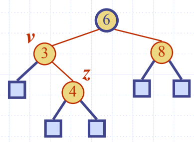
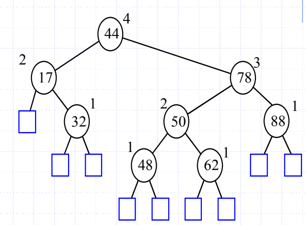
AVL Trees



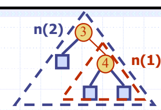
AVL Tree Definition

- **AVL trees are balanced.**
- An AVL Tree is a ***binary search tree*** such that for every internal node v of T, the *heights of the children of v can differ by at most 1.*



An example of an AVL tree where the heights are shown next to the nodes:

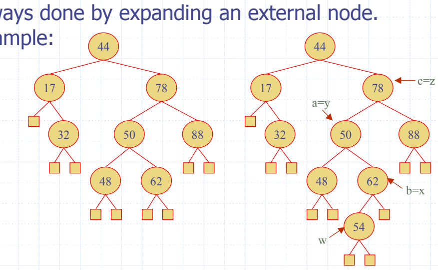
Height of an AVL Tree



- **Fact**: The ***height*** of an AVL tree storing n keys is O(log n).
- **Proof**: Let us bound **n(h):** the minimum number of internal nodes of an AVL tree of height h.
- We easily see that n(1) = 1 and n(2) = 2
- For n > 2, an AVL tree of height h contains the root node, one AVL subtree of height n-1 and another of height n-2.
- That is, n(h) = 1 + n(h-1) + n(h-2)
- Knowing n(h-1) > n(h-2), we get n(h) > 2n(h-2). So
  n(h) > 2n(h-2), n(h) > 4n(h-4), n(h) > 8n(n-6), … (by induction),
  $n(h) > 2^i n(h-2i)$
- Solving the base case we get: $n(h) > 2^{h/2-1}$
- Taking logarithms: h < 2log n(h) +2
- Thus the height of an AVL tree is O(log n)

Insertion in an AVL Tree

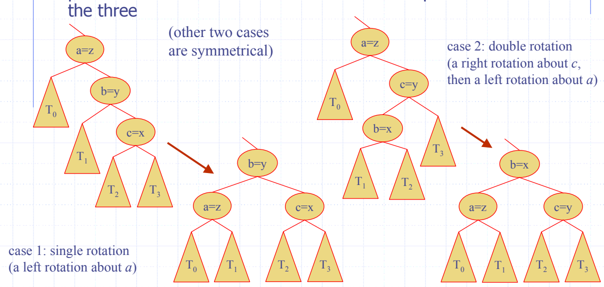
- Insertion is as in a binary search tree
- Always done by expanding an external node.
- Example:



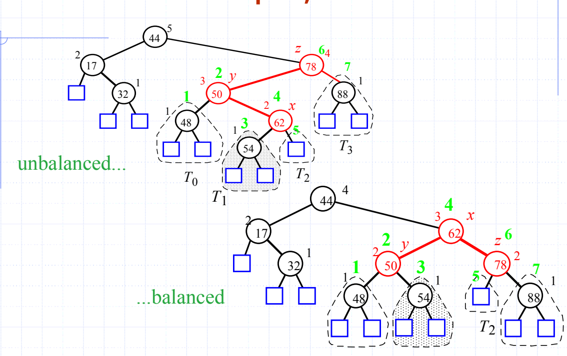
before insertion after insertion

Trinode Restructuring

- let (*a*,*b*,*c*) be an inorder listing of *x*, *y*, *z*
- perform the rotations needed to make *b* the topmost node of the three

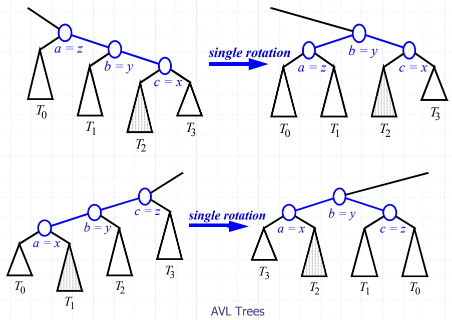


Insertion Example, continued



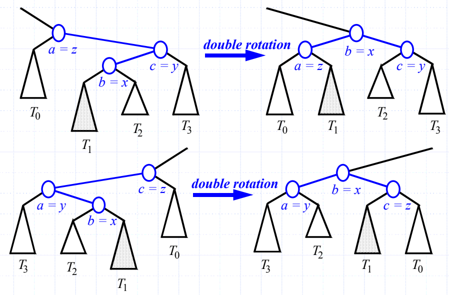
Restructuring (as Single Rotations)

- Single Rotations:



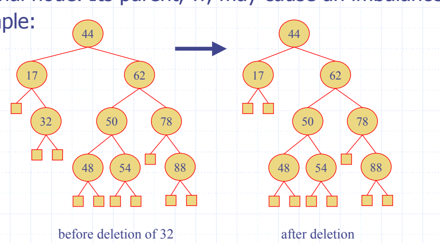
Restructuring (as Double Rotations)

- double rotations:



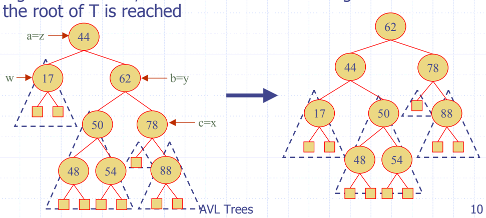
Removal in an AVL Tree

- Removal begins as in a binary search tree, which means the node removed will become an empty external node. Its parent, w, may cause an imbalance.
- Example:

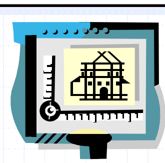


Rebalancing after a Removal

- Let *z* be the first unbalanced node encountered while travelling up the tree from w. Also, let y be the child of z with the larger height, and let x be the child of y with the larger height.
- We perform restructure(x) to restore balance at z.
- As this restructuring may upset the balance of another node higher in the tree, we must continue checking for balance until the root of T is reached



Running Times for AVL Trees



- a single restructure is O(1)
  - using a linked-structure binary tree
- find is O(log n)
  - height of tree is O(log n), no restructures needed
- insert is O(log n)
  - initial find is O(log n)
  - Restructuring up the tree, maintaining heights is O(log n)
- remove is O(log n)
  - initial find is O(log n)
  - Restructuring up the tree, maintaining heights is O(log n)