

# Tree

**Data Structures**  
**C++ for C Coders**

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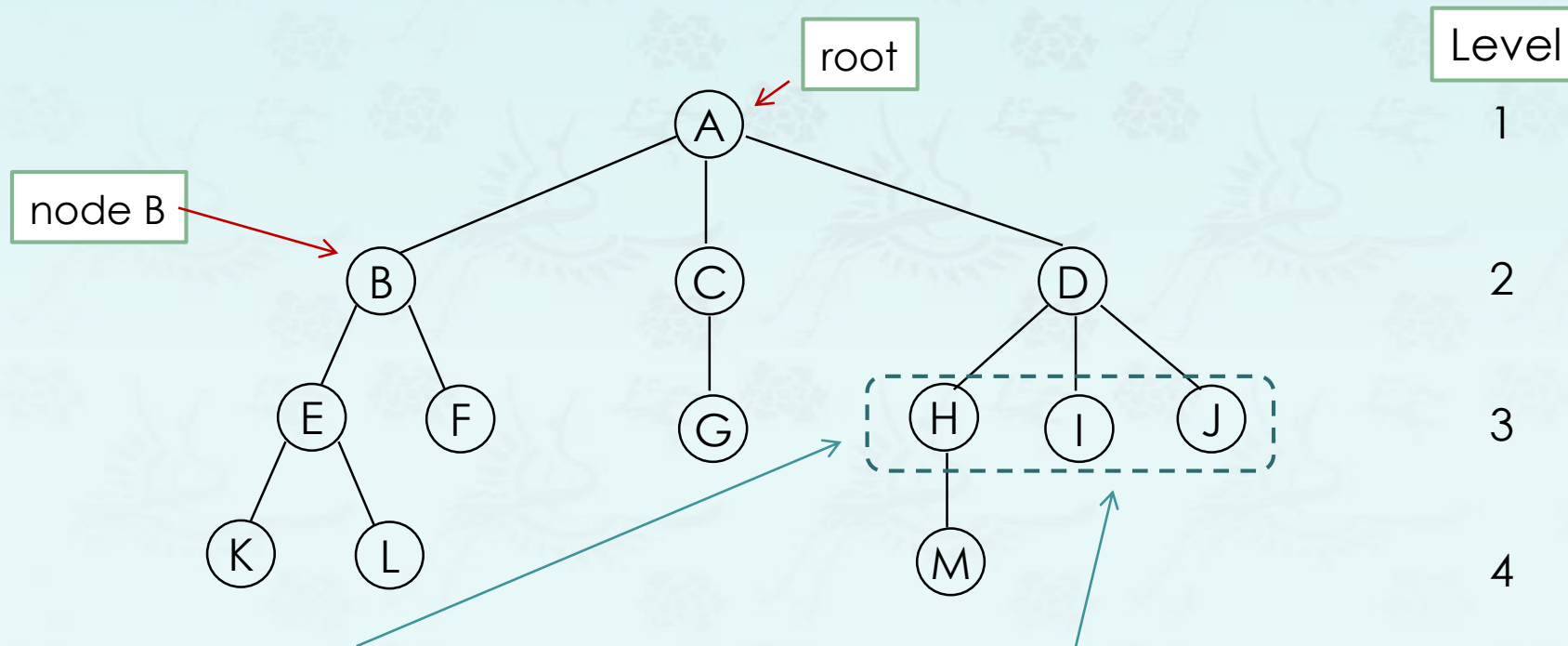
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- **introduction**
- *binary tree*
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## Introduction - Terminology

**A tree data structure:** it is like a linked list that has a **first** node, this node is called as the **root** of the tree.

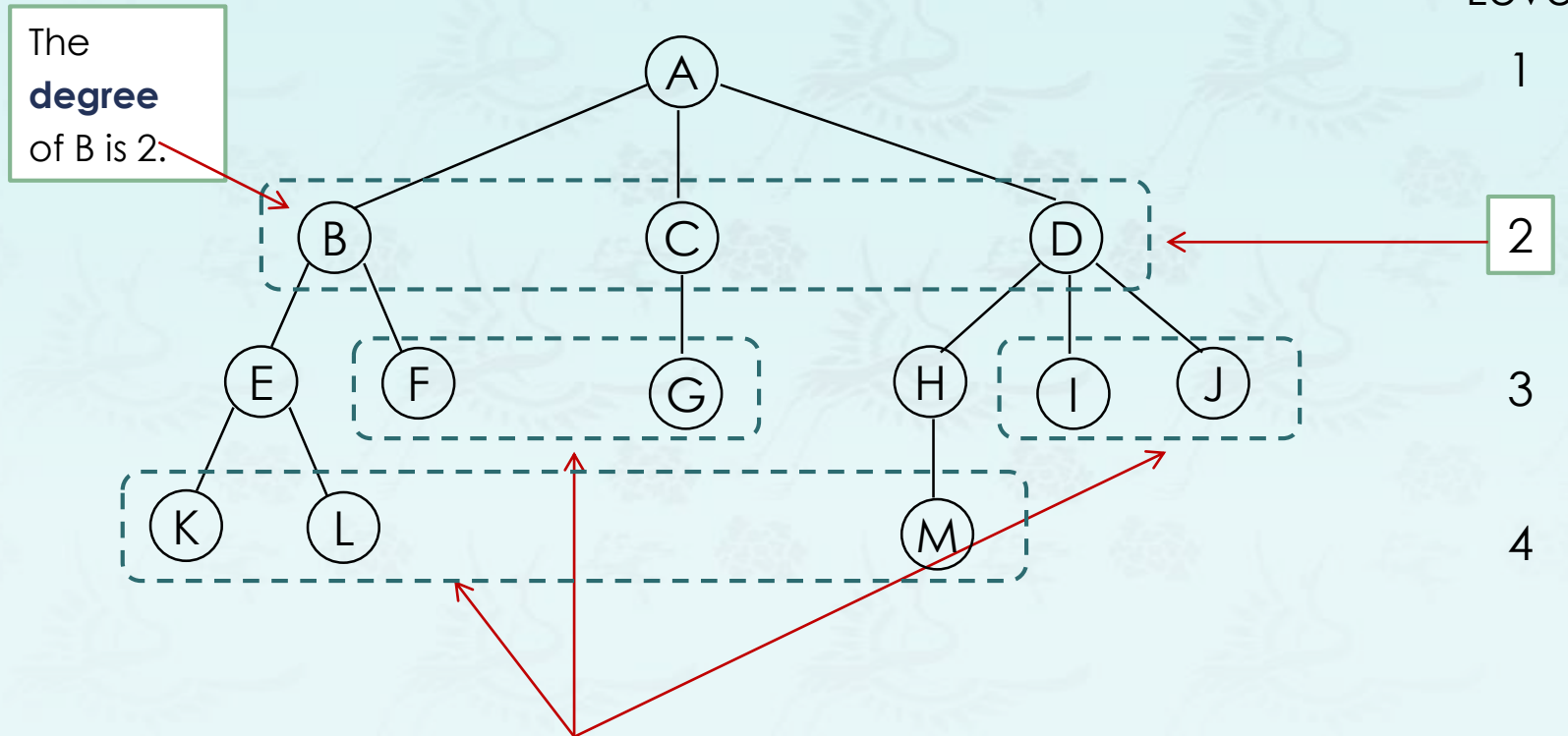
**Example.** A **tree** with a root storing the value 'A'



- The **children** of **D** are **H, I, and J**; **H, I, and J** are **siblings**.
- The **parent** of **D** is **A**.

## Introduction - Terminology

**Definition.** child, parent, sibling, degree, leaf nodes, level, height, internal node



- Zero degree nodes are **leaf nodes**, all others are **internal nodes**.
- The **degree** of a node is the number of children.
- The **degree of a tree** is the **maximum of the degree of the nodes** in the tree.
- The **height** or **height** of a tree is the max level of any nodes in the tree.

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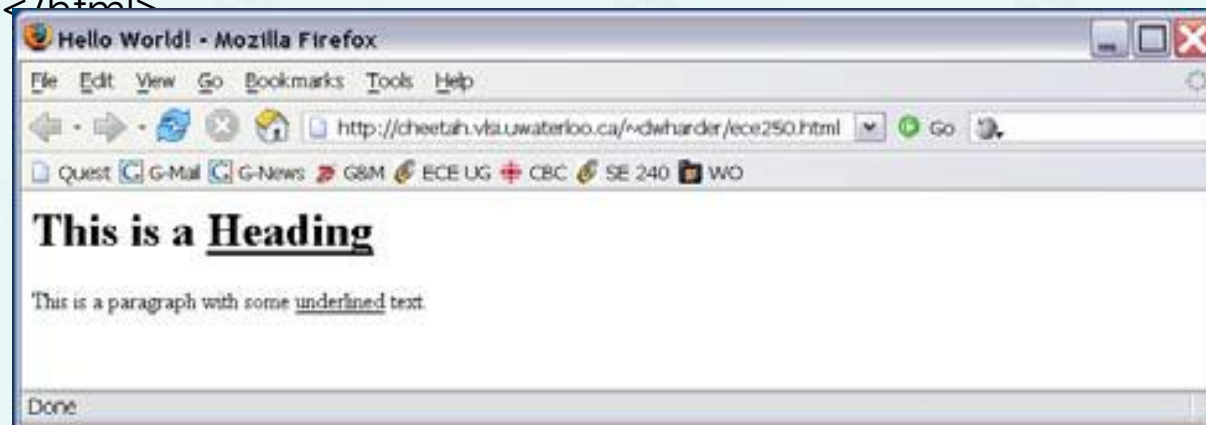
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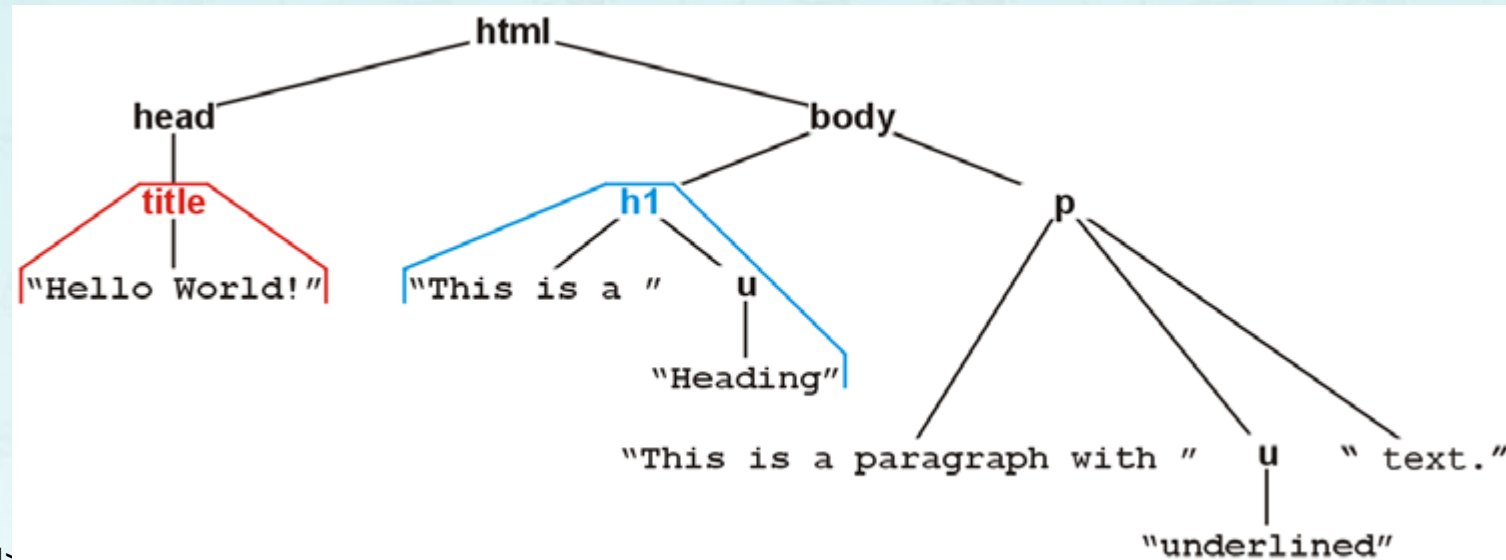
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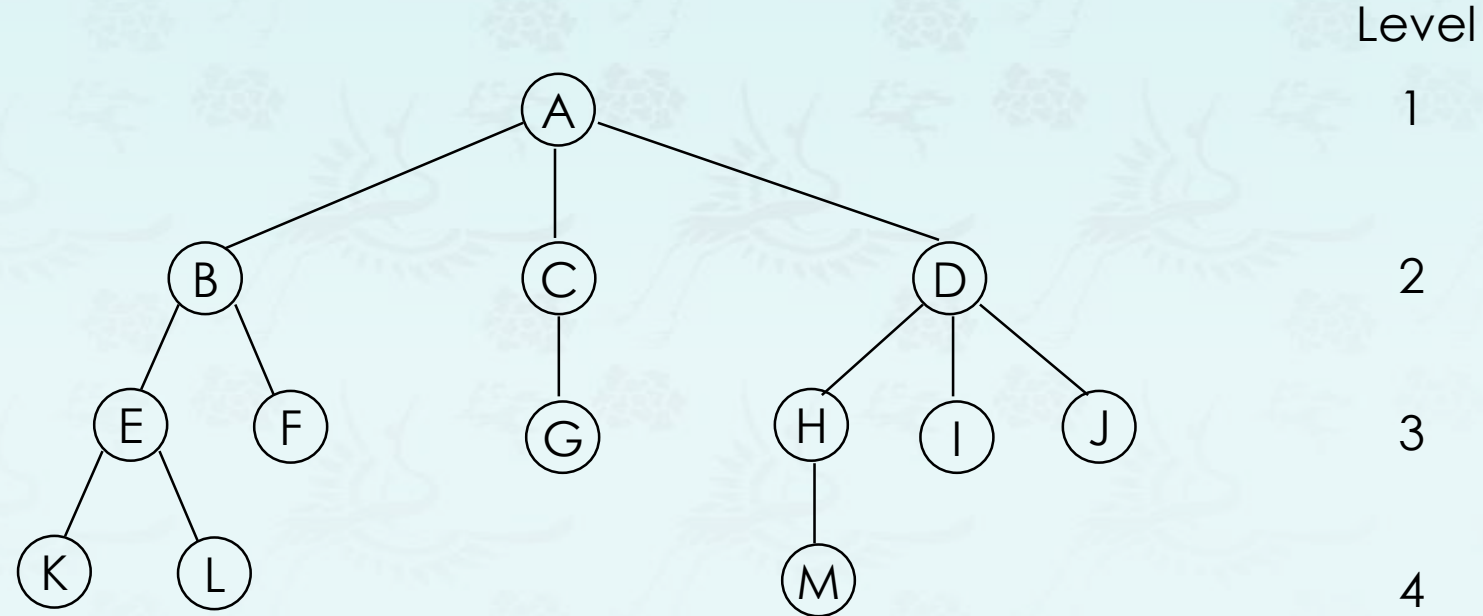


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❖ **List representation:** (A (B (E (K, L), F), C (G), D (H (M), I, J) ) )

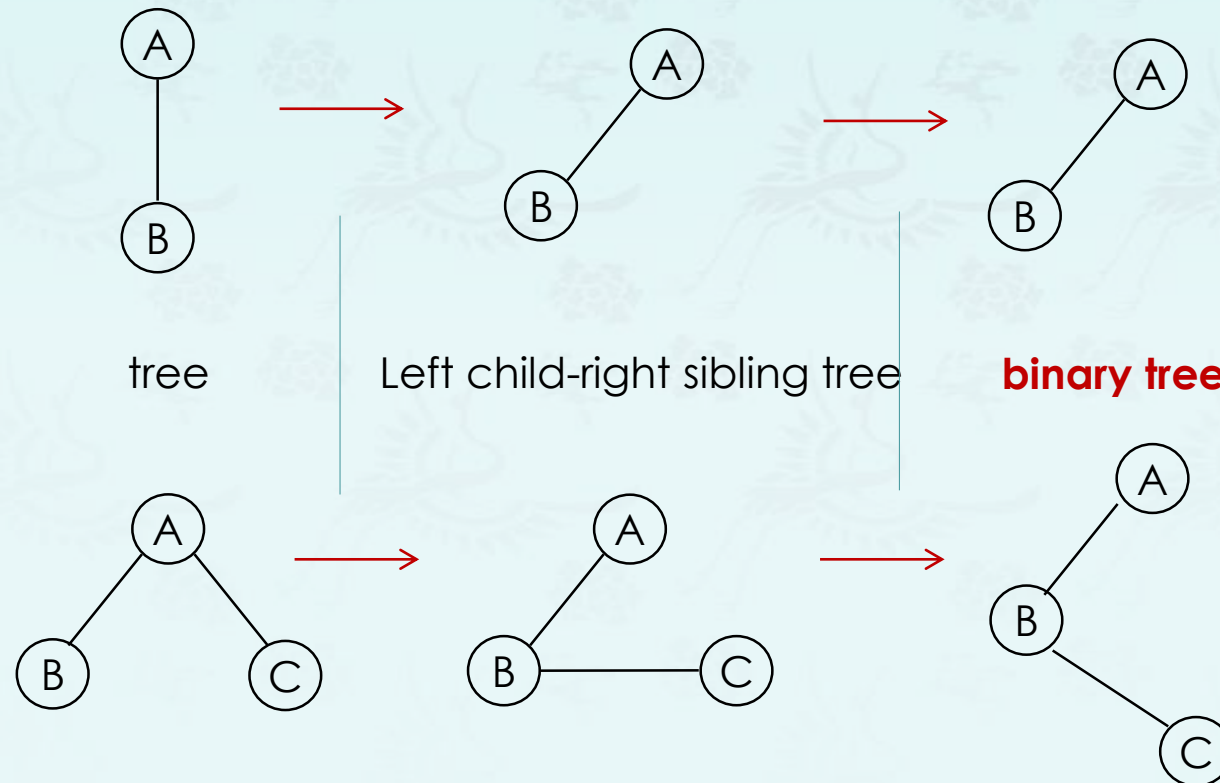




## Introduction – Representation of trees

### ❖ Left child-right child tree representation:

- Rotate the tree **clockwise by 45 degree**. Why?
- To obtain the degree-two tree.
- Note: The root of the tree can never have a sibling.



# Tree

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## Chapter 5

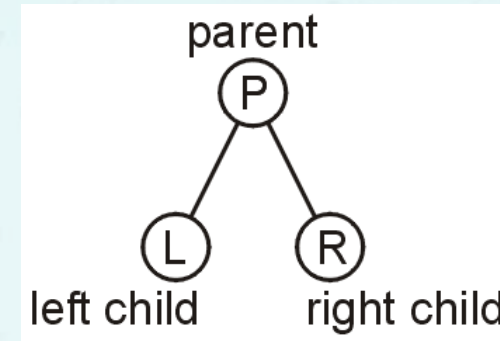
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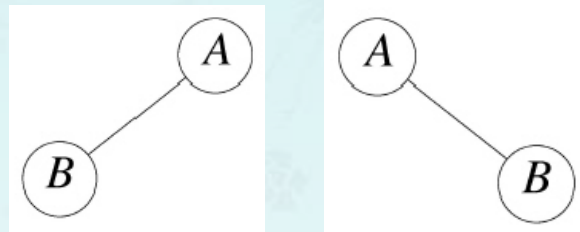
**Definition:** A tree such that each node has *exactly* two children.

- Notice, exactly two children - not up to two children!  
(because *exactly* two children means a left child **and/or** right child, no middle child.)
- Each child is either empty or another binary tree.
- Given this constraint, we can label the two children as left and right nodes or subtrees.



## Binary trees

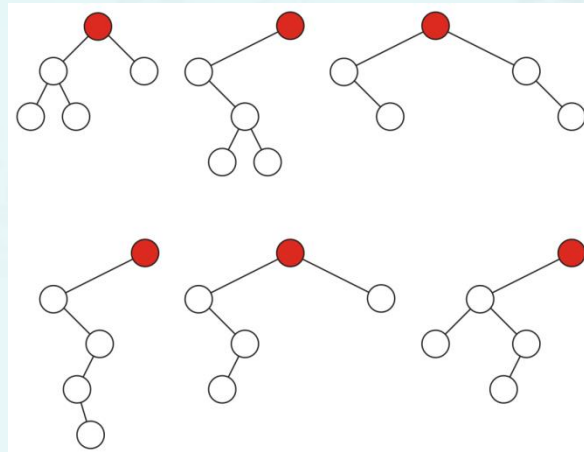
**Example:** two binary trees with two nodes



Q: are they two different **binary** trees?

A: Yes!

**Example:** five binary trees with five nodes.

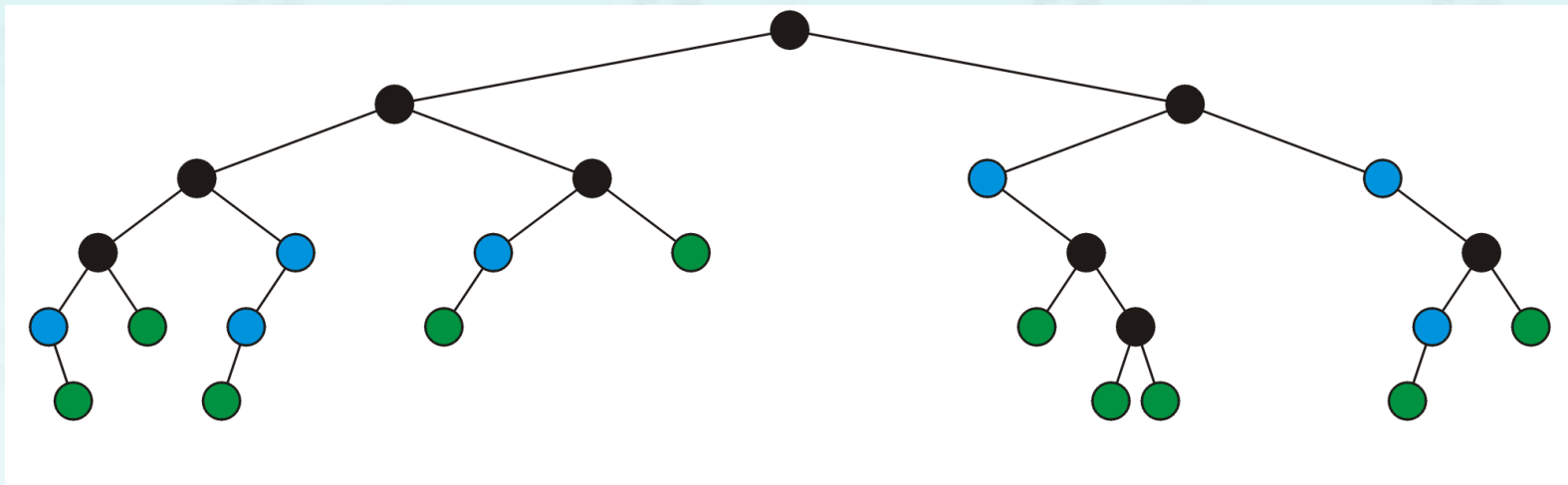


## Binary trees

**Definition:** A **full node** is a node where both left **and** right sub-trees are non-empty trees:

Q: how many full nodes are there?

Q: how many leaf nodes are there?



● full nodes

● leaf nodes

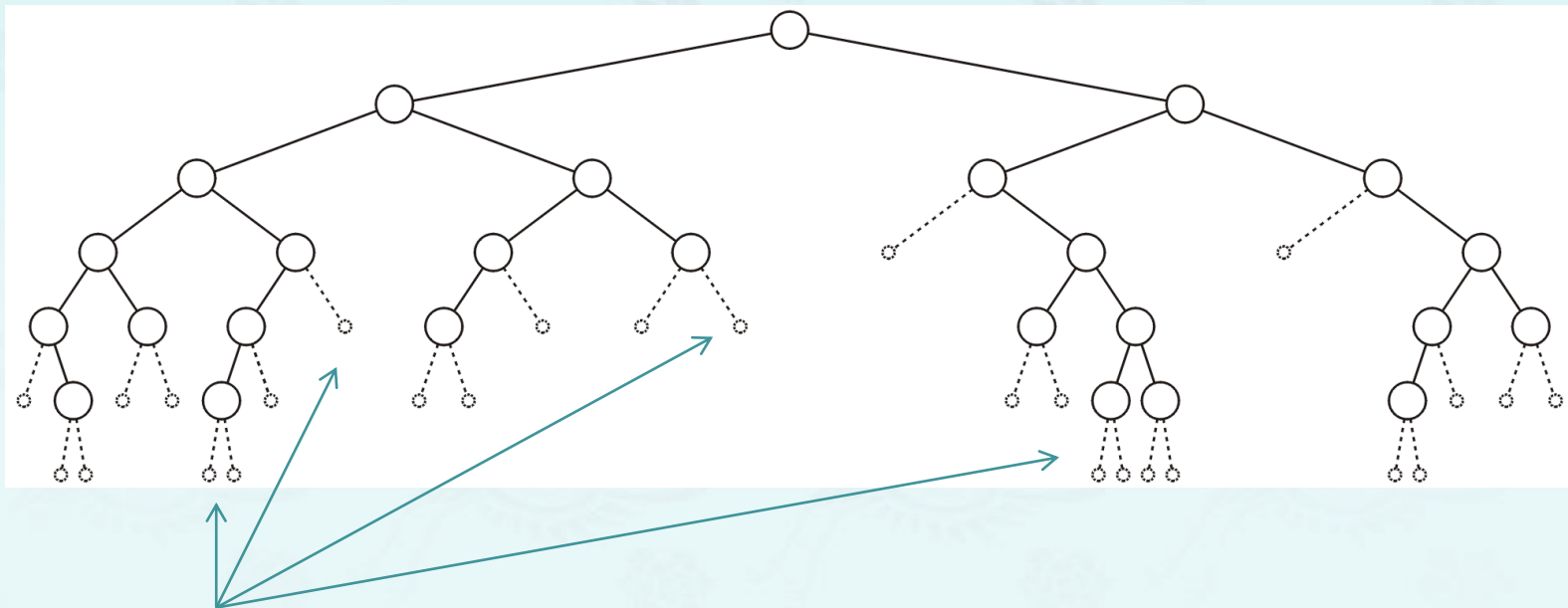
● neither

Q: What is the height of the tree?

Q: What is the degree of the tree?

## Binary trees

**Definition:** An **empty node** or **null sub-tree** is a location where a new leaf node (or a sub-tree) could be inserted.



Graphically, the missing branches.

## Binary trees

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### ADT BinaryTree

**objects:** a finite set of nodes either empty or consisting of a root node, leftBinaryTree, and rightBinaryTree.

**functions:**

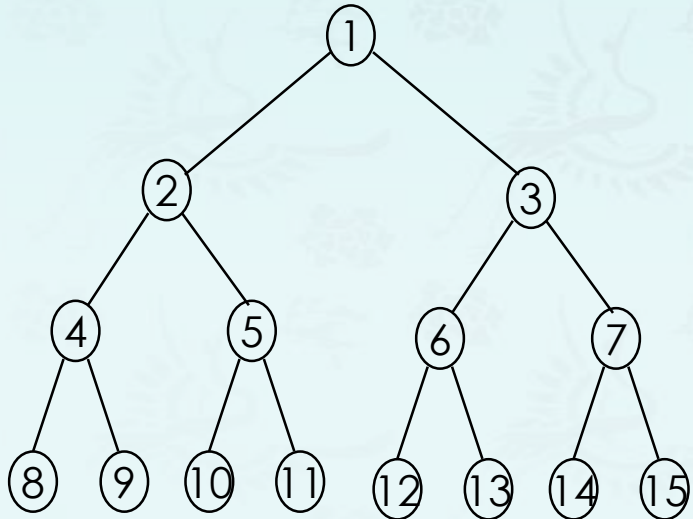
```
boolean empty(bt)
binaryTree new Node{key, left, right}
binaryTree left(bt)
element getKey(bt)
binaryTree right(bt)
```



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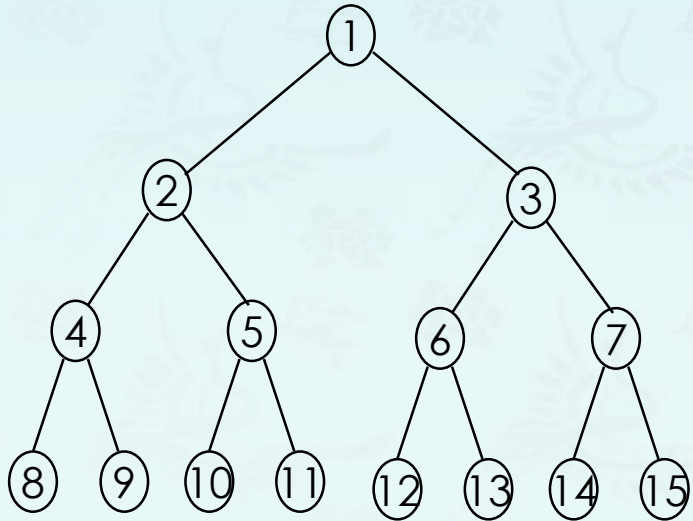


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$$\begin{aligned}n &= 2^h - 1 \\n + 1 &= 2^h \\\log(n + 1) &= \log 2^h \\\log(n + 1) &= h \\h &= \lceil \log(n + 1) \rceil \\h &= \lceil \log(n) \rceil + 1\end{aligned}$$

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**Proof (1)** by induction on  $i$ .

**Induction base:**

On **level  $i = 1$** , the root is the only node. Hence,  $2^{i-1} = 2^{1-1} = 2^0 = 1$ ,  
which is the maximum number of nodes on **level  $i = 1$**   $\rightarrow 1$   
On **level  $i = 2$** ,  $\rightarrow 2^{2-1} = 2$

**Induction hypothesis:**

Assume that the maximum number of nodes on **level  $i - 1$**  is  $2^{i-2}$ .

**Induction step:**

Since on **level  $i - 1$**   $\rightarrow 2^{i-2}$  by hypothesis and  
each node has a maximum *degree of 2*,  
the maximum number of nodes on **level  $i$**  is  $2 * 2^{i-2}$ , or  $2^{i-1}$


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**level 1**                      **level k**

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$$\sum_{i=0}^n a^i = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^n = \frac{a^{n+1} - 1}{a - 1}$$

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} + 2^n = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2 - 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} &= 2^{n+1} - 1 - 2^n \\ &= 2^n(2 - 1) - 1 \\ &= \mathbf{2^n - 1} \end{aligned}$$

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**Something significant?** The height of a full binary tree of  $n$  nodes is  $\Theta(\log n)$  :

Many operations with trees have a run time that goes with the **height** of some path within the tree; if we have a full binary tree (or something close to it), we know that those operations **run in  $O(\log n)$** .

**Proof:**

$$n = 2^k - 1$$

$$n + 1 = 2^k$$

$$\log_2(n + 1) = \log_2(2^k)$$

$$\log_2(n + 1) = k$$

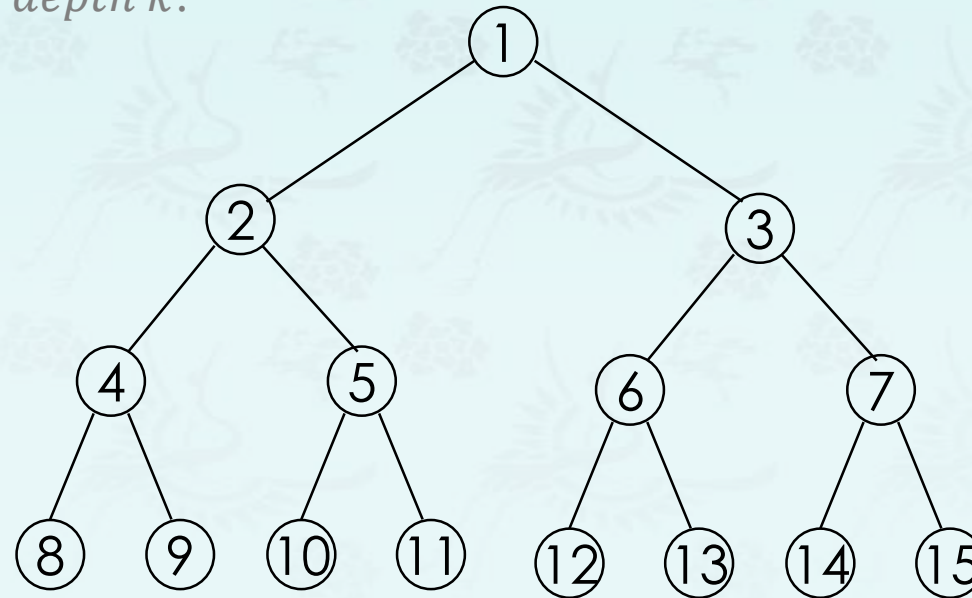
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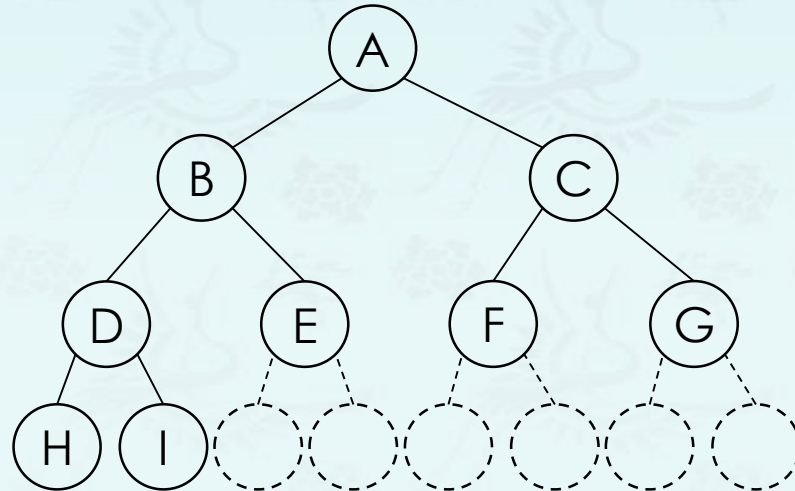


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(3) The height of a **complete binary tree** with  $n$  nodes is  $\lceil \log_2 (n + 1) \rceil$ ,  $\lceil x \rceil$  is the smallest integer  $\geq x$ .

**Proof (3):** The maximum number of **nodes  $n$**  of a binary tree with its *height  $k$*  is  $2^k - 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ .

In a binary tree, it has the maximum number of nodes  $n$  of a  $n = 2^k - 1$ .

$$n = 2^k - 1, \text{ for } k \geq 1,$$

$$2^k = n + 1$$

$$\log_2 (2^k) = \log_2 (n + 1)$$

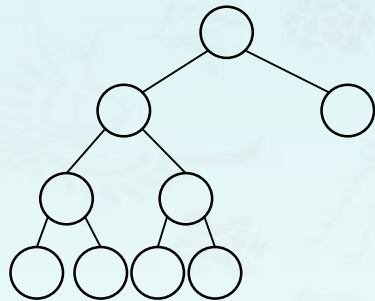
$$k = \log_2 (n + 1)$$

$k = \lceil \log_2 (n + 1) \rceil$  since  $k$  is an integer, to include incomplete trees.

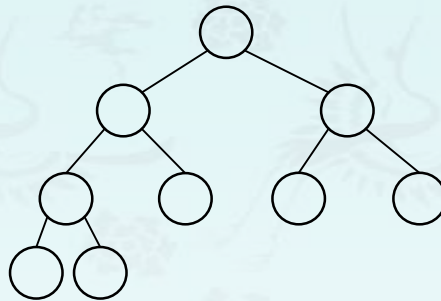
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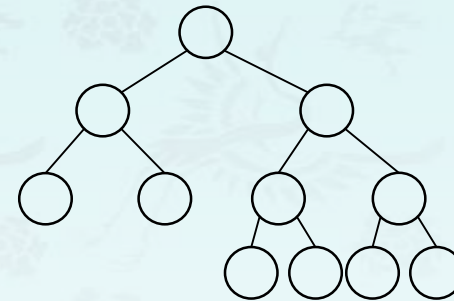
**Exercise:** identify a **complete** binary tree.



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(2)



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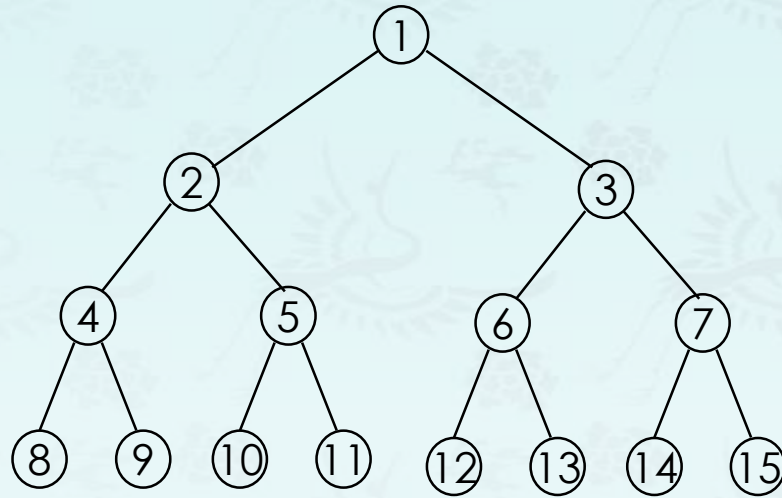
### Q. Meanings of a complete tree in terms of ADT?

- A. Removals of a node are only allowed from the "last" position.  
There is one position available to insert a node every time!

## Binary trees - Properties

**Problem:** representing a binary tree in memory

**Hint:** remembering a full binary tree with sequential node numbers



**Solution:** use one dimensional array to store nodes sequentially.

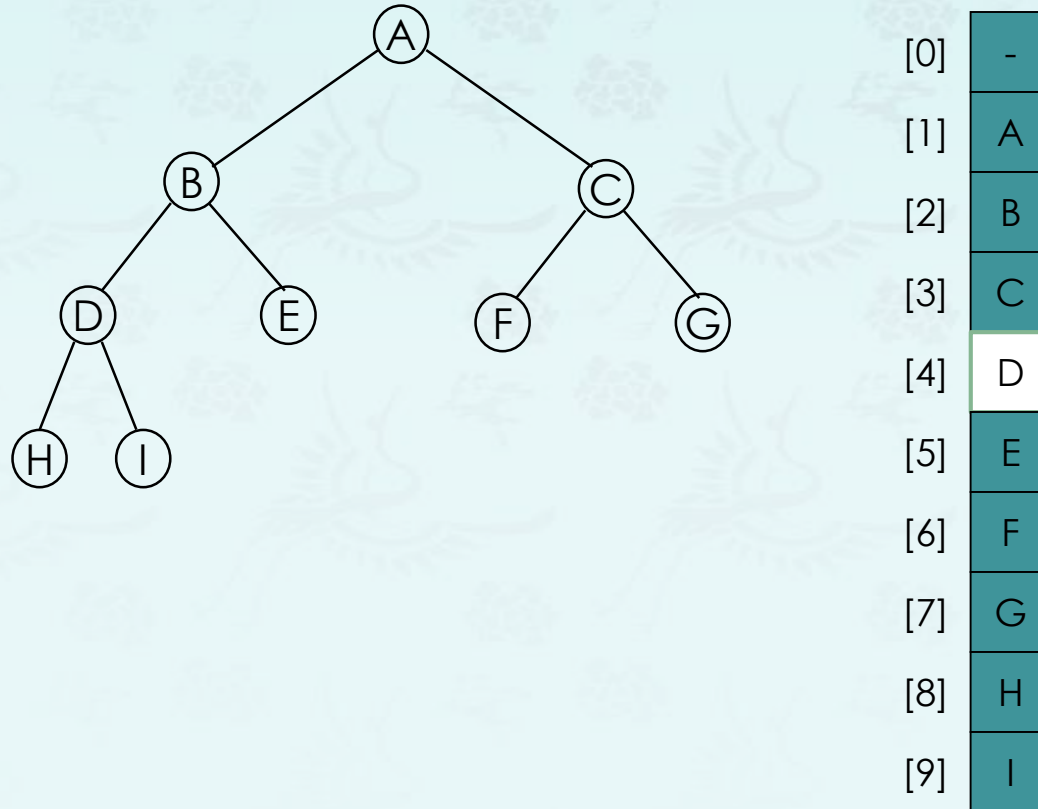
Any potential problems?

**Problems remain:** good for a full binary tree, but not good memory usage for a skewed or complete binary tree.

## Binary trees – Array representation

**Problem:** Let's suppose that you have a **complete binary tree** in an array, how can we locate node i's parent or child?

**Example:** Find its parent, left child and right child at node D.



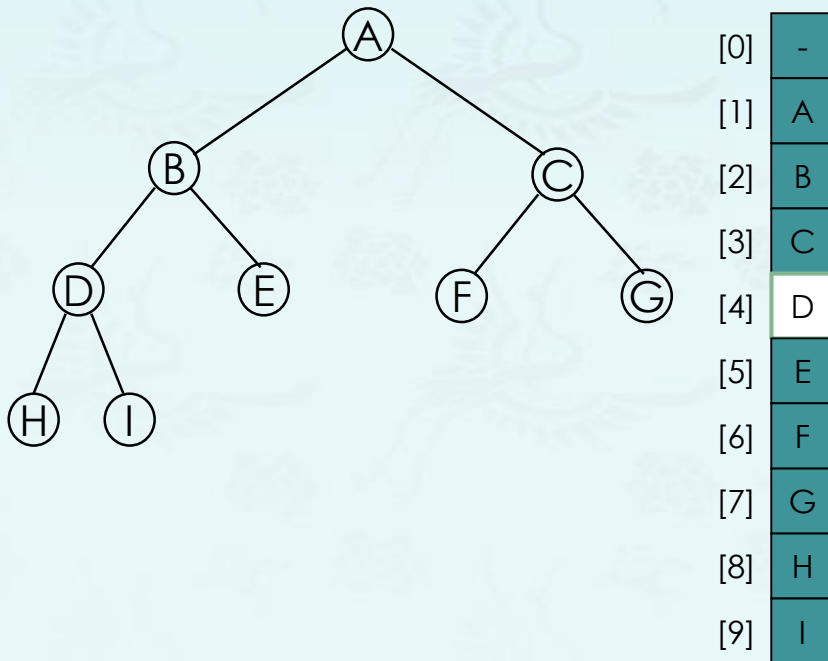


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**Lemma 5.4** a **complete** binary tree with  $n$  nodes, any node index  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have

- (1)  $\text{parent}(i)$  is at  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$  if  $i \neq 1$ . If  $i = 1$ ,  $i$  is at the root and has no parent.
- (2)  $\text{leftChild}(i)$  is at  $2i$  if  $2i \leq n$ . If  $2i > n$ , then  $i$  has no left child.
- (3)  $\text{rightChild}(i)$  is at  $2i + 1$  if  $2i + 1 \leq n$ . If  $2i + 1 > n$ , then  $i$  has no right child.



**Solution:**

$\text{parent}(i = 4)$  is at  $4/2 = 2$

$\text{leftChild}(4)$  is at  $2 \times 4 = 8$

$\text{rightChild}(4)$  is at  $2 \times 4 + 1 = 9$

**Wow!**

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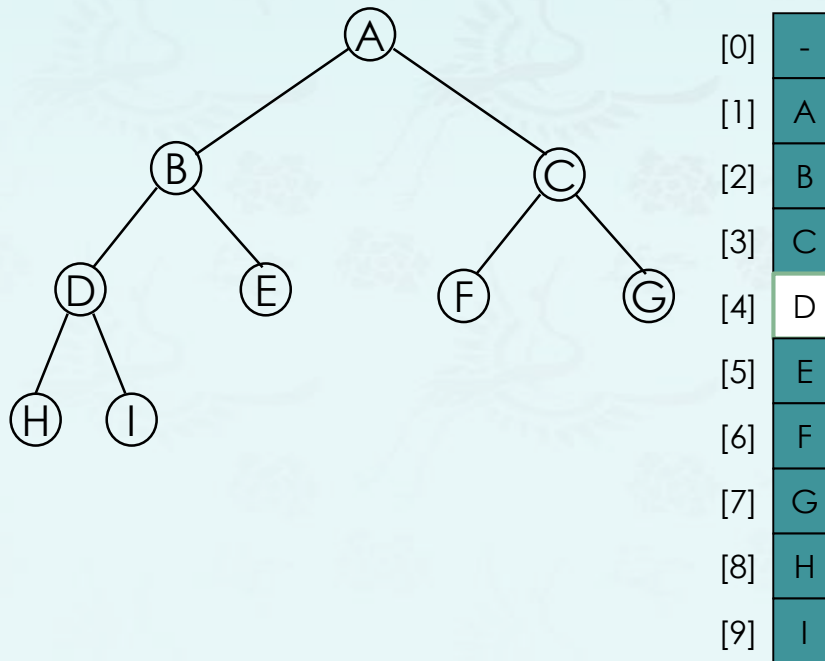


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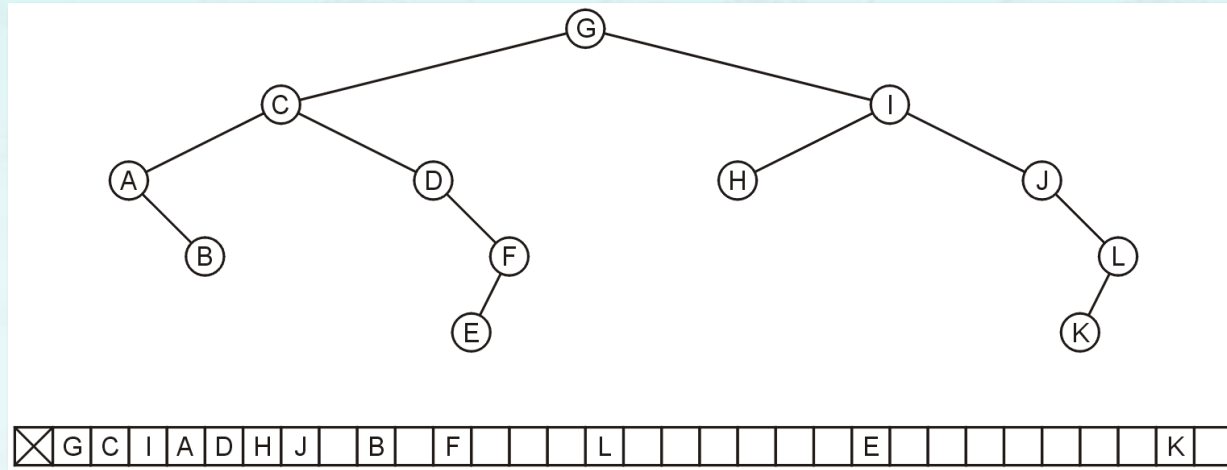
The problem with storing an arbitrary binary tree using an array is the inefficiency in memory usage.

## Binary trees – Array representation

**Q.** Can we use this array rep. to store all binary trees? **Why not?**

**Example:** This tree has 12 nodes, and requires an array of 32 elements.

**A.** Adding one extra node, as a child of node K or E **doubles** the required memory for the array!



**A.** In the worst case a skewed tree of height  $k$  will require  $2^k - 1$  space which is  $O(2^k)$ . Of these, **only  $k$**  will be used.

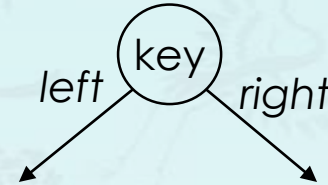
**Q.** What happens when  $k = n$ ? (Is there such a tree?)

## Binary trees – **Linked** representation

### **Node** representations:

left	key	right
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```
struct TreeNode{  
    int      key;  
    TreeNode* left;  
    TreeNode* right;  
};  
using tree = TreeNode*;
```



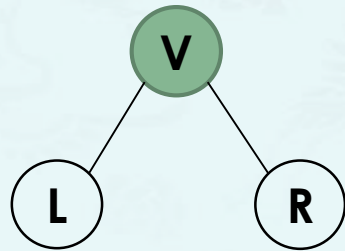
- Q.** Is this node structure good enough?
- A.** Not easy to find its parent node.  
Parent field could be added if necessary

## Binary tree traversals

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**Tree traversal** (known as **tree search**) refers to the process of visiting each node in a tree, **exactly once**, in a systematic way.

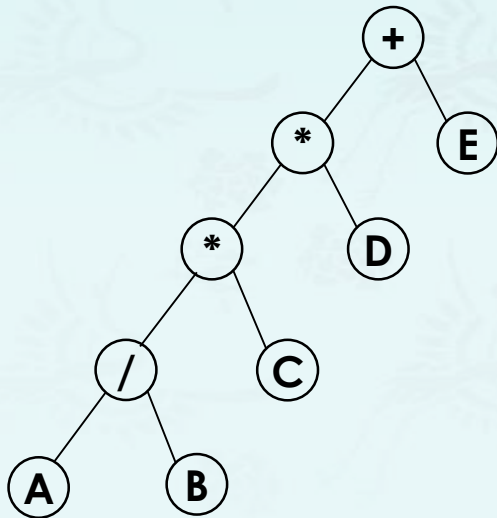
- There are three possible moves if we traverse left before right:  
**LVR, LRV, VLR.**
- These are named **inorder, postorder**, and **preorder** because of the position of the **V** (visiting node) with respect to the L and R.
- There are three types of **height-first traversal**.



## Binary tree traversals

### Example: inorder traversal(LVR )

- Moving down the tree toward the left until you can go no farther. Then you "visit" the node, move one node to the right and continue. If you cannot move to the right, go back one more node.



```
void inorder(tree root) {  
    if (root == nullptr) return;  
  
    inorder(root->left);  
    cout << root->key;  
    inorder(root->right);  
}
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### Output:

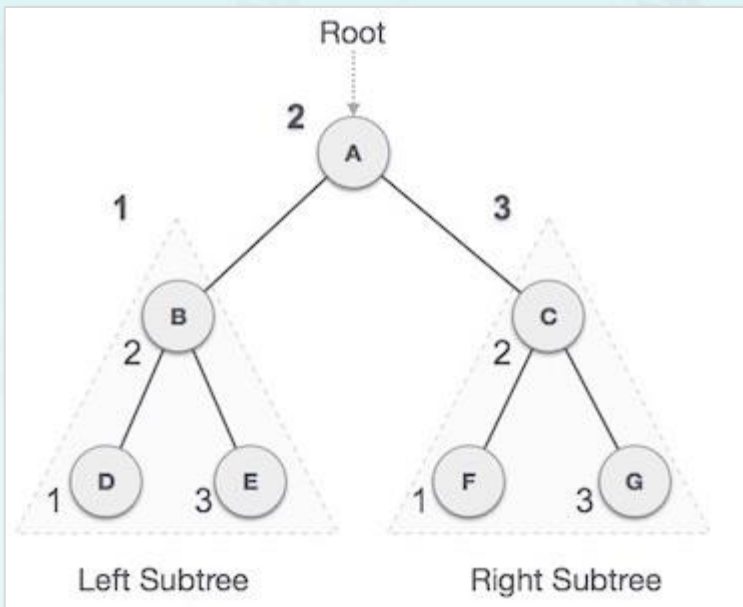
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## Binary tree traversals

### inorder traversal(LVR )

Until all nodes are traversed –

- Step 1 – Recursively traverse left subtree.
- Step 2 – Visit root node.
- Step 3 – Recursively traverse right subtree.



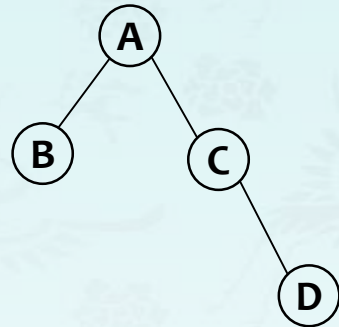
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**Q1:** Output(LVR):

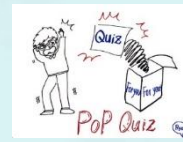
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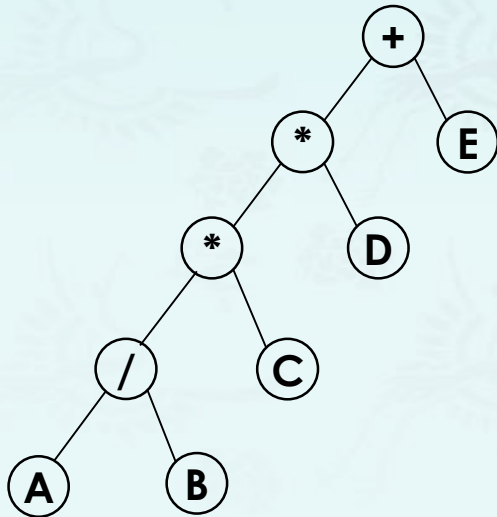


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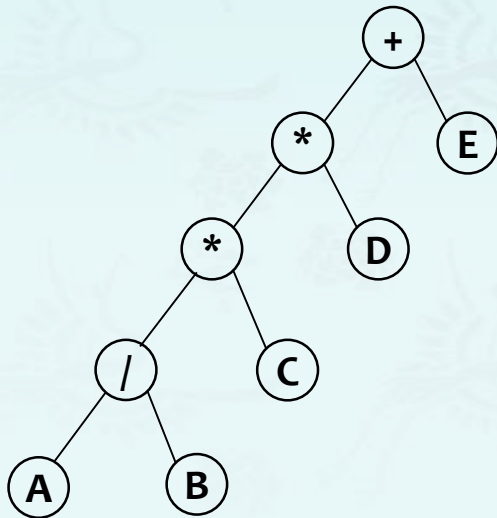
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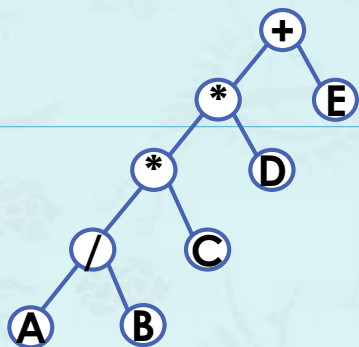
**Note:** "Since there are 9 nodes in the tree, inorder is invoked 19 times for the complete traversal." **This is not a typo.**



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**A. Every leaf node** node must visit (call the function) its left child and right child to make sure they don't have the child.  $9 + 5 * 2 = 19$

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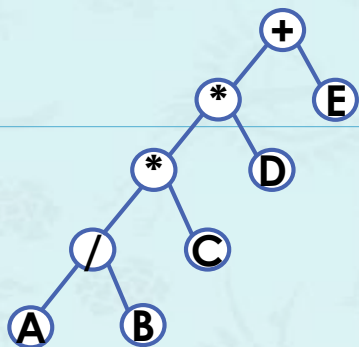


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## Example: inorder traversal(LVR )

Call of inorder	root or root→key	Action	inorder	root or root→key	Value Action
1	+		11	C	
2	*		12	NULL	
3	*		11	C	cout
4	/		13	NULL	
5	A		2	*	cout
6	NULL		14	D	
5	A	cout	15	NULL	
7	NULL		14	D	cout
4	/	cout	16	NULL	
8	B		1	+	cout
9	NULL		17	E	
8	B	cout	18	NULL	
10	NULL		17	E	cout
3	*	cout	19	NULL	

# Binary tree traversals



```
void inorder(tree root){
    if (root) {
        inorder(root->left);
        cout << root->key;
        inorder(root->right);
    }
}
```

## Example: inorder traversal(LVR )

Call of inorder	root or root→key	Action	inorder	root or root→key	Value Action
1	+	1.push			
2	*	2.push			
3	*	3.push			
4	/	4.push			
5	A	5.push			
6	NULL	return			
5	1.pop A	cout			
7	NULL	return			
4	2.pop /	cout			
8	B	6.push			
9	NULL	return			
8	3.pop B	cout			
10	NULL	return			
3	4.pop *	cout			

### System Stack

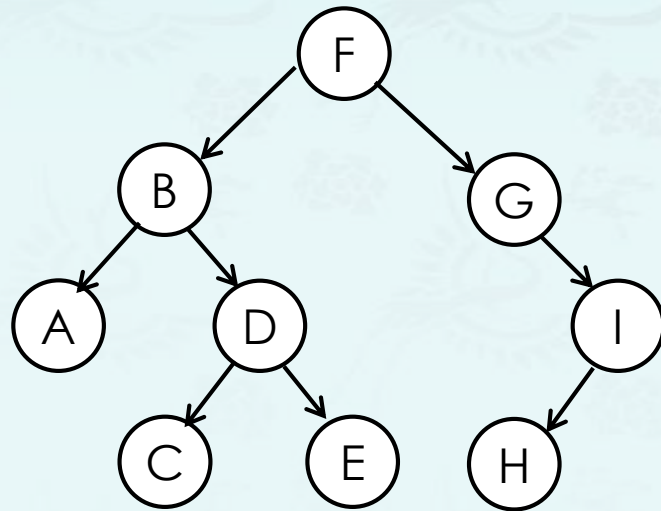
5.push(A) 1.pop
4.push(/) 2.pop 6.push(B) 3.pop
3.push(*) 4.pop
2.push(*)
1.push(+)

## Binary tree traversals

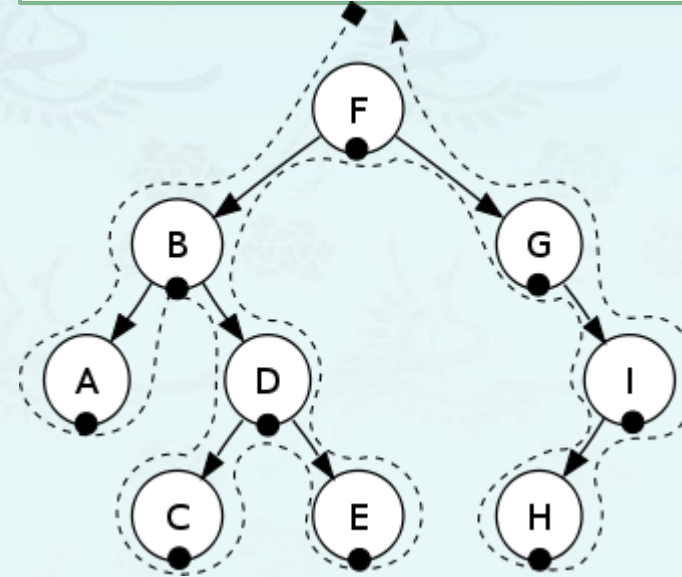
### Example: inorder traversal(LVR )

1. Traverse the left subtree.
2. Visit the root.
3. Traverse the right subtree.

**Exercise:** Output?



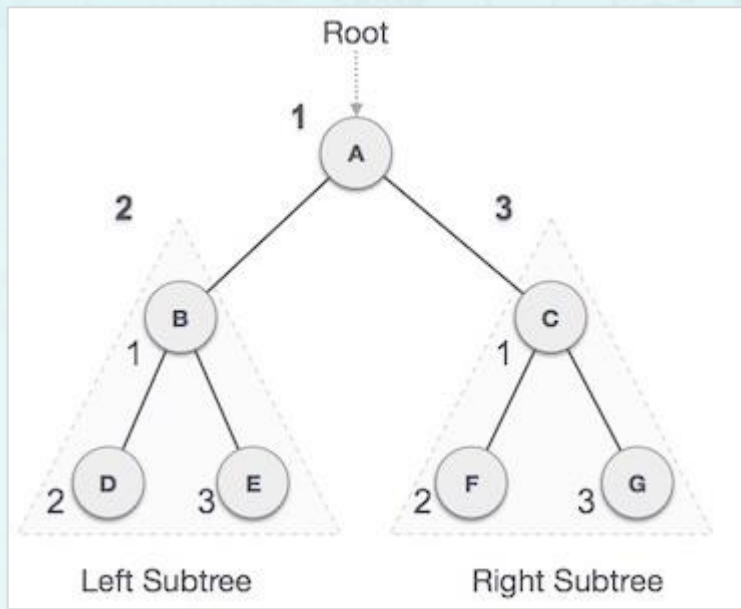
**A:** A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I



## Binary tree traversals

**preorder traversal(VLR )** Until all nodes are traversed –

- Step 1 – Visit root node.
- Step 2 – Recursively traverse left subtree.
- Step 3 – Recursively traverse right subtree.



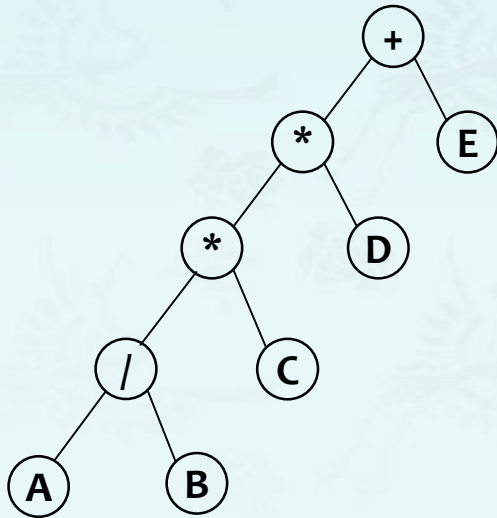
**Output:**

Output(VLR) : A B D E C F G

## Binary tree traversals

### Example: preorder traversal(VLR )

- Visit a node, traverse left, and continue. When you cannot continue, move right and begin again or move back until you can move right and resume.



```
void preorder(tree root) {  
    if (root == nullptr) return;  
  
    cout << root->key;  
    preorder(root->left);  
    preorder(root->right);  
}
```

### Output:

Output(LVR) : + \* \* / A B C D E



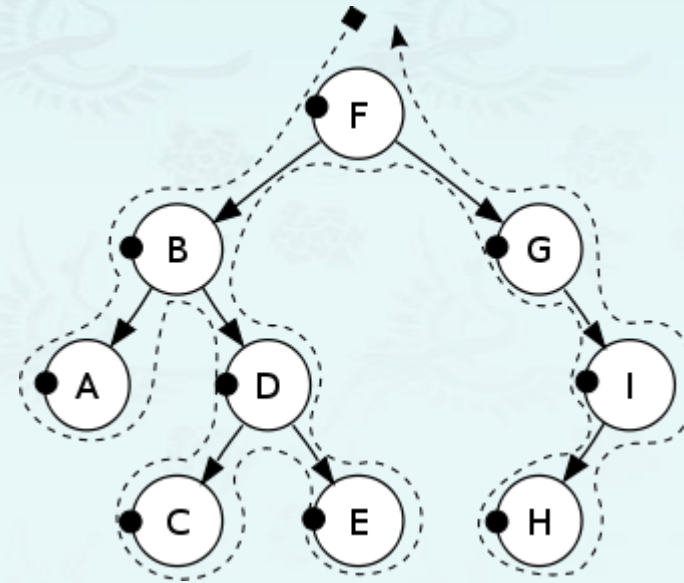
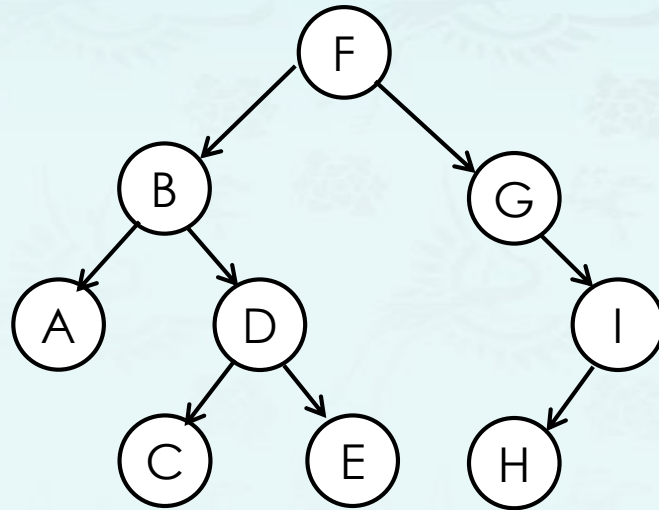
## Binary tree traversals

### Example: preorder Traversal(VLR )

1. Visit the root.
2. Traverse the left subtree.
3. Traverse the right subtree

**Exercise:** Output?

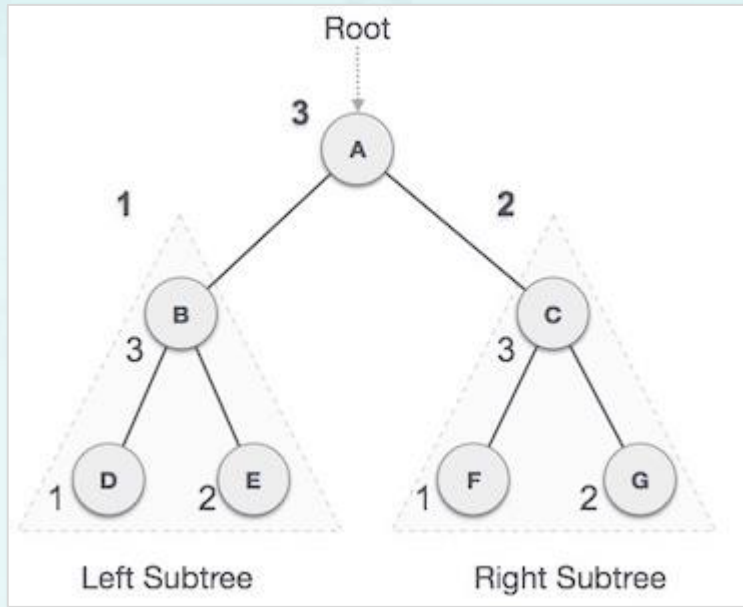
**A:** F, B, A, D, C, E, G, I, H



## Binary tree traversals

**postorder traversal(LRV )** Until all nodes are traversed –

- Step 1 – Recursively traverse left subtree.
- Step 2 – Recursively traverse right subtree.
- Step 3 – Visit root node.

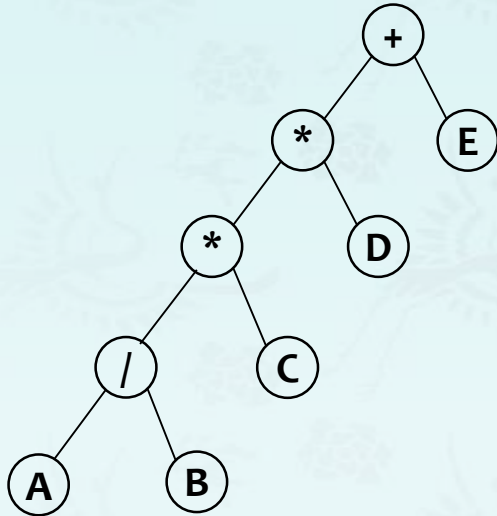


**Output:**

Output(LRV) : D E B F G C A

## Binary tree traversals

Example: postorder traversal(LRV )



```
void postorder(tree root) {  
    if (root == nullptr) return;  
  
    postorder(root->left);  
    postorder(root->right);  
    cout << root->key;  
}
```

**Output:**

Output(LVR) : A B / C \* D \* E +

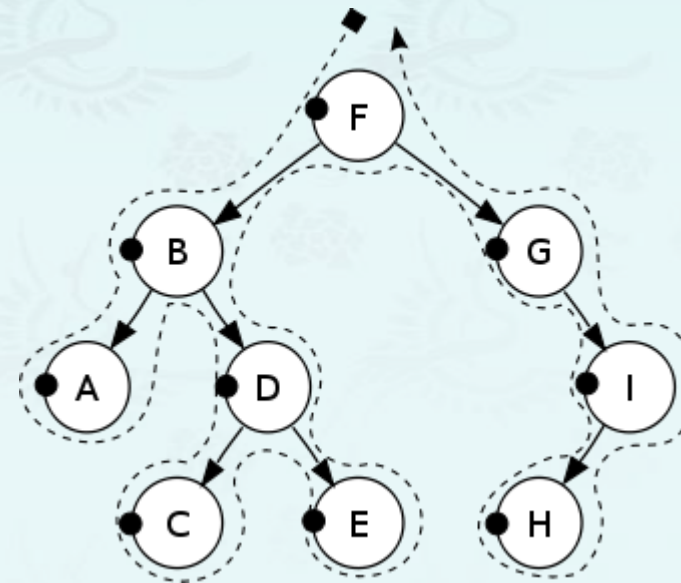
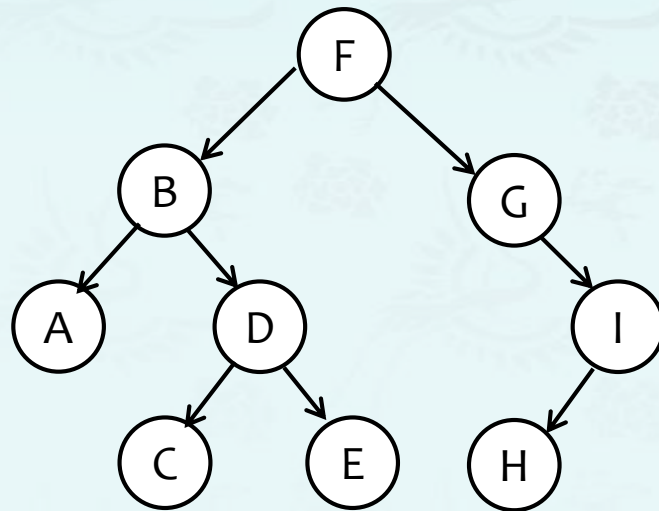
## Binary tree traversals

### Example: postorder traversal(LR **V**)

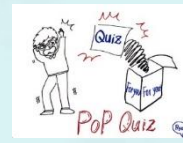
1. Traverse the left subtree.
2. Traverse the right subtree.
3. Visit the root.

**Exercise:** Output?

**A:** A C E D B H I G F



# Binary tree traversals



## Summary

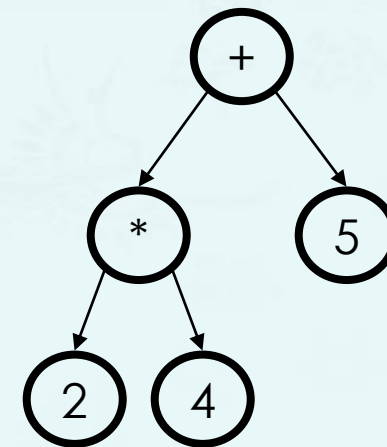
A *traversal* is an order for visiting all the nodes of a tree

- *Preorder*:
- *Inorder*:
- *Postorder*:
- *Levelorder*:

*Preorder*: root, left subtree, right subtree

*Inorder*: left subtree, root, right subtree

*Postorder*: left subtree, right subtree, root



## Binary tree traversals

### Summary

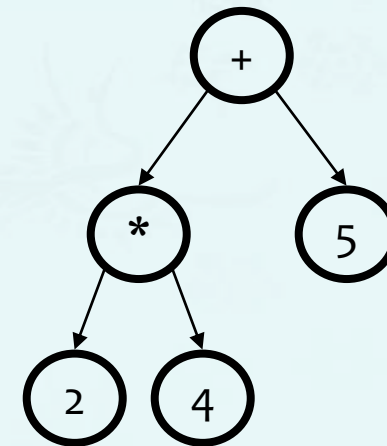
A *traversal* is an order for visiting all the nodes of a tree

- *Preorder*: + \* 2 4 5
- *Inorder*: 2 \* 4 + 5
- *Postorder*: 2 4 \* 5 +
- *Levelorder*: + \* 5 2 4

*Preorder*: root, left subtree, right subtree

*Inorder*: left subtree, root, right subtree

*Postorder*: left subtree, right subtree, root



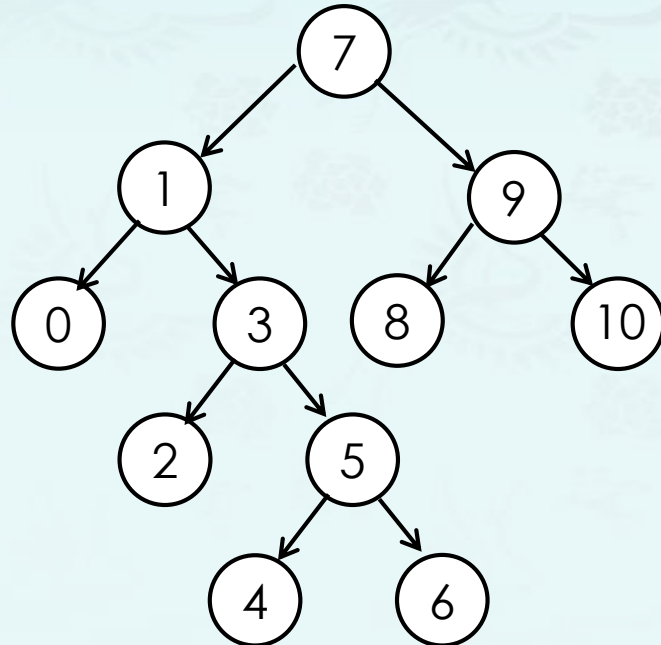
## Binary tree traversals

**Example:**

preorder Traversal(VLR ) 7, 1, 0, 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8, 10

inorder traversal(LVR ) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

postorder traversal(LRV) 0, 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, 8, 10, 9, 7





## Binary tree traversals

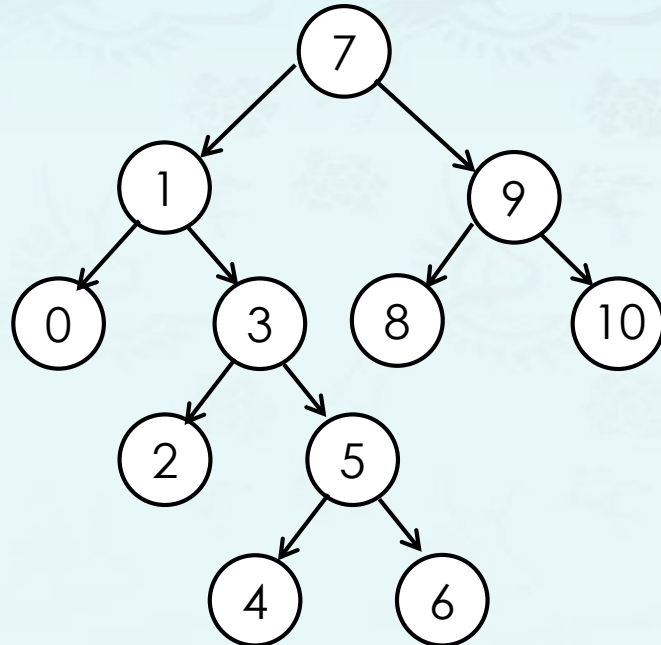
**Example:**

preorder Traversal(**V**LR ) 7, 1, 0, 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8, 10

inorder traversal(L**V**R ) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

postorder traversal(LR**V**) 0, 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, 8, 10, 9, 7

**Observations:**



## Binary tree traversals

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### Observations:

1. If you know you need to explore the roots before inspecting any leaves, you pick **preorder** because you will encounter all the roots before all of the leaves.
2. If you know you need to explore all the leaves before any nodes, you select **postorder** because you don't waste any time inspecting roots in search for leaves.
3. If you know that the tree has an inherent sequence in the nodes, and you want to flatten the tree back into its original sequence, then an **inorder** traversal should be used. The tree would be flattened in the same way it was created. A pre-order or post-order traversal might not unwind the tree back into the sequence which was used to create it.

# Tree

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