CSCI 104L Lecture 21: Binary Search Trees

**Question 1.** How would you insert a new value into a (non-balanced) binary search tree?

**Question 2.** For the integers 1 through 7, is there an order you can insert them into an (initially empty) binary search tree such that any search will be efficient?

**Question 3.** For the same set, is there an order that will provide a “bad” binary search tree?

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**Deleting from a Binary Search Tree**

Consider the following binary search tree:

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  44
 /   \\n17   62
  / \\/  \
32  50 78
 /  \\/
30 54 70 88
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**Question 4.** Starting from the above tree, what does the tree look like if we remove 30?

**Question 5.** What if we had deleted 17 instead?

**Question 6.** What if we had deleted 62 instead?

**Question 7.** What if we had deleted 44 instead?
AVL Trees

We say that a tree is an **AVL Tree** if the following two conditions both hold:

- The **binary search tree** property holds for all nodes.
- For every node \( v \) of \( T \), the heights of the children of \( v \) differ by at most 1. This is referred to as the **height-balance property**.

Note that this means that any subtree of an AVL tree is itself an AVL tree.

**Question 8.** Is the above tree an AVL Tree? Why or why not?

**Question 9.** What is the minimum number of nodes an AVL tree can have if it has height \( h \)?

**Question 10.** How long does \( \text{find}(v) \) take in an AVL tree?