

COMP122/22-12 Data Structures and Algorithms		0 – 50 points
Trees and Mathematical Induction		2022-03-07
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1. For integer $n \geq 0$, suppose the coefficients of a polynomial

$$a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i$$

are stored in a Python list a of length n , from $a[0]$ down to $a[n-1]$, respectively. According to the Horner's rule, the polynomial can be evaluated by the following tail-recursive function.

$$f(x, a, n, s) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } n = 0, \\ f(x, a, n-1, a[n-1] + sx) & \text{if } n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Prove by mathematical induction that, for integer $n \geq 0$,

$$f(x, a, n, s) = sx^n + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i.$$

Note, $(\sum_{i=k}^l \dots) = 0$, if $k > l$. (9 points)

Base case: for $n = 0$,

$$f(x, a, n, s) = s \quad \text{[by } f \text{]}$$

$$= s + 0 = sx^0 + \sum_{i=0}^{0-1} a_i x^i. \quad \text{[by arithmetic and } \sum \text{]}$$

Induction step: for $n \geq 1$,

$$f(x, a, n, s) = f(x, a, n-1, sx + a[n-1]) \quad \text{[by } f \text{]}$$

$$= (sx + a_{n-1})x^{n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} a_i x^i \quad \text{[by induction hypothesis]}$$

$$= sx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} a_i x^i \quad \text{[by arithmetic]}$$

$$= sx^n + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i. \quad \text{[by } \sum \text{]}$$

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2. Let n and s be integers, and $f(n, s) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 1 - s + 2f(n-1, f(n-1, s)) & \text{if } n \geq 1. \end{cases}$

Prove by mathematical induction that $f(n, s) = s + \frac{4^n - 1}{3}$ for all $n \geq 0$. (10 points)

Base case: when $n = 0$, we have $f(0, s) = s = s + \frac{4^0 - 1}{3}$.

Induction step: when $n \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n, s) &= 1 - s + 2f(n-1, f(n-1, s)) && \text{[by } f \text{]} \\
 &= 1 - s + 2f\left(n-1, s + \frac{4^{n-1} - 1}{3}\right) && \text{[by induction hypothesis]} \\
 &= 1 - s + 2\left(s + \frac{4^{n-1} - 1}{3}\right) && \text{[by induction hypothesis]} \\
 &= 1 - s + 2\left(s + 2\frac{4^{n-1} - 1}{3}\right) \\
 &= 1 - s + 2s + 4\frac{4^{n-1} - 1}{3} \\
 &= s + \frac{4^n - 1}{3}. && \text{[by arithmetic]}
 \end{aligned}$$

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3. For the tree shown in Figure 1:

- a) Which node is the root? S (3) (1 point)
- b) What is the depth of the tree? 3 (4) (2 points)
- c) List all the leaf nodes? R, D, C, L, B, I, H, G, A, E (5) (2 points)
- d) List the pre-order traversal sequence:
S, R, Q, M, D, C, P, L, K, B, O, I, H, G, N, F, A, E (6) (4 points)
- e) List the post-order traversal sequence:
R, D, C, M, Q, L, B, K, P, I, H, G, O, A, F, E, N, S (7) (4 points)
- f) For each node in the tree:
- name the parent node,
 - list the children,
 - list the siblings,
 - compute the depth, and
 - compute the height.

Fill your answers in Table 1. (6 points)

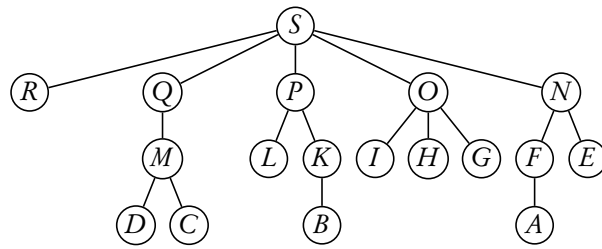


Figure 1: A Tree

	Parent	Children	Siblings	Depth	Height
<i>A</i>	<i>F</i>	--	--	3	0
<i>B</i>	<i>K</i>	--	--	3	0
<i>C</i>	<i>M</i>	--	<i>D</i>	3	0
<i>D</i>	<i>M</i>	--	<i>C</i>	3	0
<i>E</i>	<i>N</i>	--	<i>F</i>	2	0
<i>F</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	2	1
<i>G</i>	<i>O</i>	--	<i>H, I</i>	2	0
<i>H</i>	<i>O</i>	--	<i>G, I</i>	2	0
<i>I</i>	<i>O</i>	--	<i>G, H</i>	2	0
<i>K</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>L</i>	2	1
<i>L</i>	<i>P</i>	--	<i>K</i>	2	0
<i>M</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>C, D</i>	--	2	1
<i>N</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>E, F</i>	<i>O, P, Q, R</i>	1	2
<i>O</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>G, H, I</i>	<i>N, P, Q, R</i>	1	1
<i>P</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>K, L</i>	<i>N, O, Q, R</i>	1	2
<i>Q</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>N, O, P, R</i>	1	2
<i>R</i>	<i>S</i>	--	<i>N, O, P, Q</i>	1	0
<i>S</i>	--	<i>N, O, P, Q, R</i>	--	0	3

Table 1: Tree Nodes

4. For a perfectly balanced binary tree of size n ($n \geq 1$) and height h ($h \geq 0$), prove by mathematical induction on n that

$$2^h \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1.$$

Try to reduce to the subtrees and apply the properties:

(perfectly balanced tree) $n_{s-} \leq n_{s+} \leq n_{s-} + 1$ and (binary tree) $h = \max(h_{s+}, h_{s-}) + 1$,

where $s+$ and $s-$ are the subtrees, and $s+$ is the possibly larger one. **(12 points)**

Base case:

1) for $n = 1$, we have $h = 0$, the tree is obviously perfectly balanced and

$$2^0 \leq 1 \leq 2^1 - 1,$$

2) for $n = 2$, we have $h = 1$, the tree is still perfectly balanced and

$$2^1 \leq 2 \leq 2^2 - 1.$$

Induction step: for $n \geq 3$, suppose $s+$ is the larger subtree and $s-$ is the smaller subtree. Clearly, both $s+$ and $s-$ have at least one node. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^h &= 2^{\max(h_{s+}, h_{s-})+1} && \text{[by binary tree]} \\ &= \max(2 \times 2^{h_{s+}}, 2 \times 2^{h_{s-}}) && \text{[by inequality, arithmetic]} \\ &\leq \max(2n_{s+}, 2n_{s-}) && \text{[by induction hypothesis]} \\ &= 2n_{s+} && \text{[by perfectly balanced tree } (n_{s-} \leq n_{s+}), \text{ max]} \\ &\leq n_{s+} + (n_{s-} + 1) && \text{[by perfectly balanced tree } (n_{s+} \leq n_{s-} + 1)] \\ &= n && * \text{ [by binary tree]} \\ &\leq (2^{h_{s+}+1} - 1) + ((2^{h_{s-}+1} - 1) + 1) && \text{[by induction hypothesis]} \\ &\leq (2^h - 1) + (2^h - 1) + 1 && \text{[by binary tree, max]} \\ &= 2^{h+1} - 1. && \text{[by arithmetic]} \end{aligned}$$

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