

CSSE 230 Day 12

Height-Balanced Trees

After today, you should be able to...

- ...give the minimum number of nodes in a height-balanced tree
- ...explain why the height of a height-balanced trees is $O(\log n)$
- ...help write an induction proof

Today's Agenda

- Announcements
 - EditorTrees team preferences due tonight
 - Exam 2 (programming only) in class on Thursday (day 14)
- Another induction example
- Recap: The need for balanced trees
- Analysis of worst case for height-balanced (AVL) trees

A useful result... by way of induction

- Recall our definition of the Fibonacci numbers:
 - $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$
- Prove the closed form:

7.8 Prove by induction the formula

$$F_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^N - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^N \right)$$

Recall: How to show that property $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq n_0$:

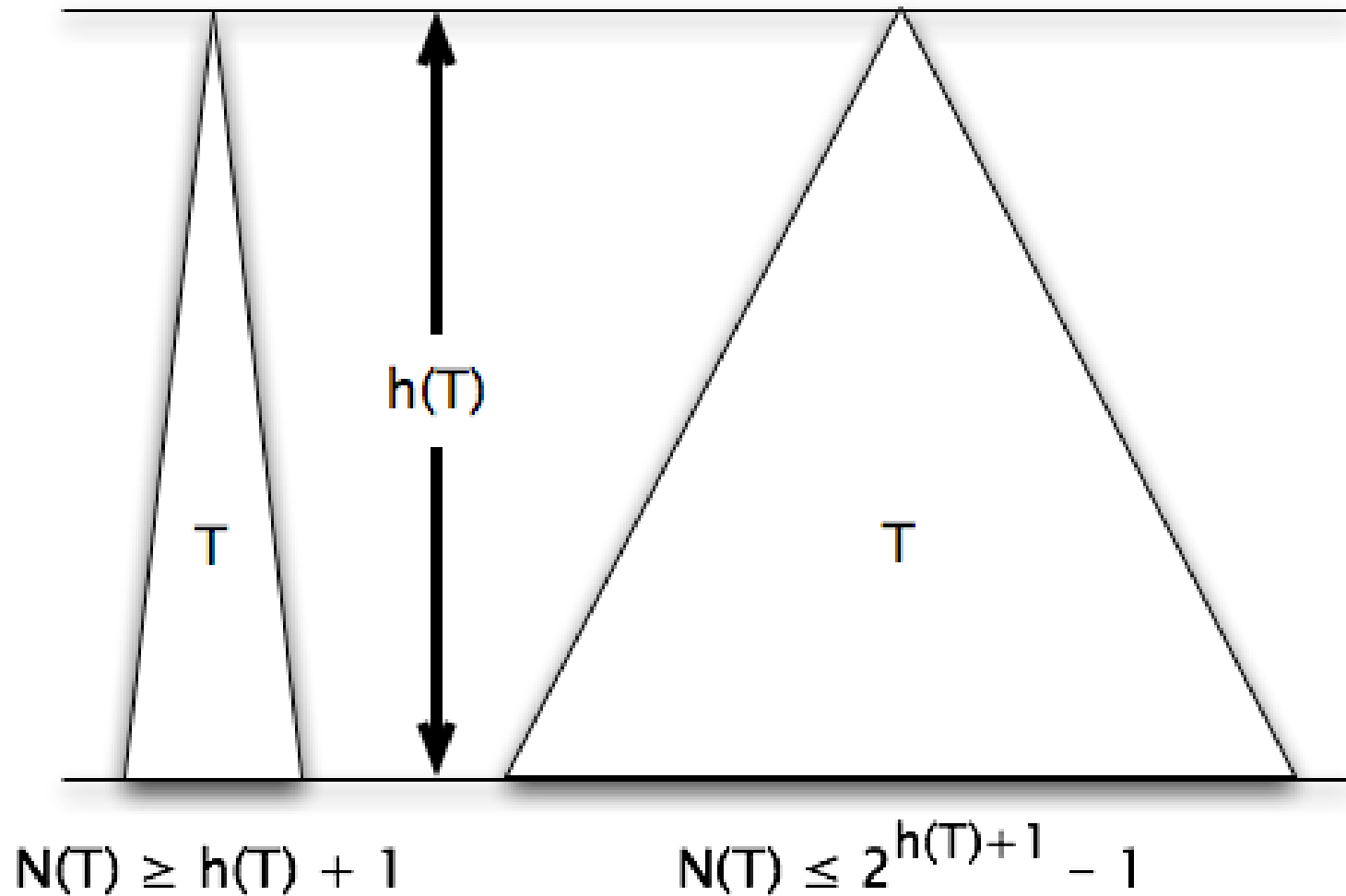
- (1) Show the base case(s) directly
- (2) Show that if $P(j)$ is true for all j with $n_0 \leq j < k$, then $P(k)$ is true also

Details of step 2:

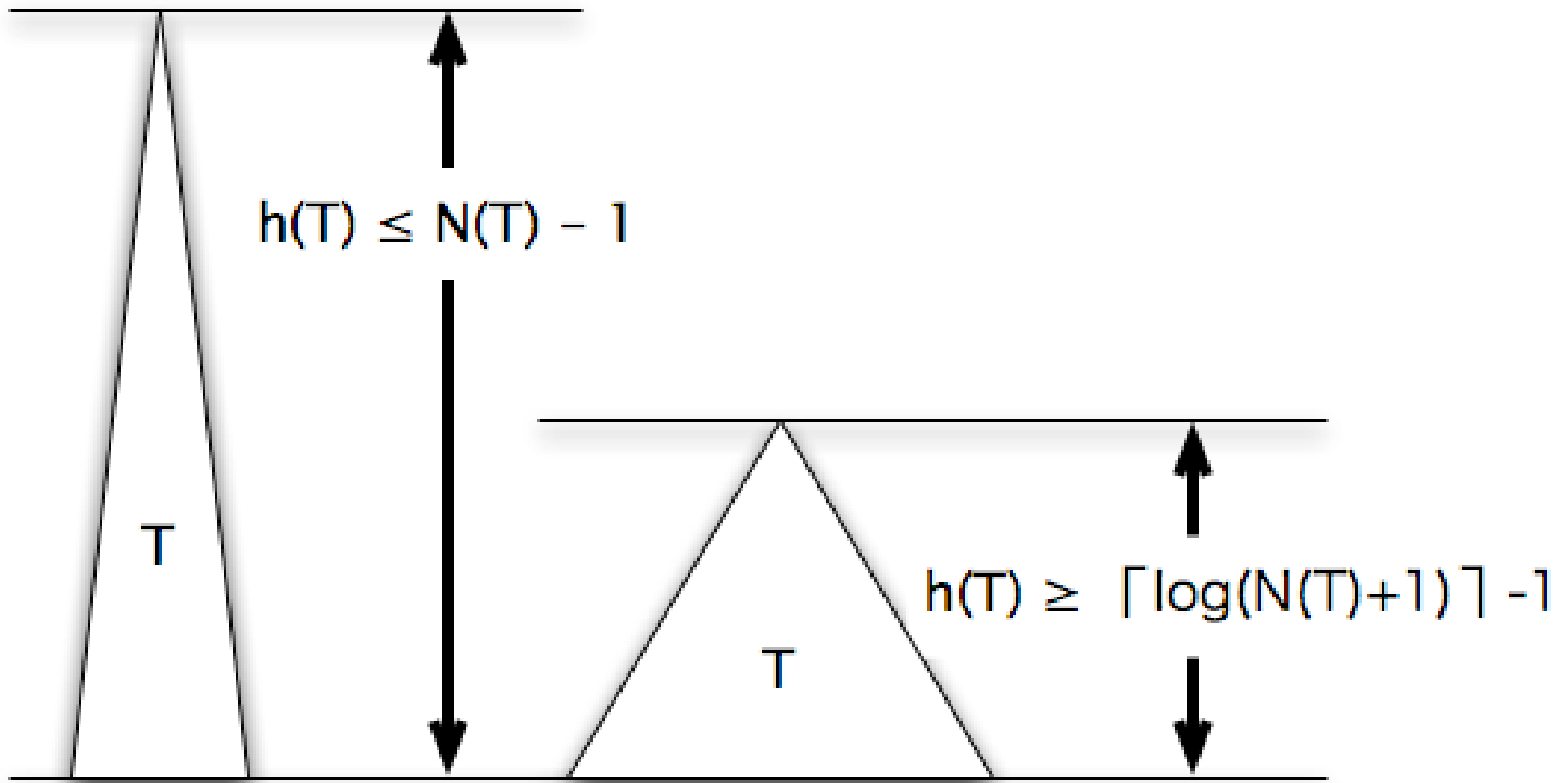
- Fix “arbitrary but specific” $k \geq \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
- Write the induction hypothesis: assume $P(j)$ is true $\forall j : n_0 \leq j < k$
- Prove $P(k)$, using the induction hypothesis.

	A	B	C	D	E
1		$1/\text{SQRT}(5) =$	0.447213595		
2		$(1 + \text{SQRT}(5))/2 =$	1.618033989		
3		$(1 - \text{SQRT}(5))/2 =$	-0.618033989		
4					
5			Fibonacci		Fibonacci
6			Open Form		Closed Form
7	n	f_n =	f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}		C\$1*(POWER(C\$2,n) - POWER(C\$3,n))
8					
9	0	f0 =	0		0
10	1	f1 =	1		1
11	2	f2 =	1		1
12	3	f3 =	2		2
13	4	f4 =	3		3
14	5	f5 =	5		5
15	6	f6 =	8		8
16	7	f7 =	13		13
17	8	f8 =	21		21
18	9	f9 =	34		34
19	10	f10 =	55		55
20	11	f11 =	89		89
21	12	f12 =	144		144
22	13	f13 =	233		233
23	14	f14 =	377		377
24	15	f15 =	610		610
25	16	f16 =	987		987
26	17	f17 =	1597		1597
27	18	f18 =	2584		2584
28	19	f19 =	4181		4181
29	20	f20 =	6765		6765

Review: The number of nodes in a tree with height $h(T)$ is bounded



Review: Therefore the height of a tree with $N(T)$ nodes is also bounded

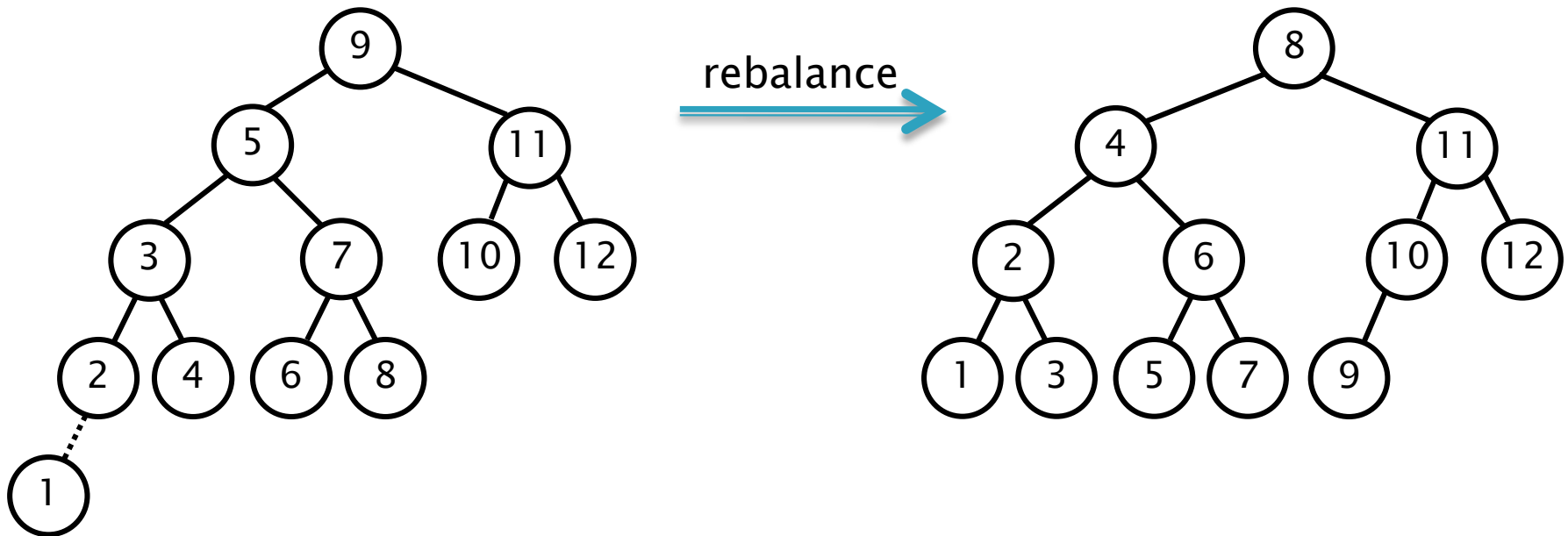


We want to keep trees balanced so that the run time of BST algorithms is minimized

- BST algorithms are $O(h(T))$
- Minimum value of $h(T)$ is $\lceil \log(N(T) + 1) \rceil - 1$
- Can we rearrange the tree after an insertion to guarantee that $h(T)$ is always **minimized**?

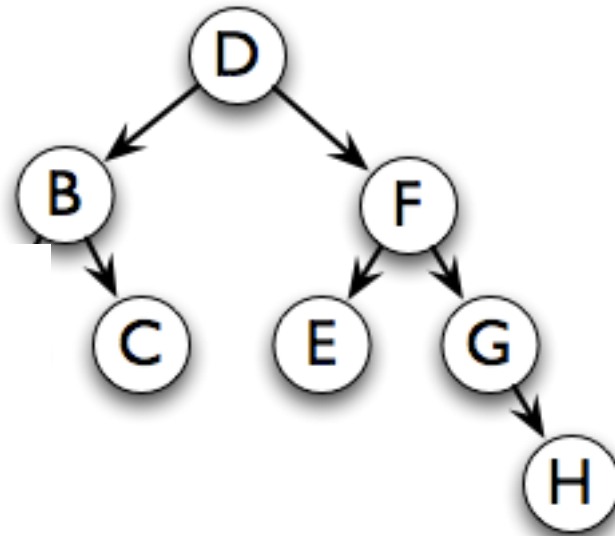
But keeping complete balance is too expensive!

- Consider inserting 1 in the following tree.
- What does it take to get back to complete balance?
- Keeping completely balanced is too expensive:
 - $O(N)$ to rebalance after insertion or deletion



Solution: Height Balanced Trees (less is more)

Height-Balanced Trees have subtrees whose heights differ by at most 1



Still height-balanced?

More precisely, a binary tree T is height balanced if

T is empty, or if

$| \text{height}(T_L) - \text{height}(T_R) | \leq 1$, and

T_L and T_R are both height balanced.

What is the tallest height-balanced tree with N nodes?

Is it taller than a completely balanced tree?

- Consider the dual concept: find the minimum number of nodes for height h .

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$| \text{height}(T_L) - \text{height}(T_R) | \leq 1$, and T_L and T_R are both height balanced.

An AVL tree is a height-balanced BST that maintains balance using “rotations”

- Named for authors of original paper, **A**delson-**V**elskii and **L**andis (1962).
- Max. height of an AVL tree with N nodes is:
 $H < 1.44 \log(N+2) - 1.328 = O(\log N)$

Our goal is to rebalance an AVL tree after insert/delete in $O(\log n)$ time

- Why?
- Worst cases for BST operations are $O(h(T))$
 - **find**, **insert**, and **delete**
- $h(T)$ can vary from $O(\log N)$ to $O(N)$
- Height of a height-balanced tree is $O(\log N)$
- So if we can rebalance after insert or delete in $O(\log N)$, then **all operations are $O(\log N)$**