

We assume each node is a structure with 4 components:  
left\_child, key, bf, right\_child

Algorithm left\_balance(root, taller)

Input: root: root node of an avl-tree,  
which is out of balance on the  
left - the left subtree is too high

On input, root is LH (left high), and its left subtree is  
either LH or RH (can not be EH)

taller: boolean indicator, equals true on input

Output: root: new root node of the  
updated tree after rotation

taller: equals false on return

Processing: rotate the tree by either single right rotation or  
double left-right rotation, dependent on whether  
left subtree of root is LH or RH  
Update the balance factor (bf) of the relevant nodes  
set the taller flag

Step1 [prepare]

```
child = root->left_child  
taller = false
```

Step2 [single R rotation?]

```
If ( child is LH)  
  child -> bf = EH  
  root->bf = EH  
  right_rotate(root)  
  return  
else If (child is EH)  
  print error message  
  return
```

Step3 [Double L-R rotation] /\* now the child is RH \*/

```
grand_child = child-> right_child  
If (grand_child is LH)  
  child->bf = EH  
  root->bf = RH  
else if (grand_child is RH)  
  child->bf = LH  
  root->bf = EH  
  else /* grand_child is EH - this happens when grand_child is a leaf */  
    child->bf = EH  
    root->bf =EH
```

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grand_child->bf = EH /* bf adjustment finished */
```

```
left_rotate(root->left_child) /* first rotate left */  
right_rotate(root) /* then rotate right */  
return
```

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Left\_rotate(root)

Input: root node of an avl-tree which is RH and thus needs to rotate to left.

Output: updated root node after left rotation

Processing: perform the left rotation - after rotation, the right\_child of the original root becomes the new root, the original root node becomes the left\_child of the new root. On return, the pointer previously pointed to old root should point to the new root.

Step1[get right\_child]

```
child = root -> right_child
```

Step2 [exchange pointers]

```
root -> right_child = child -> left_child
```

```
/* the left subtree of child becomes the right subtree of the old root */
```

```
child -> left_child = root
```

```
/* the old root now becomes the left_child of the new root */
```

Step3 [fi nish]

```
pointer to root = pointer to child
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```
/* child is the new root */
```

```
return
```