

Lecture 7: Splay Trees

Most widely used

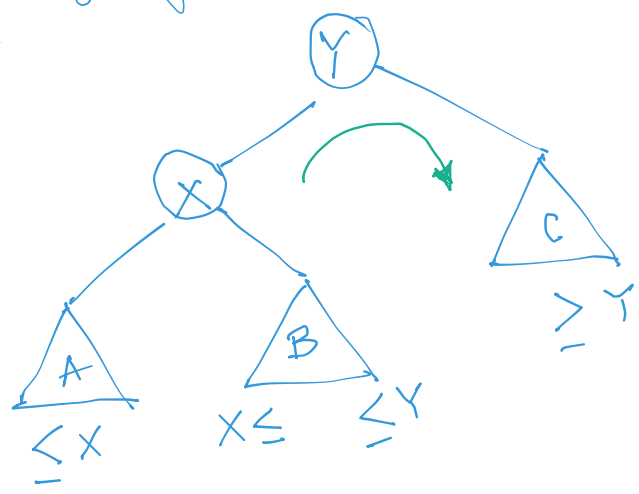
- * Structurally identical to a BST
- * Balanced data structure of choice in real world operations

All operations take $\Theta(\lg n)$ time on average.

Some operations can be very slow ($\Theta(n)$)

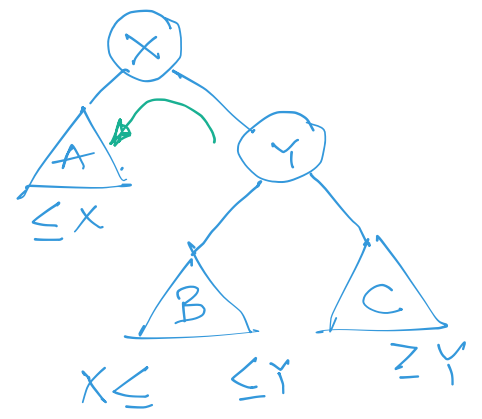
Any sequence of k splay tree operations starting from an empty tree, never exceeding n items in the tree, takes $\Theta(k \lg n)$ in the worst case.

Balancing of a tree \rightarrow Tree Rotations

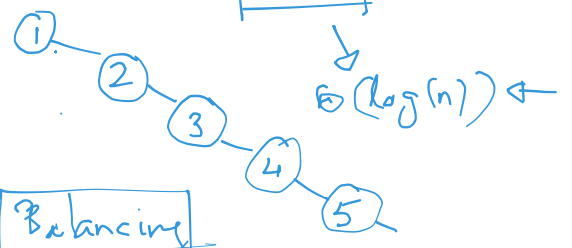


Rotate Right

Rotate Left



BST \rightarrow Worst case
Insert, delete, search $\sim \Theta(n)$



Balancing

Eg. AVL, RedBlack, Splay trees

Splay trees: are not kept perfectly balanced.

① Find (key k)

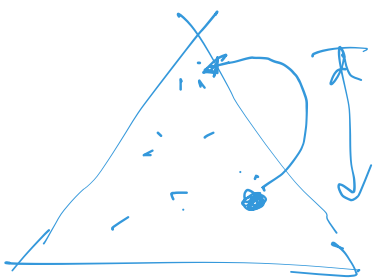
Begin by finding the key k [Like ordinary BST]

* Walk down in the tree to the node with key k, OR reach a nullptr.

* $X \rightarrow$ Node where the search ended, whether succeeded or not.

* Splay X up the tree, through a sequence

of rotations, so that X becomes the root.



Semi-balance the tree
in the process

Opportunity to rebalance the tree.

* Same item is looked up again and again

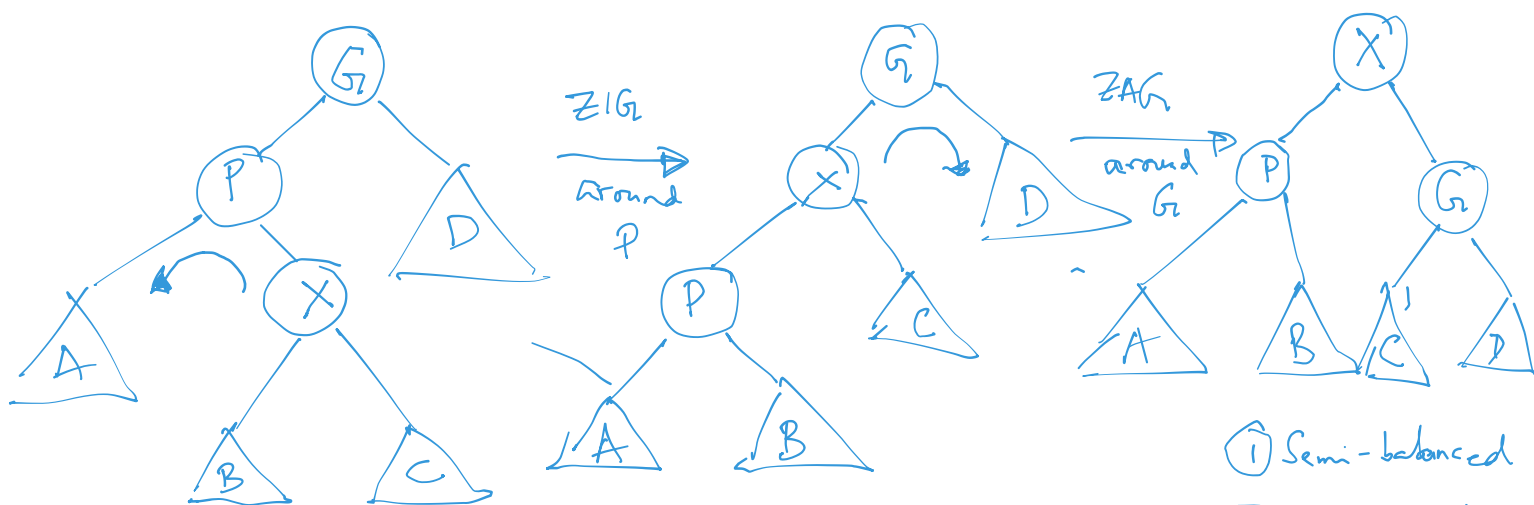
→ Faster

* Do the right rotation at the right time.

3 cases

① X is the left child of a right child

OR X is the right child of a left child.



① Semi-balanced

② X came to the root

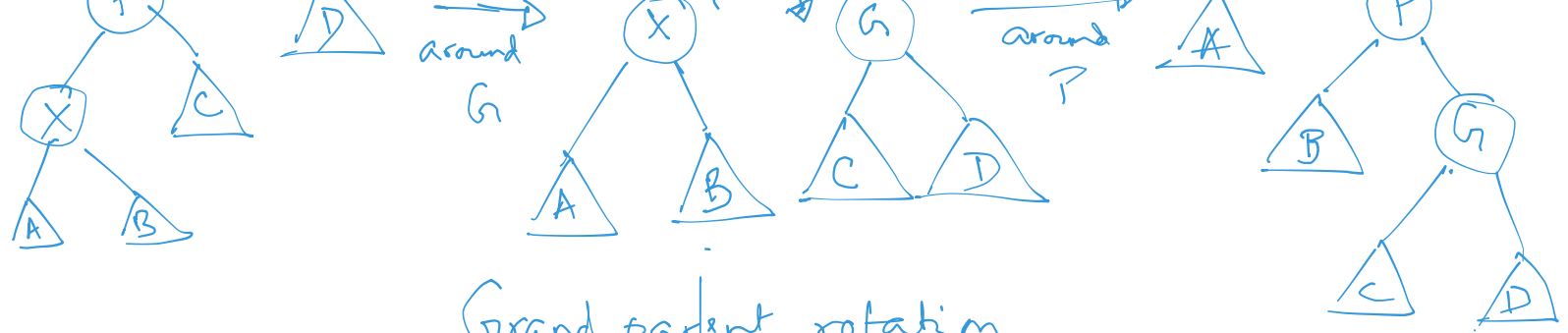
ZIG-ZAG rotation

② X is a left child of a left child, OR

X is a right child of a right child.

ZIG-ZIG rotation

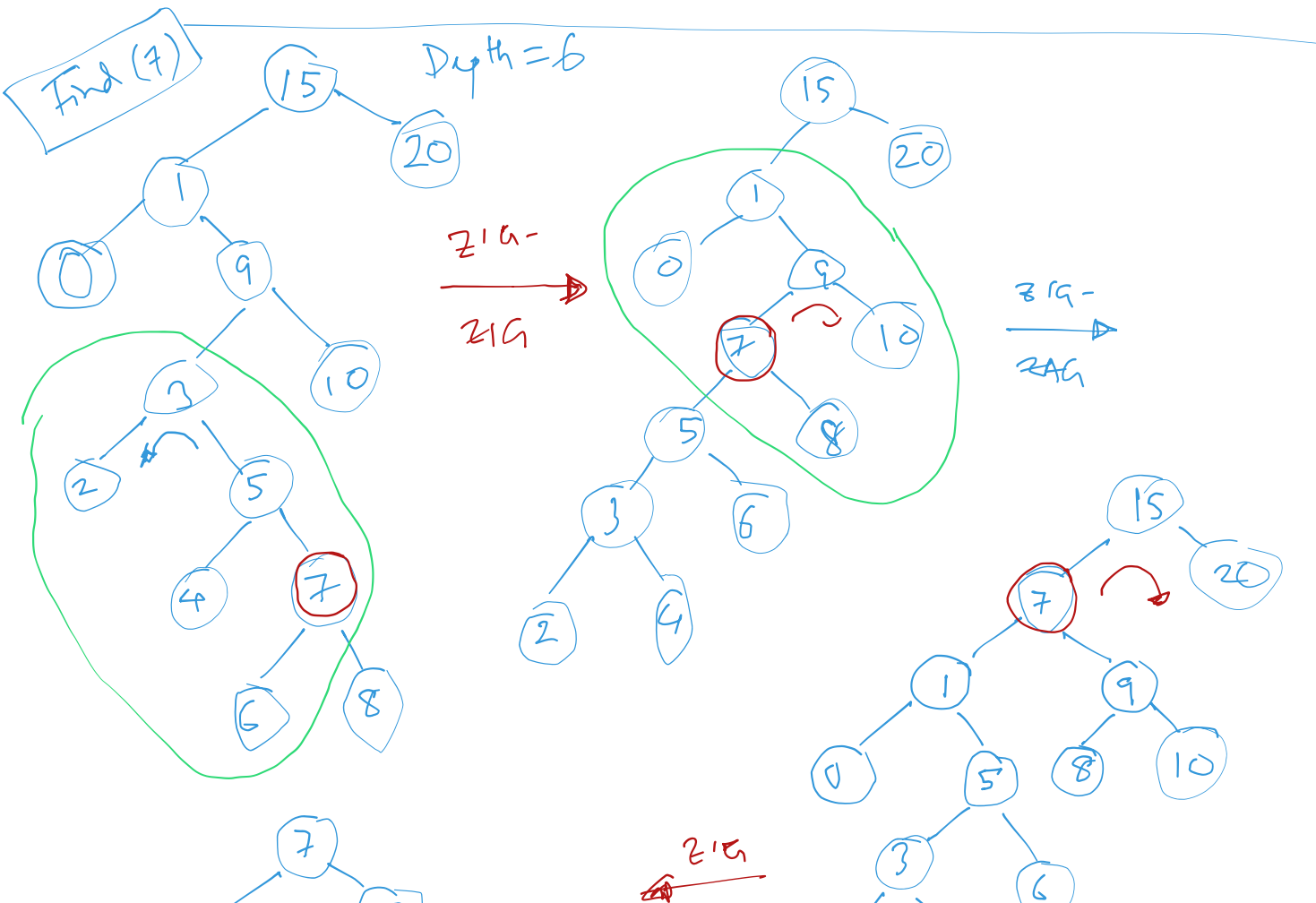
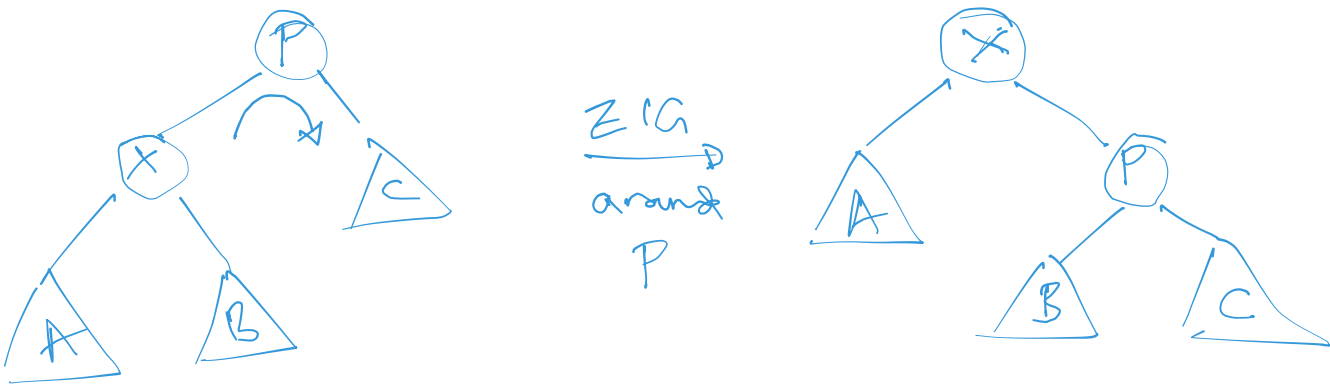


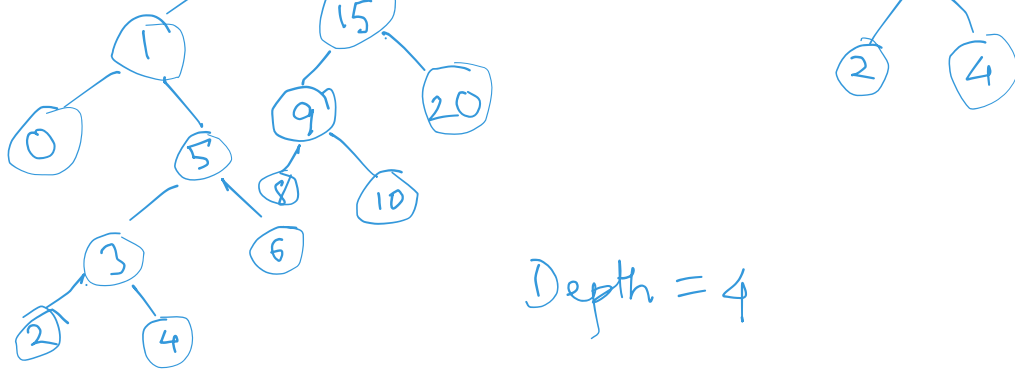


Grand parent rotation
 goes before the parent rotation

Repeat ① and ②

③ X is a child of the root.





A node initially at depth d from the access path from the root to X moves X to the final depth $\leq \left(3 + \frac{d}{2}\right)$

$$\sim \boxed{\Theta(\lg n)}$$

② Insert (key k , Value v)

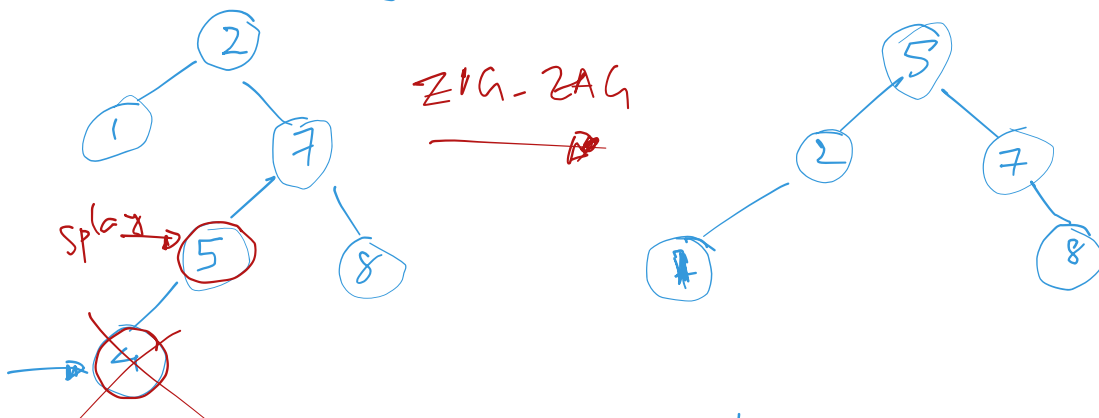
* Insert new entry $(k, v) \rightarrow$ BST

* Splay the new node to the root.

③ Remove (key k)

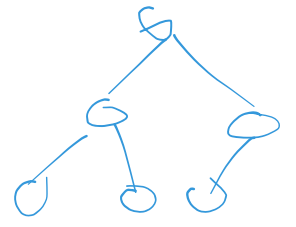
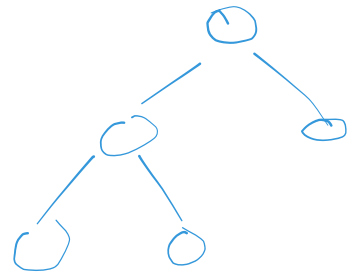
A node having key k is removed from the tree, as with ordinary BST.

Let X be the node removed from the tree. Splay X 's parent to the root.



If key k is not in the tree, splay the last node visited where the search ended (to the root)

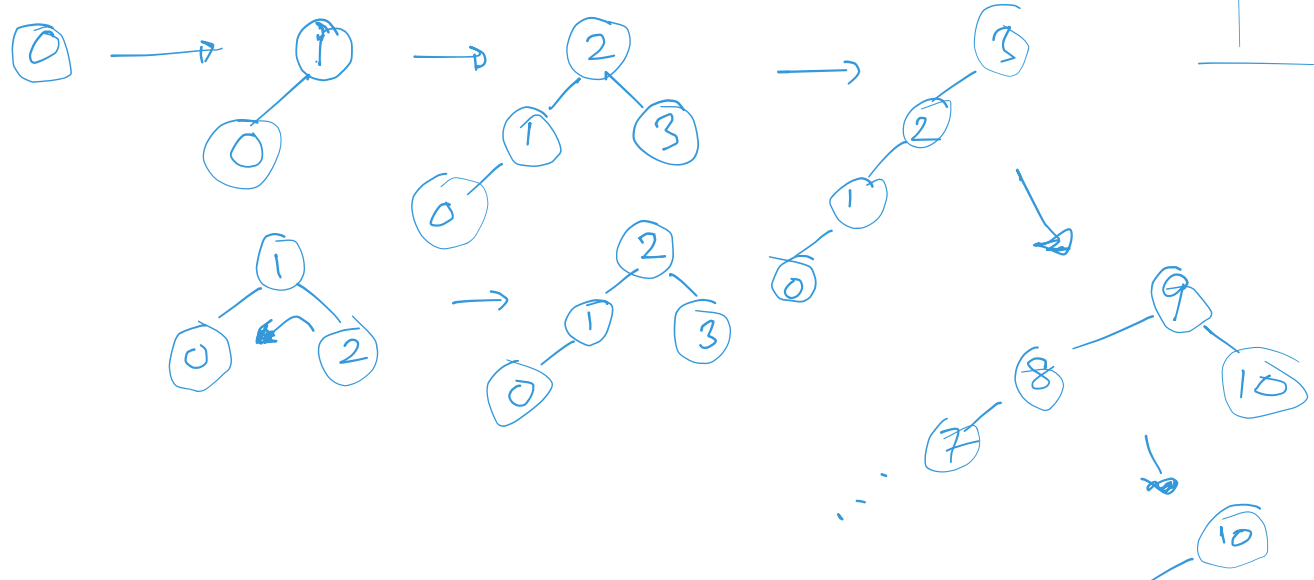
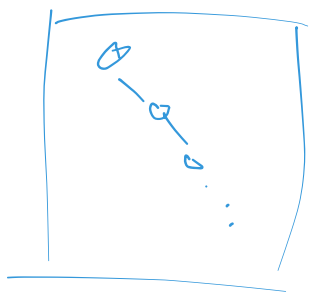
Use operations (find/remove/insert) as a pretext for performing Rotations (splay)



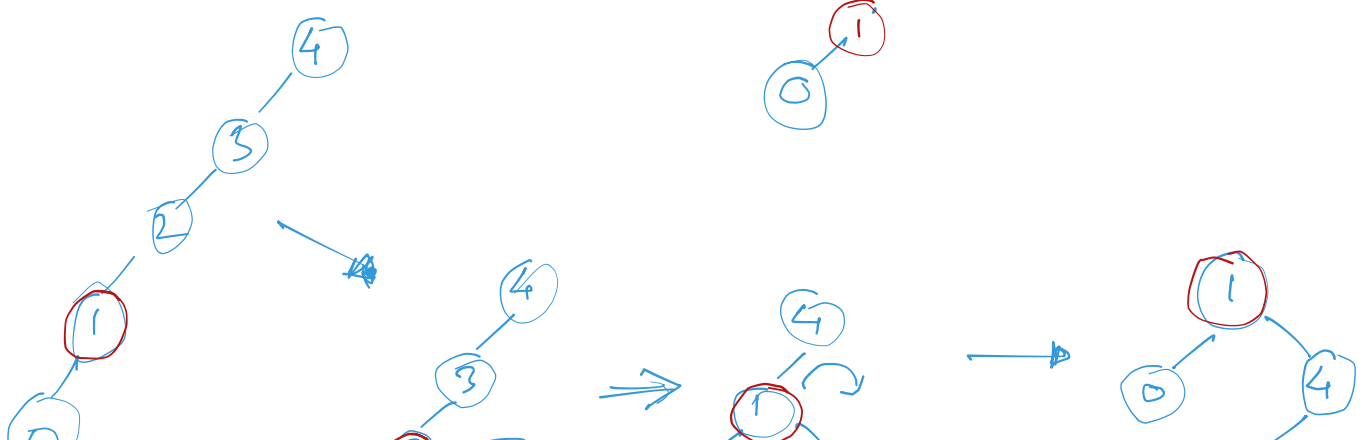
n
 $(\log_2 n)$
 $\Theta(\lg n)$

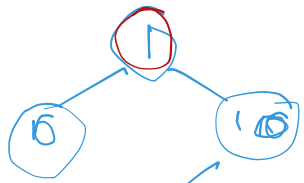
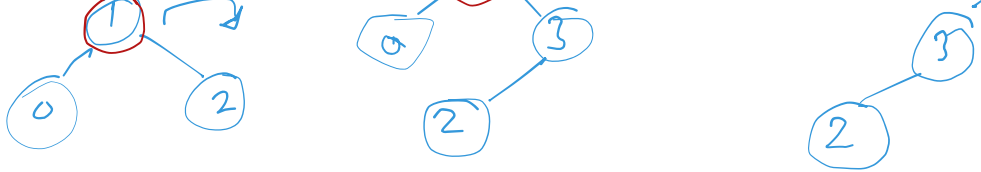
Why rotate around the grandparent first for ZIG-ZAG operation?

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ..., 9, 10



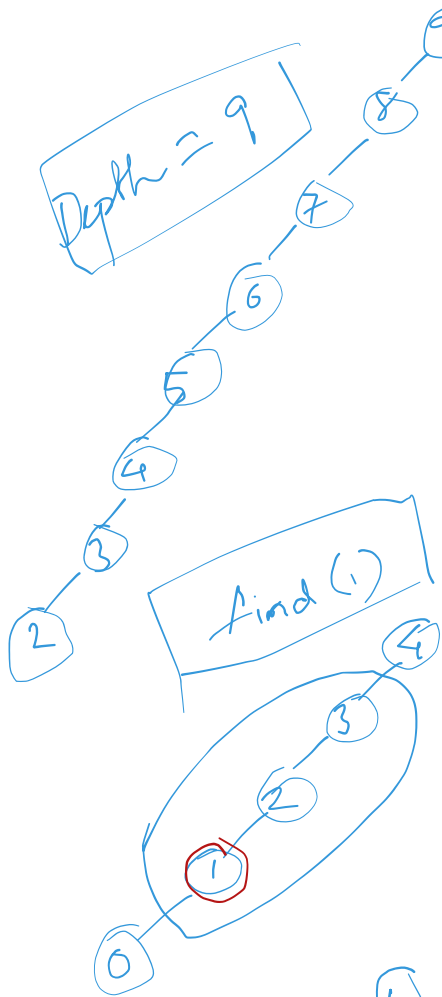
Find (1)



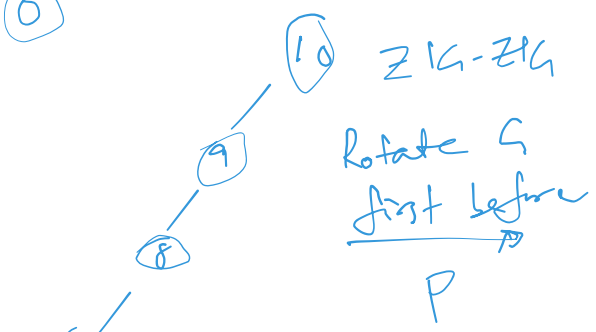
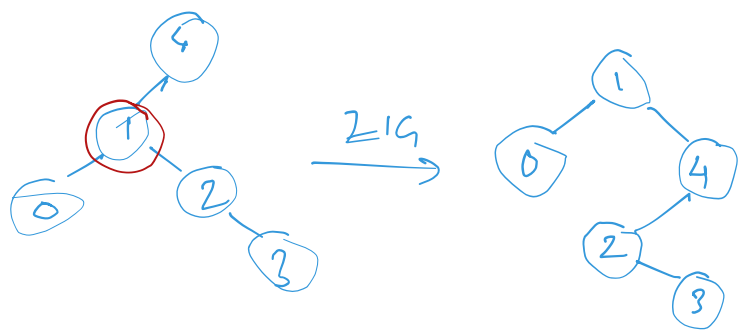


Rotated parent first and then the grandparent.

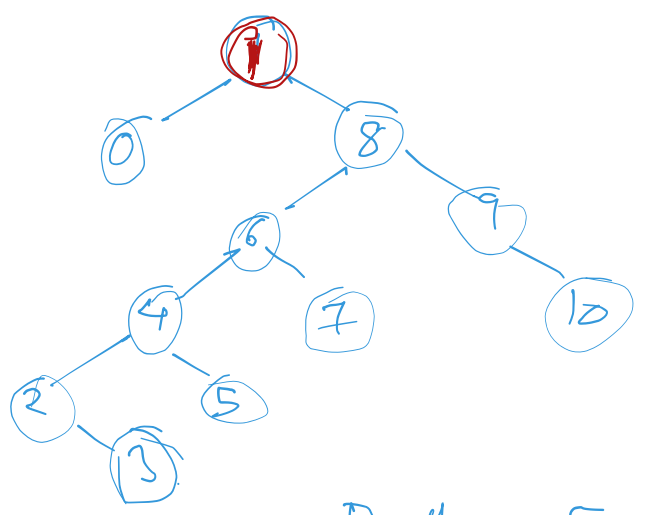
Depth = 9



Grandparent first

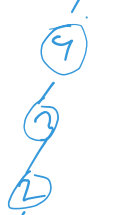


depth = 10



Depth = 5

Rotate around





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