

CPSC 331 HW3_Written

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TOTAL POINTS

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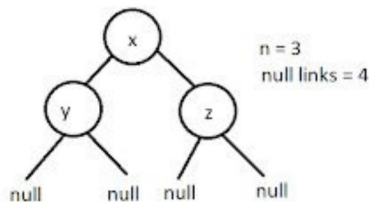
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1. Prove the following:

a. A binary tree with n nodes has $n + 1$ null links



It can easily be shown for a perfect binary tree, like from the above image this property holds, but to prove we must use induction as binary trees are not always perfect trees.

Base Case:

Consider a binary tree with one node, it has two null links as it has no left or right children.

For $n = 1$ there is $n_{links} = 2$. So the base case holds.

Induction:

Consider a binary tree with n nodes that has $n + 1$ null links, and suppose we add/insert one more node. Adding a node also adds two more null links and removes one null link from the node it was added to. A node can have either two null links(leaf node) or one null link, so a node can only be added to either a leaf node or a node with only one child, but both have similar outcomes. Suppose the node is added to a leaf node, as stated before two null links have to be added and one null link is removed, this is the same for adding to a node with one null link.

So for $n + 1$ nodes, there are $n + 1 - 1 + 2$ null links.

Thus for $n + 1$ nodes, there are $n + 2$ null links.

b. In a non-empty binary tree, the number of full nodes plus one is equal to the number of leaves. (A full node is a node that has two children.)

Take n to be the total number of nodes in a binary tree. In an unspecified non-empty binary tree, there could be full nodes (denoted as T (two children)) as well as nodes with 1 child, (denoted as O (one child)). Full nodes have no null links while leaf nodes have two and the rest (O) have one null link.

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Pseudocode/ Algorithm layout from Geeksforgeeks:

Algorithm Inorder(tree)

1. Traverse the left subtree, i.e., call Inorder(left-subtree)
2. Visit the root.
3. Traverse the right subtree, i.e., call Inorder(right-subtree)

Java code:

```
//Implemented algorithm from geeksforgeeks website for in order traversal
//Using codeblocks for format
//Main method
public class main{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        //Initializing binary tree nodes
        BinaryTreeNode aNode;
        BinaryTreeNode aNodePrevious = null;
        checkIfBST(aNode);
    }

    public boolean checkIfBST (BSTNode aNode){
        return checker(aNode);
    }

    public boolean checker (BinaryTreeNode aNode) < T extends Comparable <? Super T>>{
        if (aNode != null){
            if (!checker(aNode.left)){
                Return false;
            }

            if (aNodePrevious != null && node.e1.compareTo(aNodePrevious.e1) <= 0){
                Return false;
            }
            aNodePrevious = aNode;
            return checker(aNode.right)
        }
        return true;
    }
}
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Let n be the number of nodes.

Let $T(n)$ be the number of node traversal and comparison recursive relation function.

Intuitively and from the code, we get the following:

$T(1) = 1$, traverses to only the root node.

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Based on the inorder method and the above pseudocode, we first traverse the left subtree, we then visit the node. Then we traverse the right subtree. We are dividing the number of nodes by two in each recursive call (the left or right subtree). We do this two times once for the left side of the tree and once for the right side of the tree. So we are visiting basically all nodes. Also, there is a constant $O(1)$ time cost of the comparison in the third if statement in java code. We get the following recursive relation base on the above information,

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

And we can solve this by iterative substitution.

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 \quad \text{Iteration \#1}$$

$$= 2(2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1) + 1$$

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So if this continues for k iterations we get the following:

$$= 2^k T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^k i$$

Since we know $T(1)$, then we know that $\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)$ decreases to at least 1 from the base case. So,

$$\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) = 1$$

$$n = 2^k, \quad k = \log_2 n$$

So,

$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2 n} T(1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} i$$

$$T(n) = n * (1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} i$$

$$T(n) = n + \log_2 n$$

With a limit test, we can see that n grows faster than $n + \log_2 n$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log_2 n}, \text{ top grows faster then below so}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\infty}{\log_2 \infty}, f(n) = \omega g(n)$$

For a tight complexity, we get $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.

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Iteration #3

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So if this continues for k iterations we get the following:

$$= 2^k T\left(\frac{n-2^k+1}{2^k}\right) + kn - \sum_{i=1}^k 2^i - 1$$

We get this after simplification of sum using the sum of polynomial rule:

$$= 2^k T\left(\frac{n+1-2^k}{2^k}\right) + k(n+1) - 2^{k+1} + 2$$

The base case of $T(1) = 0$ is reached when $\left(\frac{n+1-2^k}{2^k}\right) = 1$.

$$(n+1-2^k) = 2^k$$

$$n+1 = 2^{k+1}$$

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

Substituting this back into the simplified formula

$$T(n) = (n+1)\log_2(n+1) - 2n$$

$$T(n) = n\log_2(n+1) - 2n + \log_2(n+1)$$

The biggest term is $n\log_2(n+1)$ which in order of $n\log_2 n$

So the best case we need $\Theta(n\log_2 n)$ traversals.

Reference:

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/a-program-to-check-if-a-binary-tree-is-bst-or-not/>

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