CSC 212: Data Structures and Abstractions Trees

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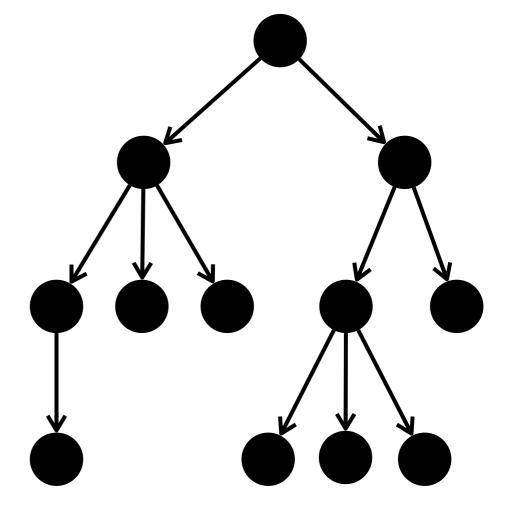
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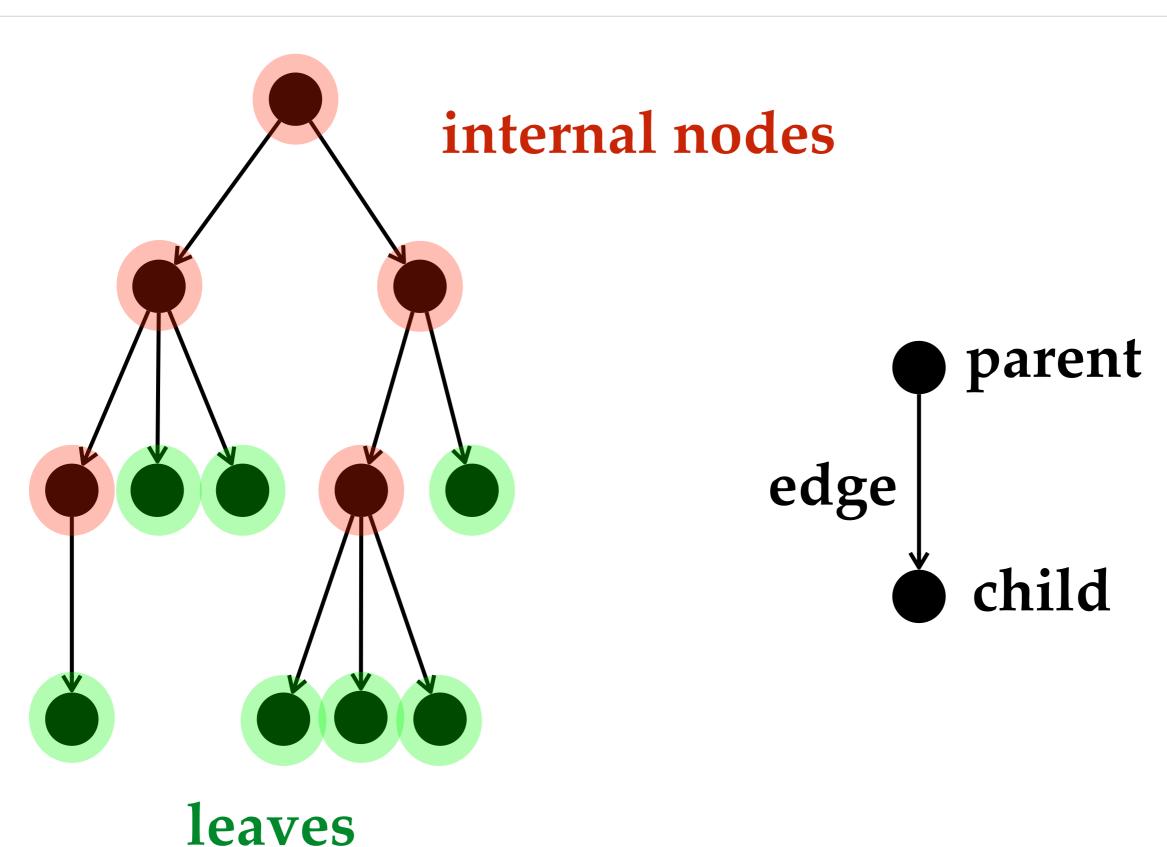
Trees

- · Lists, Stacks, Queues are linear data structures
- Trees allow for hierarchical relationships
 - ✓ nodes have parent-child relation



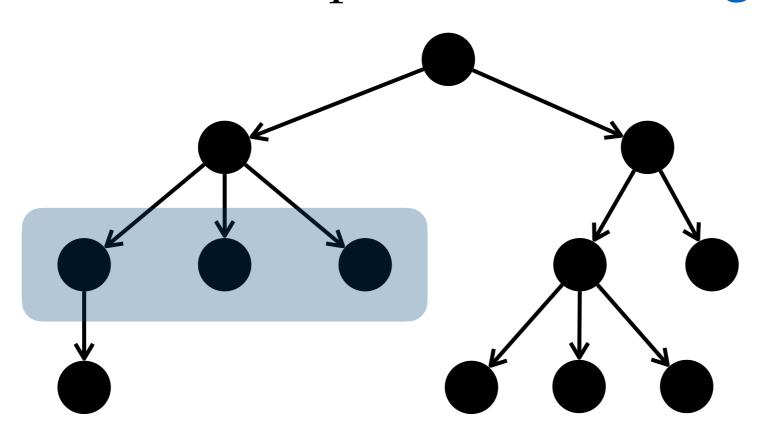


Trees (jargon)

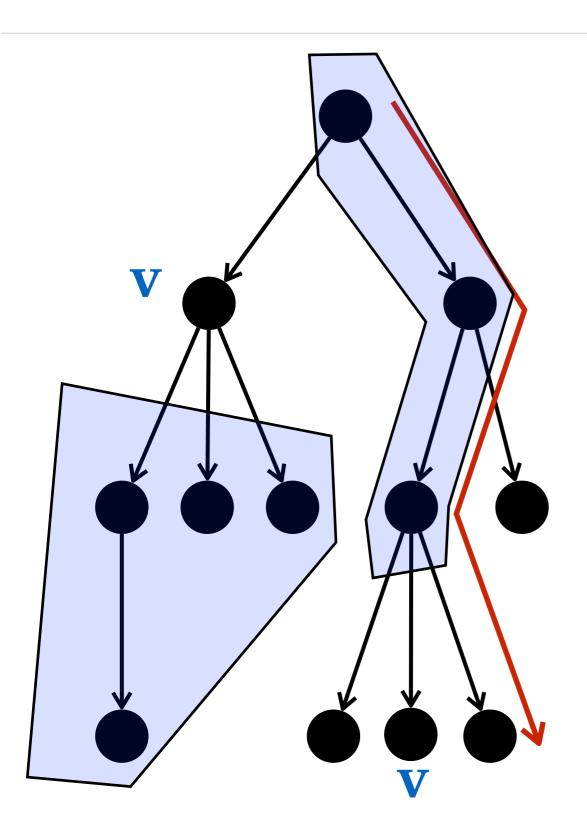


Trees (jargon)

- Each node is either a leaf or an internal node
 - ✓ an internal node has one or more children
 - ✓ a leaf node (external node) has no children
- Nodes with the same parent are siblings



Paths

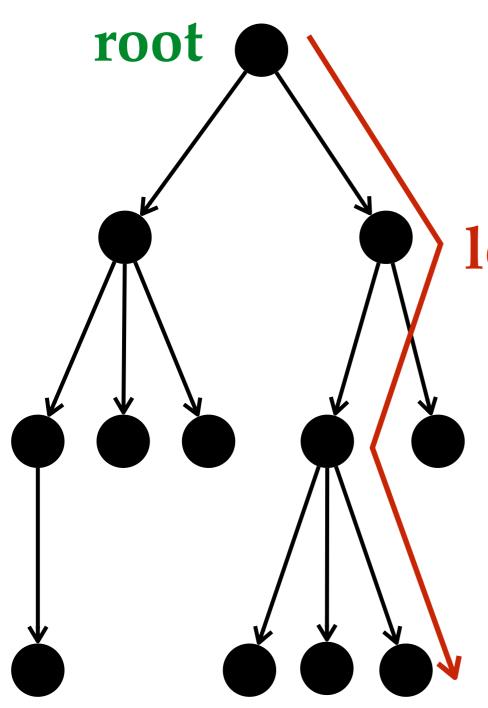


A path from node \mathbf{v}_0 to \mathbf{v}_n is a sequence of nodes \mathbf{v}_0 , \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 , ..., \mathbf{v}_n , where there is an edge from one node to the next

The **descendants** of a node **v** are all nodes reached by a path from node **v** to the leaf nodes

The **ancestors** of a node **v** are all nodes found on the path from the root to node **v**

Depth and Height



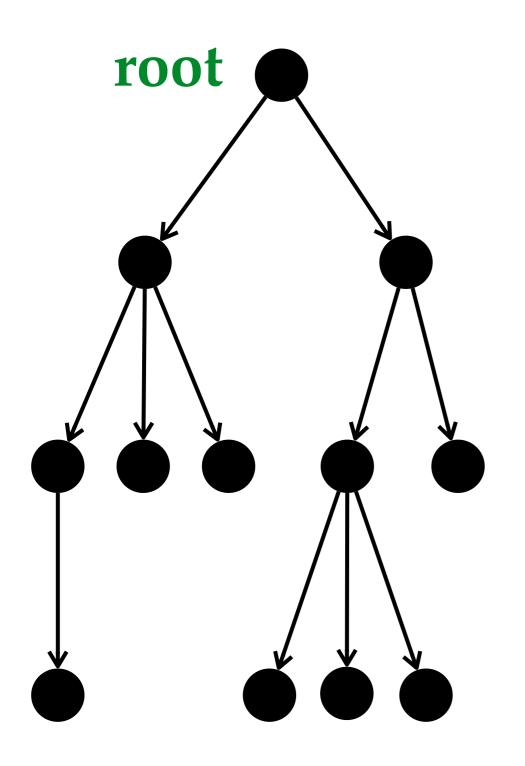
The length of a **path** is the number of edges in the path

length = 3

The **depth** (level) of a node **v** is the length of the path from the root node to **v**

The **height** of a node **v** is the length of the path from **v** to its deepest descendant

Tree Properties



The **depth of the tree** is the depth of deepest node

The **height of the tree** is the height of the root