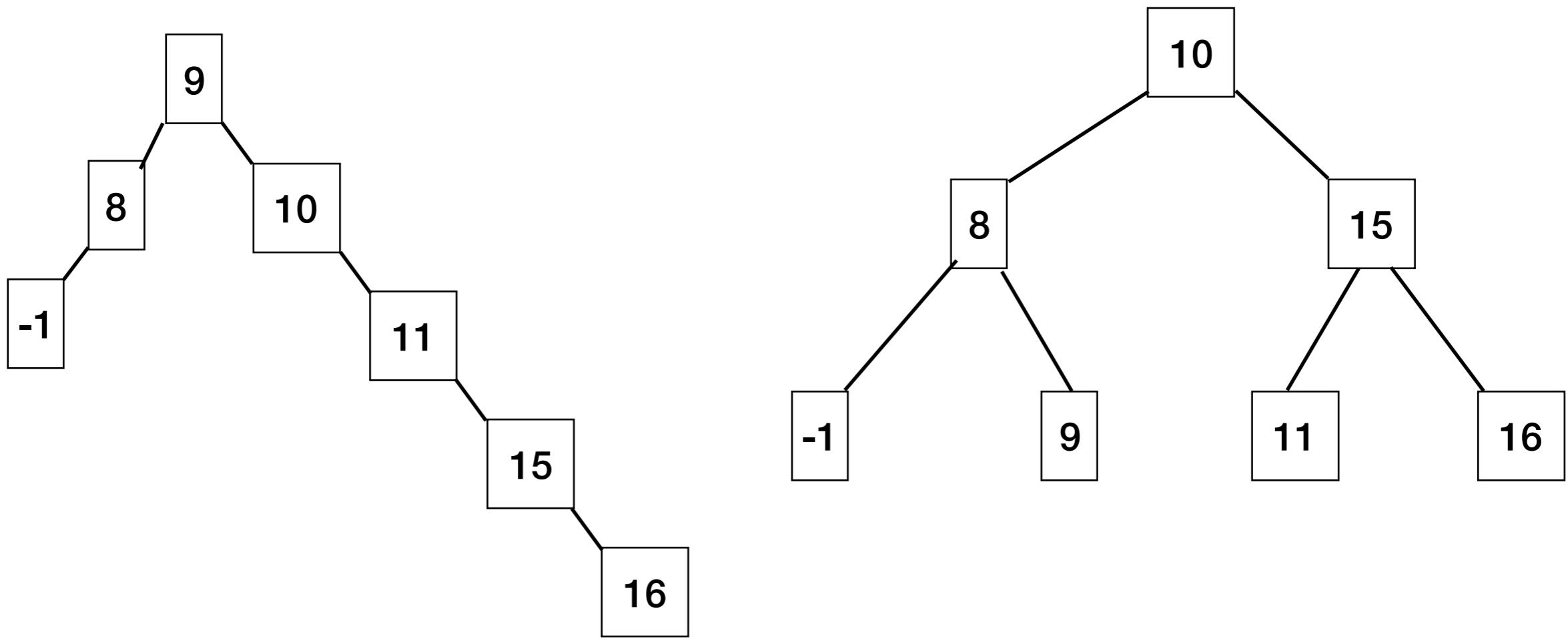
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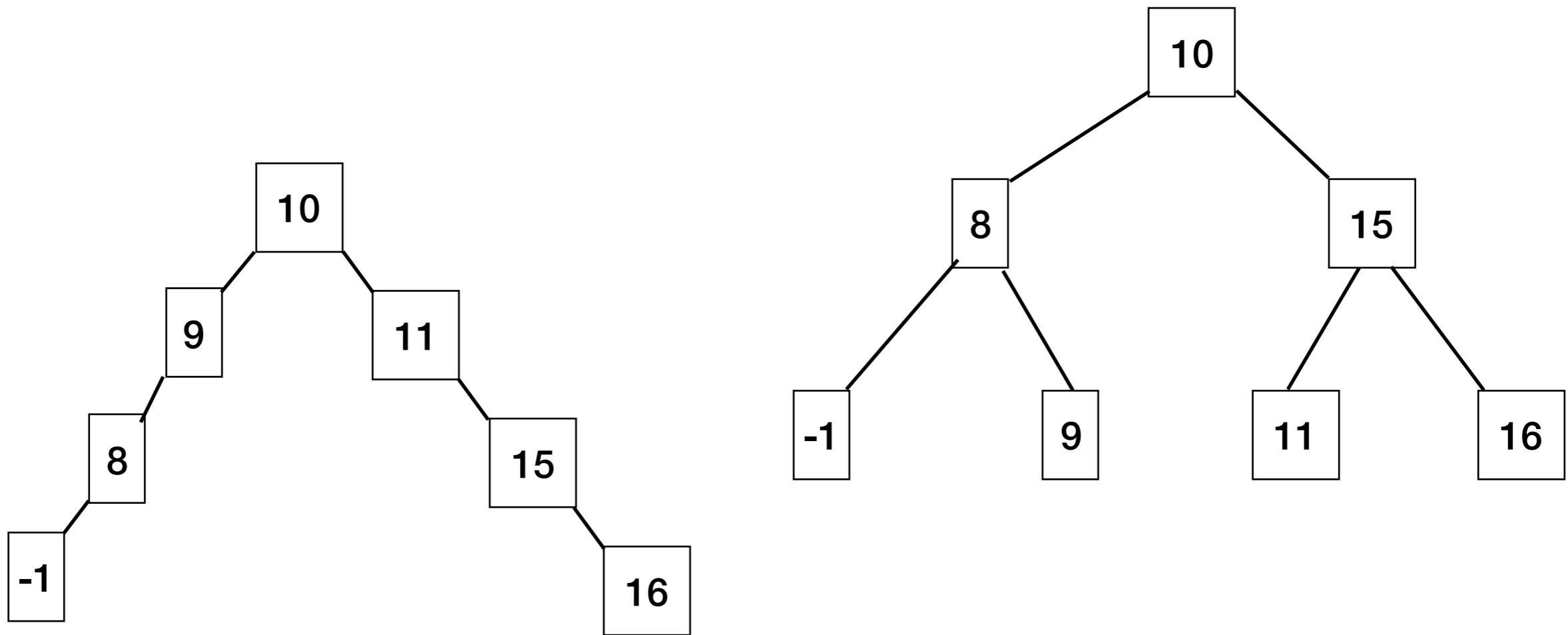
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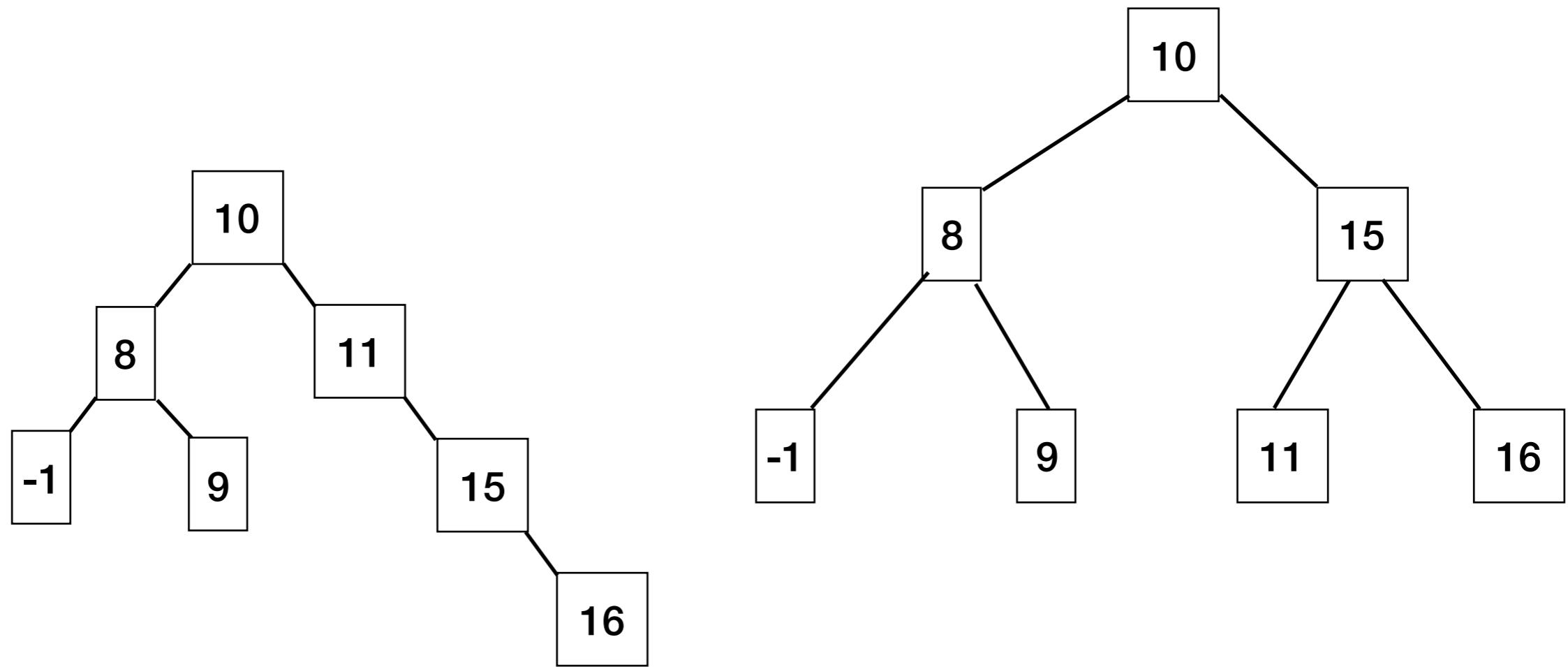
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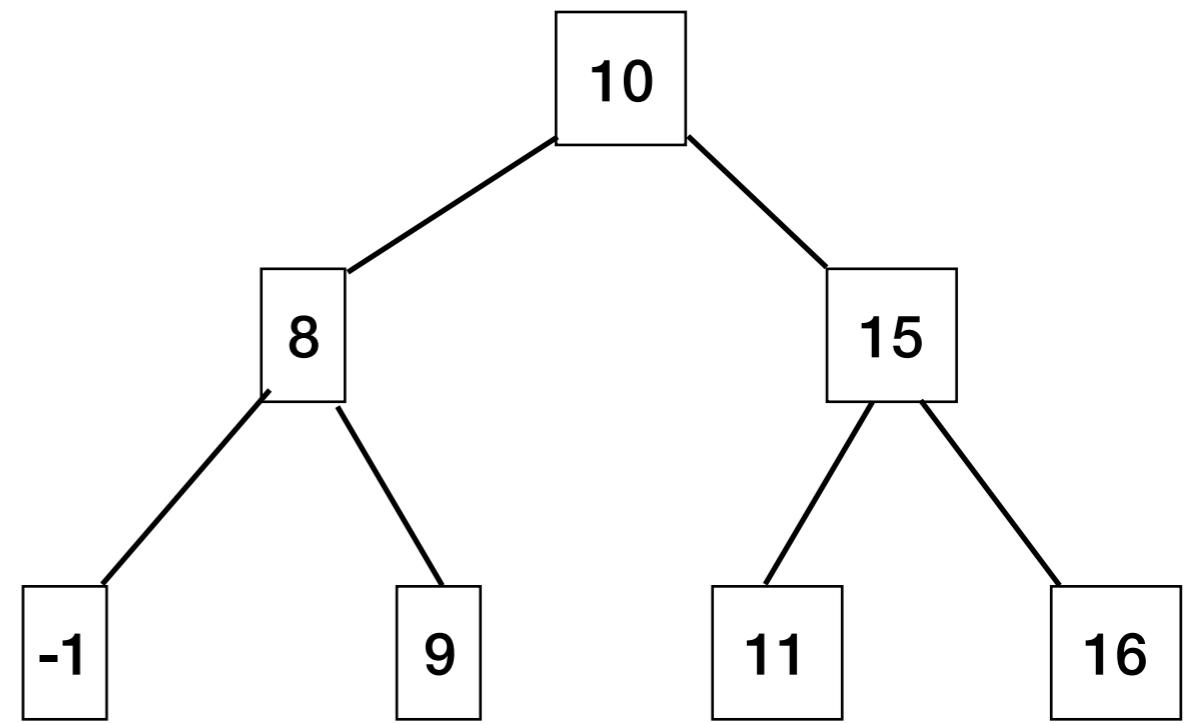
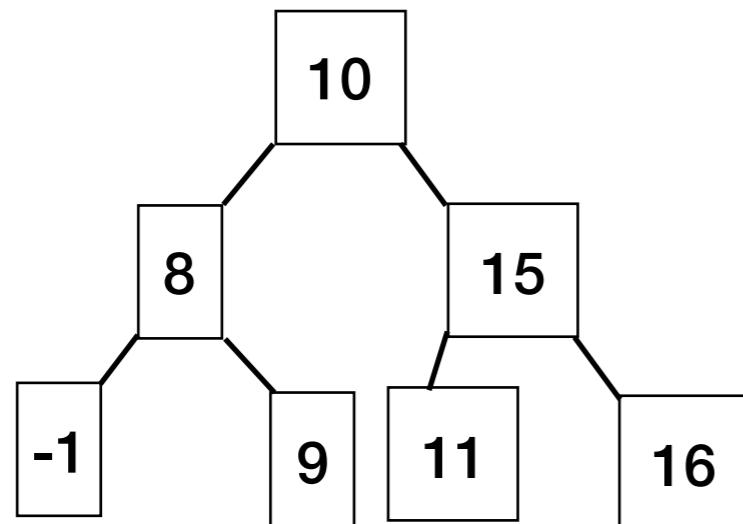
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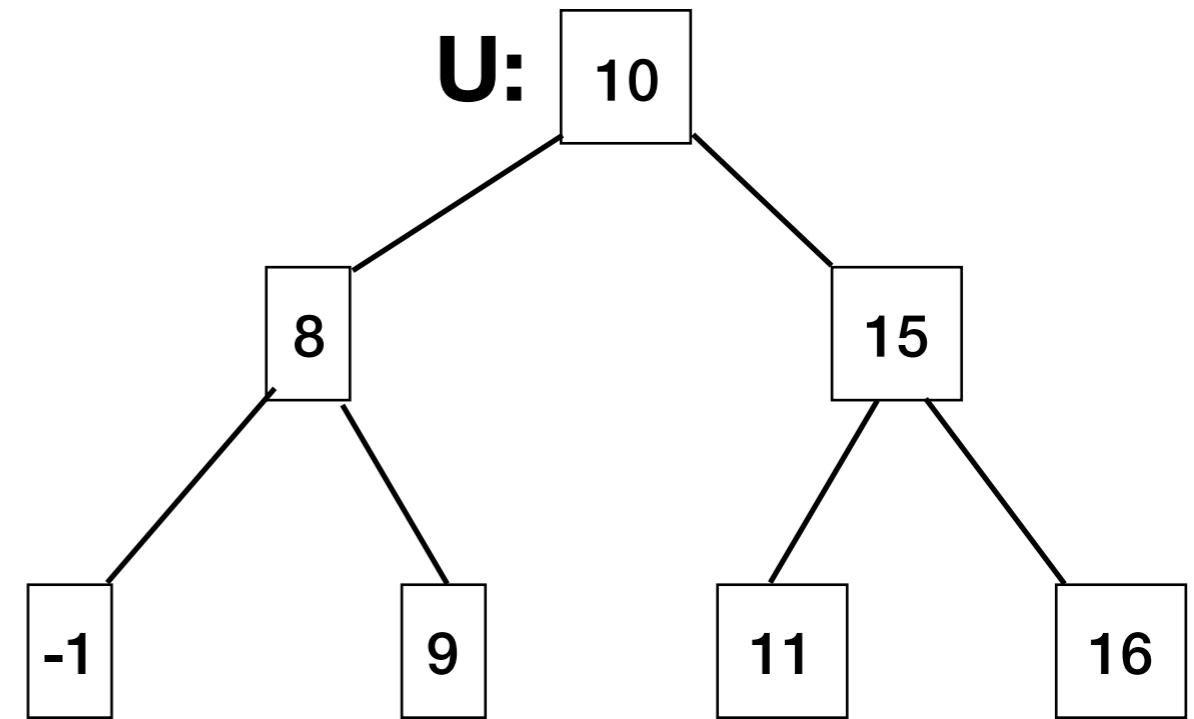
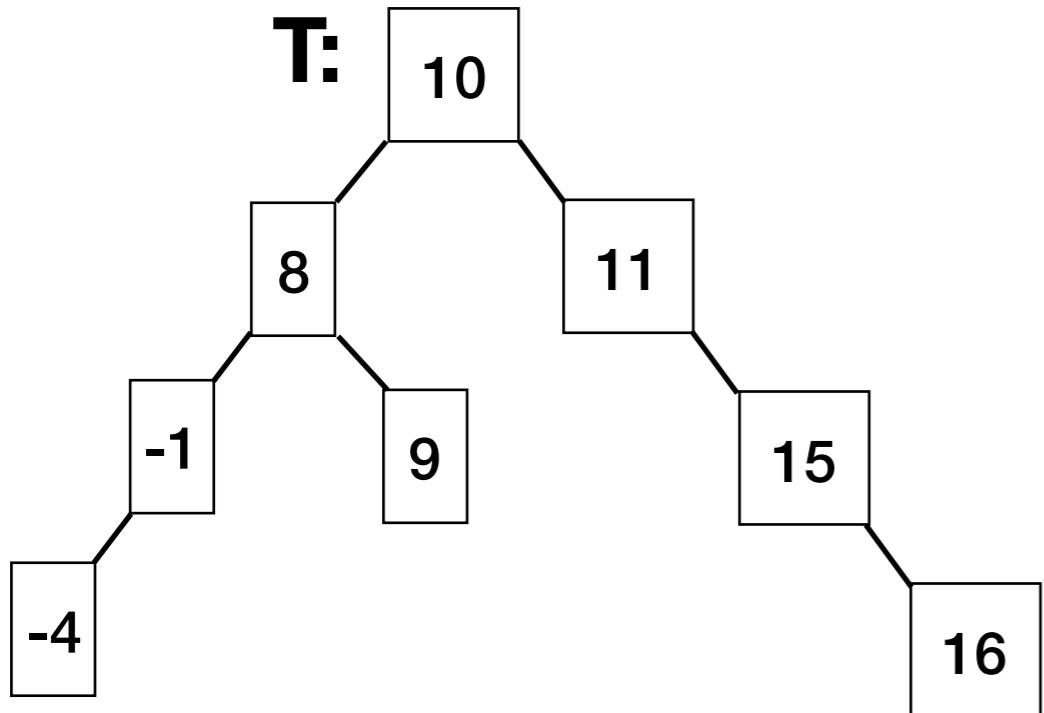
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Balance Factor

Balance Factor $b(n) = \text{height}(n.\text{right}) - \text{height}(\text{left})$



ABCD: What's the largest *absolute* balance factor of any node in each tree?

	T	U
A	0	0
B	2	1
C	2	0
D	1	1

AVL Trees

Balace Factor $b(n)$ = height($n.right$) - height($left$)

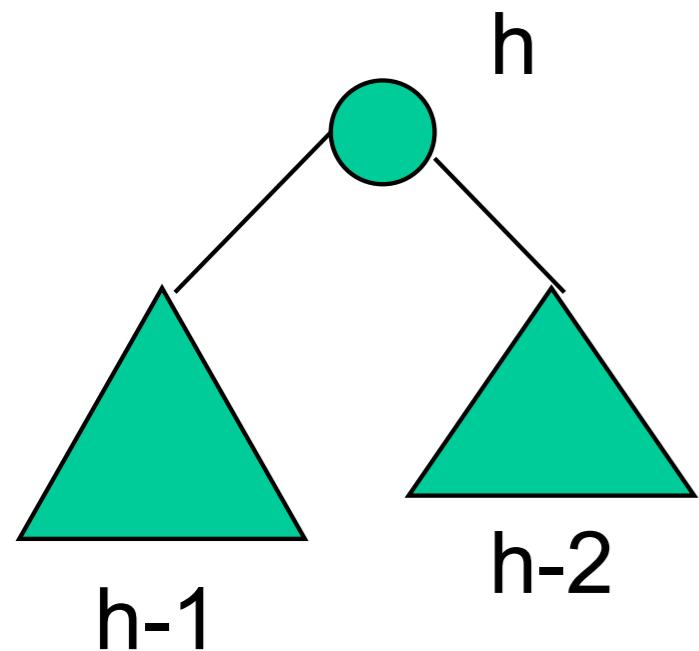
- Devised by **Adelson-Velsky** and **Landis**
- An AVL tree is a Binary Search Tree in which the following property holds:

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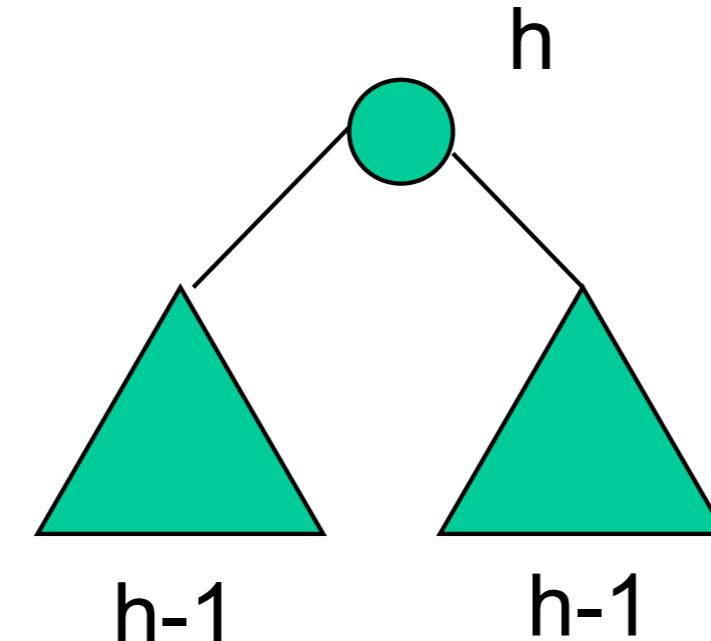
Balance Factor in AVL Trees

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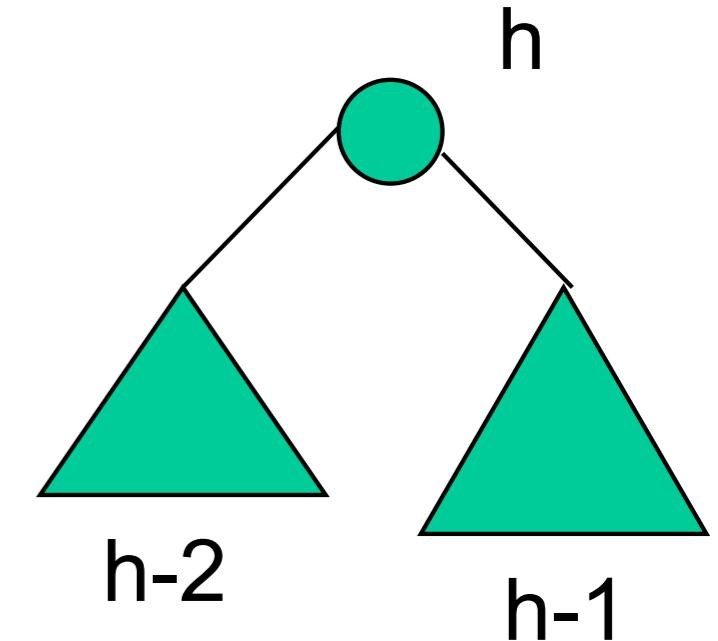
Every subtree in an AVL tree looks like one of these three trees:



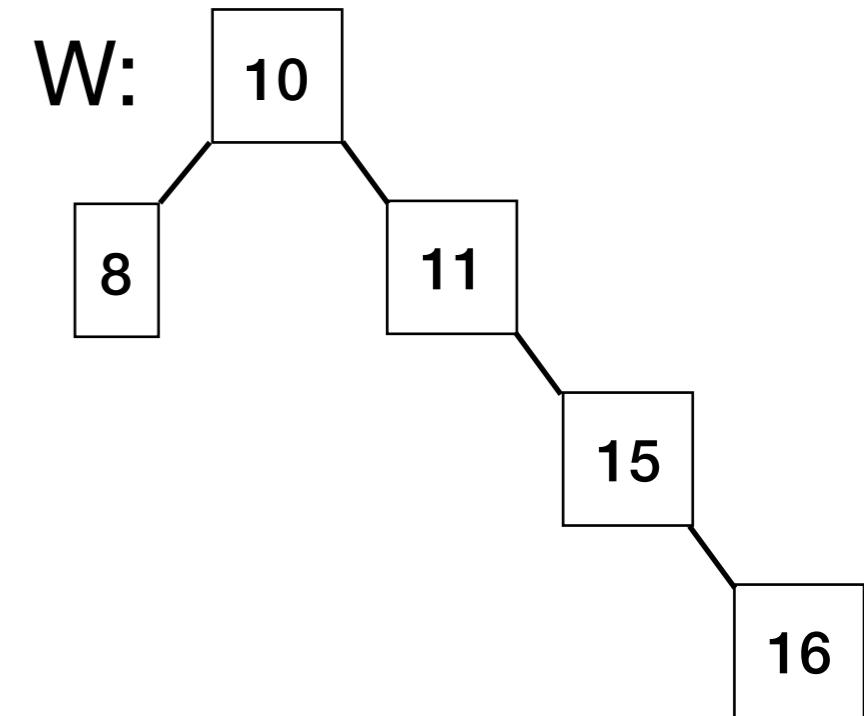
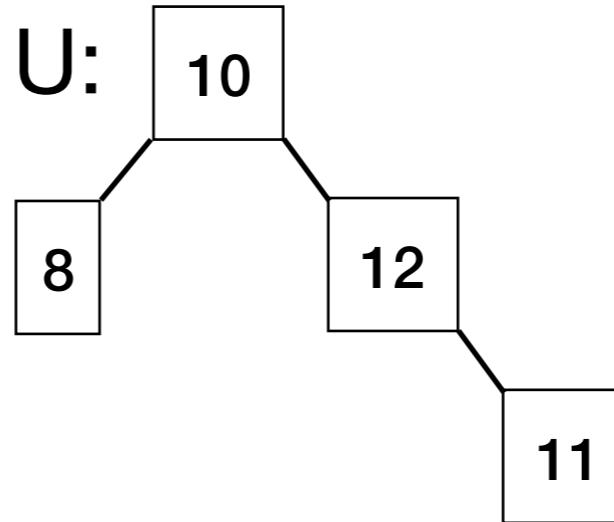
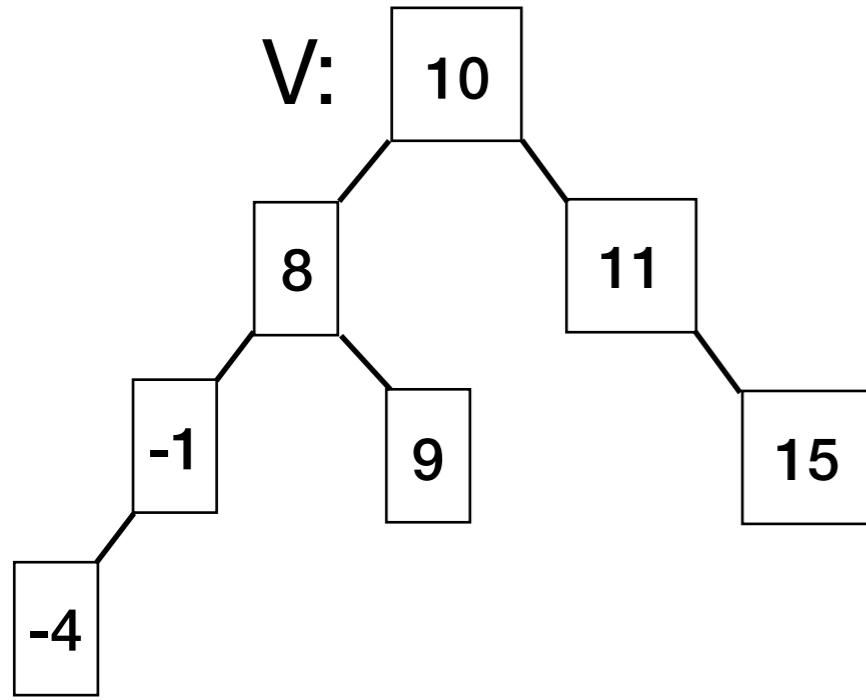
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(b) Balance factor: 0

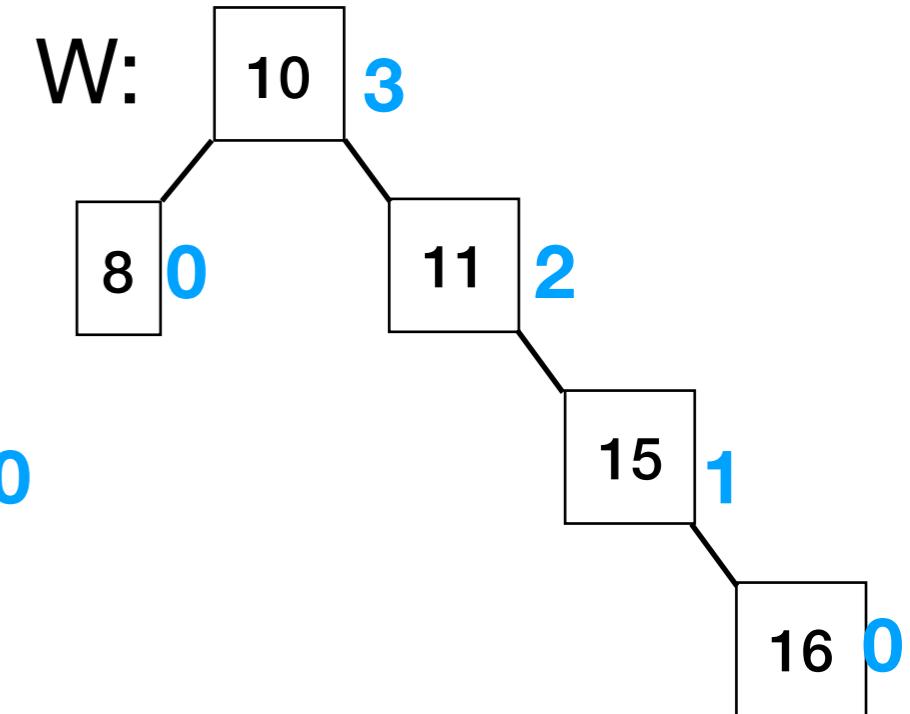
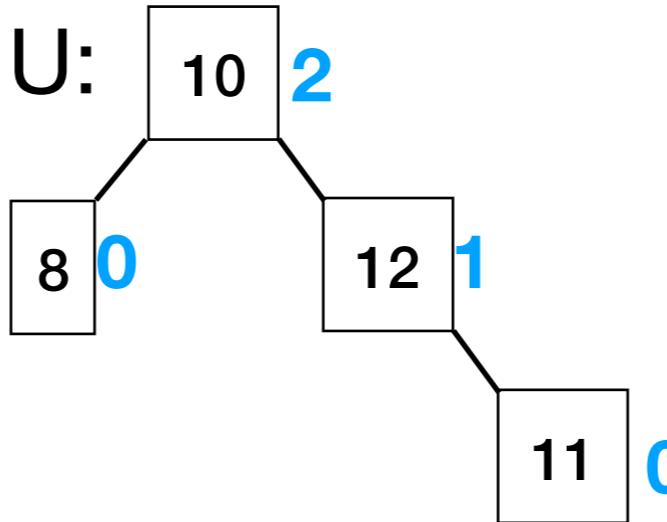
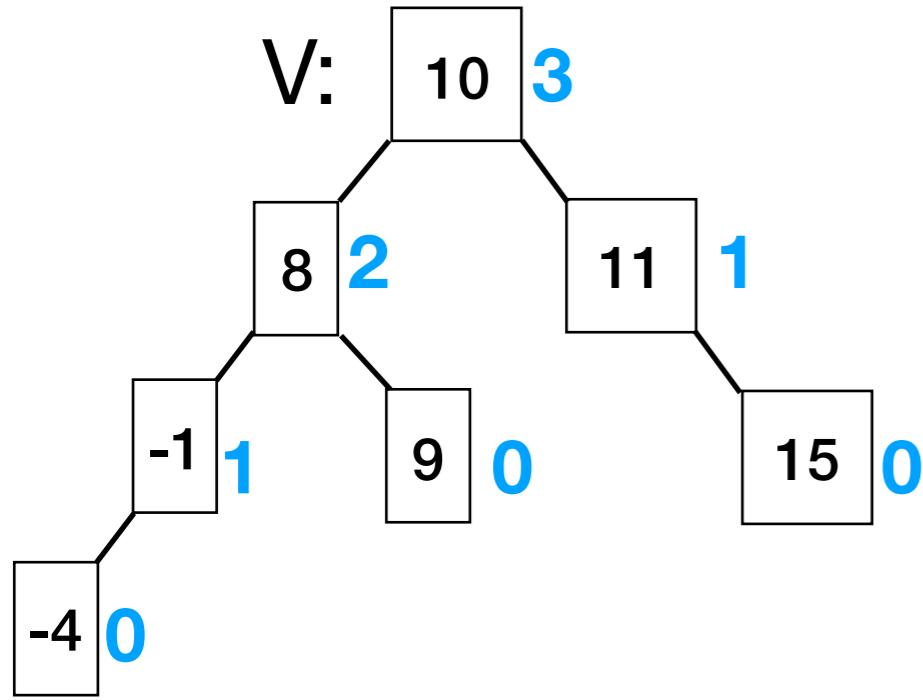


(c) Balance factor: -1



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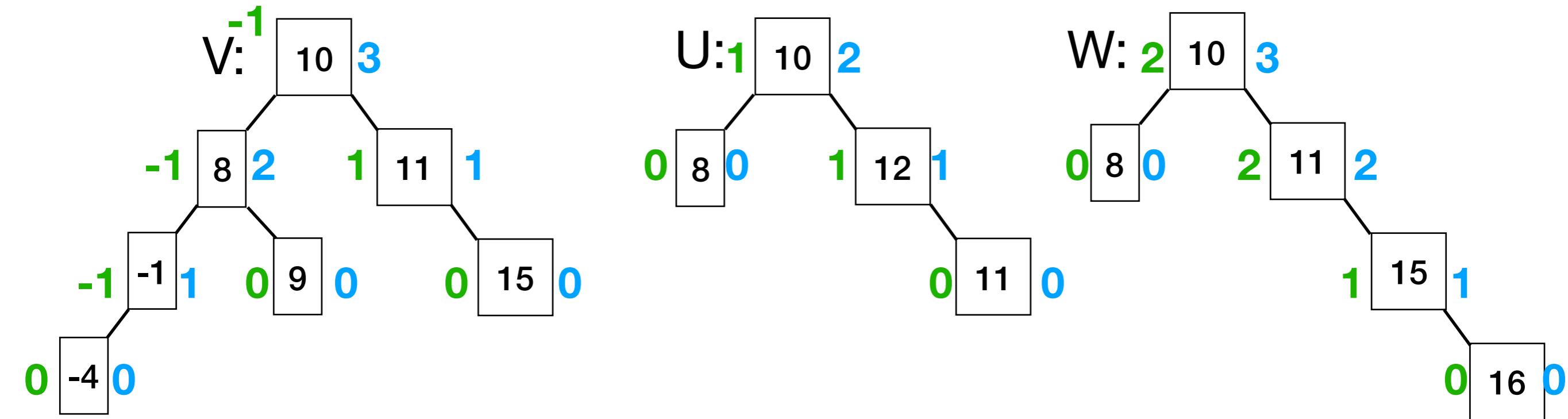
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Balance factors in green.

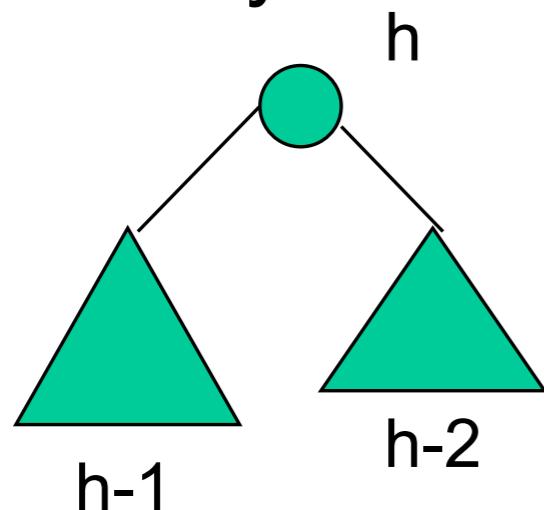
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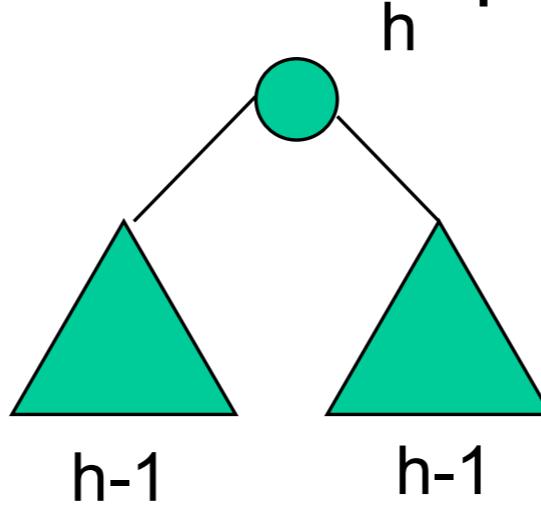
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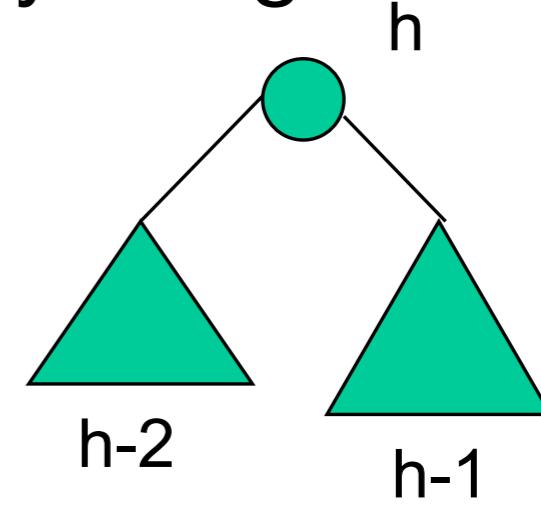
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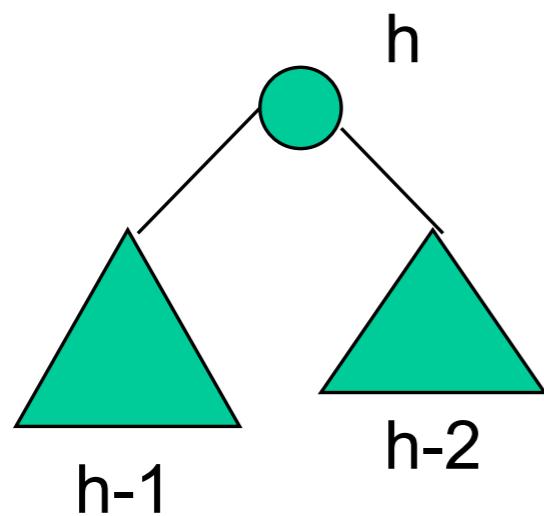
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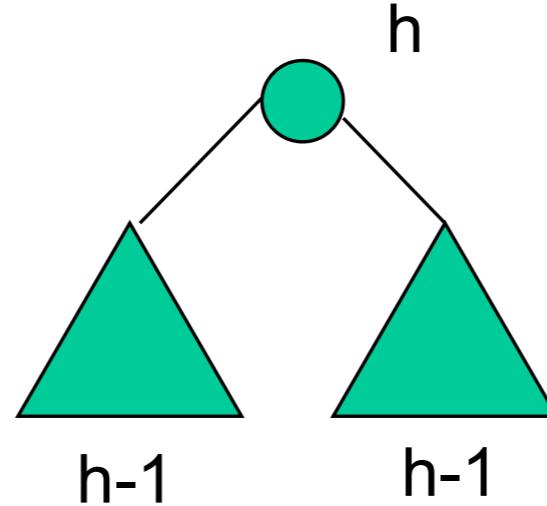
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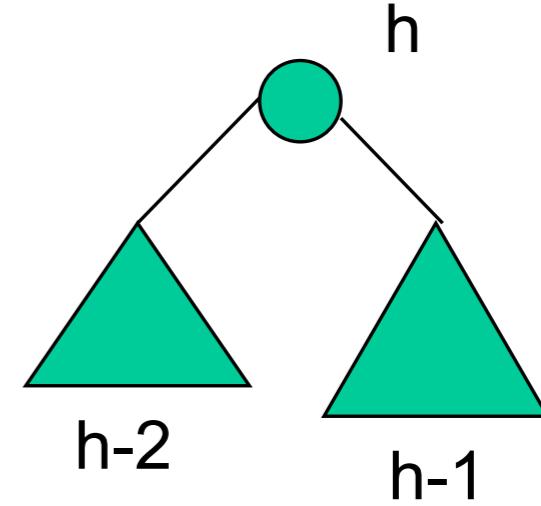
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Refresher: BST Insertion

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    if v < n.value:
        if n has left:
            insert(n.left, v)
        else:
            // attach new node w/ value v to n.left
    else: // v > n.value
        if n has right:
            insert(n.right, v)
        else:
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    rebalance(n); ←—————
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