

CSC263 Tutorial #4

AVL Trees

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Things covered in this tutorial

- ★ What's an AVL tree?
- ★ How do I insert into or delete from an AVL tree?
- ★ How do I rotate?
- ★ How can I make the AVL tree very slow?¹

¹Still $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ though...

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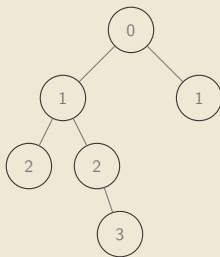
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- ★ The node has no children: delete the node.
- ★ The node has one child: delete the node, promote the child.
- ★ The node has two children: swap the node with its successor, then delete the node (which has 0 or 1 children).

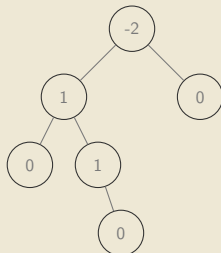
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Height of a binary tree: starts from 0.



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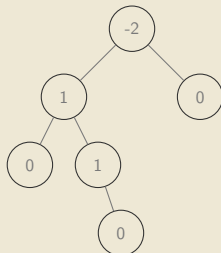
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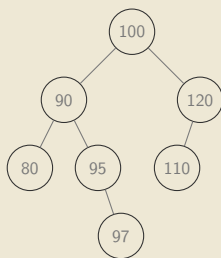


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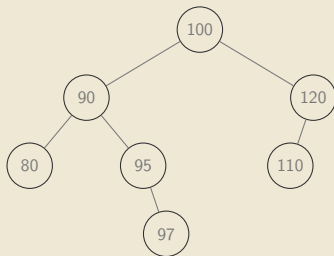
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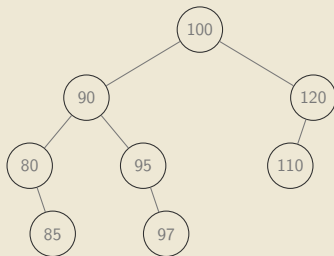
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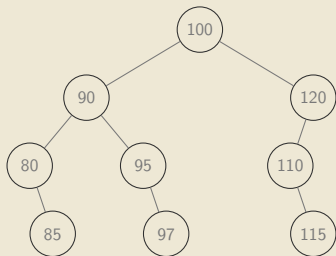
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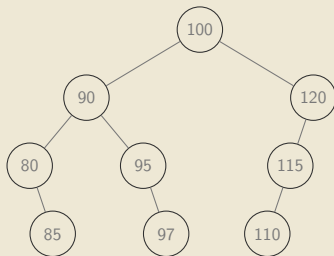
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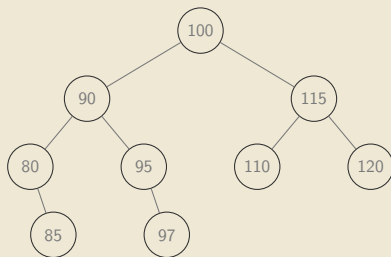
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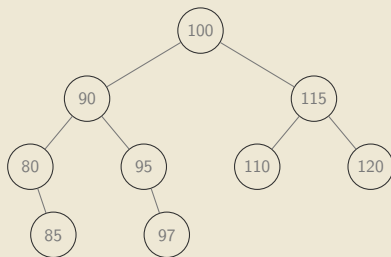
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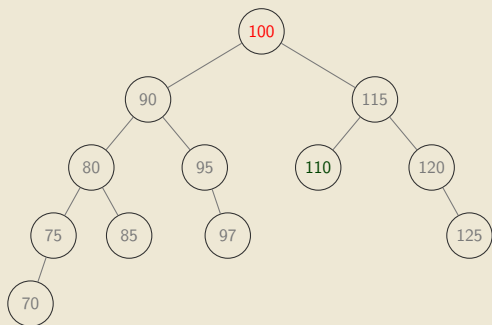


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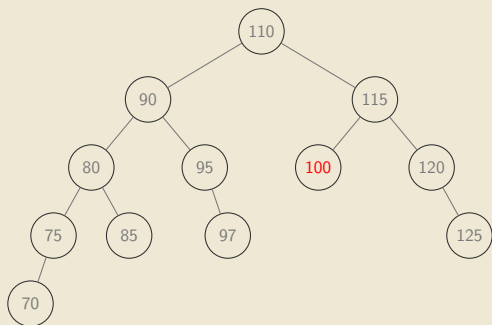
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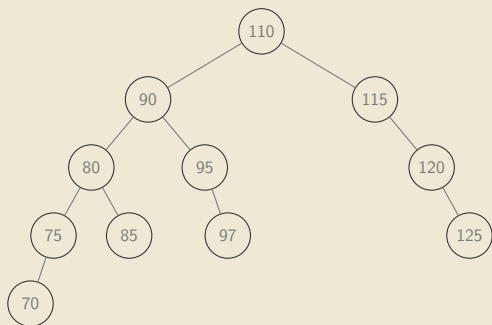
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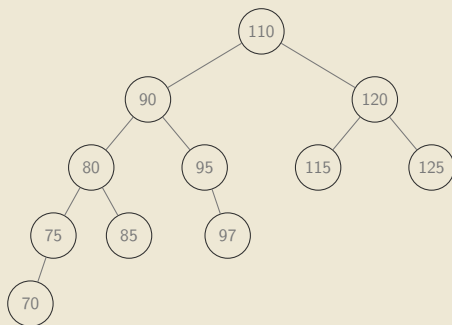
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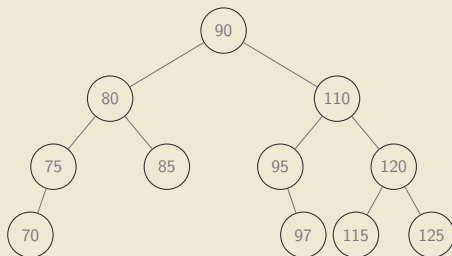
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