

## Pseudocode for AVL Balanced Binary Search Tree Methods

### Balance a sub-tree

Note: the following code does not account for empty child sub-trees. You should check for NULL pointers when accessing `left` or `right` or `height`. Primarily, when calculating heights of children.

```
function BALANCE(current)
    if current == NULL then    \\Nothing to balance
        return current
    end if

    COMPUTEHEIGHTFROMCHILDREN(current)    \\update current's height

    leftH = current->left->height
    rightH = current->right->height

    if leftH > rightH + 1 then          \\Left subtree is too tall
        leftleftH = current->left->left->height
        leftrightH = current->left->right->height

        if leftleftH >= leftrightH then
            return RIGHTROTATE(current)      \\left-outer grandchild is taller
        else
            return LEFTRIGHTROTATE(current)    \\left-inner grandchild is taller
        end if
    end if

    if rightH > leftH + 1 then         \\Right subtree is too tall
        rightleftH = current->right->left->height
        rightrightH = current->right->right->height

        if rightrightH >= rightleftH then
            return LEFTROTATE(current)      \\right-outer grandchild is taller
        else
            return RIGHTLEFTROTATE(current)   \\right-inner grandchild is taller
        end if
    end if

    return current    \\No rotation, so root is the same
end function
```

```
function RIGHTROTATE(current)
    newRoot = current → left
    current → left = newRoot → right
    newRoot → right = current
    computeHeightFromChildren(current)
    computeHeightFromChildren(newRoot)
    return newRoot
end function
```

```
function LEFTRIGHTROTATE(current)
    current → left = leftRotate(current → left)
    return rightRotate(current)
end function
```

```
function COMPUTEHEIGHTFROMCHILDREN(current)
    leftH = current → left → height
    rightH = current → right → height
    height = 1 + max(leftH, rightH)
end function
```