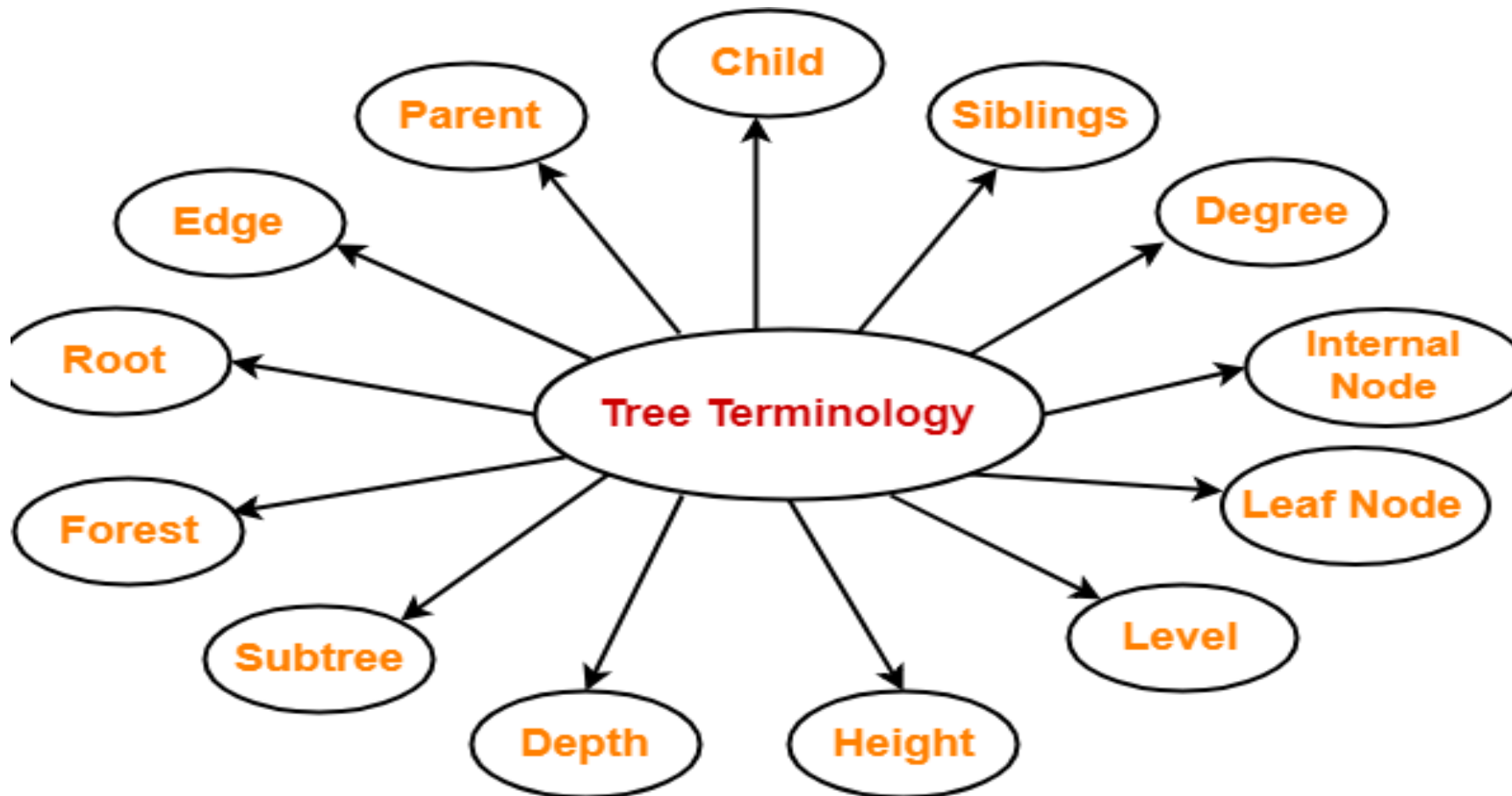


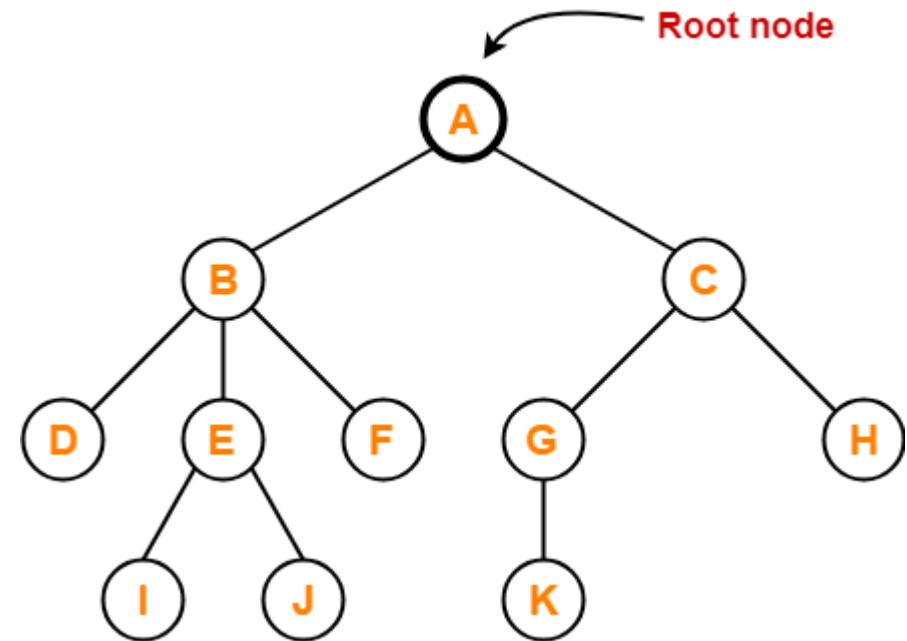
TREE

Tree Terminology



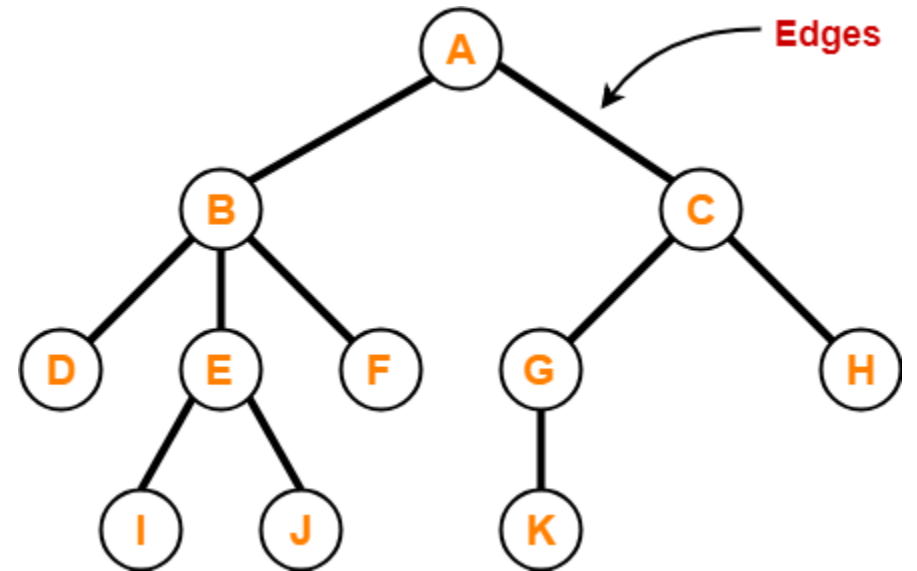
Root

- The first node from where the tree originates is called as a **root node**.
- In any tree, there must be only one root node.
- We can never have multiple root nodes in a tree data structure.



Edge

- The connecting link between any two nodes is called as an **edge**.
- In a tree with n number of nodes, there are exactly $(n-1)$ number of edges.

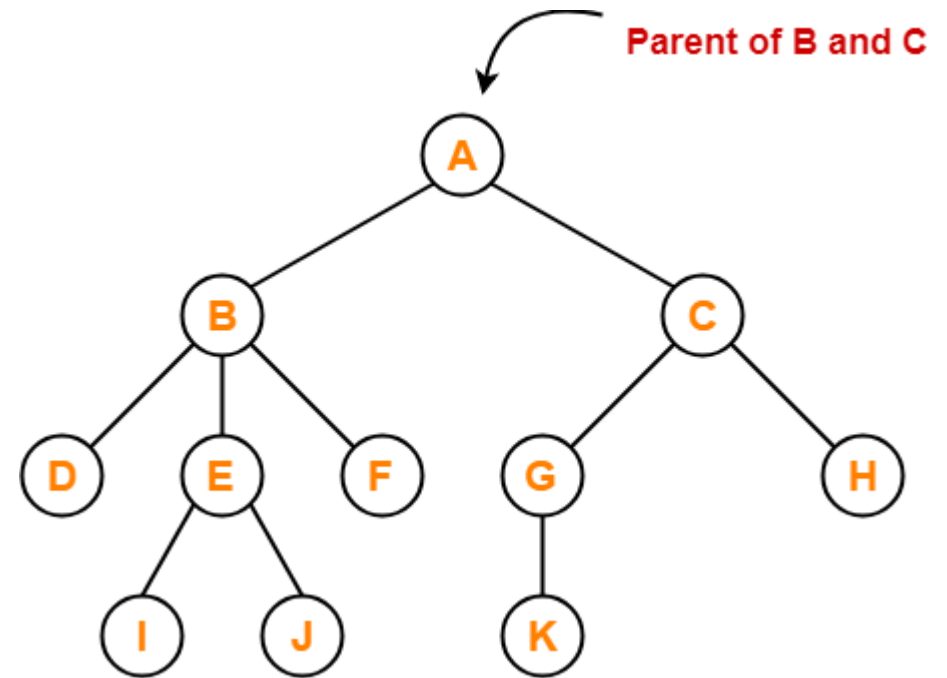


Parent Node

- The node which has a branch from it to any other node is called as a **parent node**.
- In other words, the node which has one or more children is called as a parent node.
- In a tree, a parent node can have any number of child nodes.

Here,

- Node A is the parent of nodes B and C
- Node B is the parent of nodes D, E and F
- Node C is the parent of nodes G and H
- Node E is the parent of nodes I and J
- Node G is the parent of node K

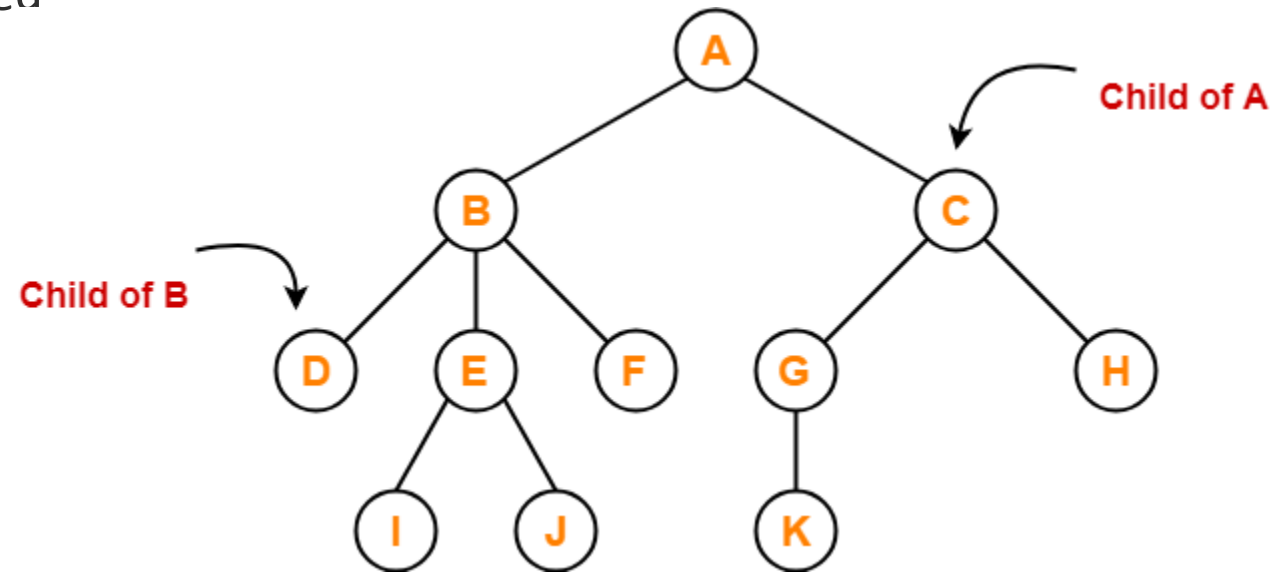


Child

- The node which is a descendant of some node is called as a **child node**.
- All the nodes except root node are child nodes.

Here,

- Nodes B and C are the children of node A
- Nodes D, E and F are the children of node B
- Nodes G and H are the children of node C
- Nodes I and J are the children of node E
- Node K is the child of node G

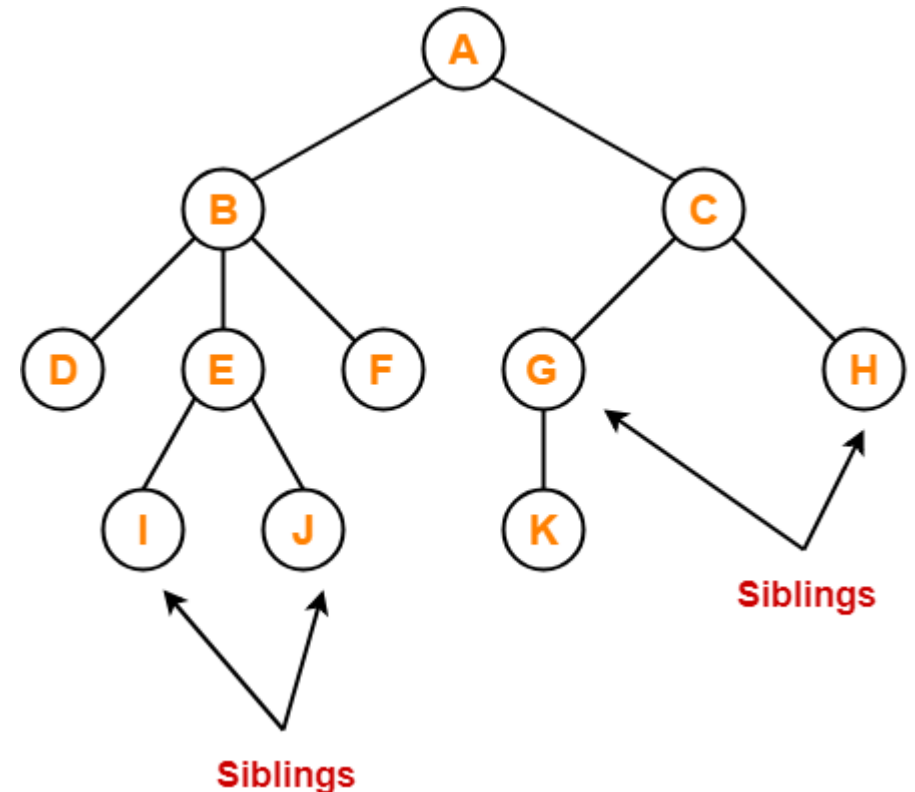


Siblings

- Nodes which belong to the same parent are called as **siblings**.
- In other words, nodes with the same parent are sibling nodes.

Here,

- Nodes B and C are siblings
- Nodes D, E and F are siblings
- Nodes G and H are siblings
- Nodes I and J are siblings

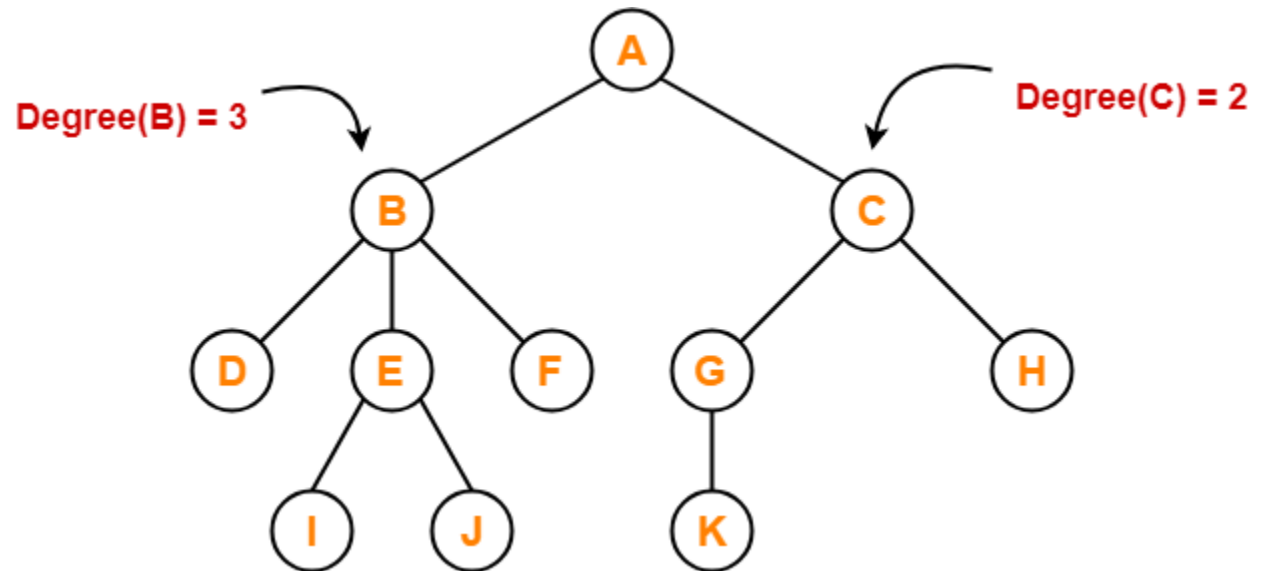


Degree

- **Degree of a node** is the total number of children of that node.
- **Degree of a tree** is the highest degree of a node among all the nodes in the tree.

Here,

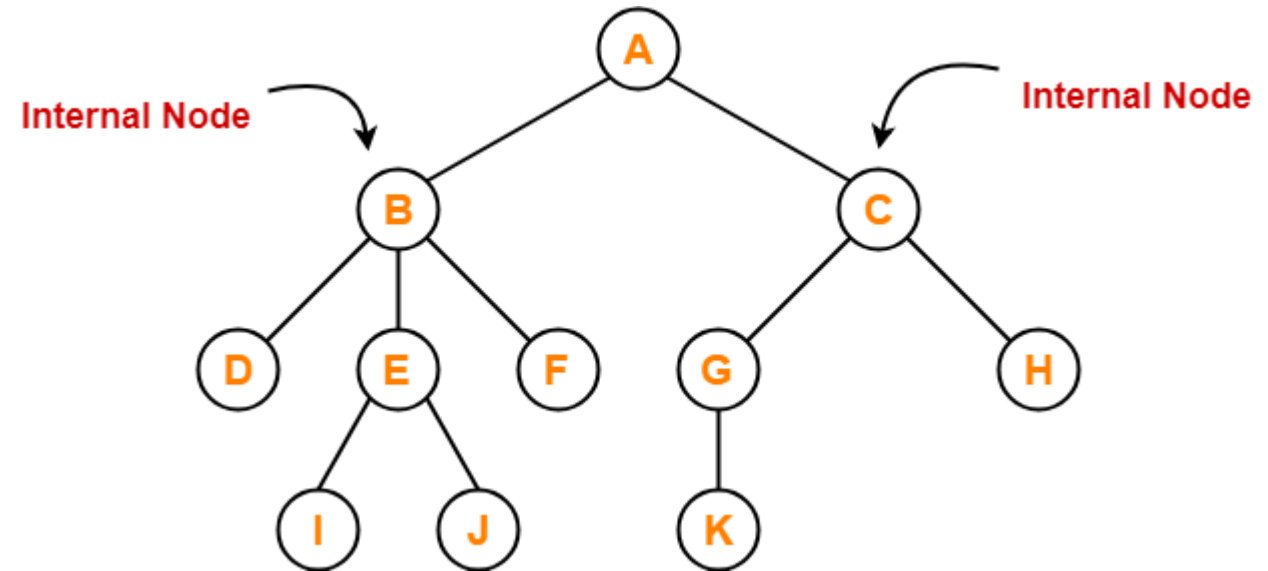
- Degree of node A = 2
- Degree of node B = 3
- Degree of node C = 2
- Degree of node D = 0
- Degree of node E = 2
- Degree of node F = 0
- Degree of node G = 1
- Degree of node H = 0
- Degree of node I = 0
- Degree of node J = 0
- Degree of node K = 0



Internal Node

- The node which has at least one child is called as an **internal node**.
- Internal nodes are also called as **non-terminal nodes**.
- Every non-leaf node is an internal node.

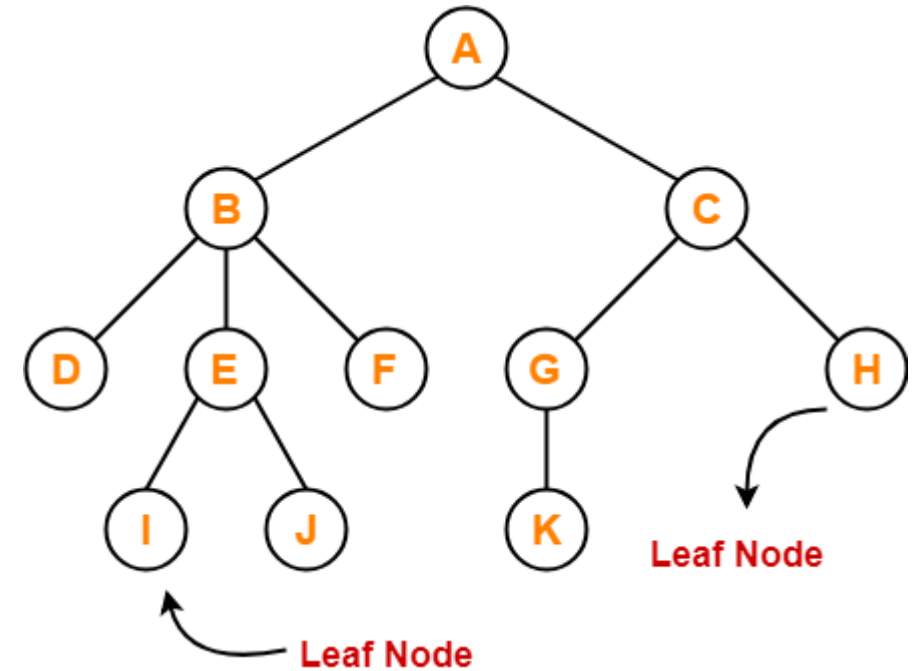
Here, nodes A, B, C, E and G are internal nodes.



Leaf Node

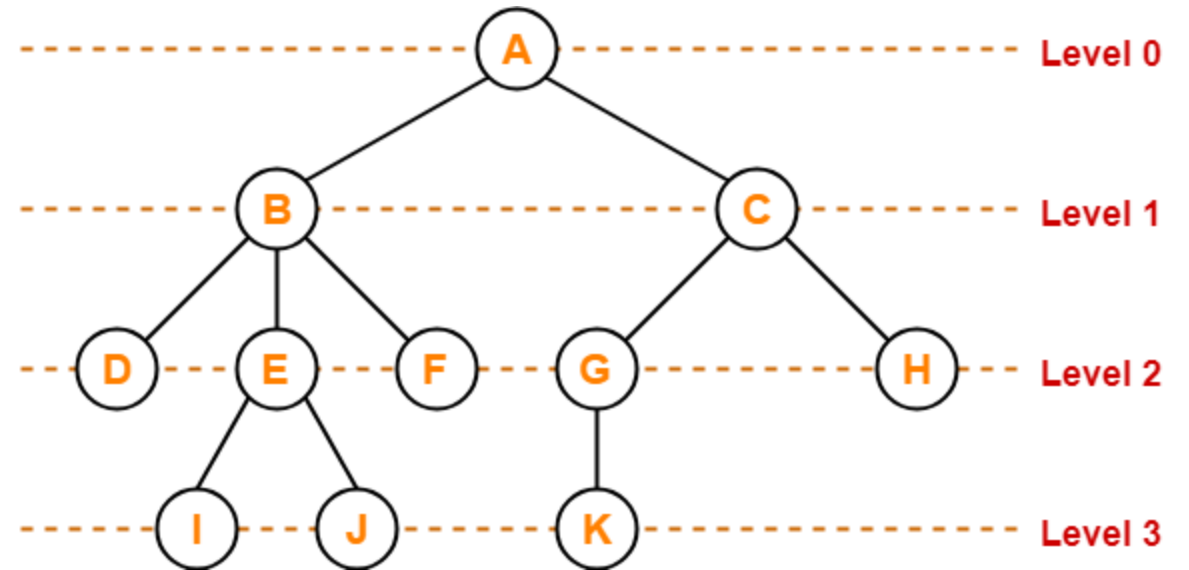
- The node which does not have any child is called as a **leaf node**.
- Leaf nodes are also called as **external nodes** or **terminal nodes**.

Here, nodes D, I, J, F, K and H are leaf nodes.



Level

- In a tree, each step from top to bottom is called as **level of a tree**.
- The level count starts with 0 and increments by 1 at each level or step.

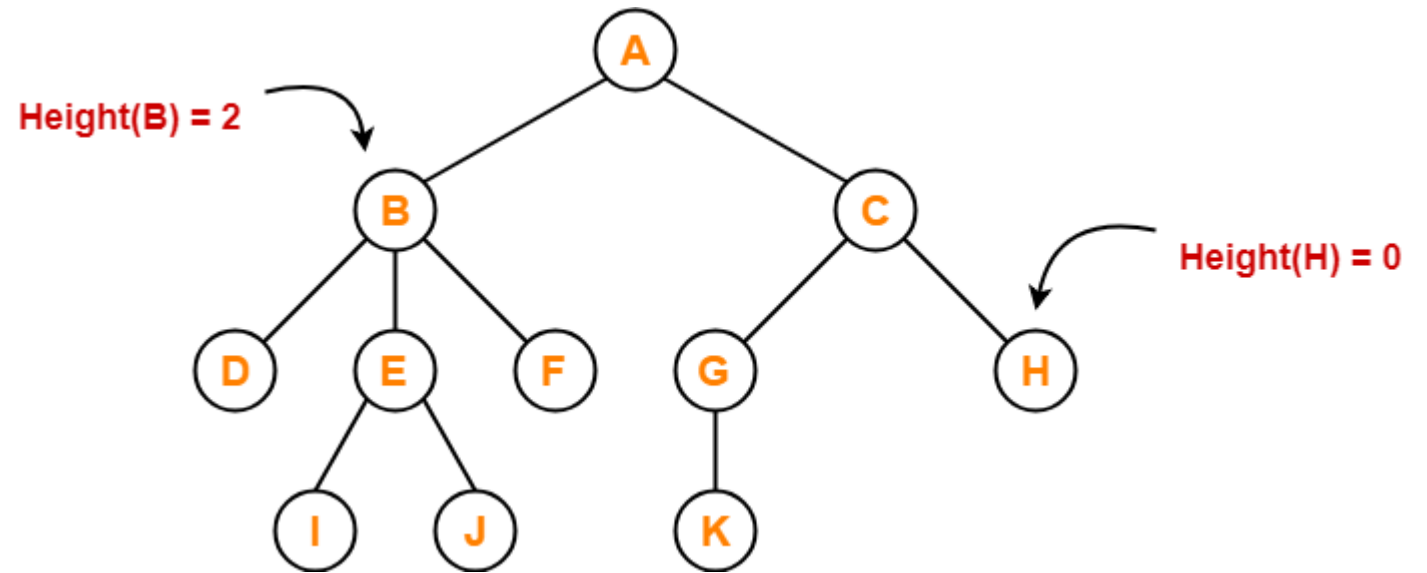


Height

- Total number of edges that lies on the longest path from any leaf node to a particular node is called as **height of that node**.
- **Height of a tree** is the height of root node.
- Height of all leaf nodes = 0

Here,

- Height of node A = 3
- Height of node B = 2
- Height of node C = 2
- Height of node D = 0
- Height of node E = 1
- Height of node F = 0
- Height of node G = 1
- Height of node H = 0
- Height of node I = 0
- Height of node J = 0
- Height of node K = 0

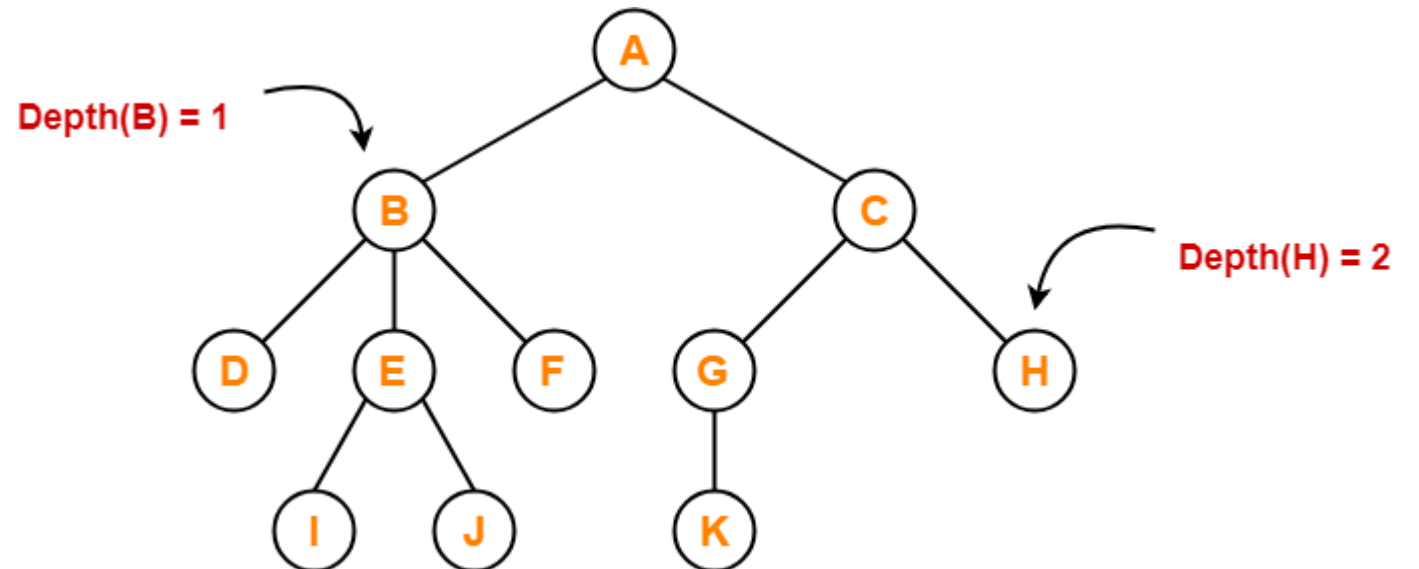


Depth

Here,

- Depth of node A = 0
- Depth of node B = 1
- Depth of node C = 1
- Depth of node D = 2
- Depth of node E = 2
- Depth of node F = 2
- Depth of node G = 2
- Depth of node H = 2
- Depth of node I = 3
- Depth of node J = 3
- Depth of node K = 3

- Total number of edges from root node to a particular node is called as **depth of that node**.
- Depth of a tree** is the total number of edges from root node to a leaf node in the longest path.
- Depth of the root node = 0
- The terms “level” and “depth” are used interchangeably.



Subtree

- In a tree, each child from a node forms a **subtree** recursively.
- Every child node forms a subtree on its parent node.

