



# CSCI 241

Lecture 12  
AVL Trees, Continued

# Happenings

Monday, 2/11 – CSCI Candidate, Jeff Caley (Research) – 4PM, CF 316

Tuesday, 2/12 – CSCI Candidate, Jeff Caley (Teaching)– 4PM, CF 316

Tuesday, 2/12 – Hackathon Info meeting – 5PM, CF 316

Wednesday, 2/13 – Peer Lecture Series: C Language – 5PM, CF 420

Thursday, 2/14 – CSCI Candidate, Sayeed Sajal (Research)– 4PM, CF 316

Friday, 2/15 – CSCI Candidate, Sayeed Sajal (Teaching)– 4PM, \***CF 226**\*

Saturday 2/16 & Sunday 2/17 – [Hackathon](#) – 10AM start time, 24hrs, downstairs labs

# Goals

- Understand why we're doing all this tree stuff.
- Be prepared to implement AVL rebalancing.

# Announcements

# What are we even doing

- Trees
  - Binary Trees
    - Binary Search Trees
      - Balanced BSTs
        - AVL trees - a scheme for maintaining balance
        - Red-black trees - a different scheme for the same thing

# What are we even doing

- **Trees** what are they? nodes with 0 or more children (subtrees)
- **Binary Trees** nodes with 0, 1, or 2 children (subtrees)
- **Binary Search Trees**

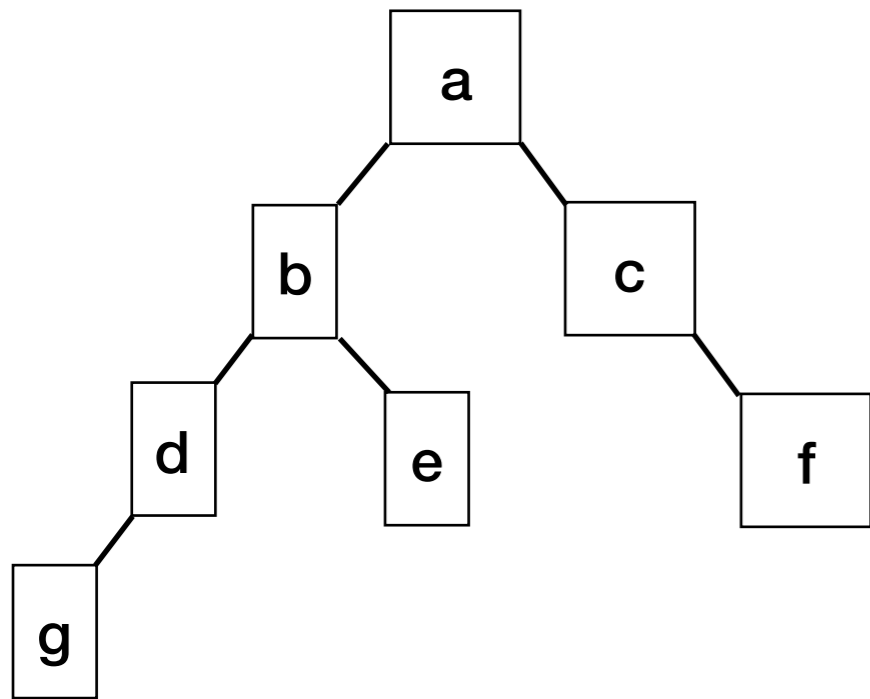
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 and their **runtimes**  
BST property
- **Balanced BSTs** why do we want this?  
balanced trees give good runtime
- **AVL trees** how do we measure balance?  
**balance factor**  
how do we achieve balance?  
**rotations**  
how do we know what/when to rotate?

# Why are we even doing this

- Balanced trees have height  $O(\log n)$
- Searching, inserting, removing all have runtime  $O(h)$ .
- $\log(n)$  is vastly better than  $n$ :
  - $\log(n) \approx$  number of digits in  $n$
- When would you want this:
  - **Sets** with no duplicates (counting unique items, as in A2)
  - **Maps**, that store key-value pairs  
(e.g., dictionaries that store word: definition)
  - Especially when you want to traverse set elements (or keys) in sorted order  
- in-order traversal!

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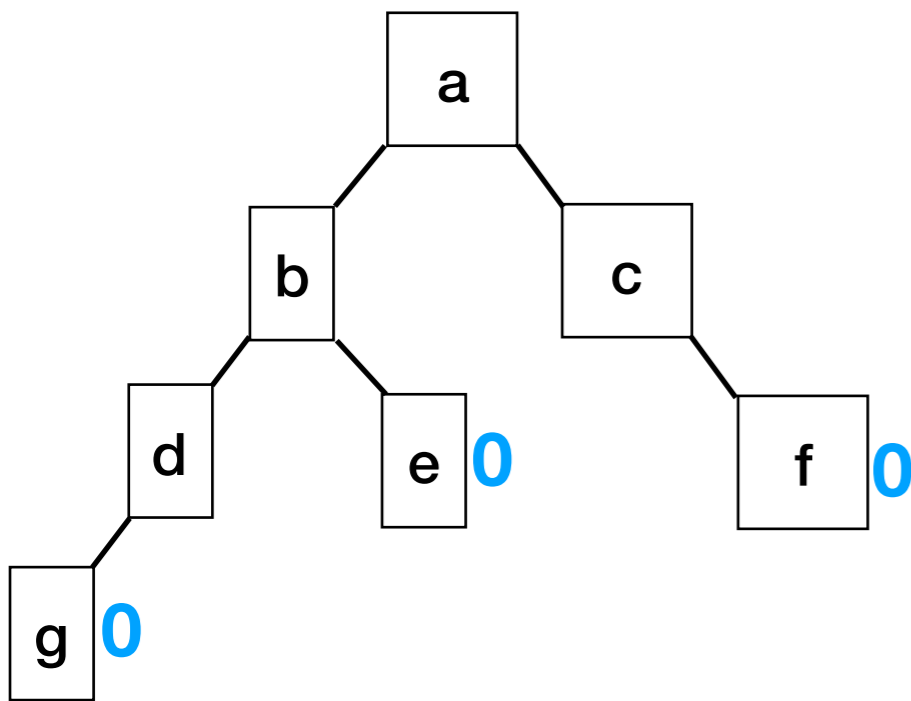


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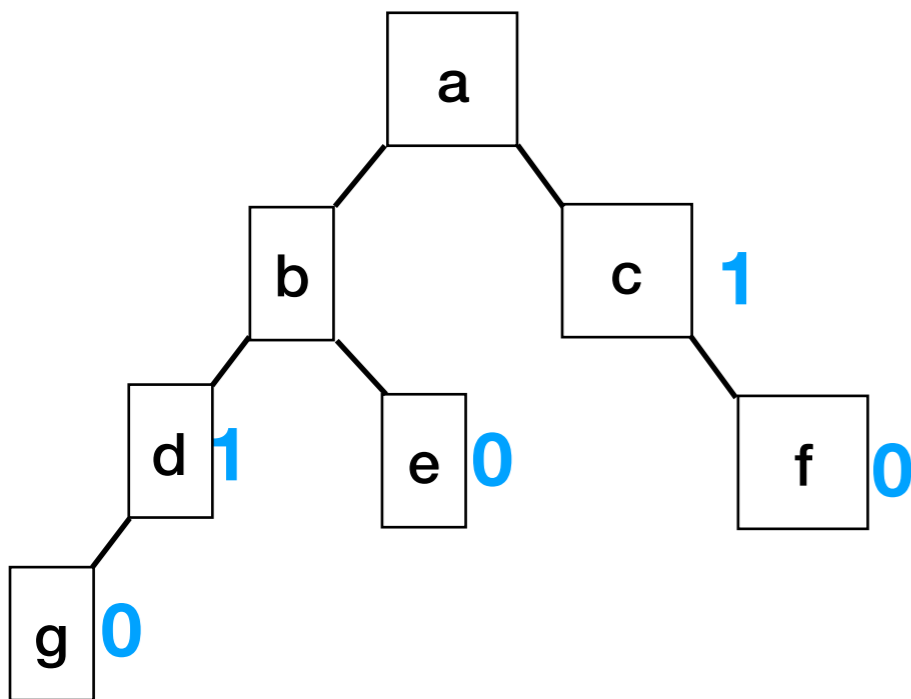
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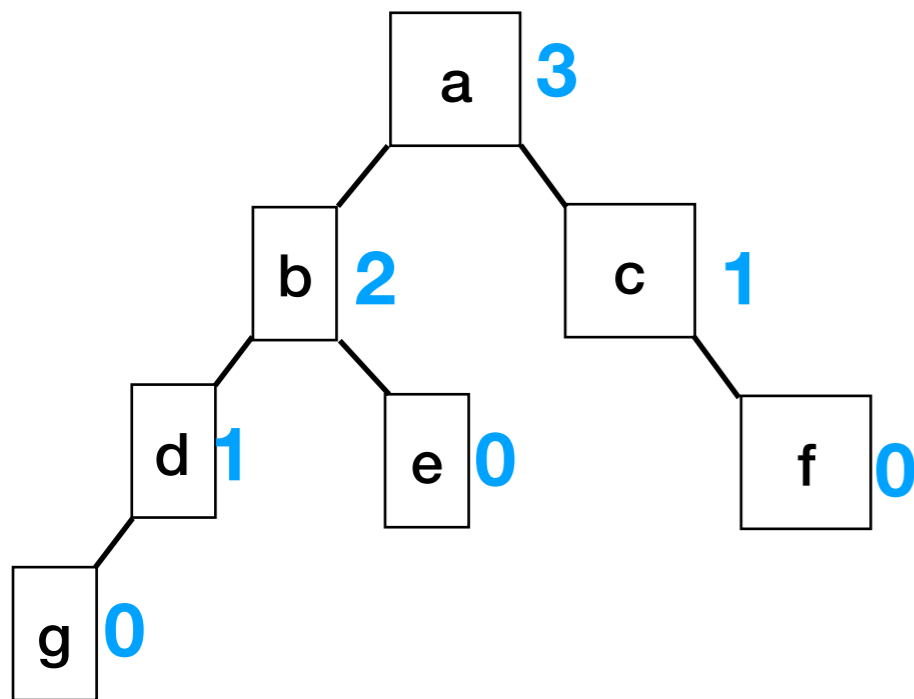
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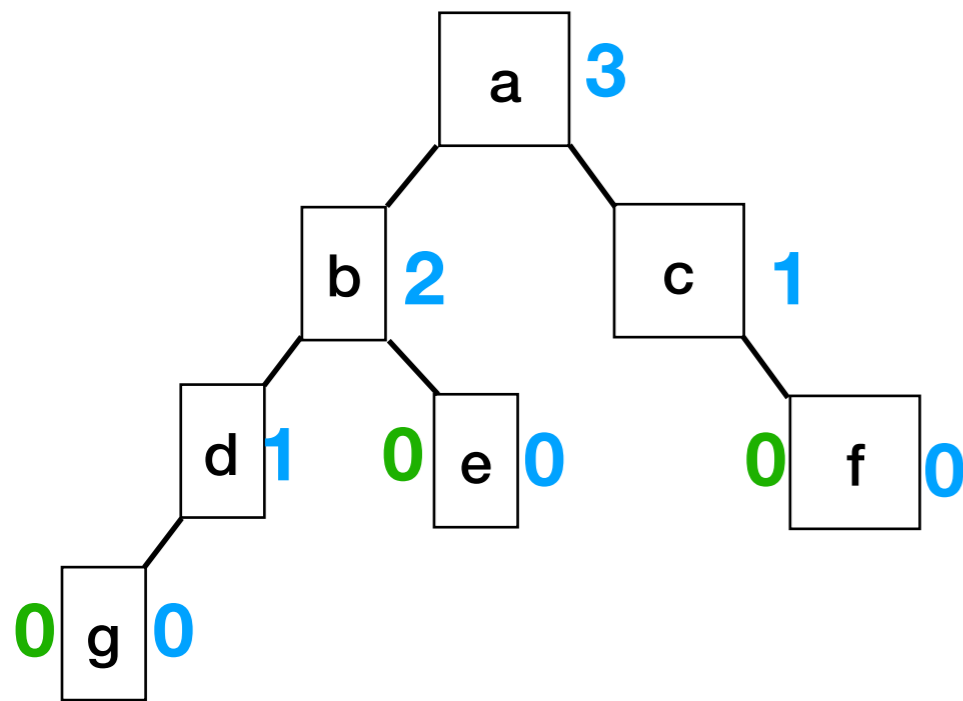
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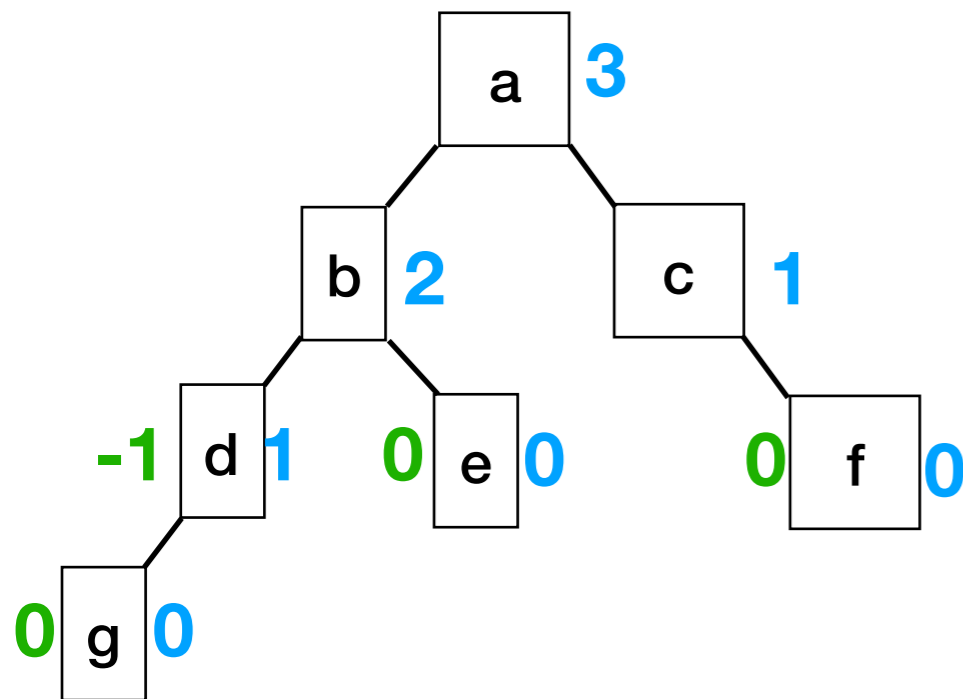
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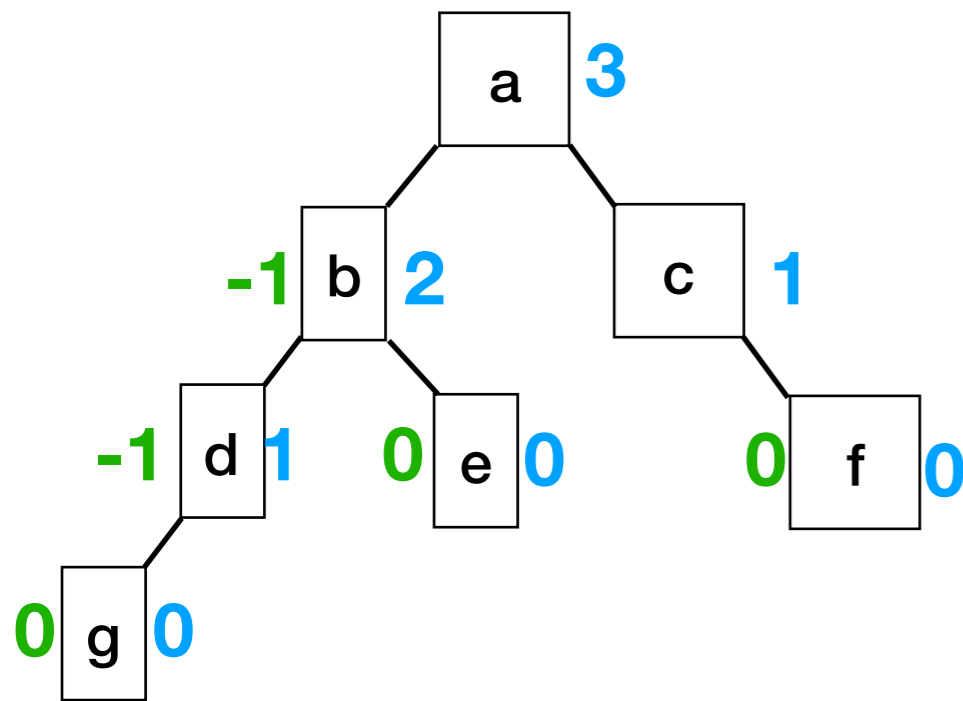
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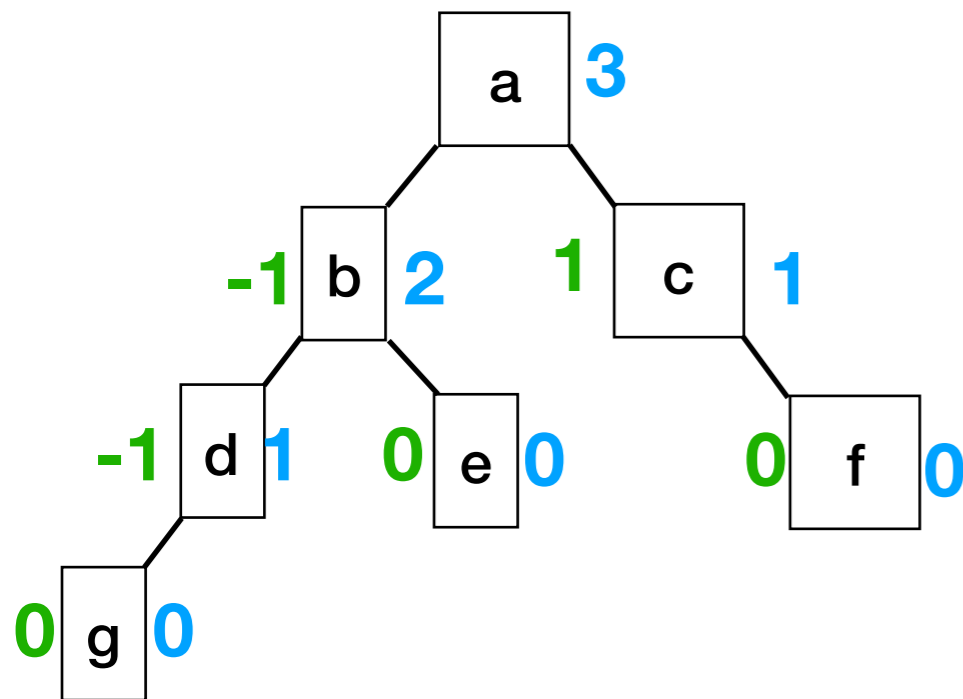
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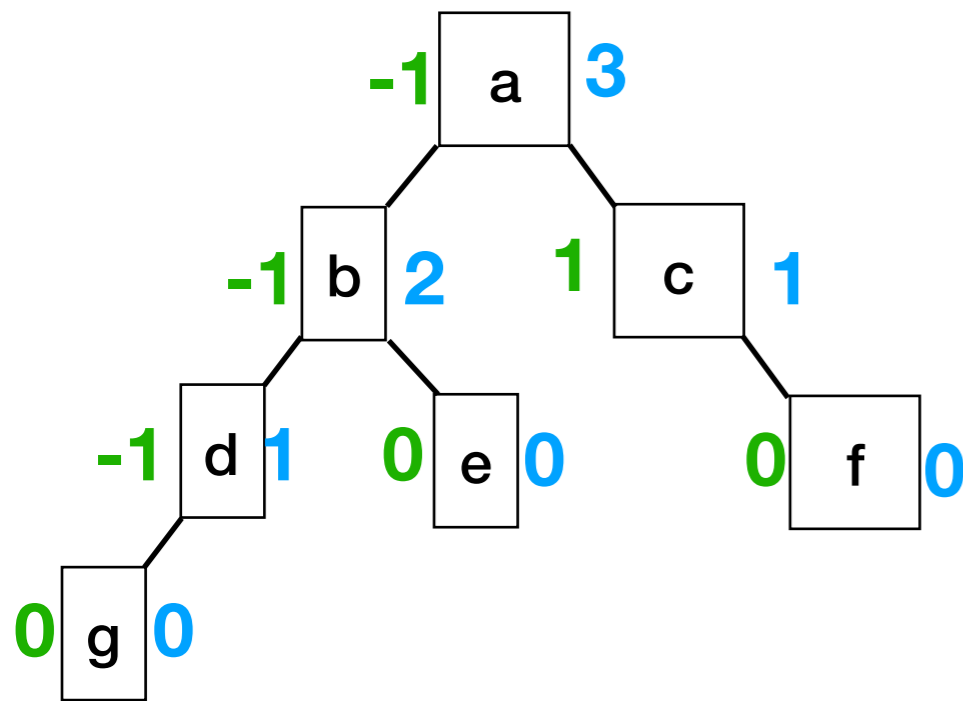
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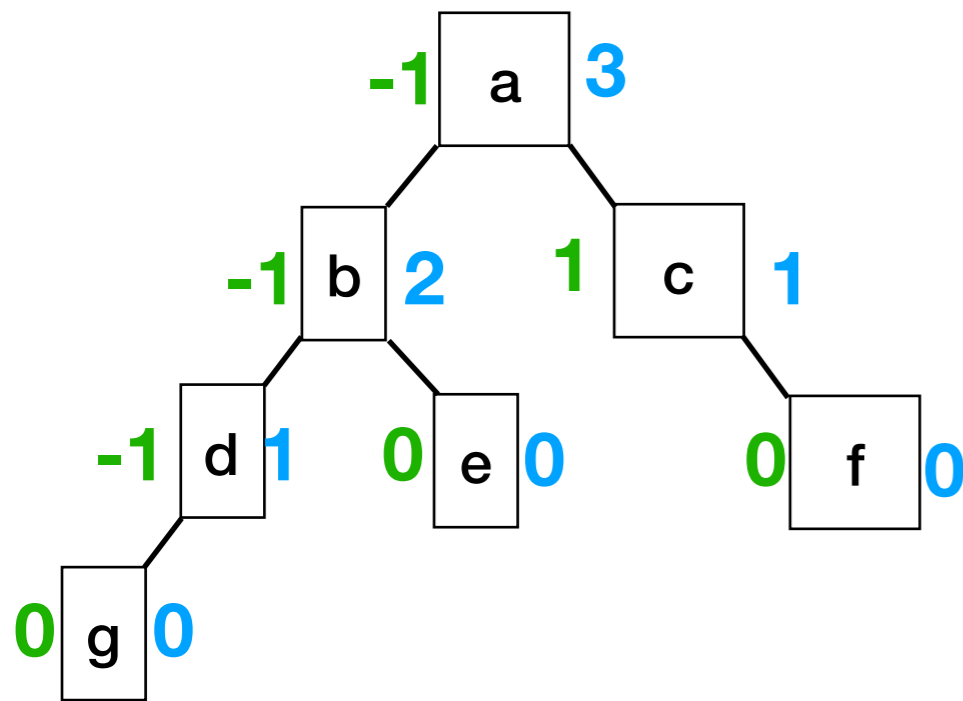


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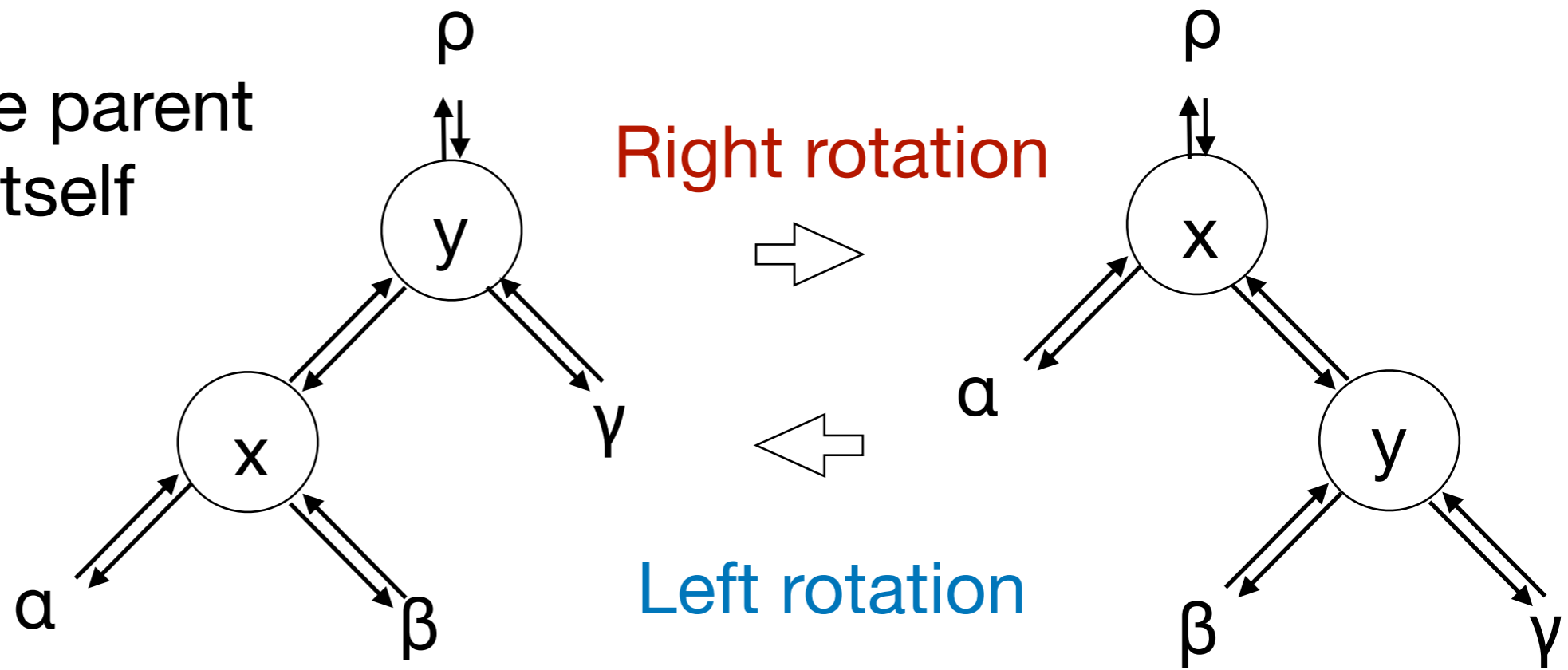
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# Tree Rotations

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

1. Transfer  $\beta$
2. Transfer the parent
3. Transfer  $x$  itself



$x.R$  gets  $y.L$

$y.L.p$  gets  $x$

$y.p$  gets  $x.p$

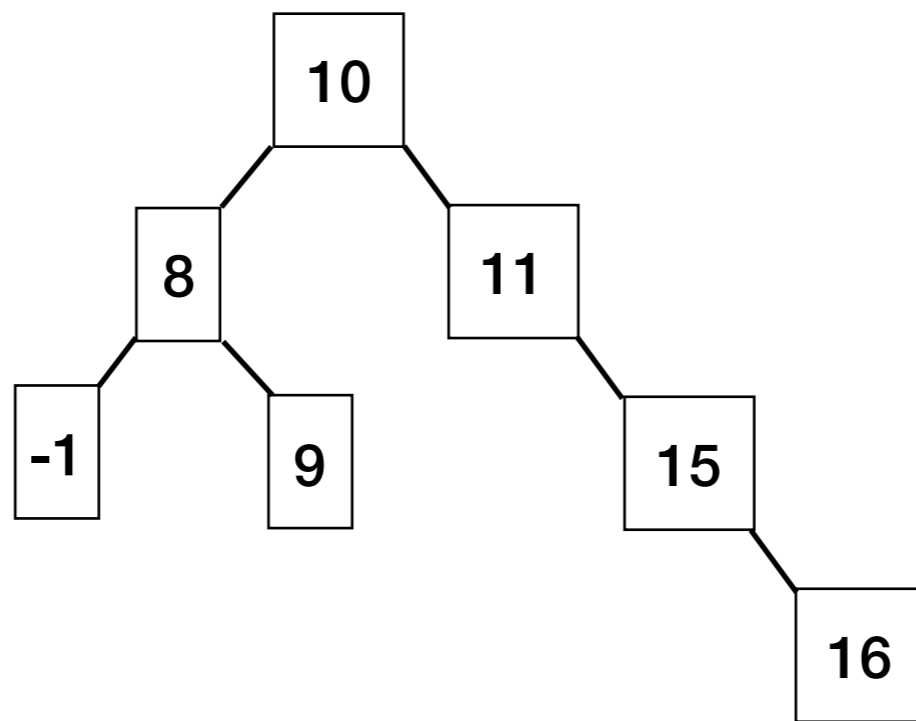
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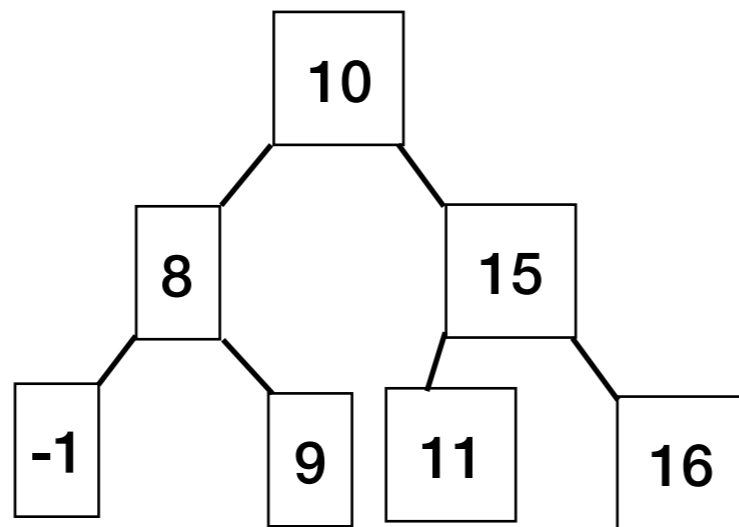
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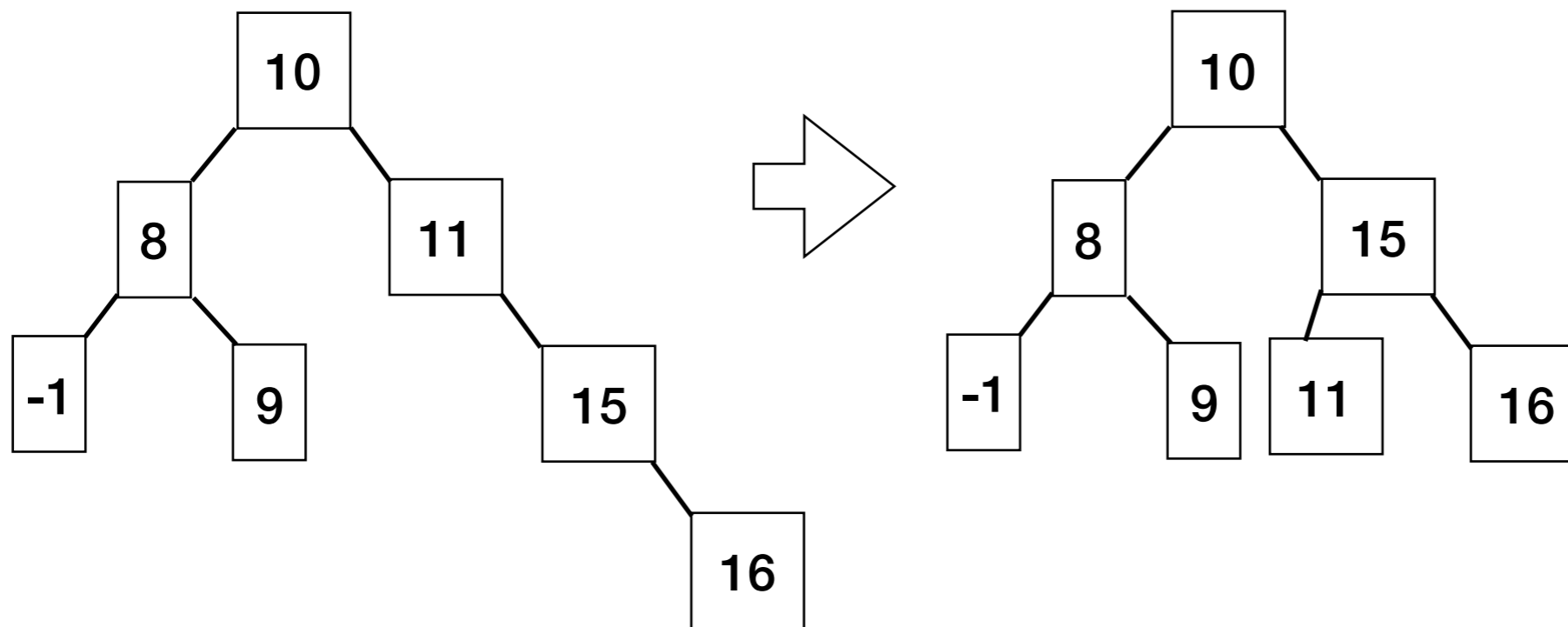
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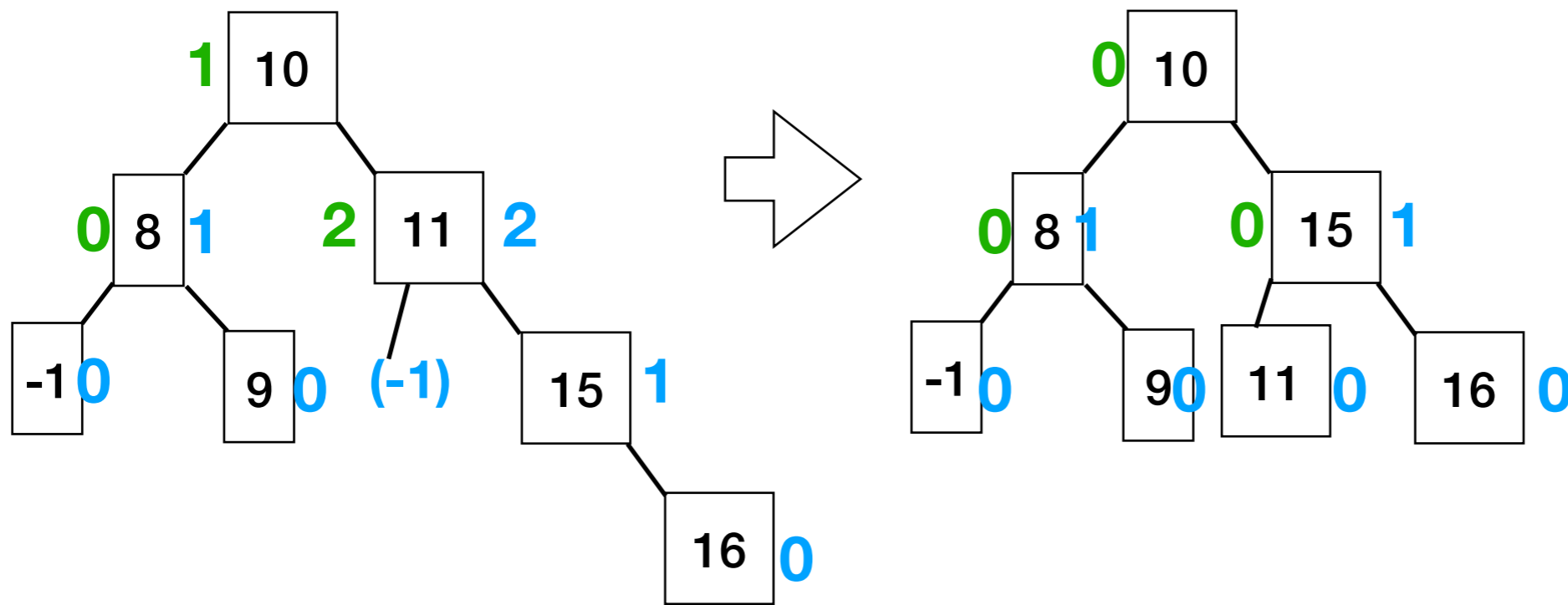


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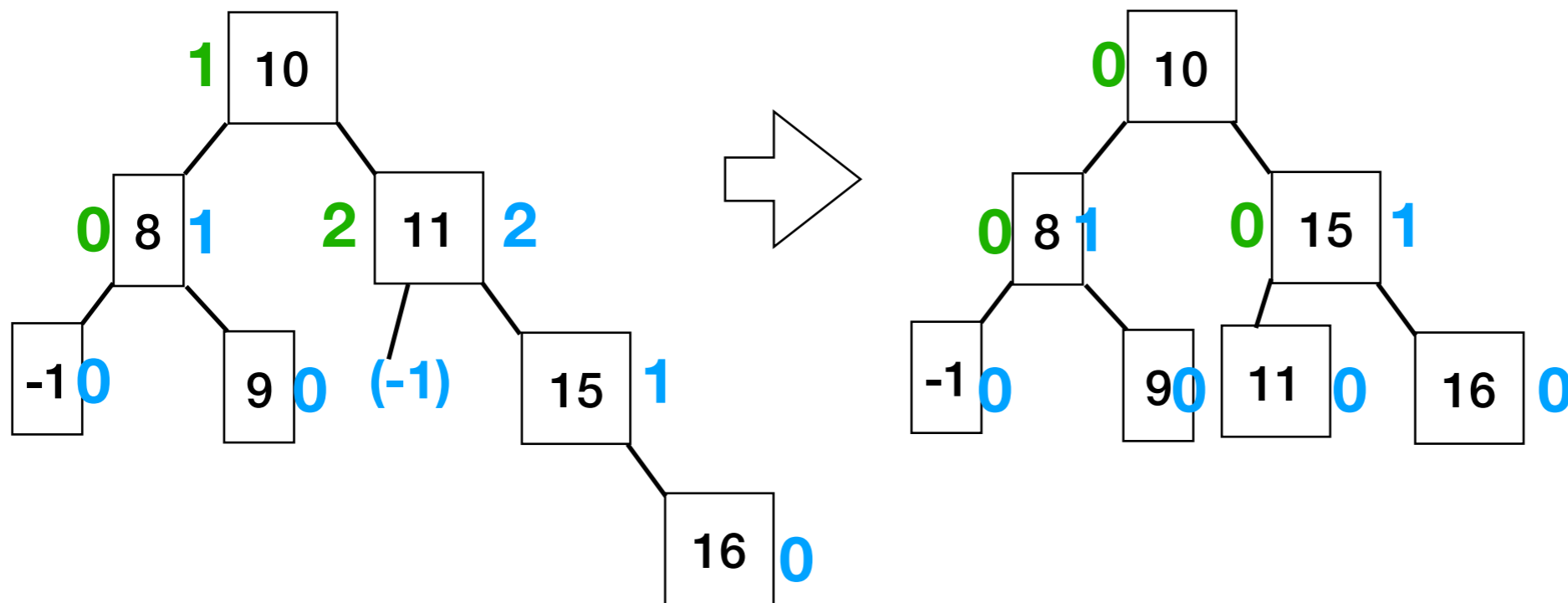


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How do we know what to rotate and when?

If the tree changes, check for imbalance and fix it if found.

# AVL Trees

**Balance**(n):  $\text{height}(\text{n.right}) - \text{height}(\text{n.left})$

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

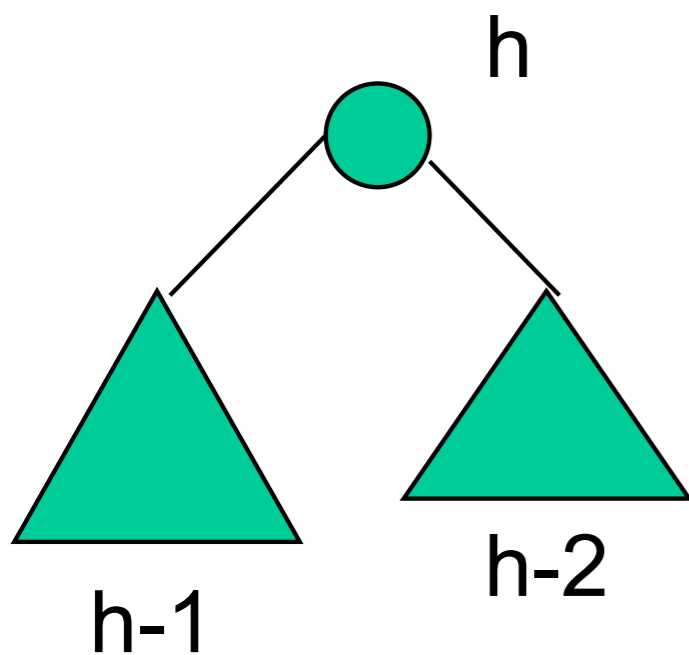
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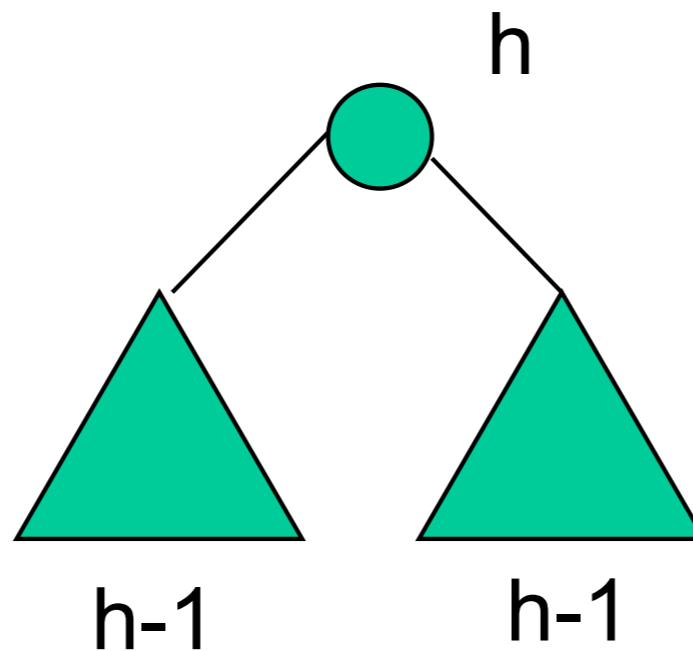
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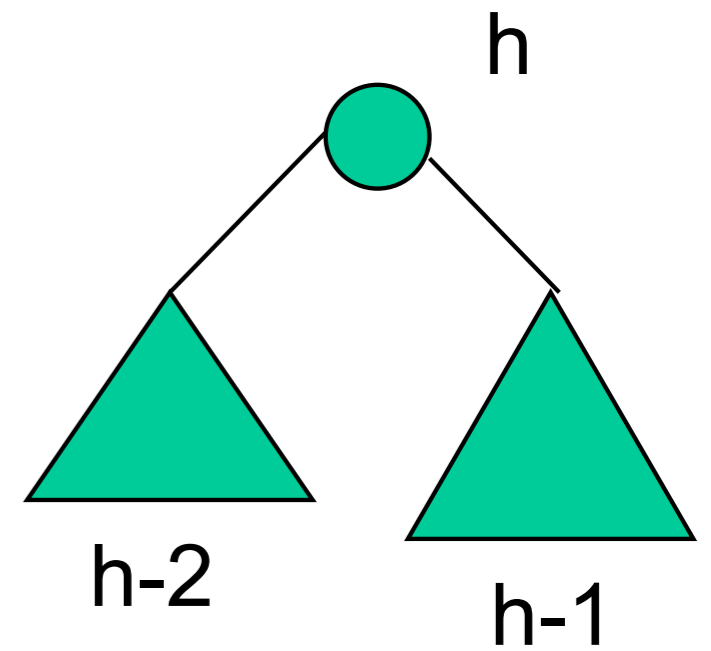
**Every subtree** in an AVL tree looks like one of these three trees:



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(b) Balance factor: 0



(c) Balance factor: -1

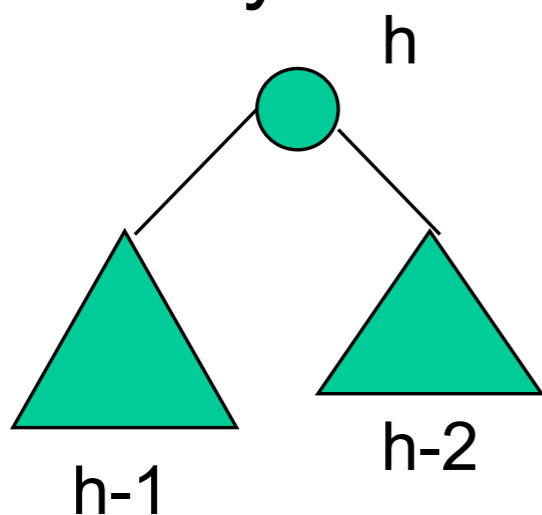
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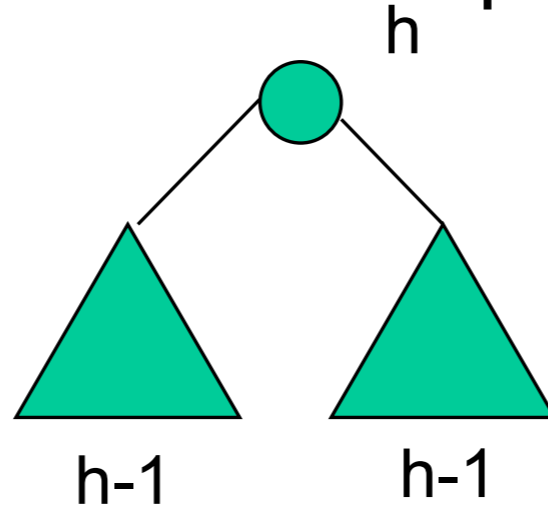
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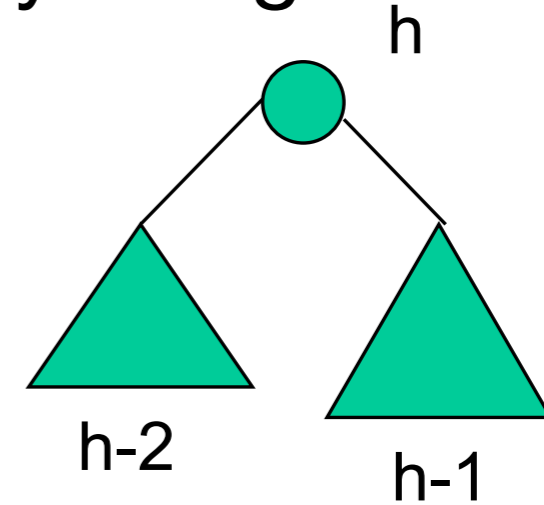
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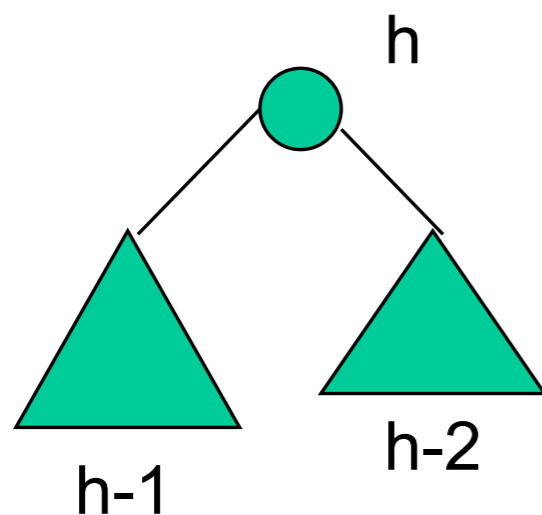
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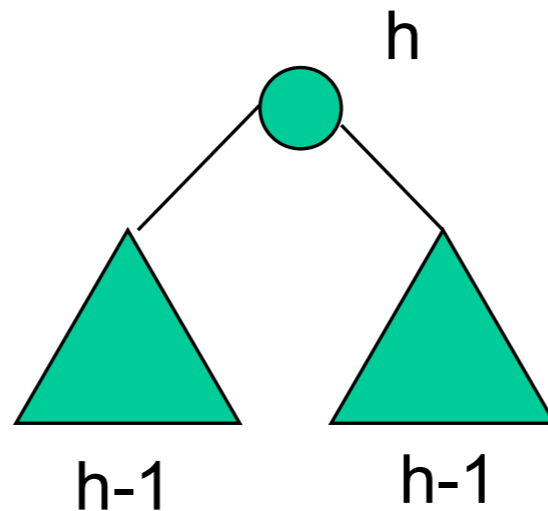
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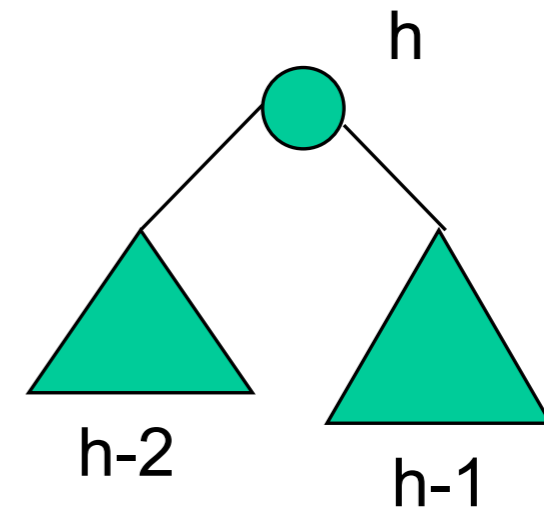
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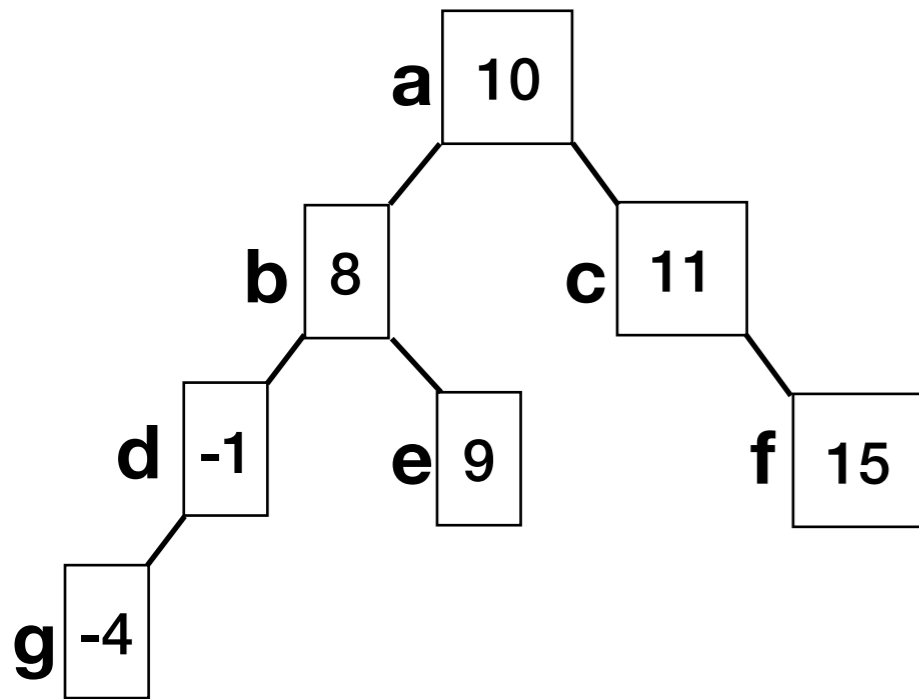
# Refresher: BST Insertion

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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:
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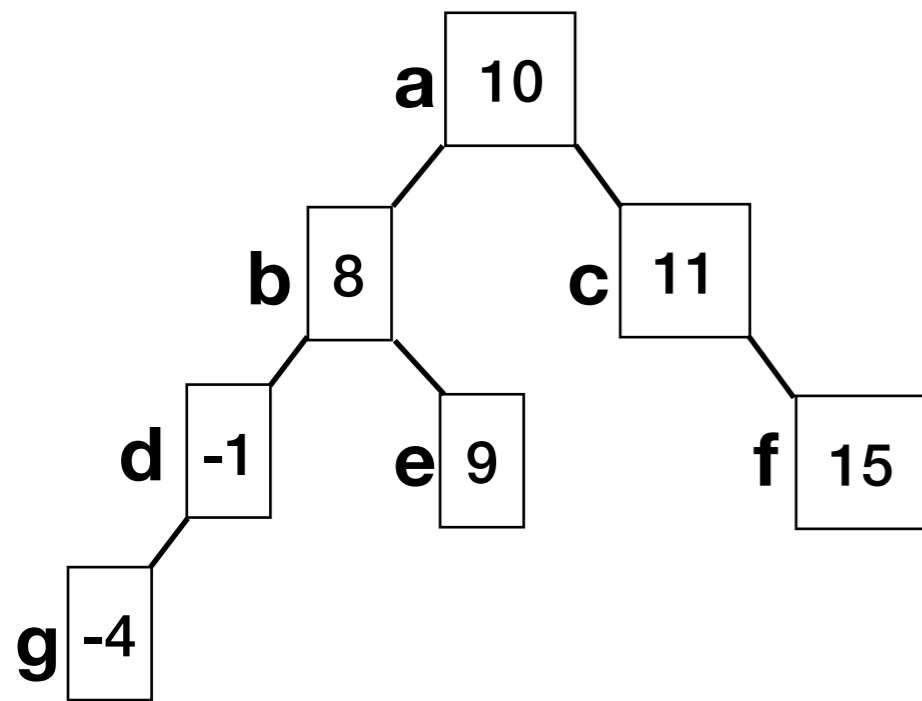
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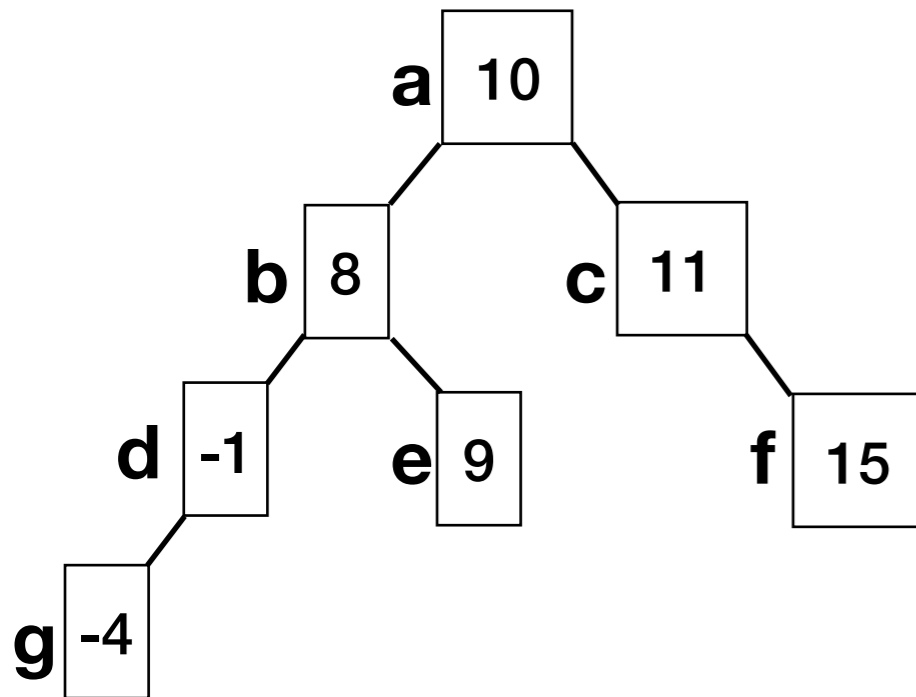
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First: is this an AVL tree?



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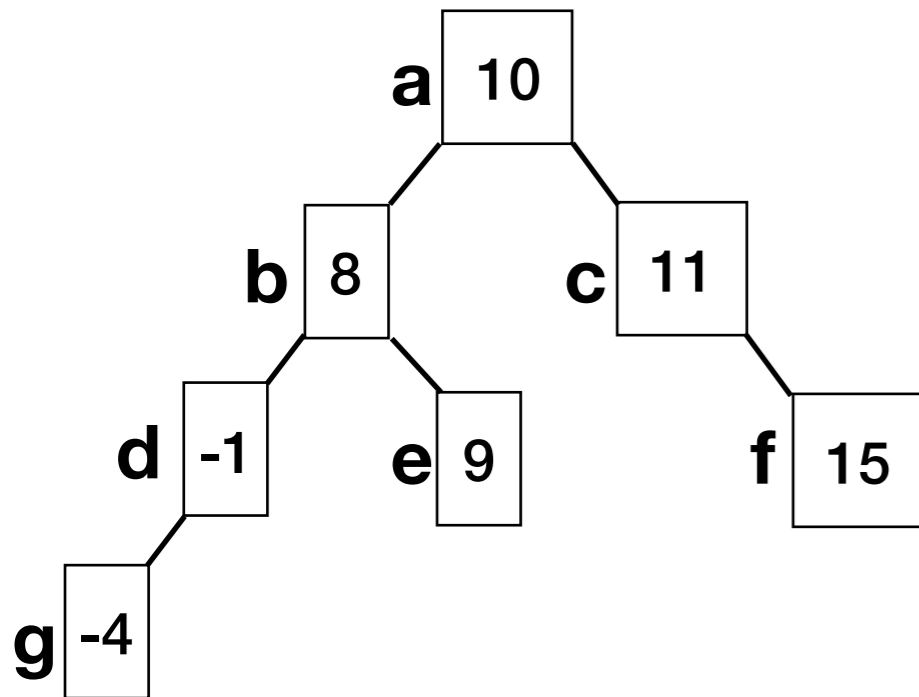


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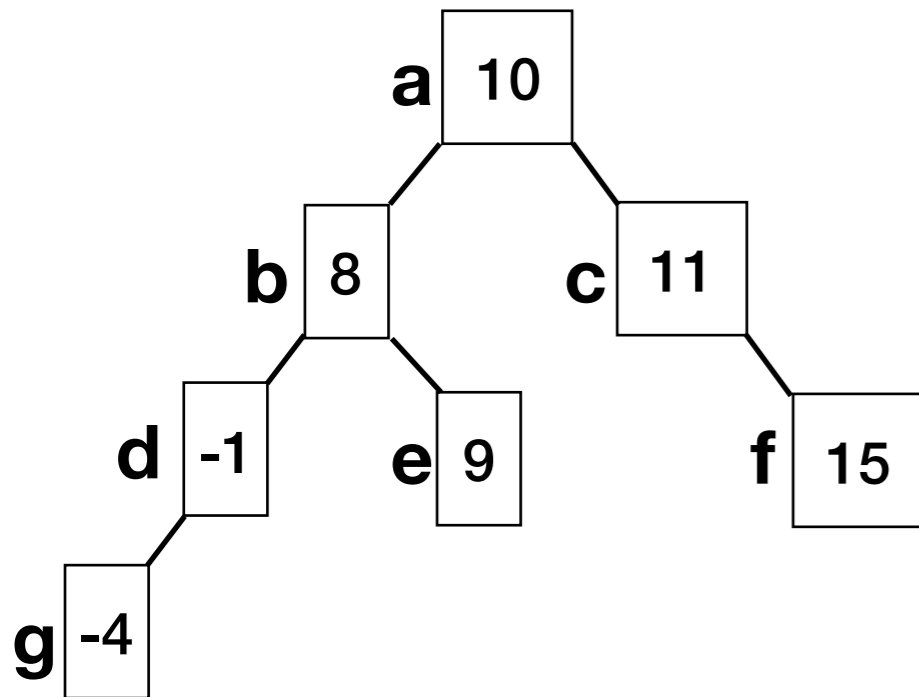


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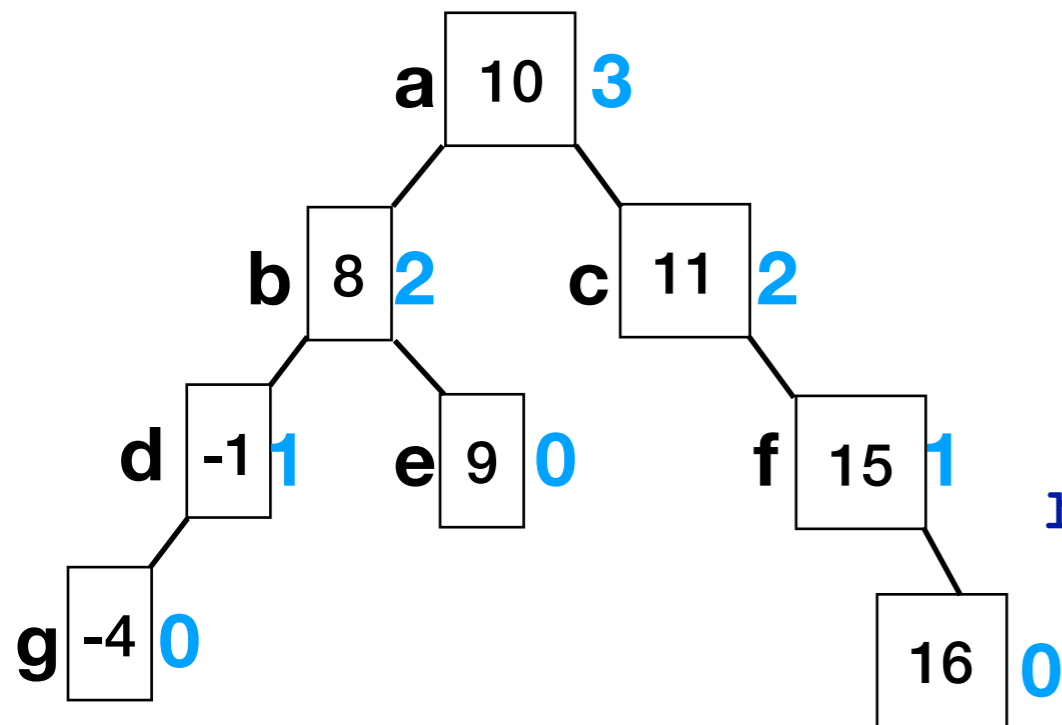


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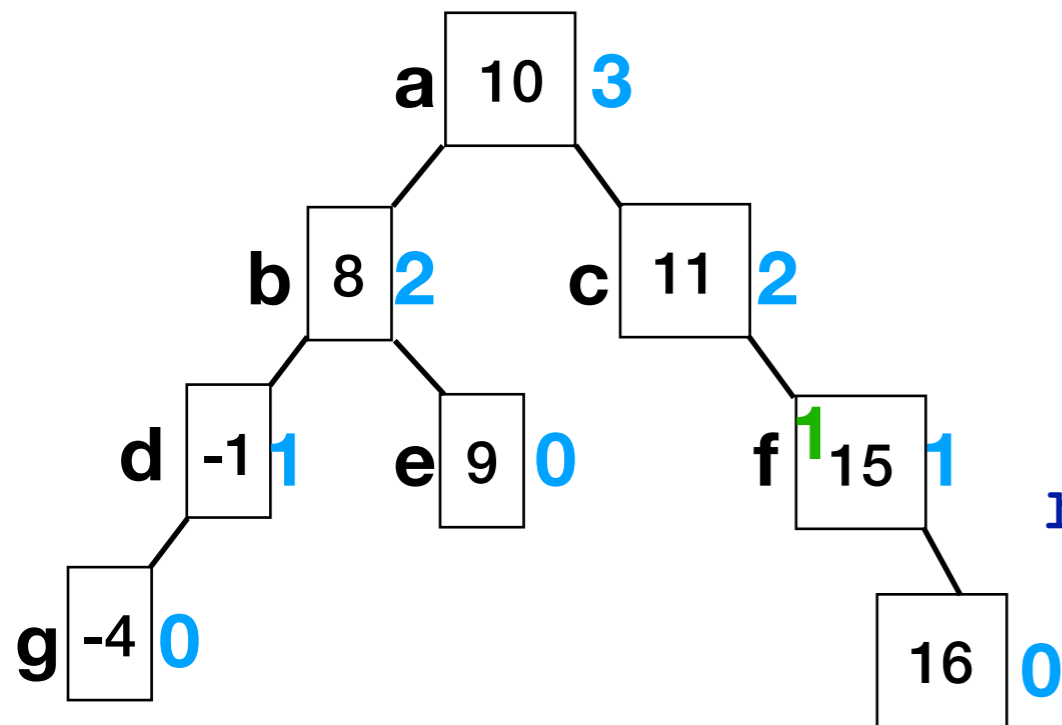
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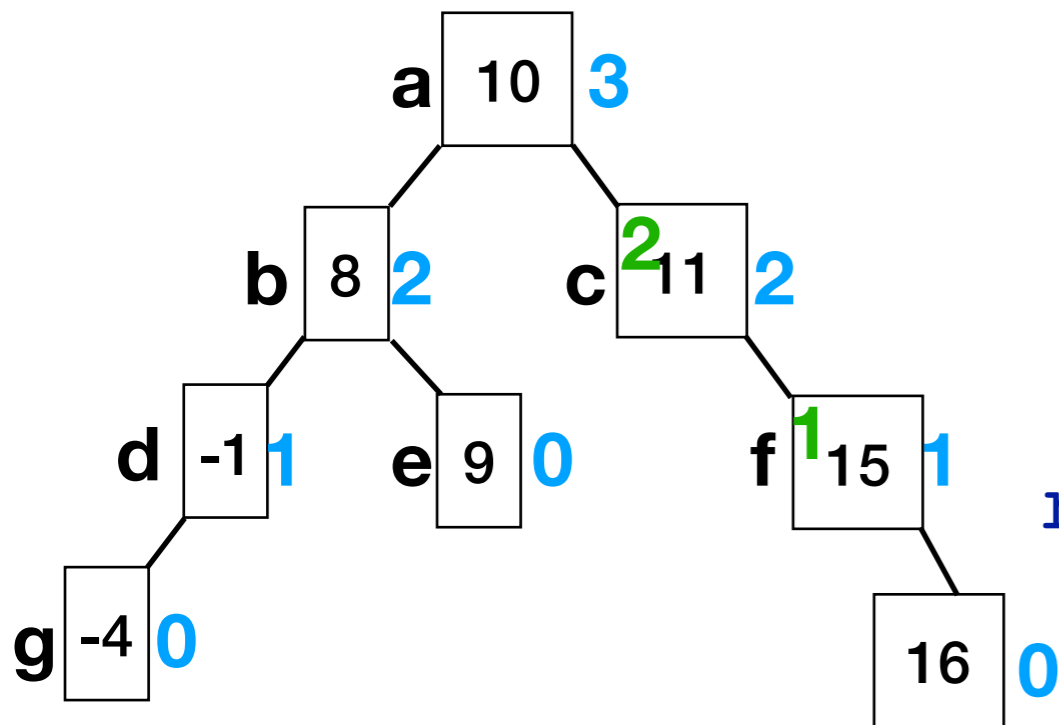
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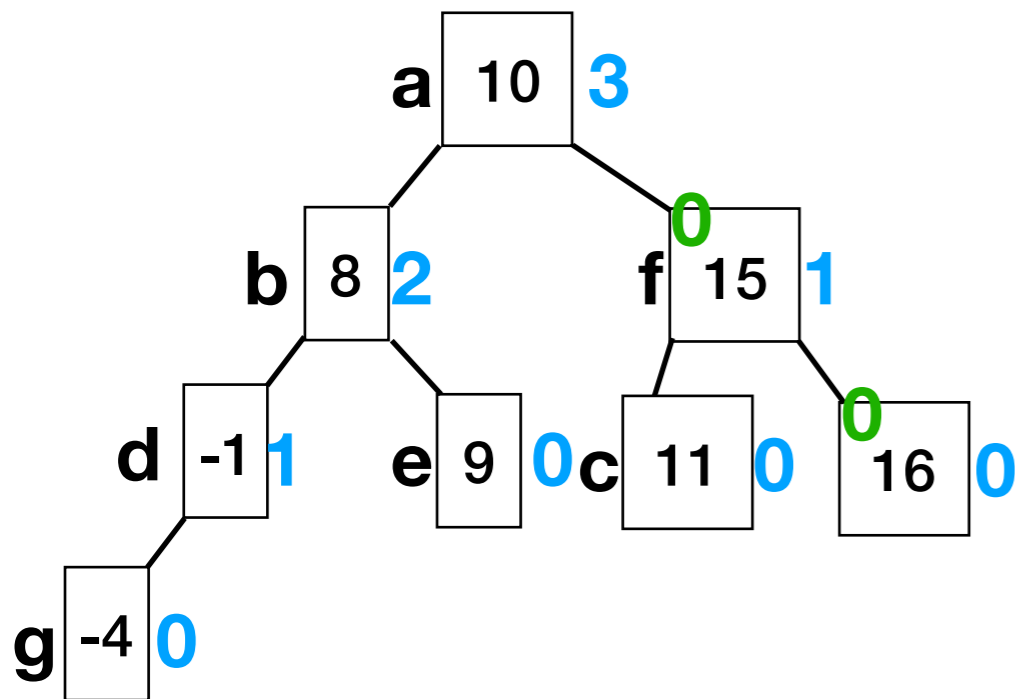
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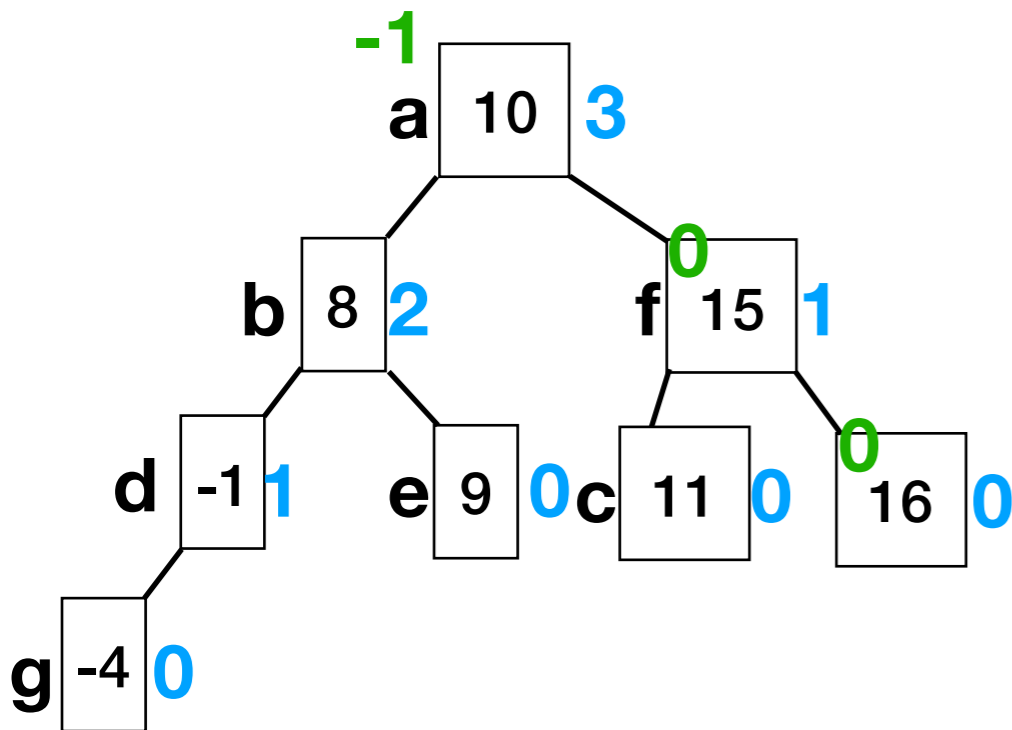
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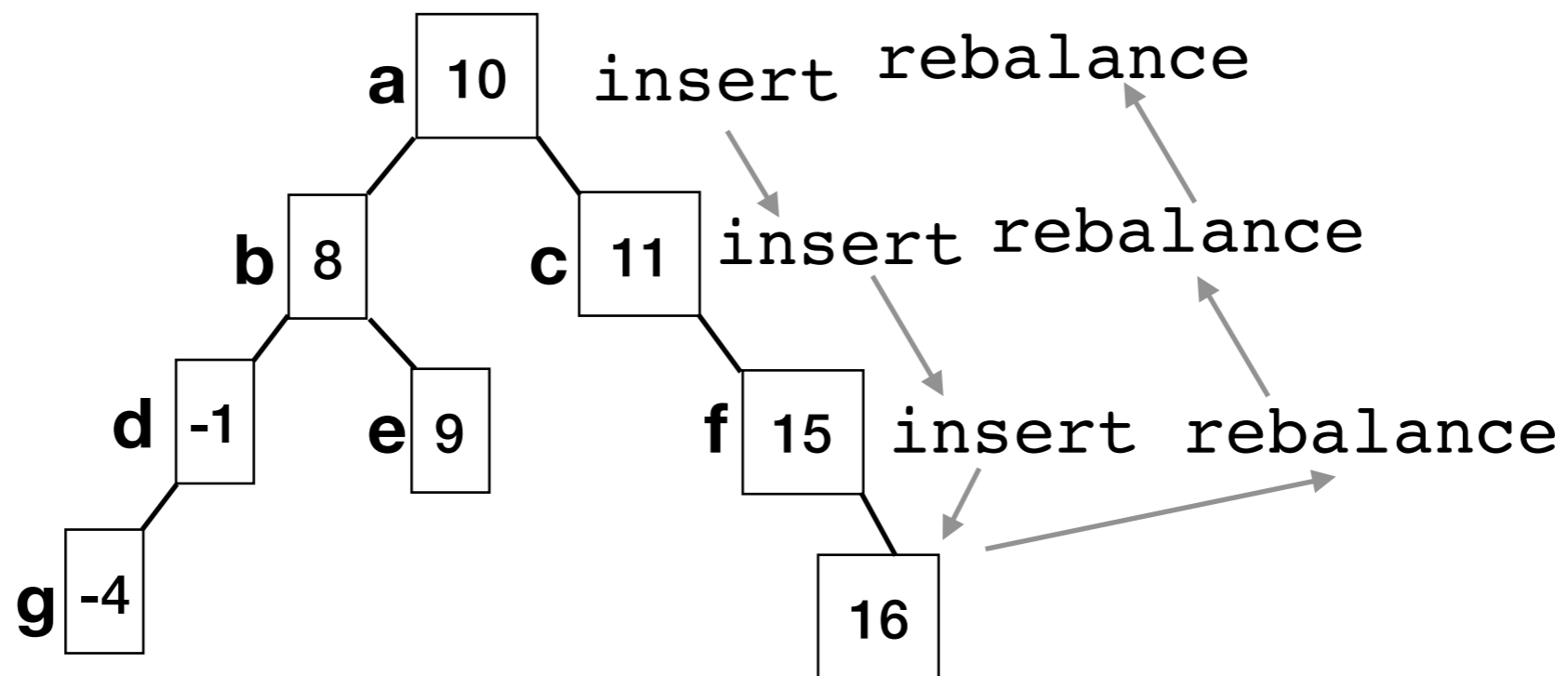
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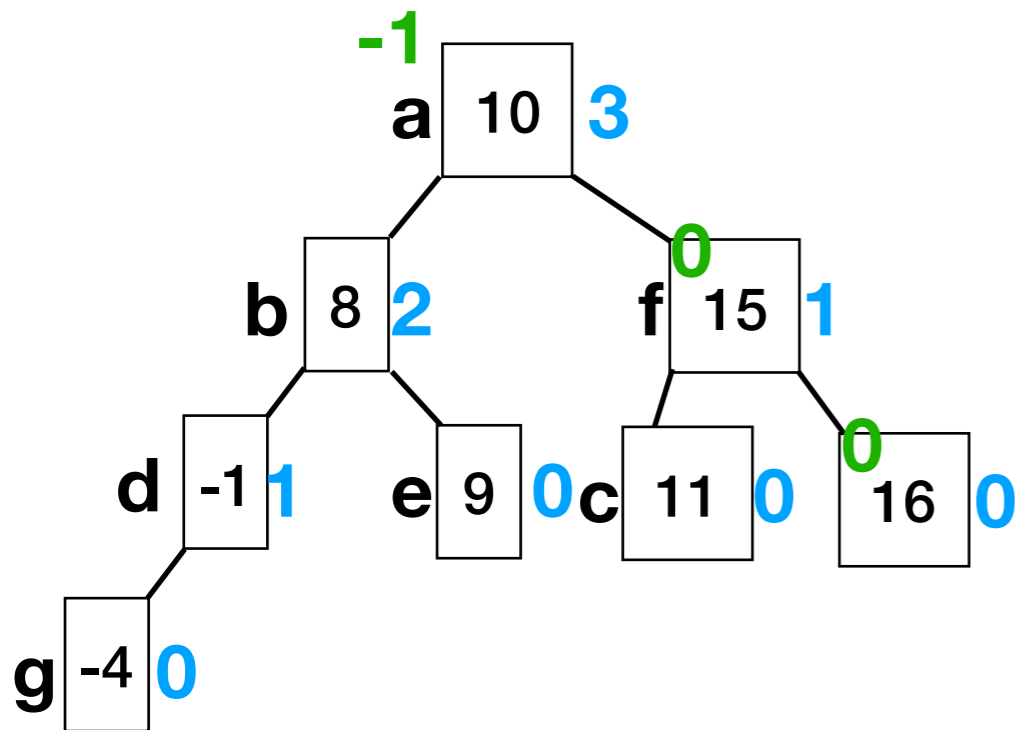
# Order of actual execution





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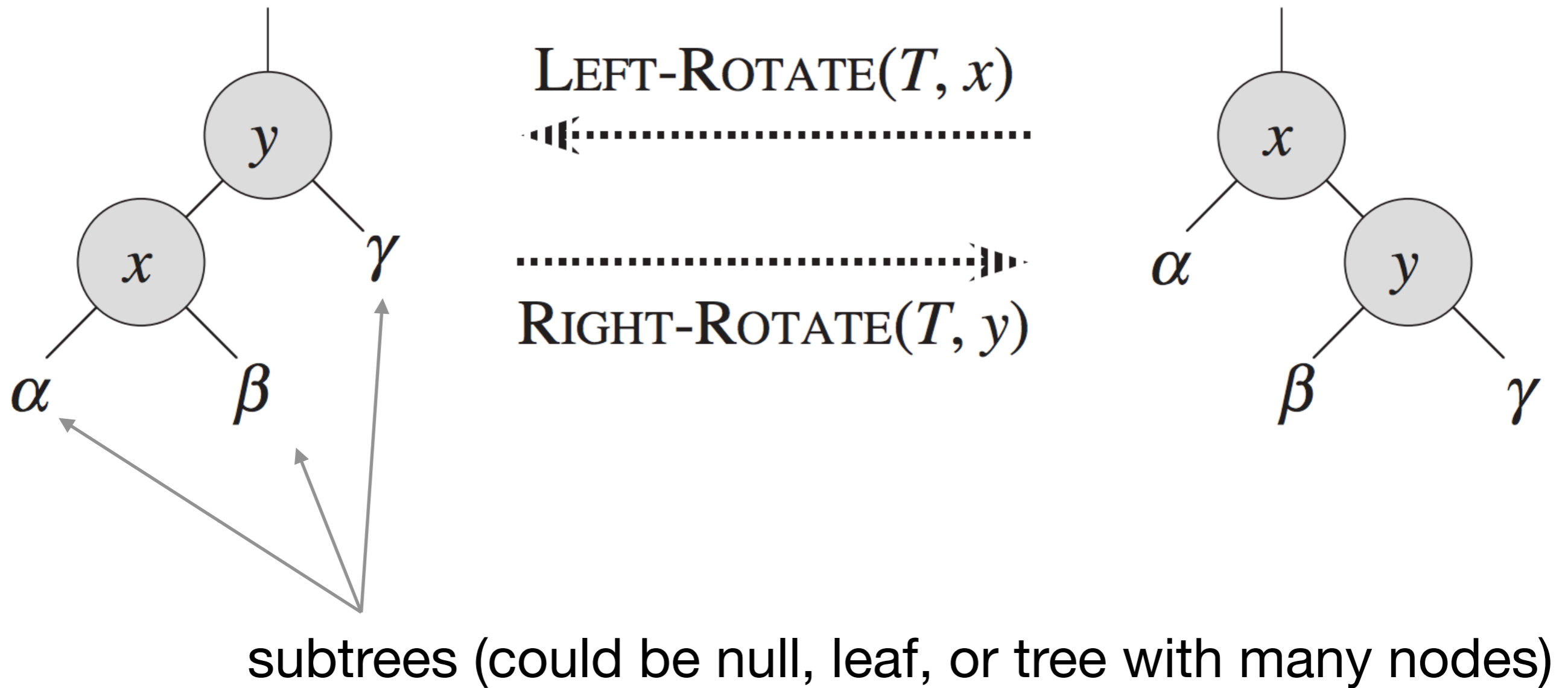
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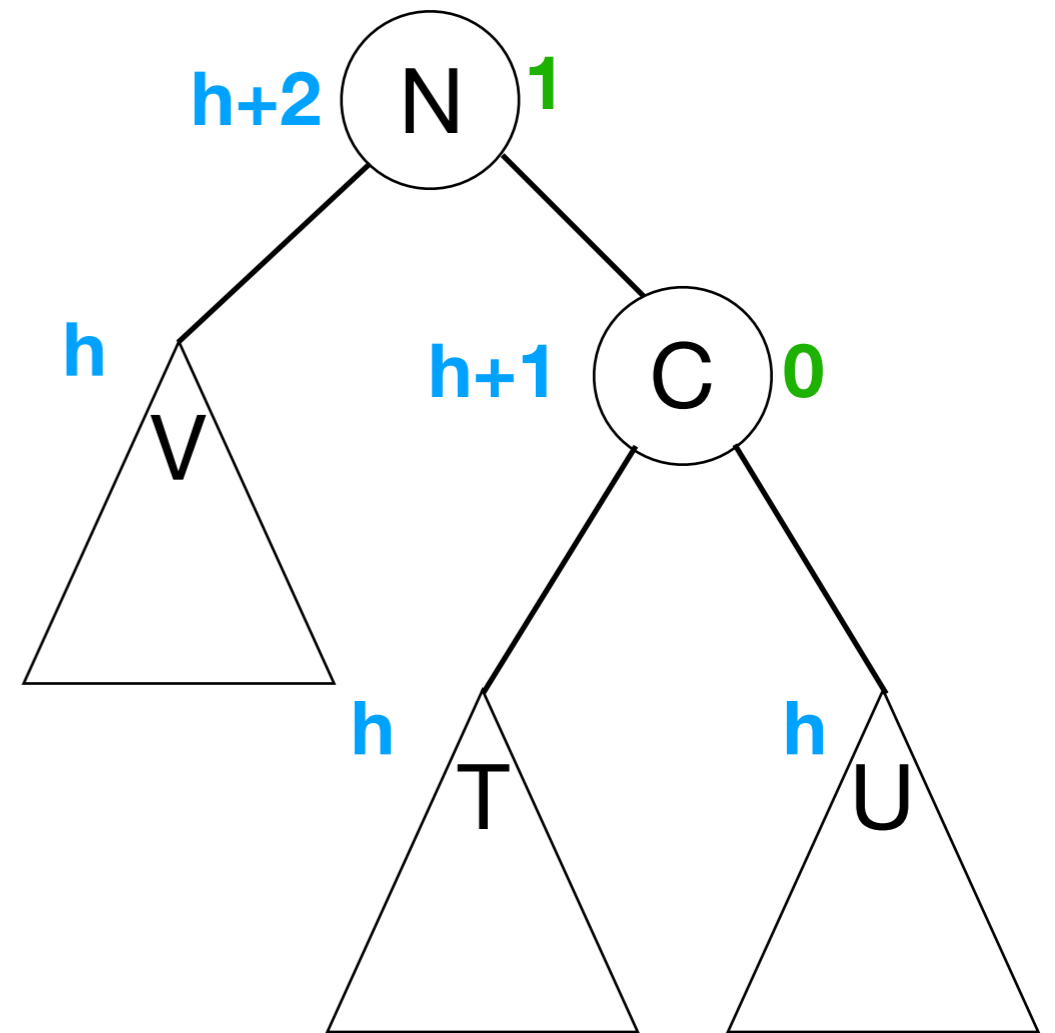
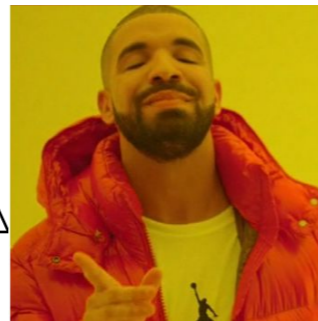
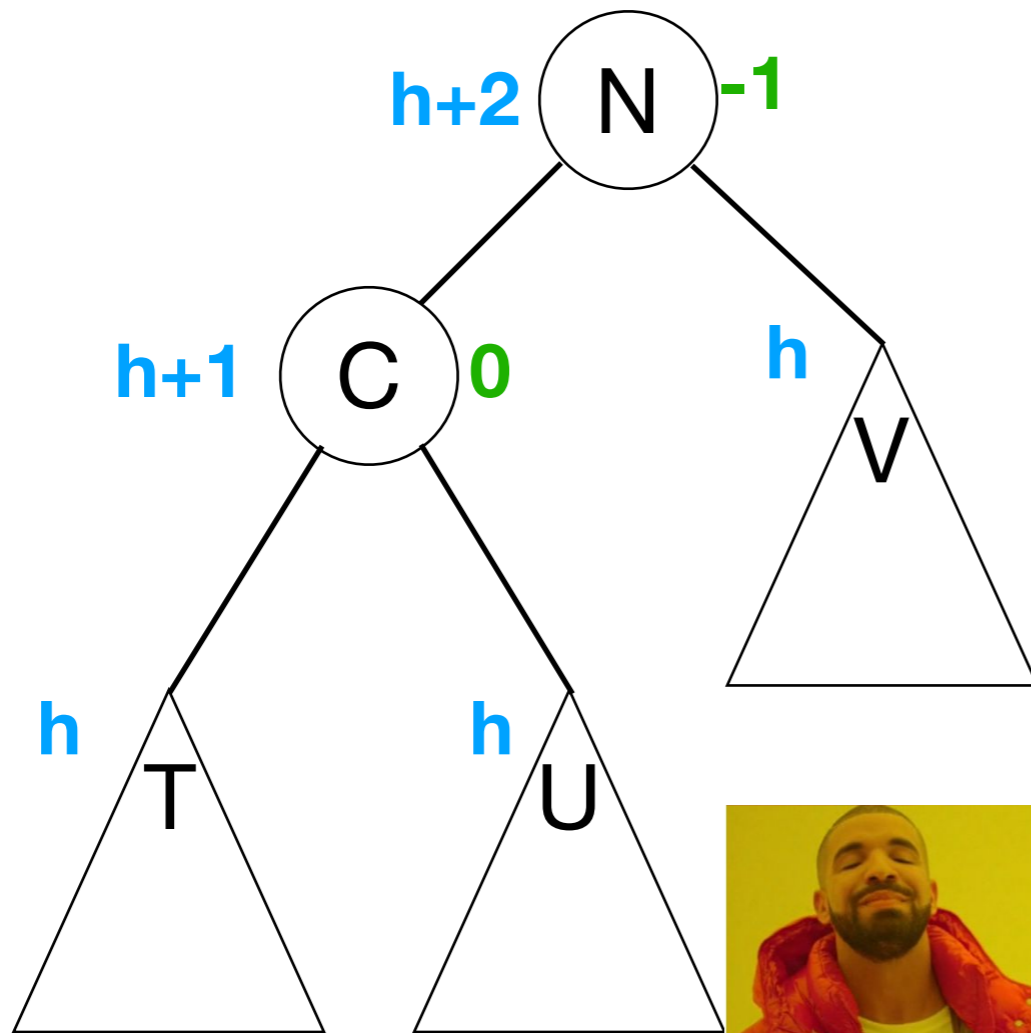
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```

# Reminder: Tree Rotations



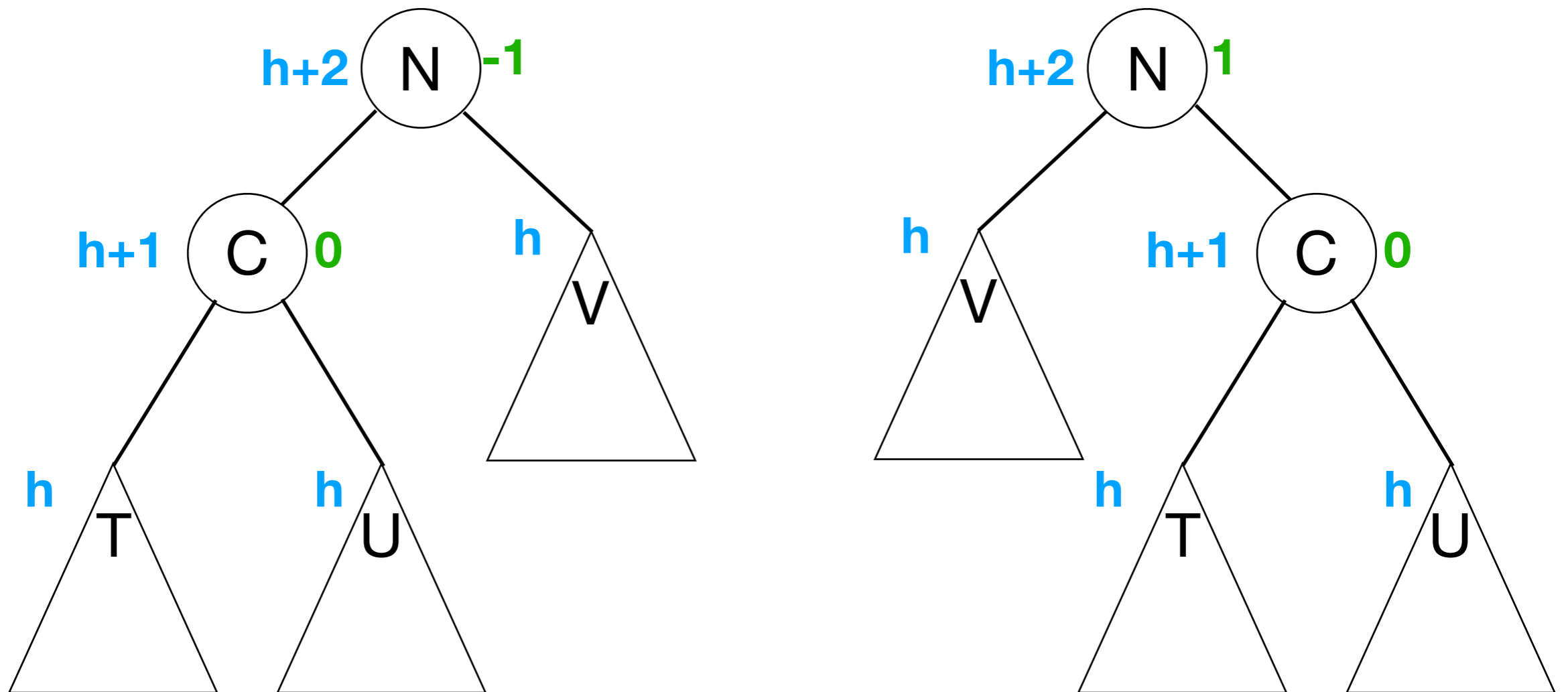
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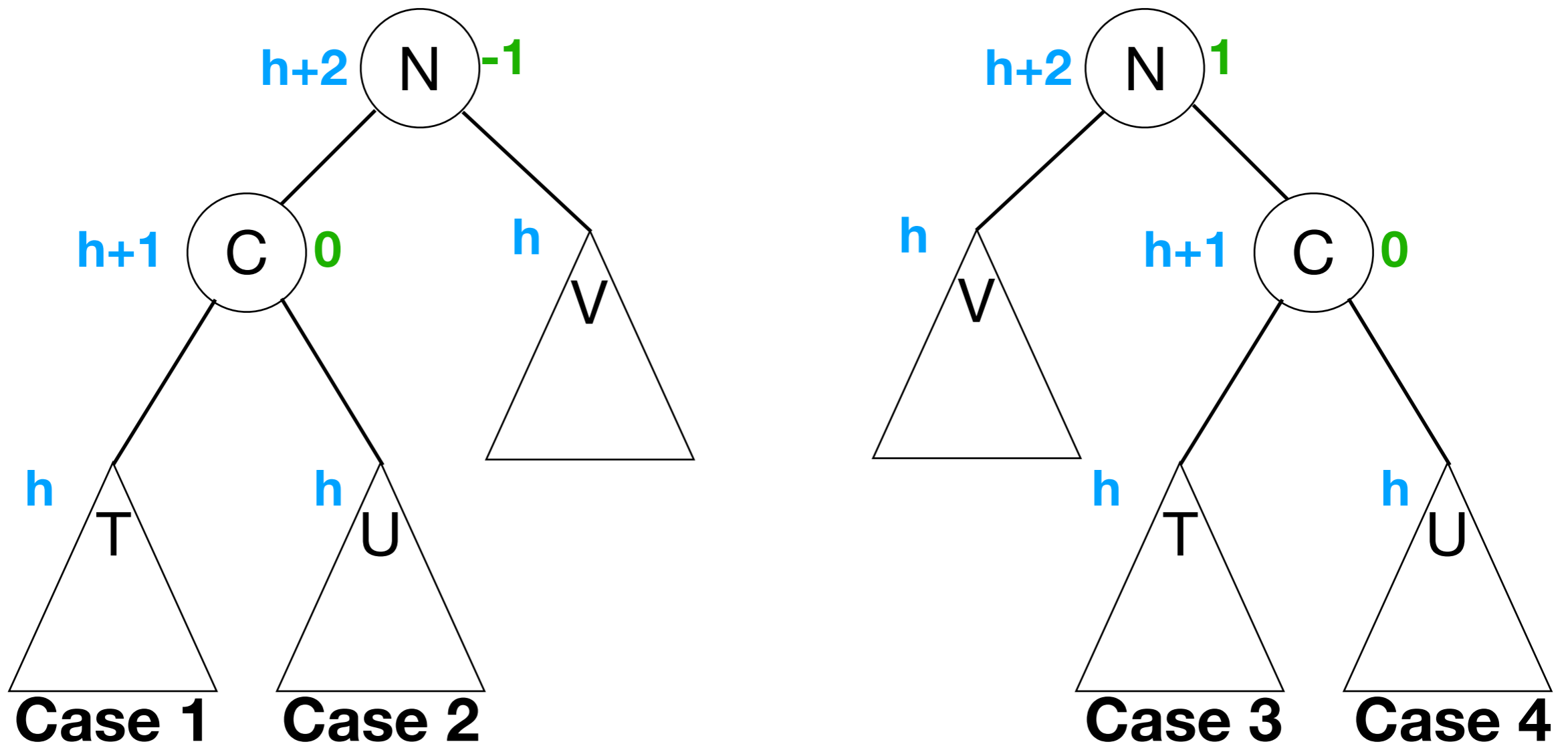
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An insertion that unbalances  $n$  could go one of four places.

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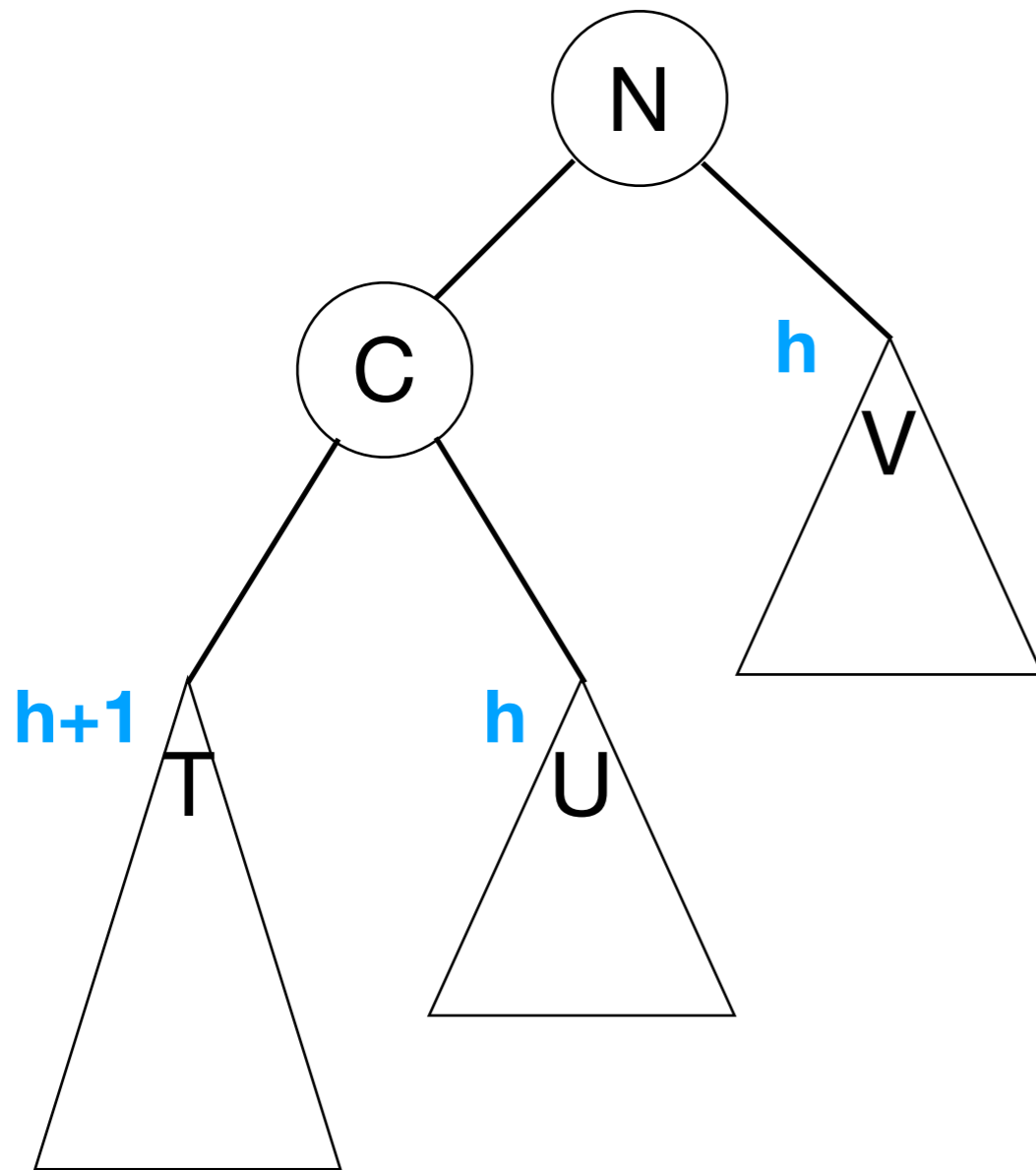
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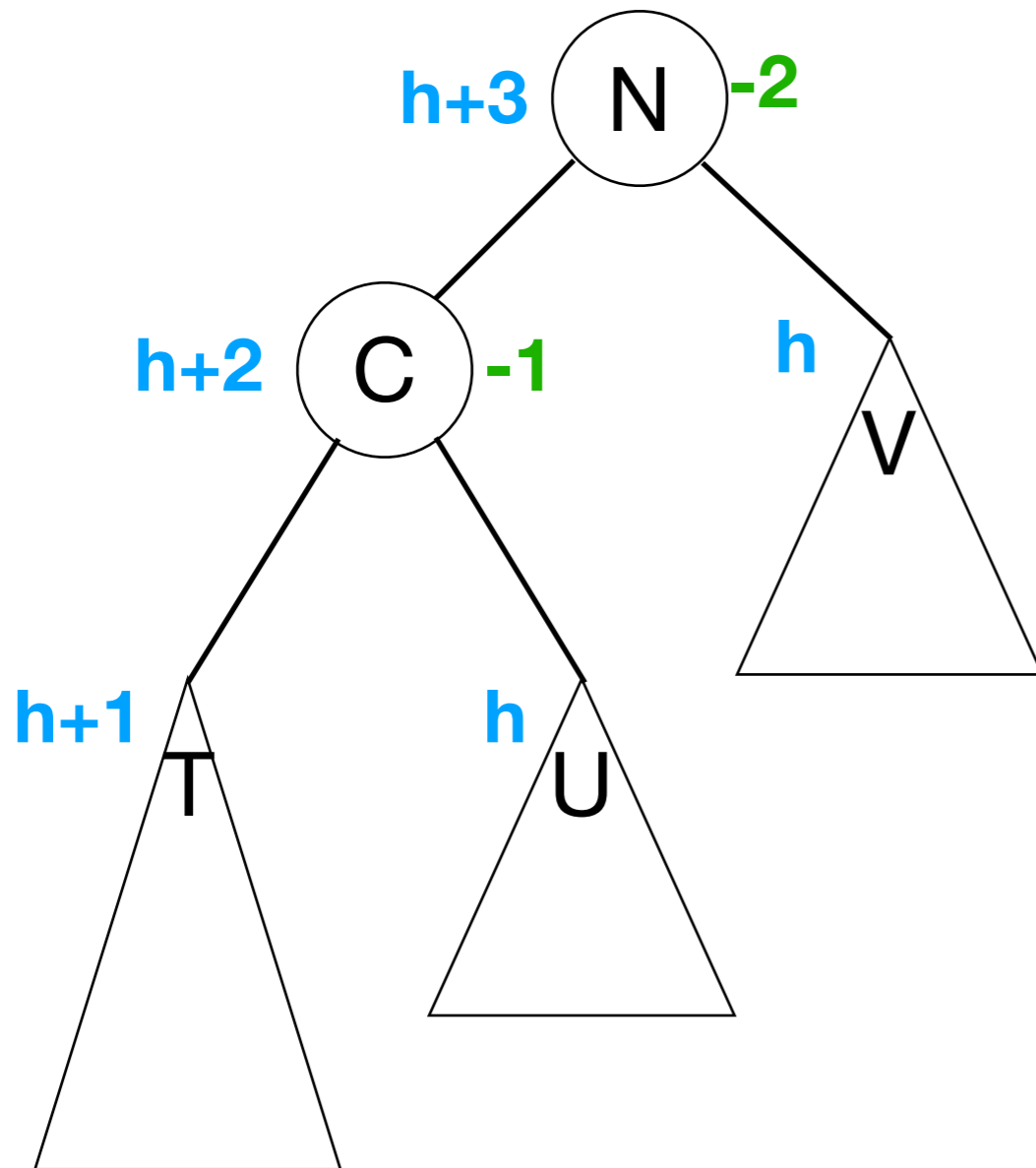
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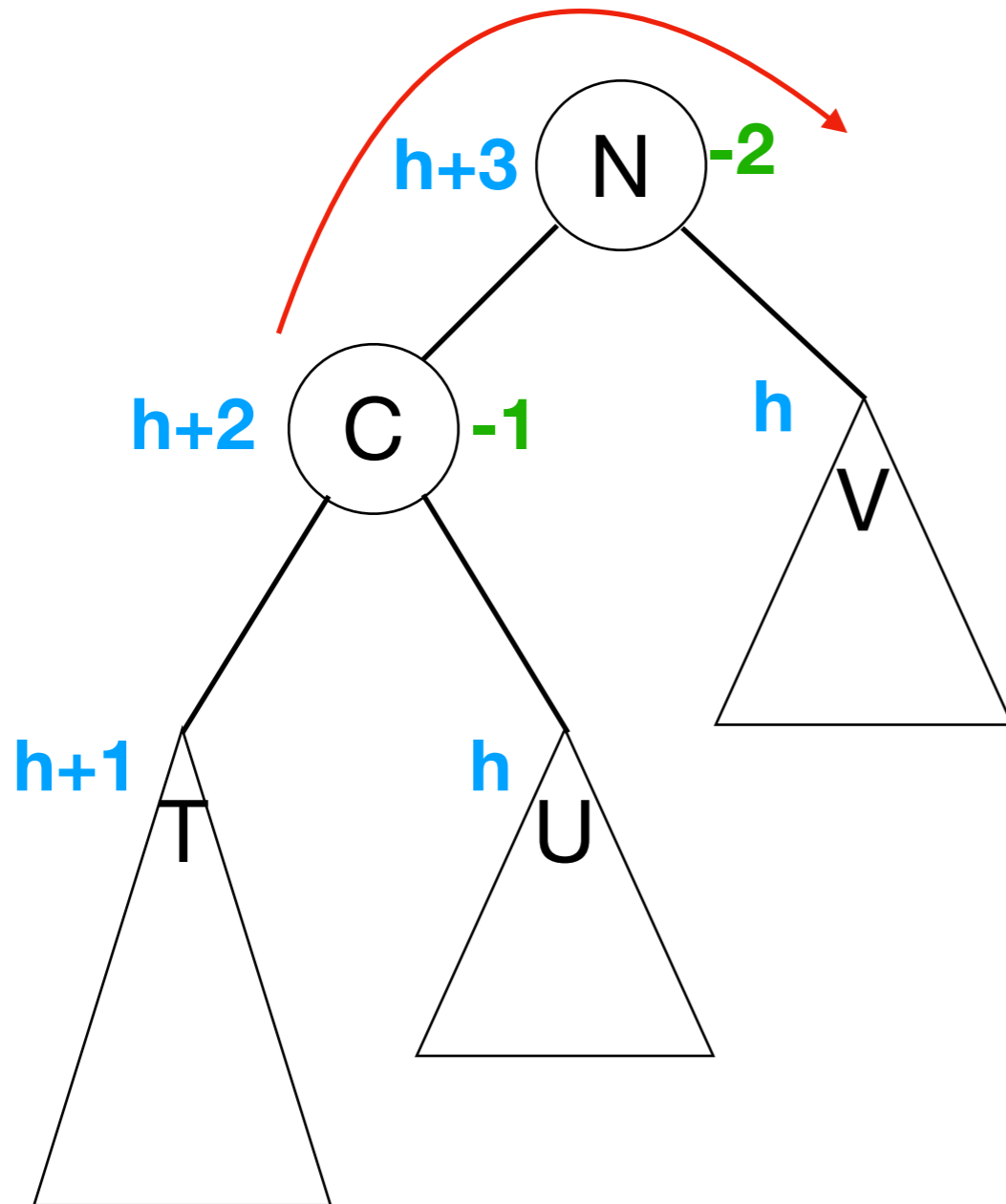
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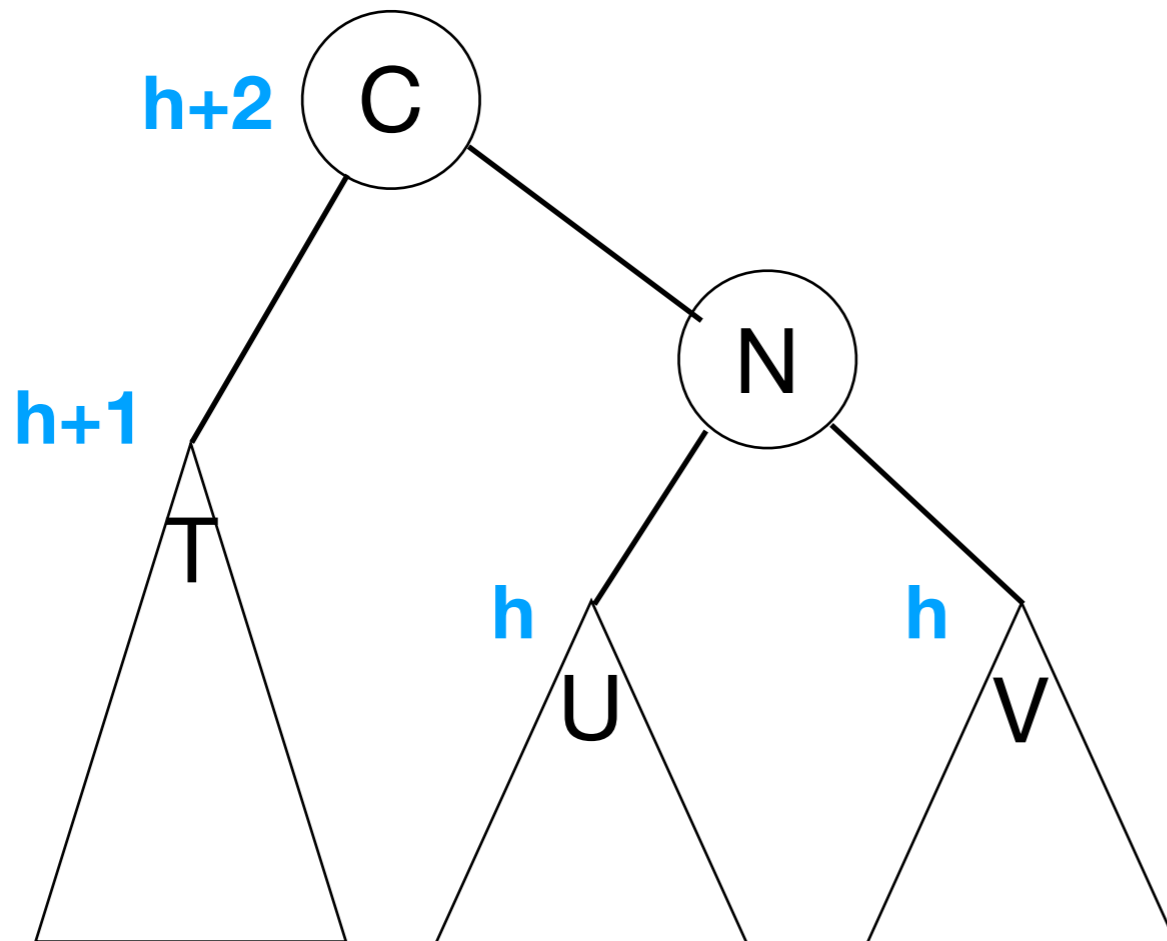




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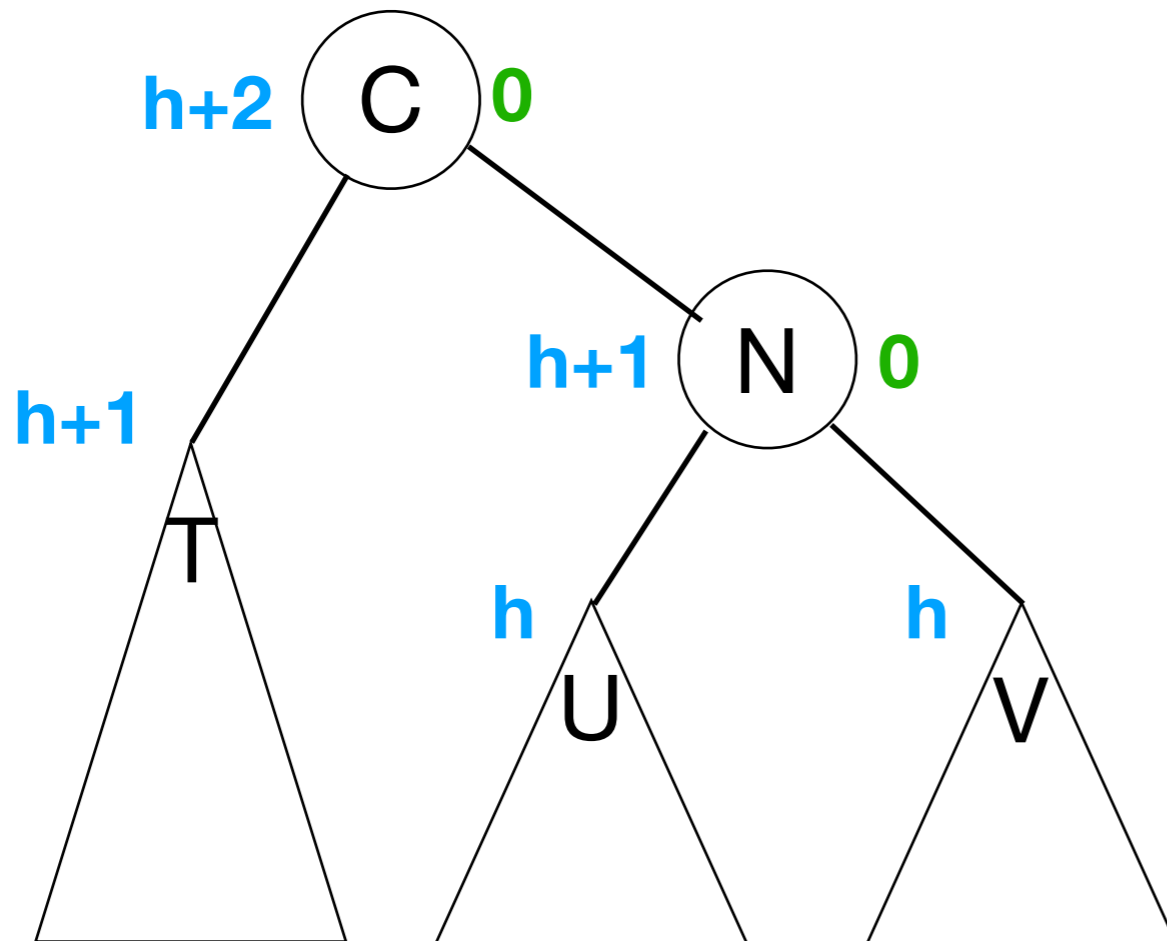


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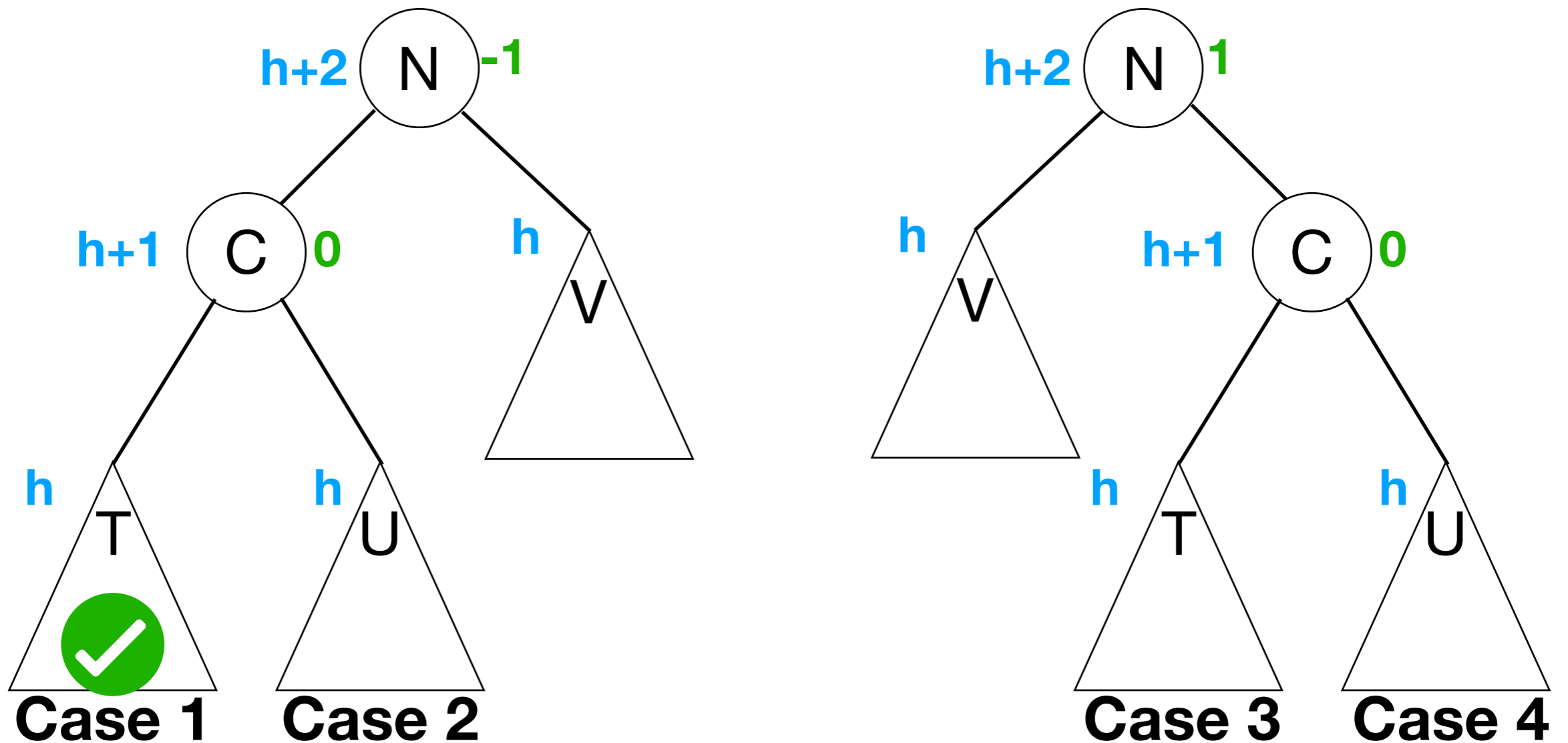
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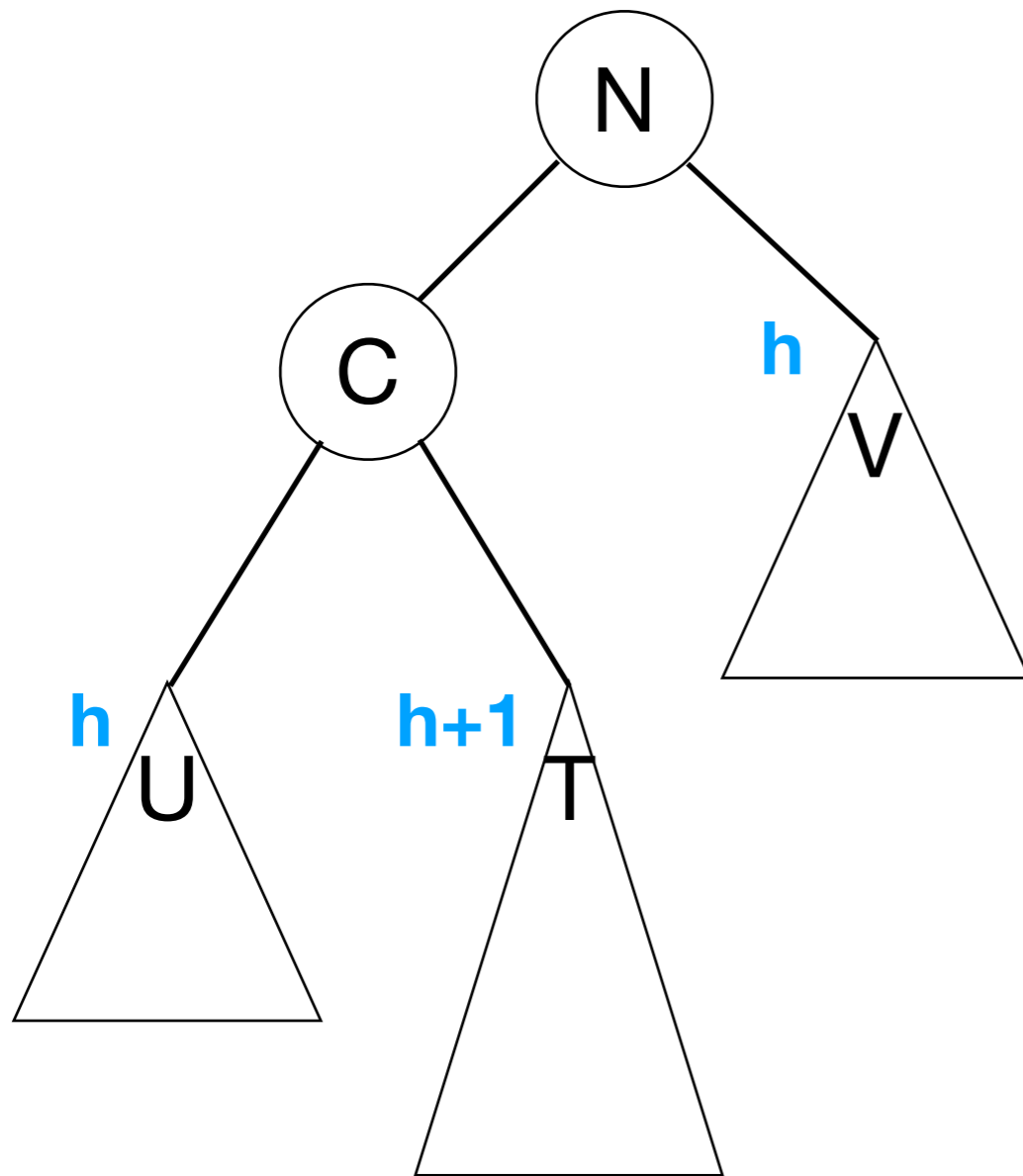
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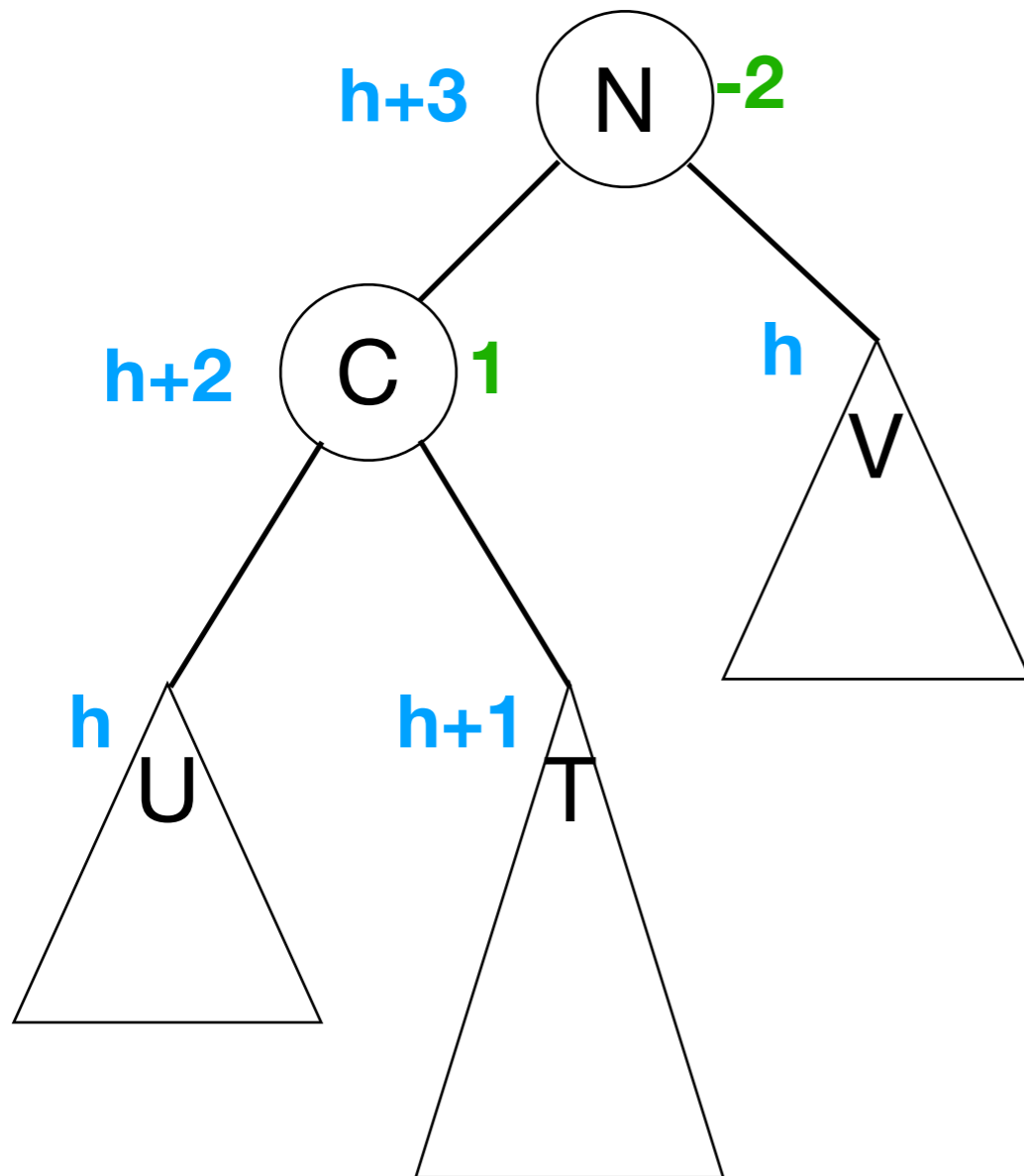
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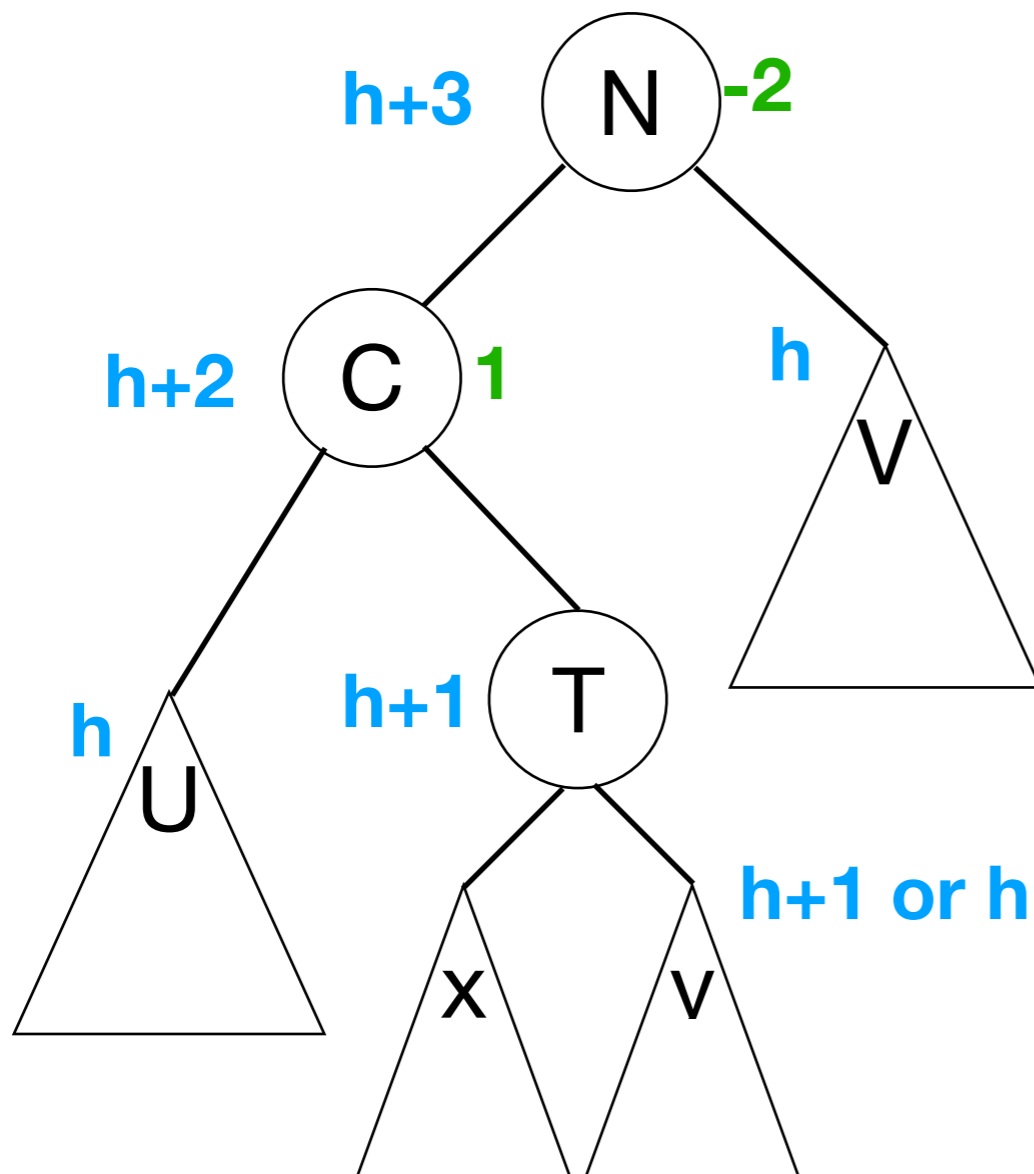
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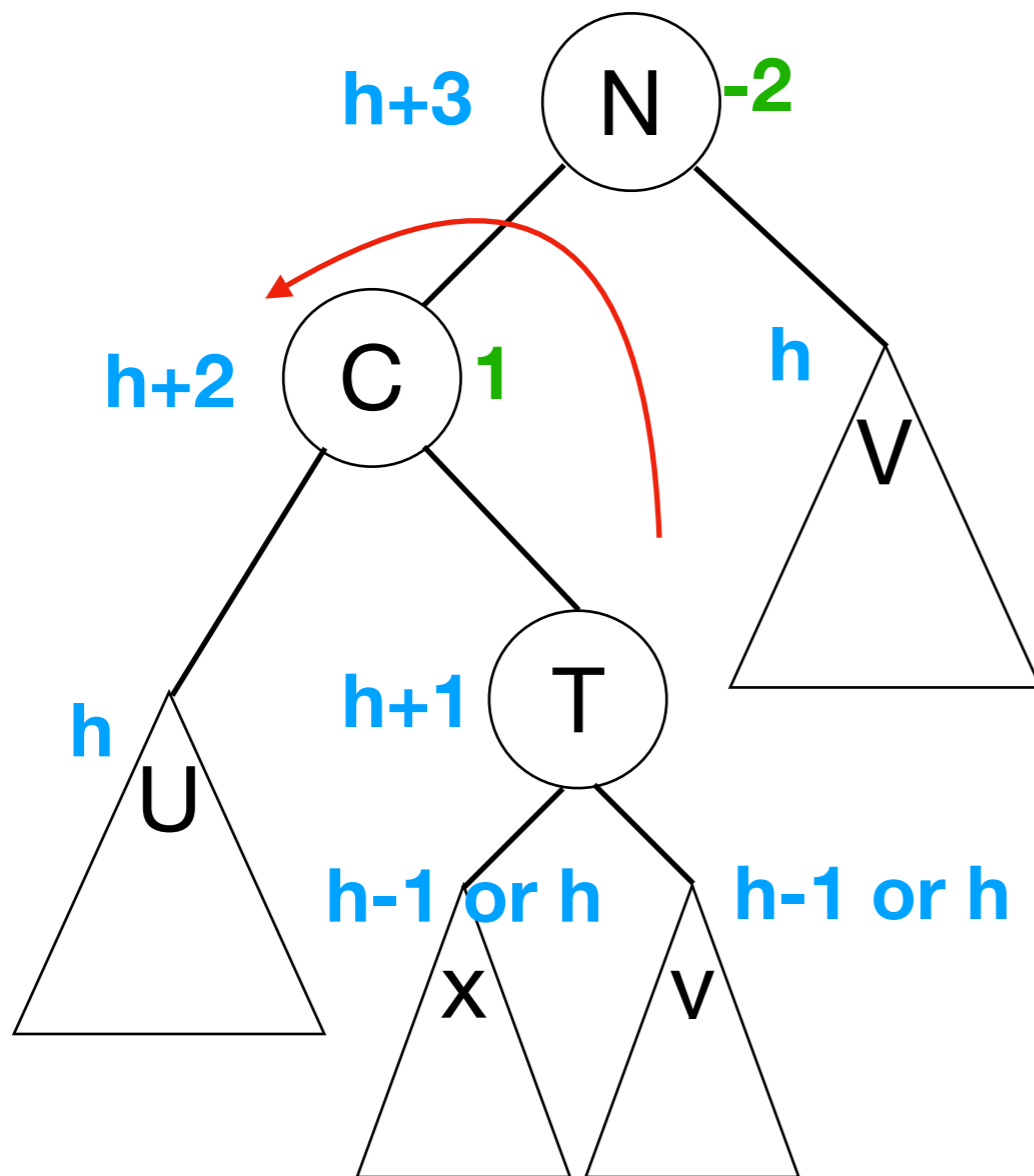
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- Solution - two rotations:
1. Left rotate C
  2. Right rotate N

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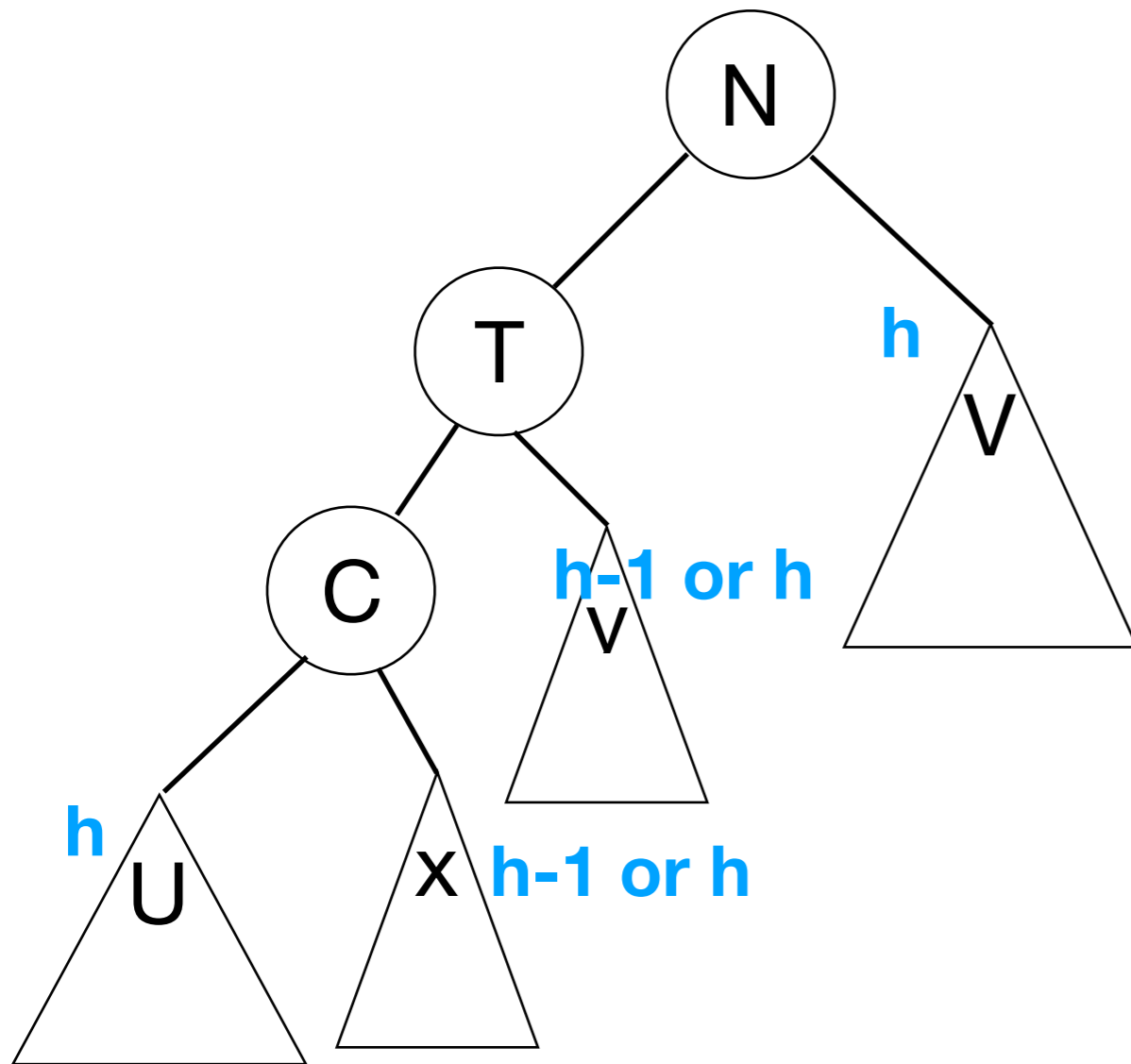
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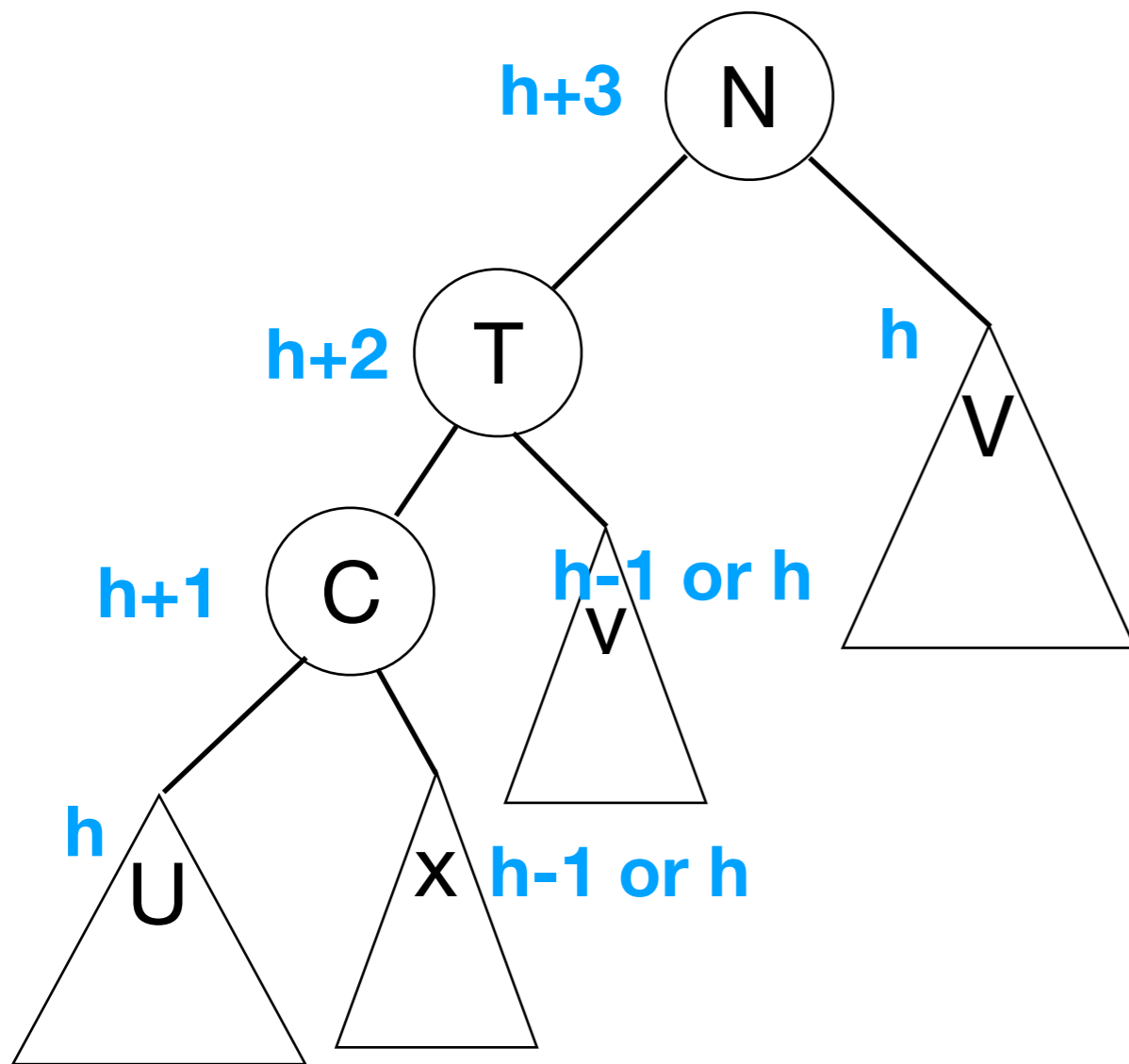
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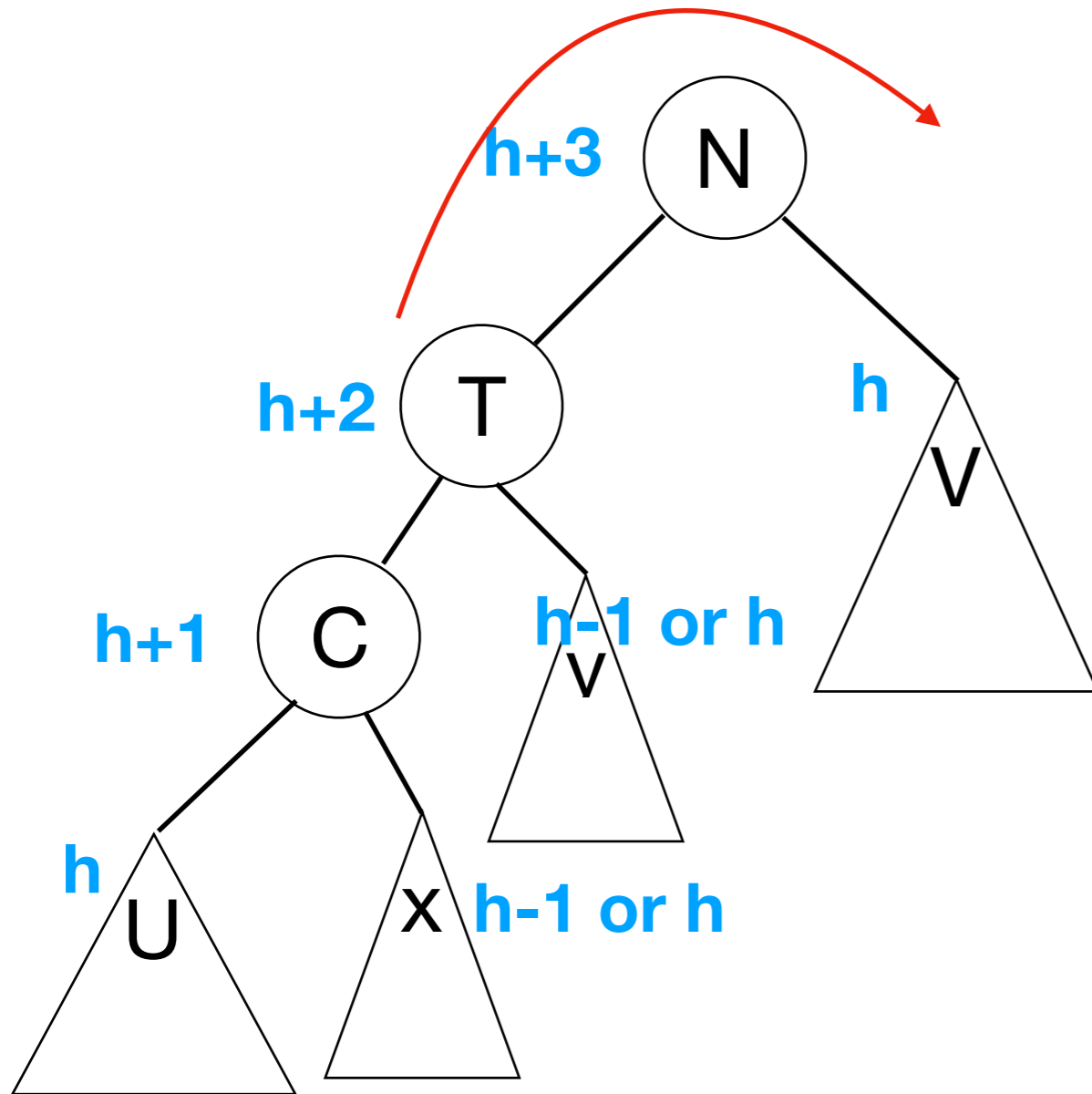


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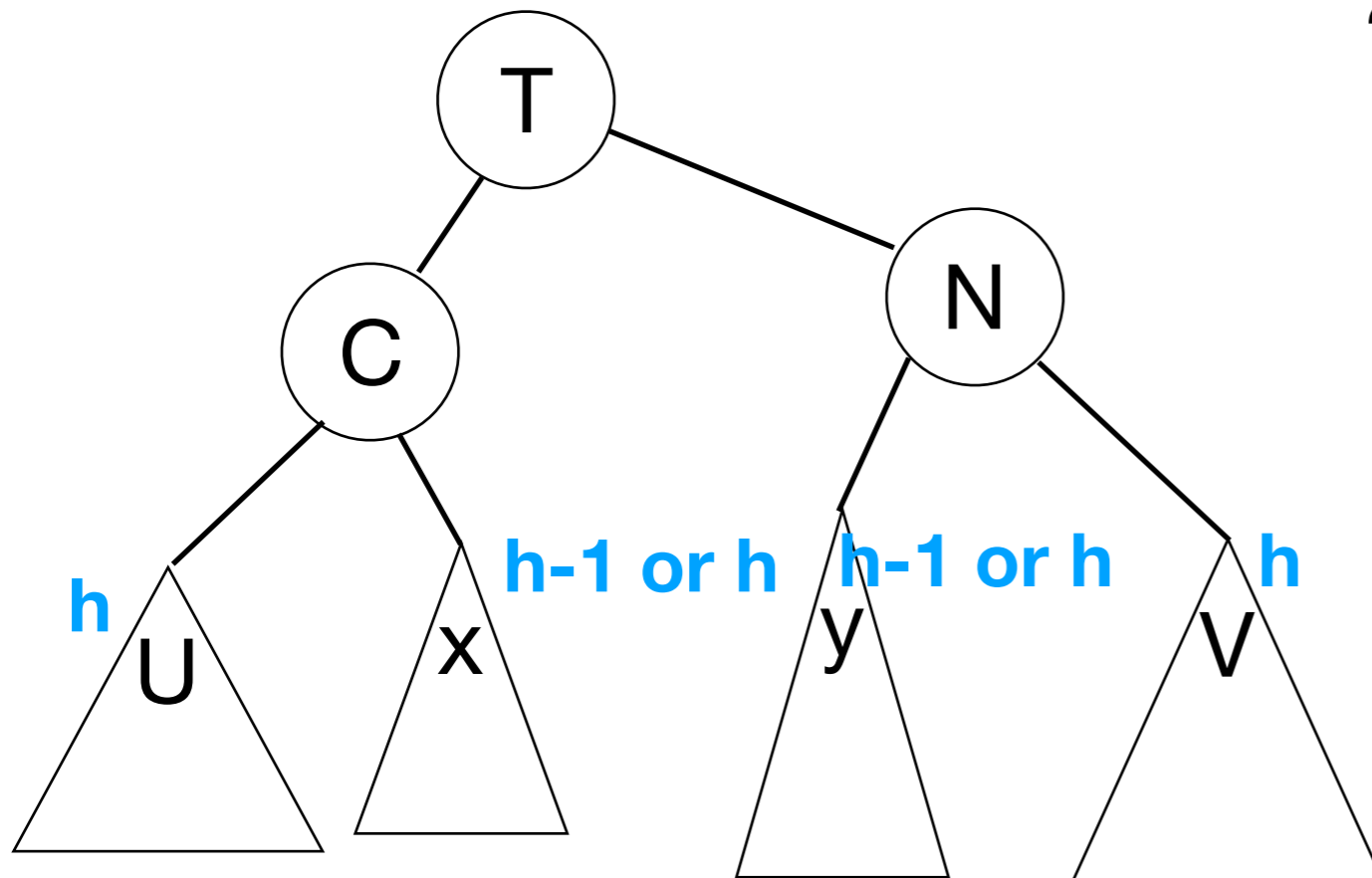


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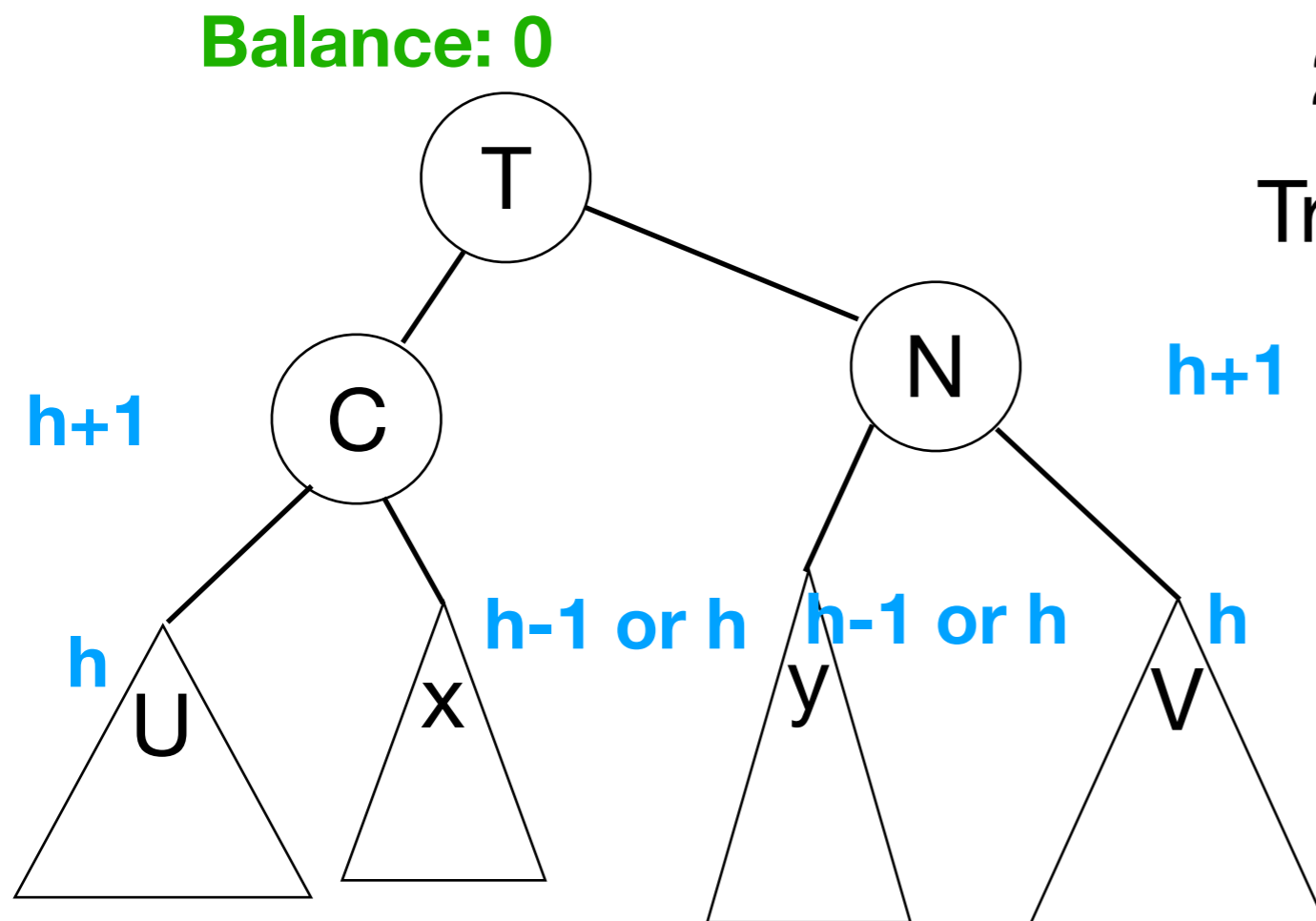
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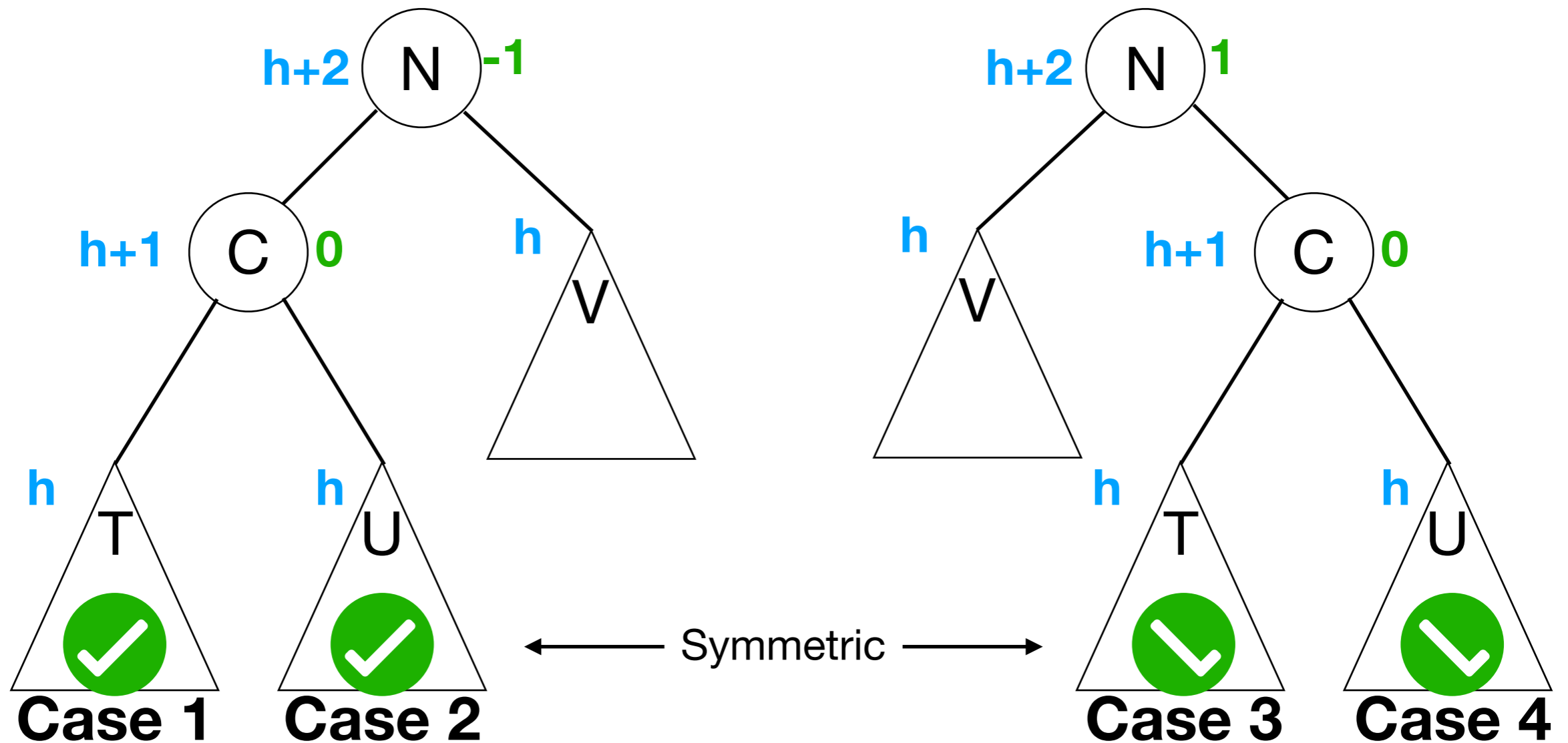
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Tree is now AVL balanced.



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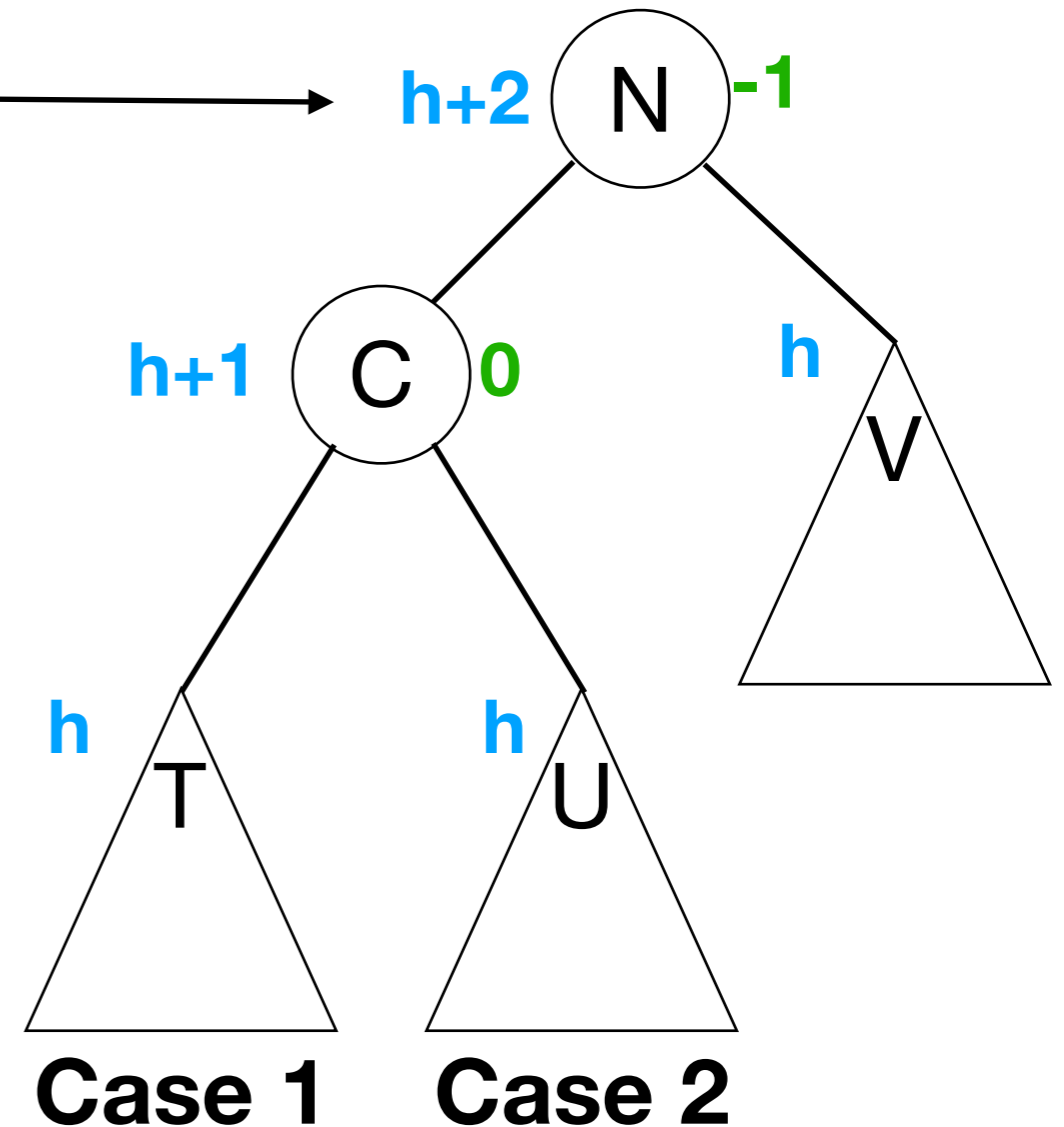
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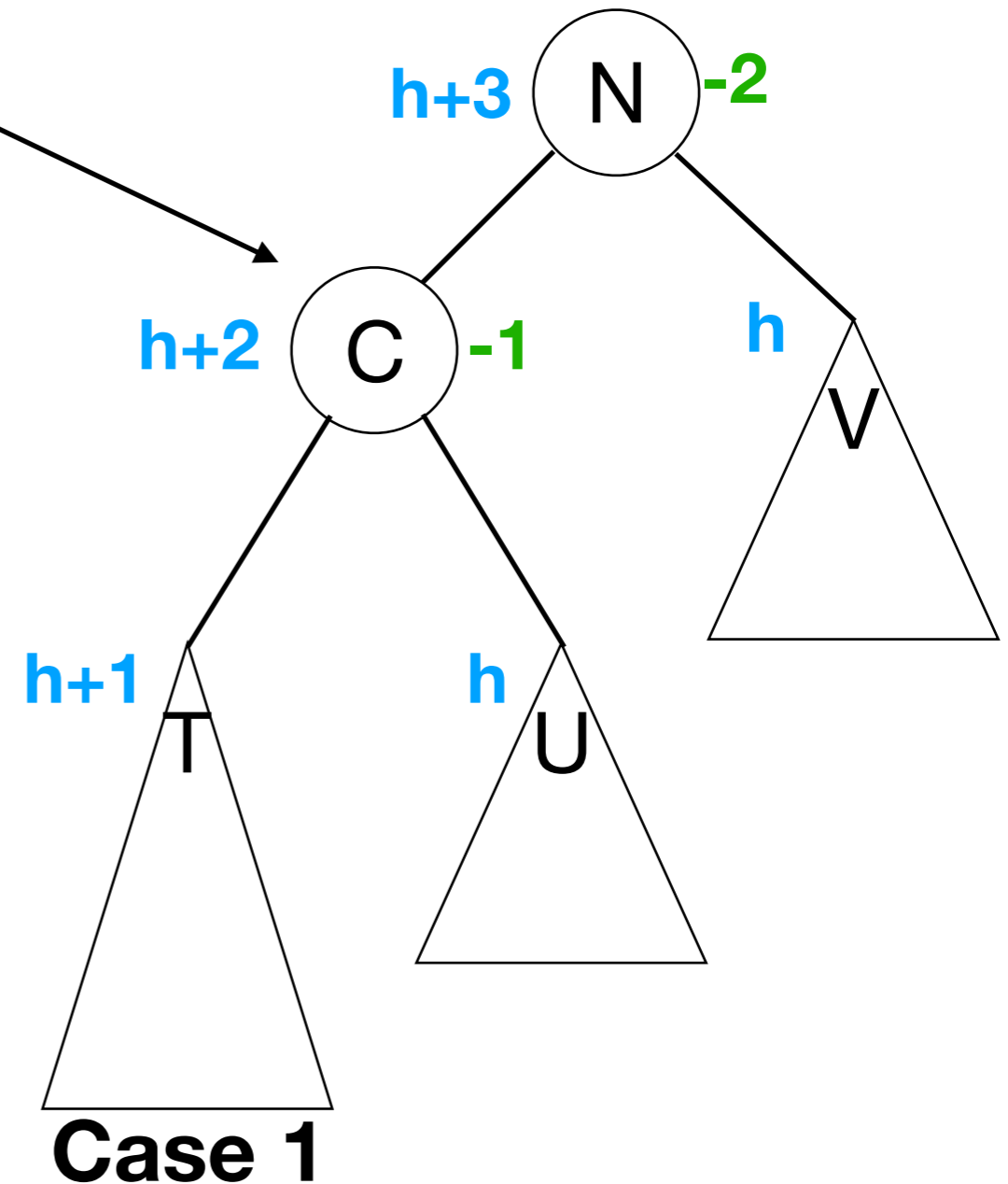
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      // rightRot(n)  
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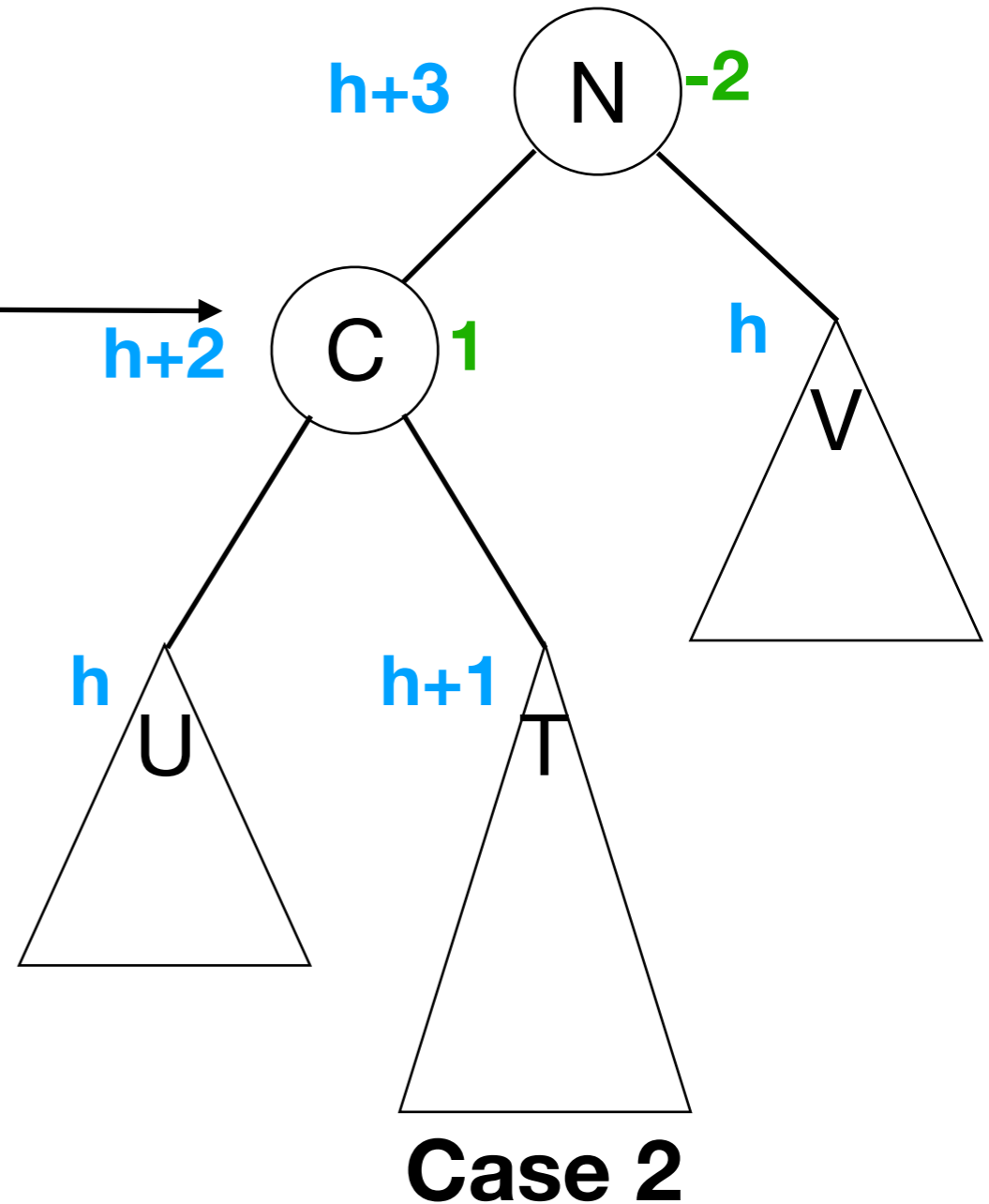
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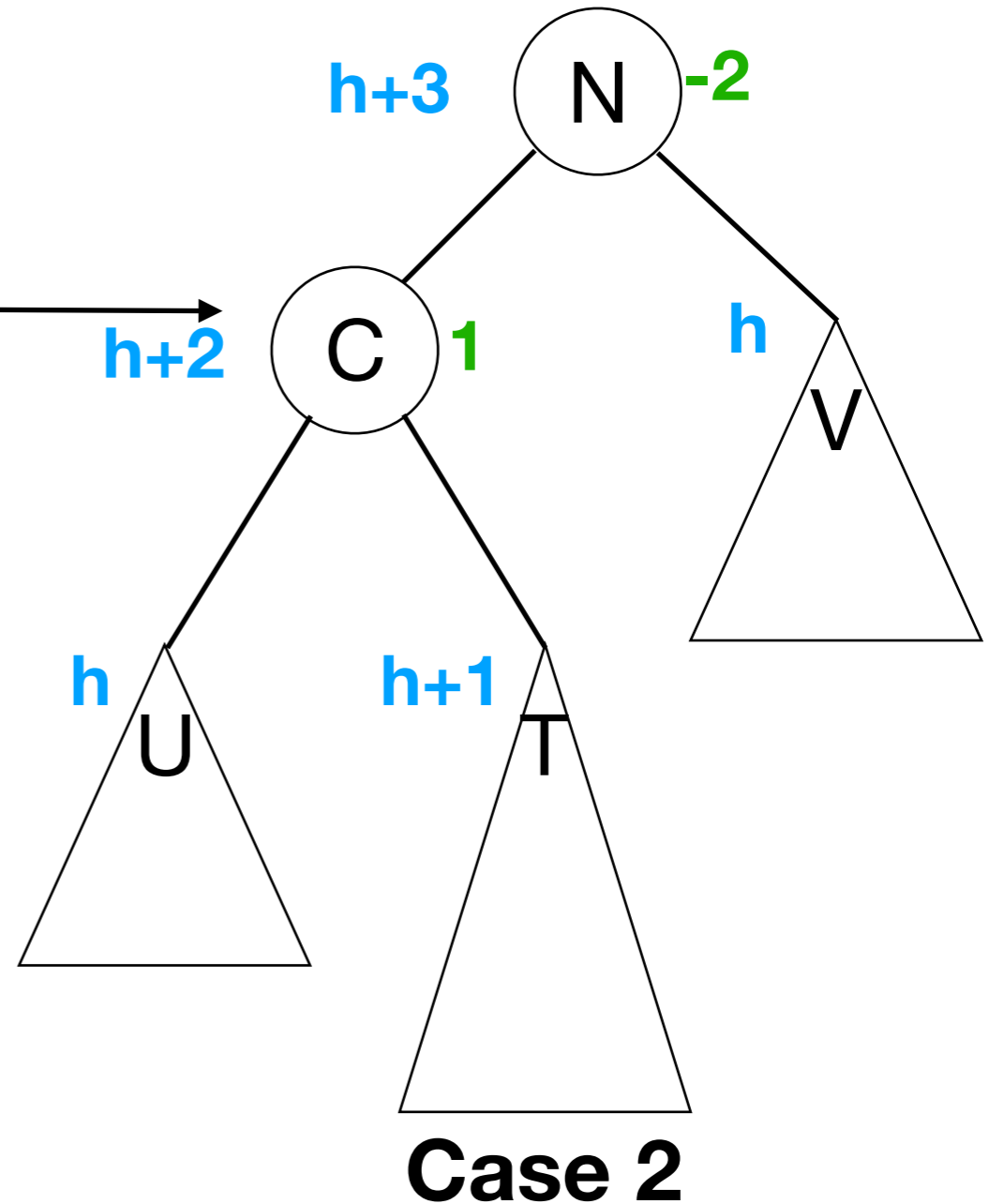
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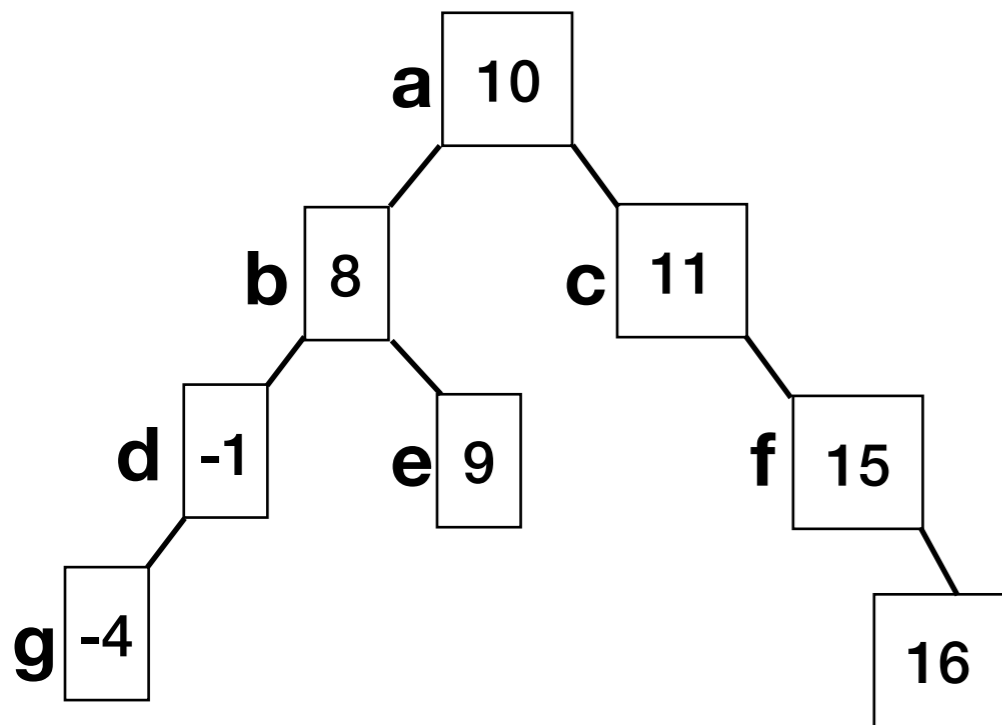
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## Details

- Implementing bal:
  - calculating height as in lab 4 is  $O(n)$ ! Not good enough.
  - Nodes track their height and update when the tree changes
  - Update each node's height **on the way up the tree**, calculating height using only its children's heights.

# Insertion with Rebalance

```
insert(Node n, int v):  
    //...(other case, irrelevant here)  
    else: // v > n.value  
        if n has right:  
            insert(n.right, v)  
        else:  
            // attach new node w/ value  
            // v to n.right  
    rebalance(n);
```

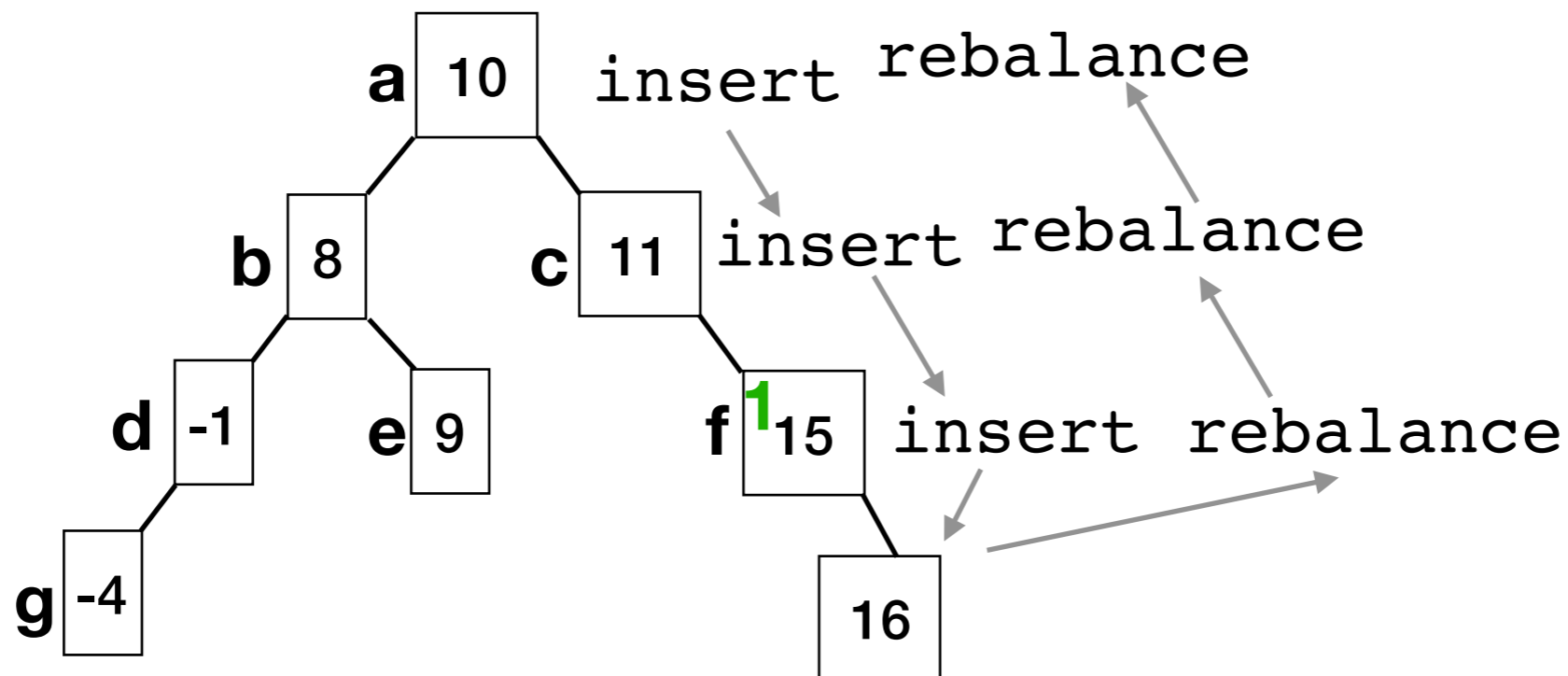


**How did we know  
what rotation to do?**

```
insert(a, 16)  
=>insert(c, 16)  
=>insert(f, 16)  
=>attach new node  
    rebalance(f) already balanced  
    rebalance(c) perform rotation  
    rebalance(a) already balanced
```

# Height of AVL Trees

- As usual, runtime of search, insert, and remove are all  $O(\text{height})$ .
- A rotation is  $O(1)$ , so even if we have to rebalance every node on the path to the root, it's still only  $h \cdot O(1)$  rebalances.



# Height of AVL Trees

- As usual, runtime of search, insert, and remove are all  $O(\text{height})$
- How many nodes in an AVL tree of height  $h$ ?
- or, what's the tallest tree you can get with  $n$  nodes?
  - Exact proof involves fibonacci sequence(!)
- To add to root's height, you have to add to height of every subtree in one of root's subtrees.

# Removing from AVL Tree

- Much like insertion: remove as usual, rebalance as necessary at each level up to the root.
- Whereas insertion only ever requires only one rebalance, deletion can require many
  - but still no more than the tree's height.