

Lecture 9
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Recall: a binary tree is empty or a left binary tree and a right binary tree
Let \mathcal{BT} be the set of Binary Trees
Define l on \mathcal{BT} by:

$$l(\text{empty}) = 0 \\ l(\text{single node}) = 1$$

If $t \in \mathcal{BT}$, $t \neq \text{empty}$, $t \neq \text{single node}$, let t_l and t_r be the left and right subtree.

$$l(t) = l(t_l) + l(t_r)$$

note: l stands for the number of leaves of a given binary tree.

$$l(bt) = l(\text{left sub}) + l(\text{right sub}) = l(\text{dot}) + l(\text{dot}) + l(\text{dot}) \\ = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$



e.g. For $t \in \mathcal{BT}$, $l(t) \leq 2^{h(t)-1}$

Proof by Structural Induction:

Base Case empty

$$l(\text{empty}) = 0 \text{ (by definition)} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} = 2^0 = 2^{h(\text{empty})-1} \text{ (by definition of } h)$$

Inductive Step

Let $t \in \mathcal{BT}$ with left and right subtrees t_l, t_r .
Case t_l, t_r are empty, i.e. t is single node.

(IH) Assume $l(t_l) \leq 2^{h(t_l)-1}$, $l(t_r) \leq 2^{h(t_r)-1}$

$$l(t) = 1 \text{ (by definition)} \\ h(t) = 1 + \max(h(t_l), h(t_r)) \text{ (by defn)} \\ = 1 + \max(h(\text{empty}), h(\text{empty})) \\ = 1 + \max(0, 0) \text{ (by defn)} \\ = 1 \\ l(t) = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{1-1} = 2^{h(t)-1} \leq 2^{h(t)-1}$$

Case t not just a single node

(IH) Assume $l(t_l) \leq 2^{h(t_l)-1}$, $l(t_r) \leq 2^{h(t_r)-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
l(t) &= l(t_l) + l(t_r) \quad (\text{by defn}) \\
&\leq 2^{h(t_l)-1} + 2^{h(t_r)-1} \quad (\text{by IH}) \\
&\leq 2^{\max(h(t_l), h(t_r))-1} + 2^{\max(h(t_l), h(t_r))-1} = 2 \cdot 2^{\max(h(t_l), h(t_r))-1} = 2^{1+\max(h(t_l), h(t_r))-1} \\
&= 2^{h(t)} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

Let BT be defined by :

empty \in BT ,
if left, right \in BT , then total \in BT .

$$[P(\text{empty}), \forall \text{left, right} \in \text{BT}, P(\text{left}) \wedge P(\text{right}) \Rightarrow P(\text{total})] \Rightarrow \forall \text{part} \in \text{BT}, P(\text{part})$$

Question: Nonempty full BTs have an odd number of nodes.

For $t \in \text{BT}$, let $P(t)$ be: if t not empty tree and t is full, then t has an odd number of nodes.

Proof by structural induction:

$P(\text{empty})$: vacuously true

INDUCTIVE STEP:

Let $t \in \text{BT}$ with left and right subtrees t_l, t_r .

(IH) If t_l is full and not empty, then it has odd number of nodes.

If t_r is full and not empty, then it has odd number of nodes

Assume t not empty and t is full, either t_l and t_r are both empty, or they are both not empty.

If t_l, t_r are empty, t is just single node, so odd number nodes.

If t_l, t_r are non-empty and full, they by (IH) they have an odd number of nodes
The number of nodes in t is $1 + \#$ in $t_l + \#$ in t_r is $1 + \text{odd} + \text{odd} = \text{odd}$