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**Tree**

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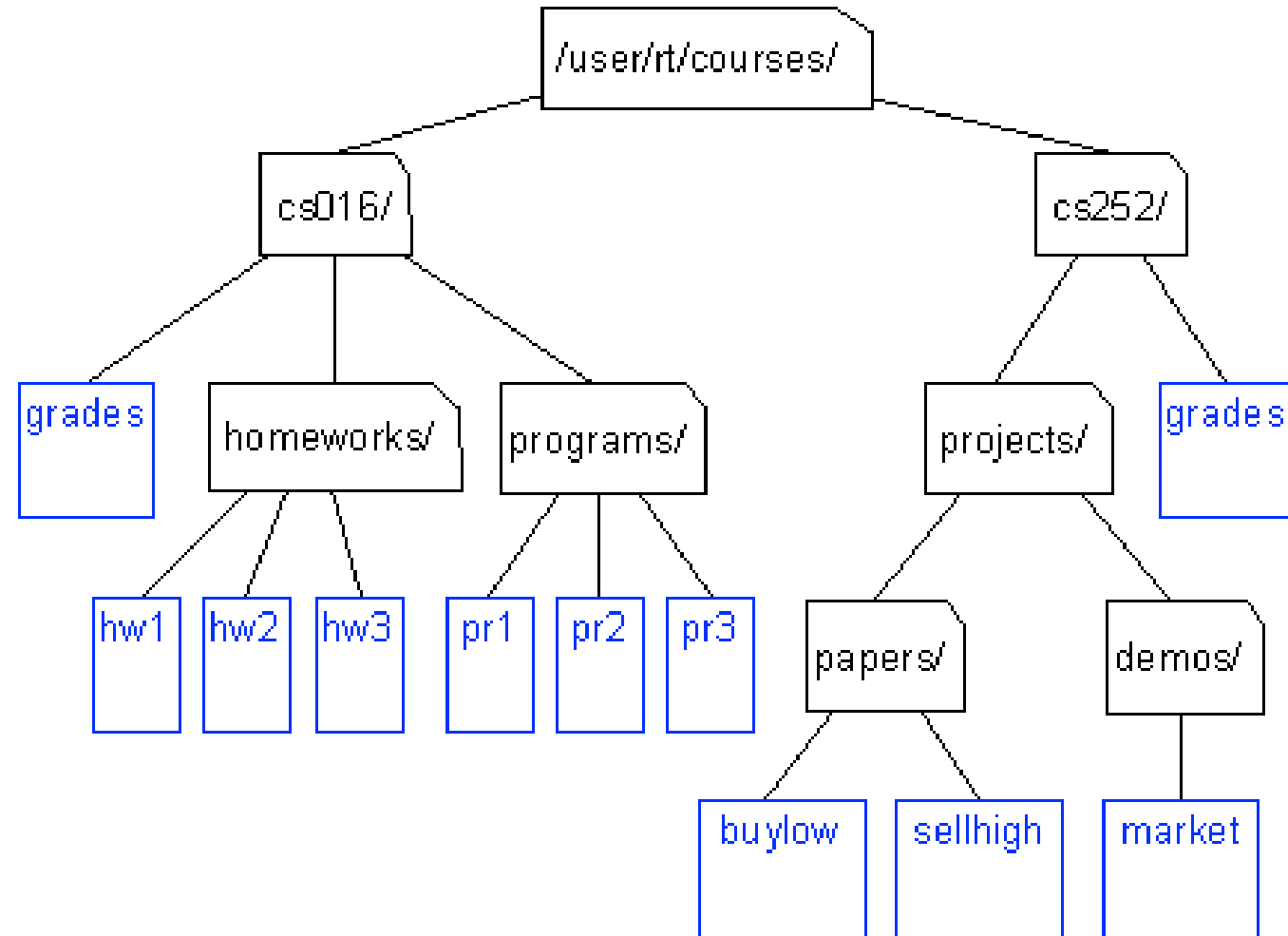
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# Trees

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- Hierarchical data structure
- Examples:
  - Indexes in a book have a shallow tree structure
  - A family tree
  - Tree structure of University
- Others?

# Unix / Windows file structure



# Trees: Basic terminology

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- Hierarchical data structure
- Each position in the tree is called a **node**
- The “top” of the tree is called the **root**
- The nodes immediately below a node are called its **children**; nodes with no children are called **leaves** (or terminal nodes), and the node above a given node is its **parent** (or father)
- A node  $x$  is **ancestor** of node  $y$  if  $x$  is father of  $y$  or father of some ancestor of  $y$  and  $y$  is called descendent of  $x$ 
  - **Note:** Ancestor of a node is its parent, grand parent or grand-grand parent or so on....

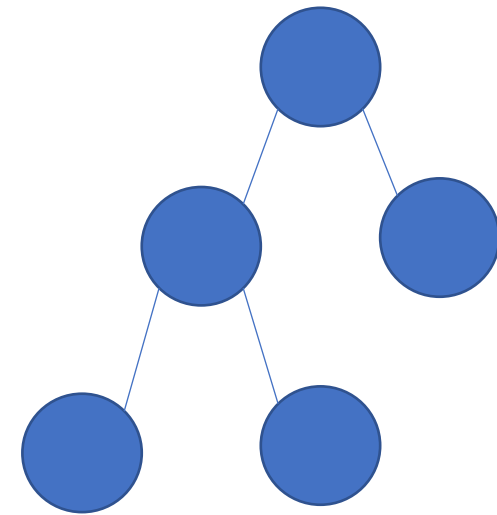
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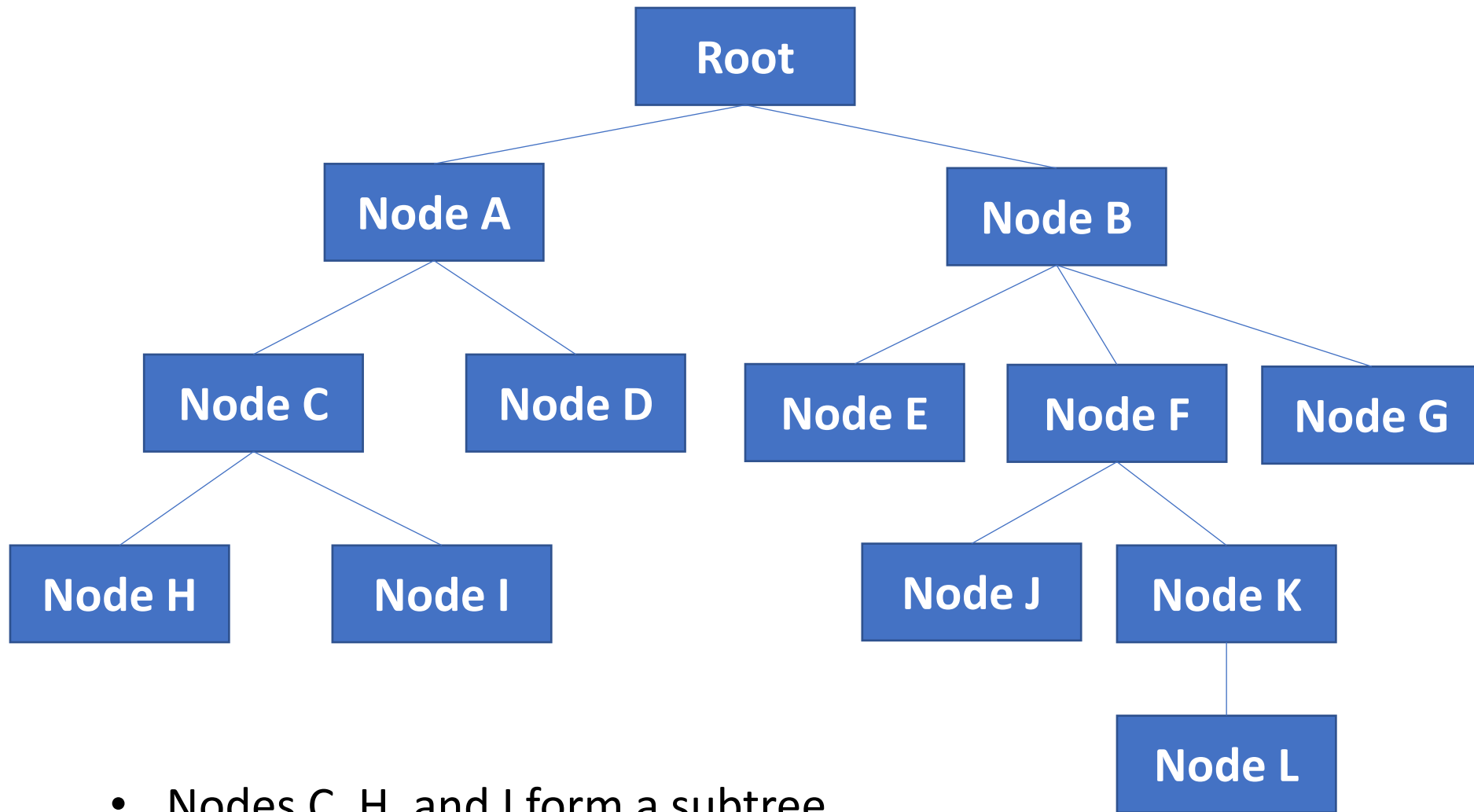
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- Nodes with the same parent are siblings
- A node and collection of nodes beneath it is called a subtree
- The number of nodes in the longest path from the root to a leaf is the depth (or height) of the tree
- is the depth 2 or 3?
- depends on the author

Text book definition of **depth** of a tree

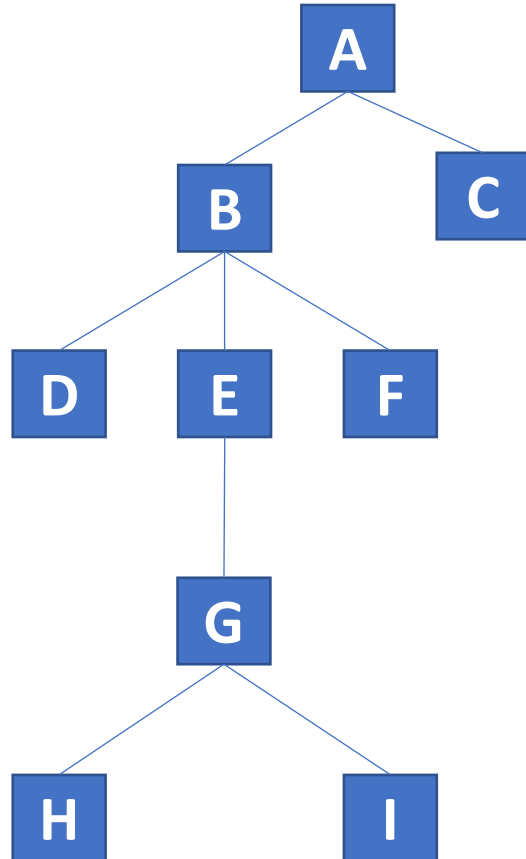
- Depth of a tree is maximum level of any leaf in the tree
- Root of tree is at level 0, and level of any other node in the tree is one more than the level of its father





- Nodes C, H, and I form a subtree
- Nodes H and I are siblings
- C is H's parent, H and I are children of C
- What is the depth of this tree?

# Tree Properties



## Property

- Number of nodes
- Height
- Root Node
- Leaves
- Max level number
- Ancestors of H
- Descendants of B
- Siblings of E
- Right subtree

## Value

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4

A

C, D, F, H, I

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G, E, B, A

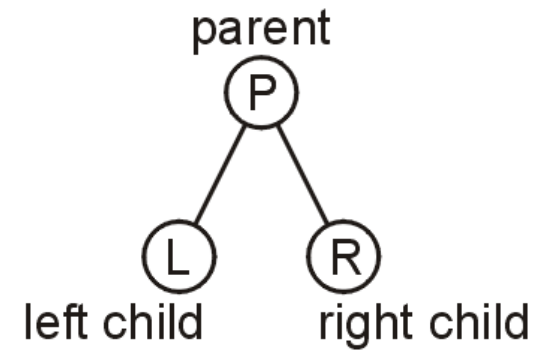
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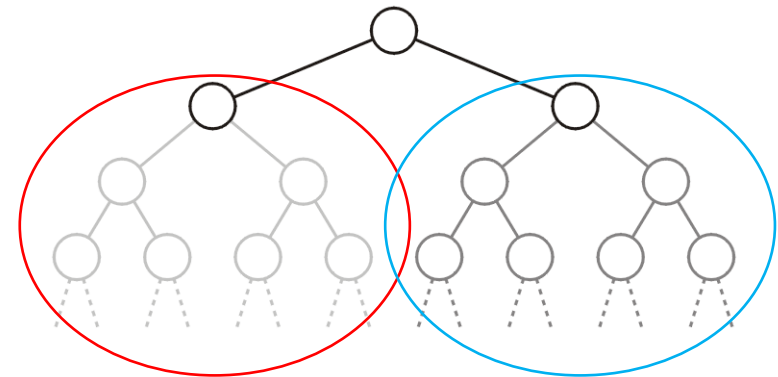
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# Binary Tree

- A commonly used type of tree is a binary tree
  - In a binary tree each node has at most two children
  - Allows to label the children as left and right



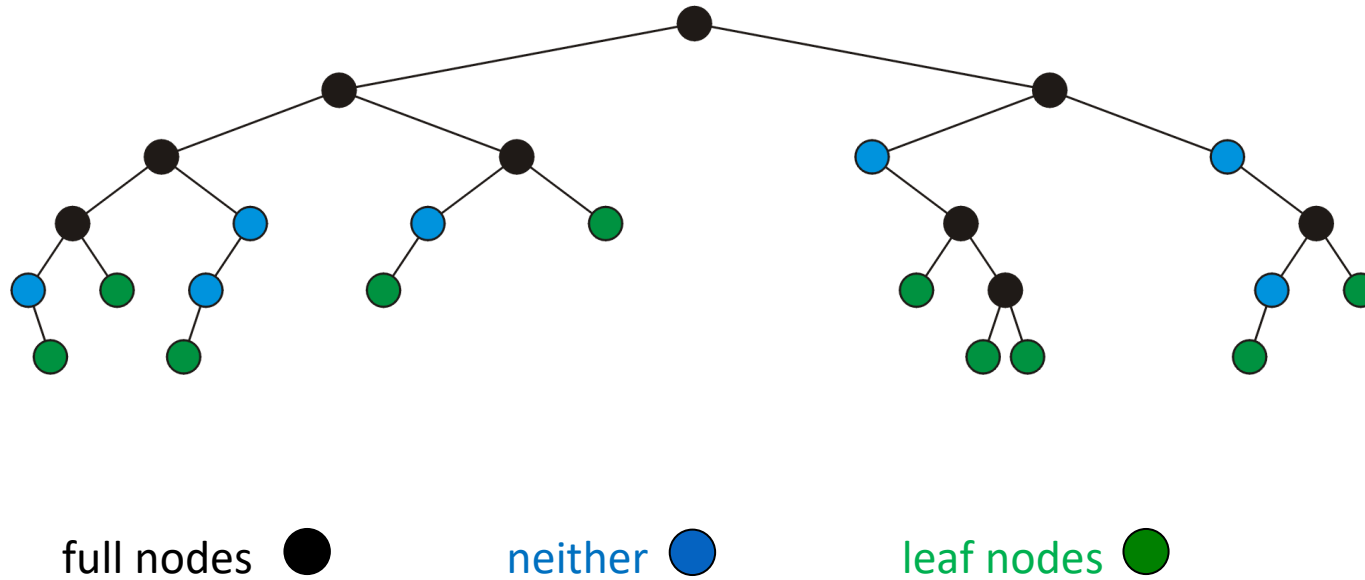
- Likewise, the two sub-trees are referred as
  - Left sub-tree
  - Right sub-tree





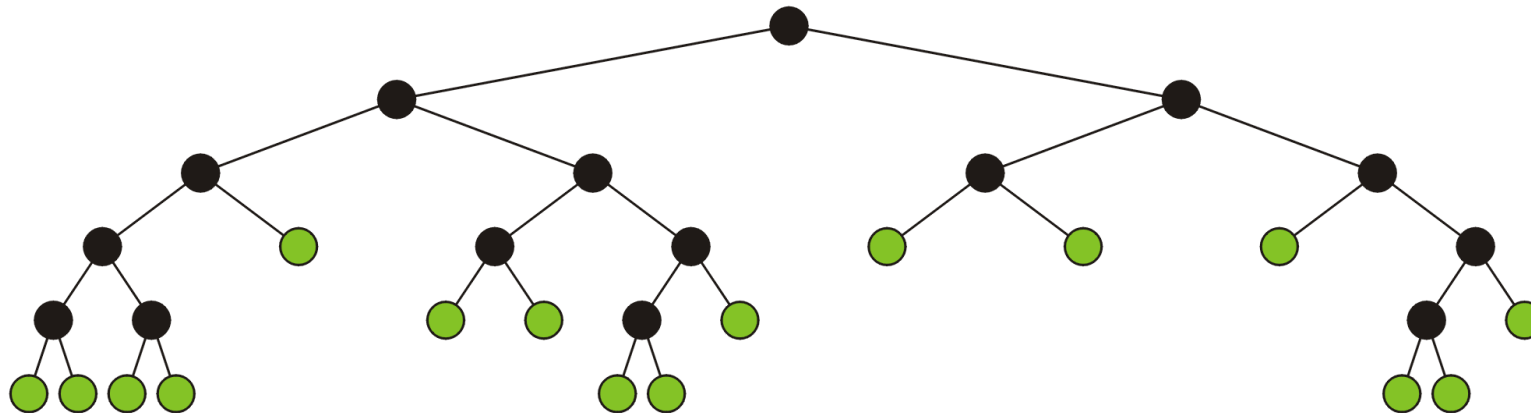
# Binary Tree: Full Node

- A **full node** is a node where both the left and right sub-trees are non-empty trees
- (OR) if it has exactly two child nodes



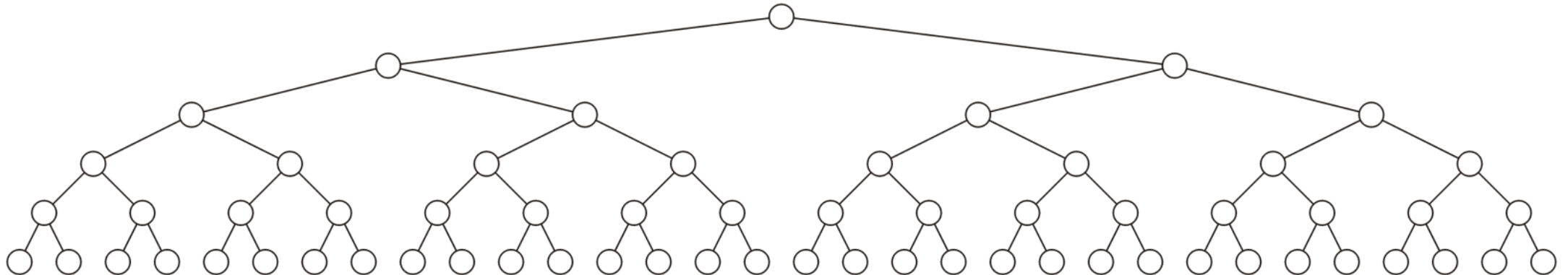
# Binary Trees

- A tree is called **Strictly Binary Tree** if every non leaf node has exactly two children
  - A strictly binary tree having  $n$  leaves always contain  $2^n - 1$  nodes
  - It is also known as **Full Binary Tree, Proper Binary Tree or 2-Tree**
    - Every node is a **full node** or a **leaf node**



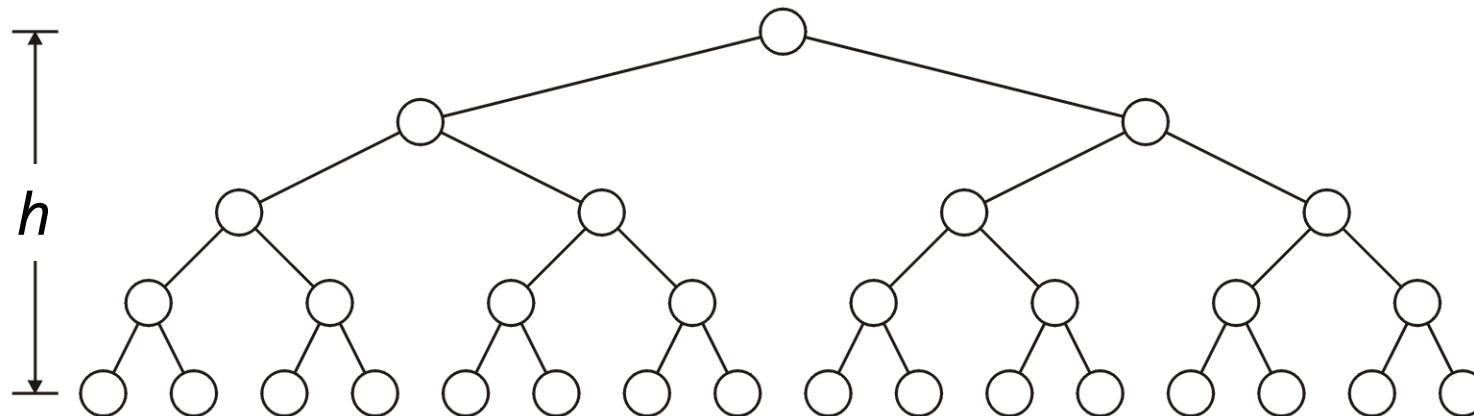
# Perfect/Complete Binary Tree

- A **perfect/Complete** binary tree of height  $h$  is a binary tree where
  - All leaf nodes have the same depth or level  $L$
  - All other nodes are full-nodes



# Binary Tree: Properties

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- A perfect/complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes has **height**  $\log_2(n+1)-1$

$$n = 2^{h+1} - 1$$

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

$$h + 1 = \log_2(n + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \log_2(n + 1) - 1$$

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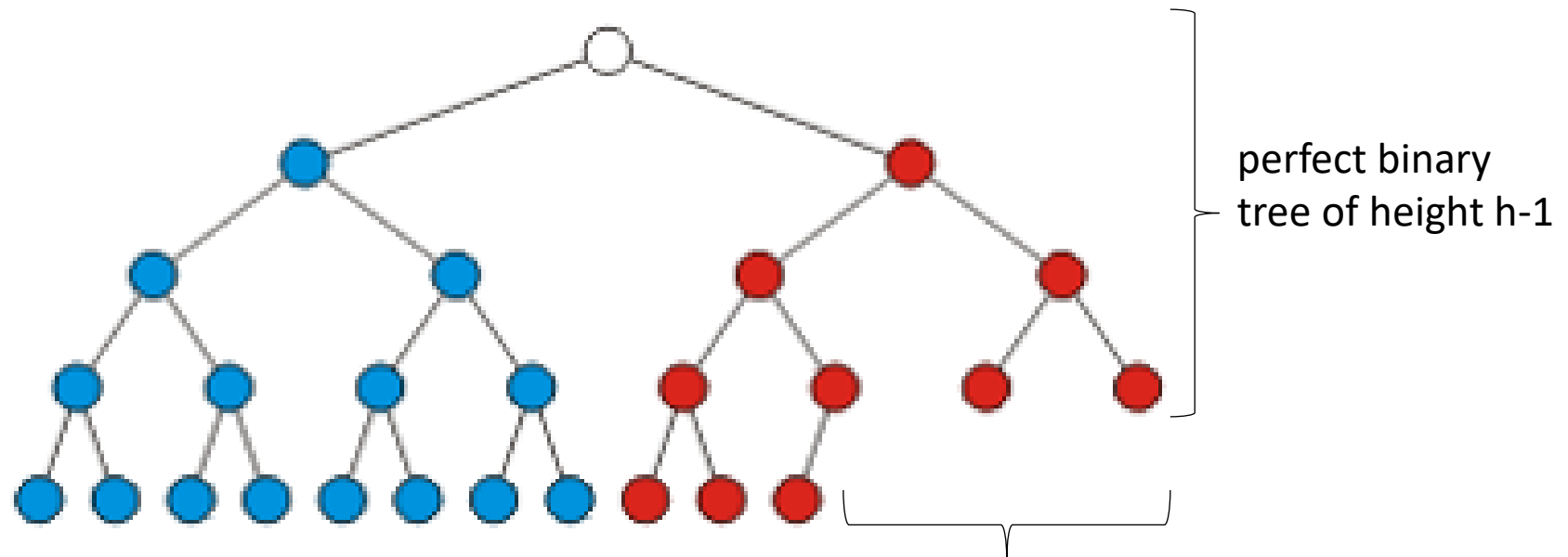
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- A perfect binary tree with  $n$  nodes has height  $\log_2(n + 1) - 1$
- **Number  $n$  of nodes in a binary tree of height  $h$  is at least  $h+1$  and at most  $2^{h+1} - 1$**

# [Almost] Complete Binary tree

# Almost (or Nearly) Complete Binary Tree

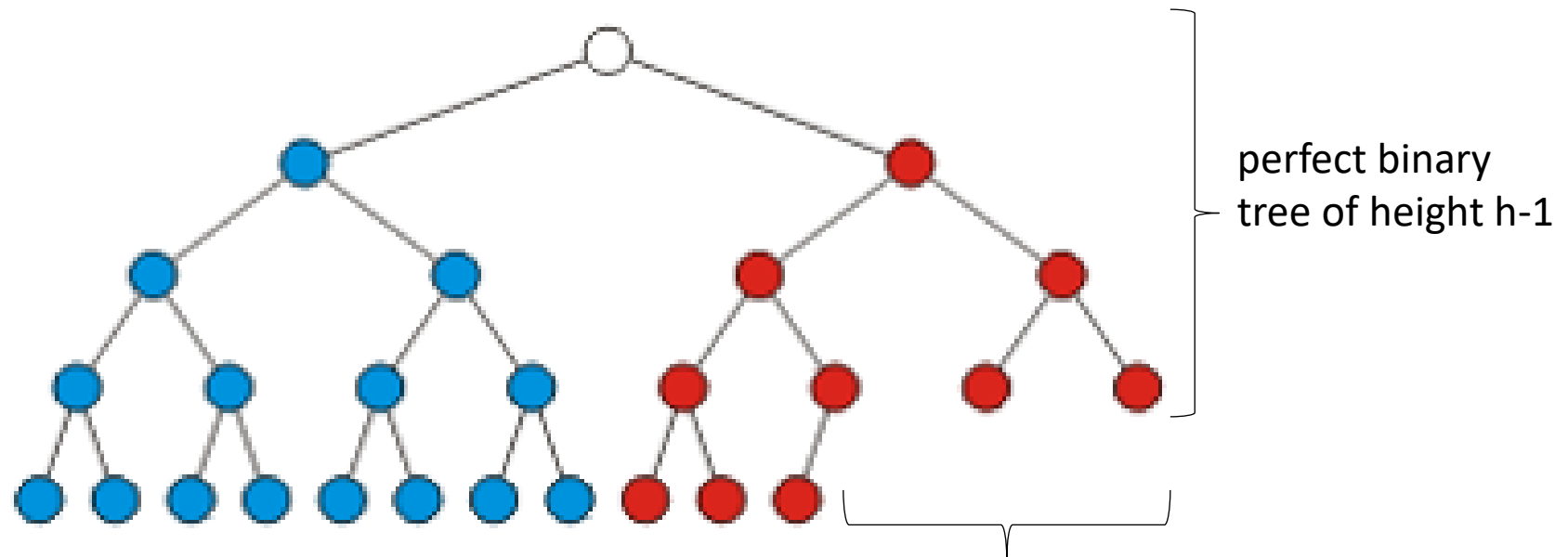
- Almost complete binary tree of height  $h$  is a binary tree in which
  1. There are  $2^d$  nodes at depth  $d$  for  $d = 1, 2, \dots, h-1$ 
    - Each leaf in the tree is either at level  $h$  or at level  $h - 1$
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# Complete Binary Tree

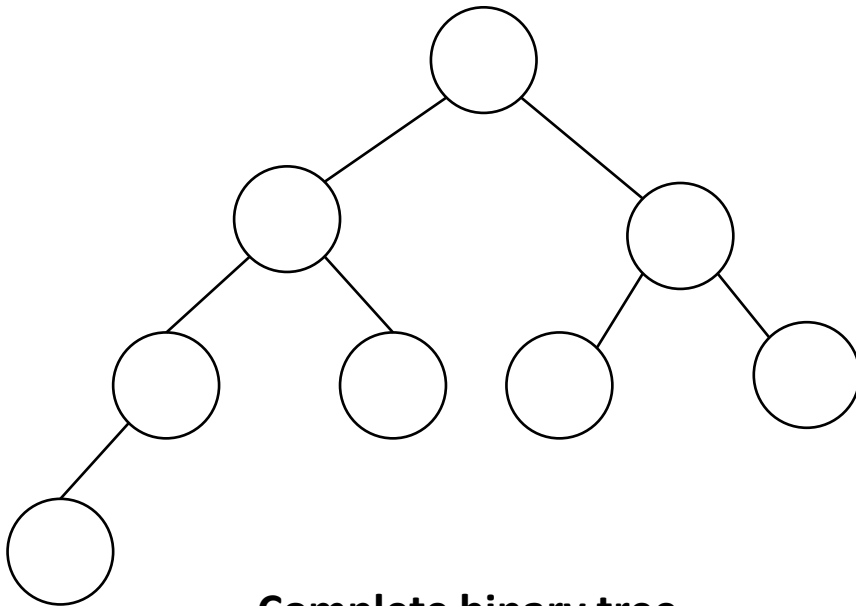
- Complete binary tree of height  $h$  is a binary tree in which
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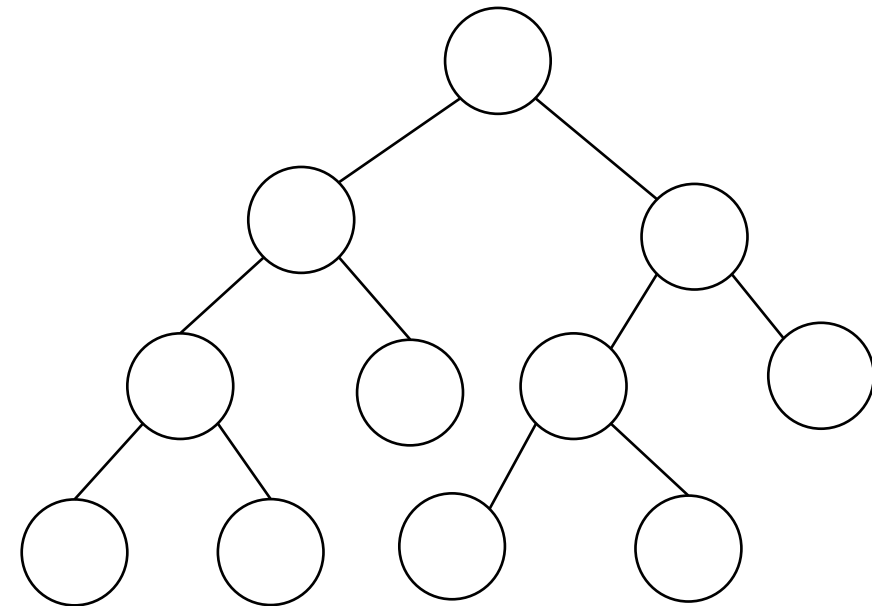
# Complete Binary Tree

**Condition 2:** The nodes at depth  $h$  are as far left as possible

- If a node  $p$  at depth  $h-1$  has a left child
  - Every node at depth  $h-1$  to the left of  $p$  has 2 children
- If a node at depth  $h-1$  has a right child
  - It also has a left child



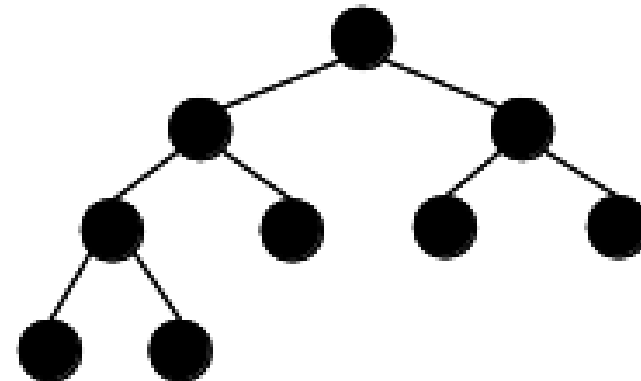
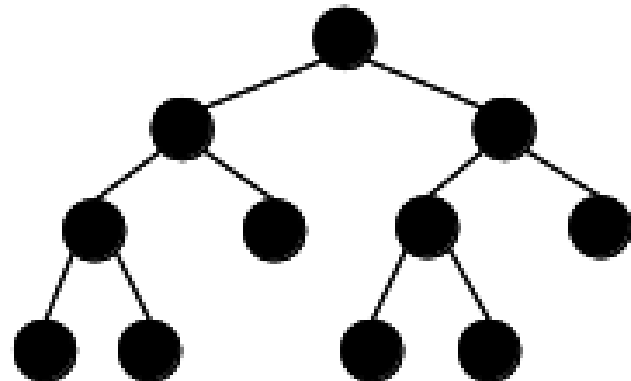
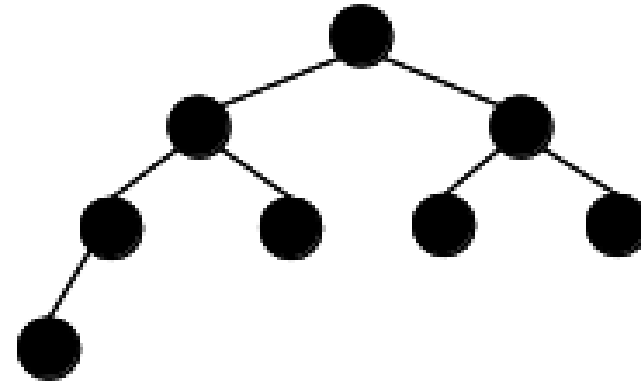
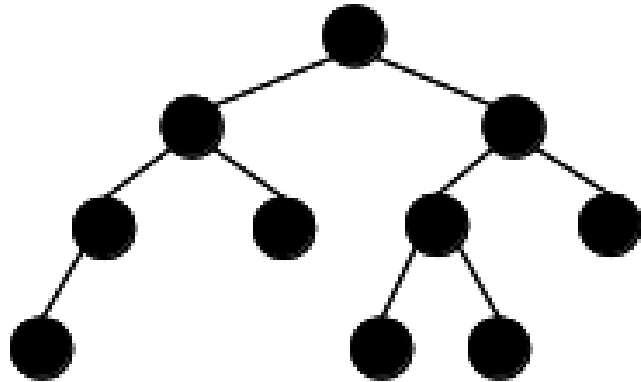
**Complete binary tree**



**Not a Complete binary tree  
(condition 2 violated)**

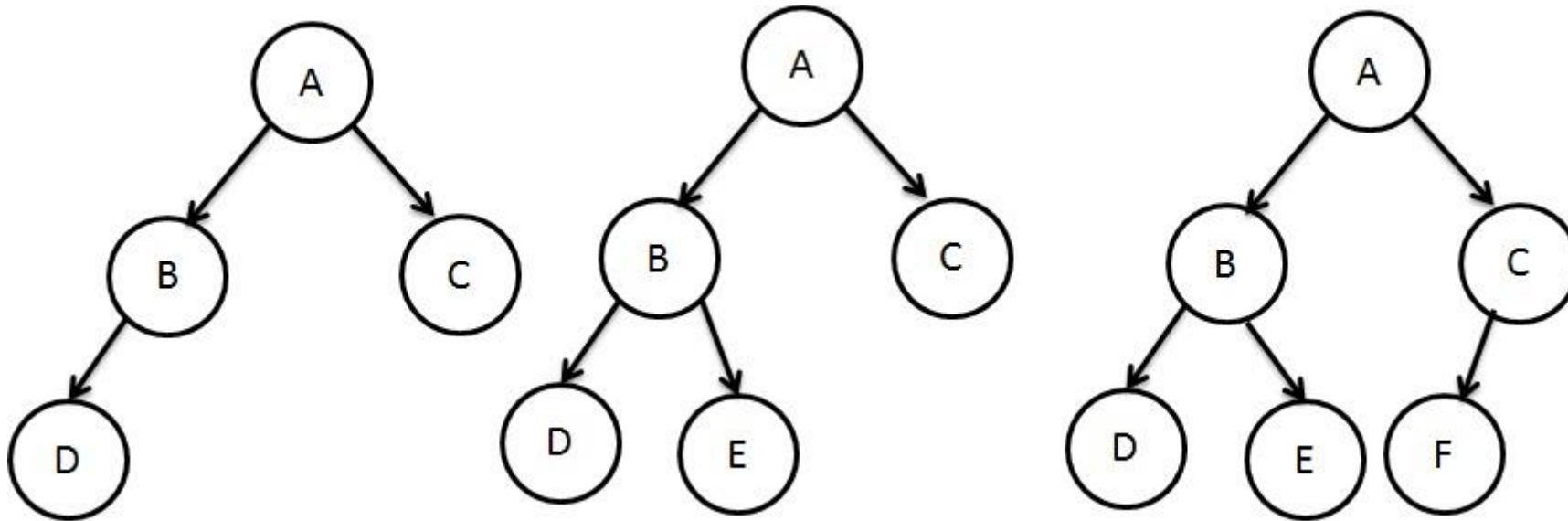
# Full vs. Complete Binary Tree

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# Complete Binary Trees...

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What is the height and number of nodes for each tree?

# Complete Binary Tree: Properties

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- Total number of nodes  $n$  are between
  - **At least:** perfect binary tree of height  $h-1$  + 1 (i.e., 1 node in the next level)  $\rightarrow 2^h - 1 + 1 = 2^h$  nodes
  - **At most:** perfect binary tree of height  $h$ , i.e.,  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes
- Height  $h$  is equal to  $\lfloor \log_2(n) \rfloor$

# Balanced Binary Tree

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- **Balanced binary tree**

- For each node, the difference in height of the right and left sub-trees is no more than one
- Both Perfect binary trees and complete binary trees are balanced as well

- **Completely balance binary tree**

- Left and right sub-trees of every node have the same height
- A perfect binary tree is completely balanced

# Tree ADT

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- **Data Type:** Any type of objects can be stored in a tree
- Accessor methods
  - **root()** – returns the root of the tree
  - **parent(p)** – returns the parent of a node
  - **children(p)** – returns the children of a node
- Query methods
  - **size()** – returns the number of nodes in the tree
  - **isEmpty()** – returns true if the tree is empty
  - **elements()** – returns all elements
  - **isRoot(p)** – returns true if node p is the root
- Other methods
  - Tree traversal, Node addition/deletion, create/destroy



# Binary Tree Storage

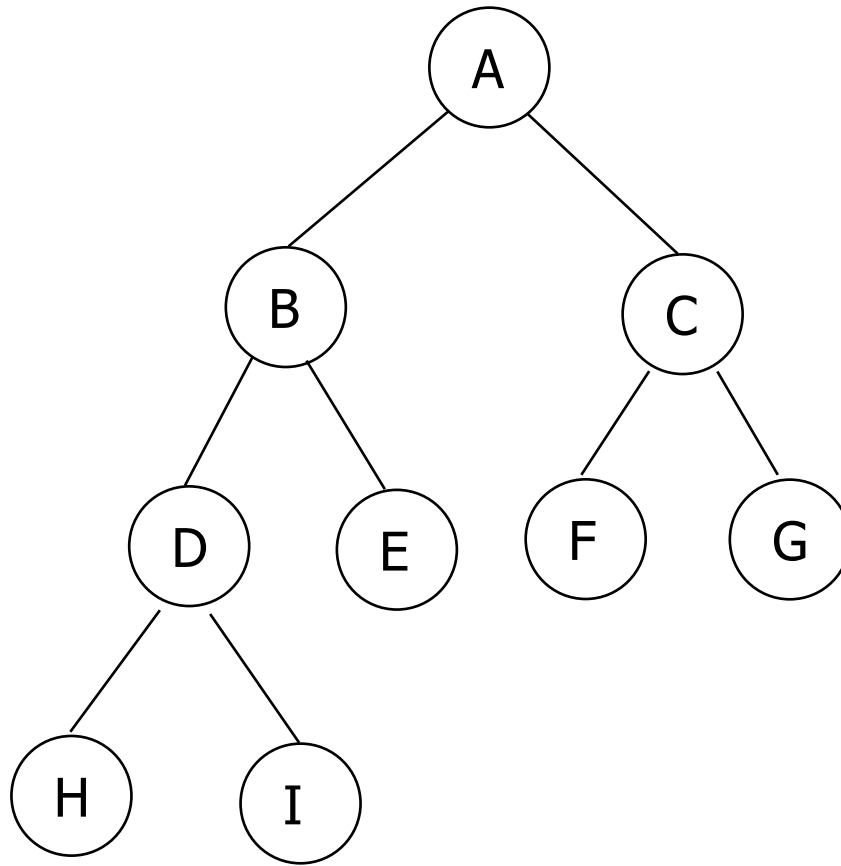
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- Contiguous storage
- Linked-list based storage

# Contiguous Storage

# Array Storage Example

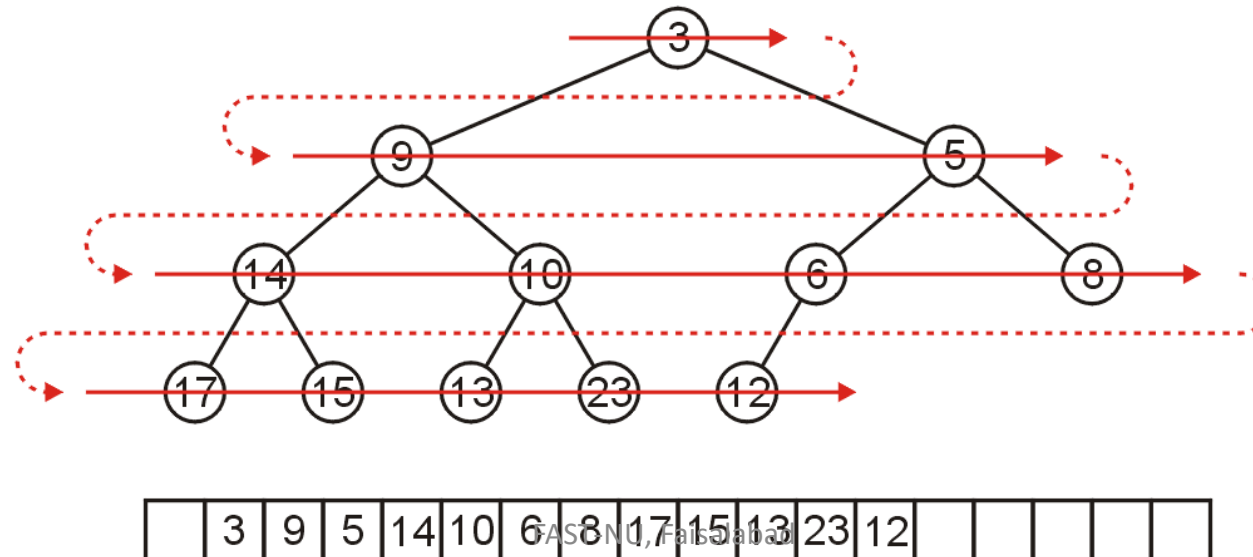
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[1]	A
[2]	B
[3]	C
[4]	D
[5]	E
[6]	F
[7]	G
[8]	H
[9]	I

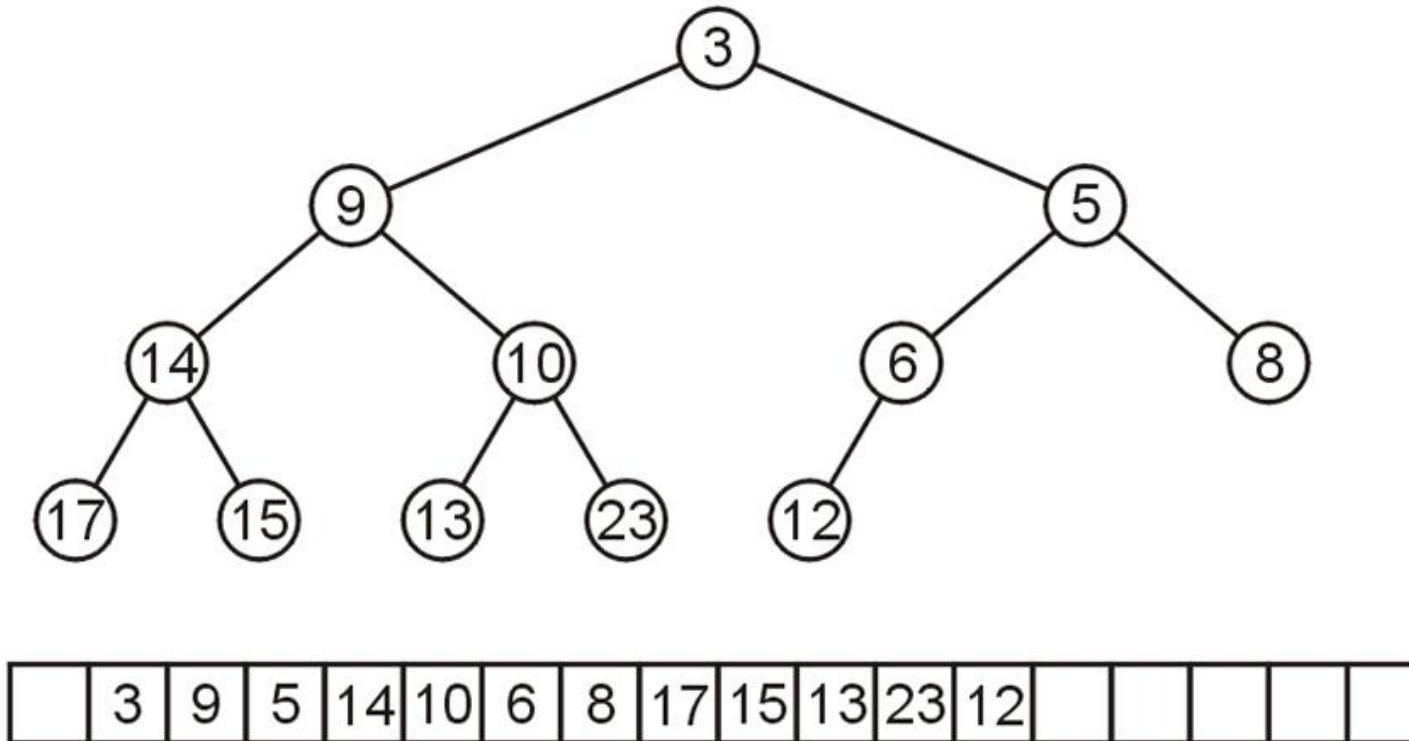
# Array Storage

- We can store a binary tree as an array
- Traverse tree in breadth-first order, placing the entries into array
  - Storage of elements (i.e., objects/data) starts from root node
  - Nodes at each level of the tree are stored left to right



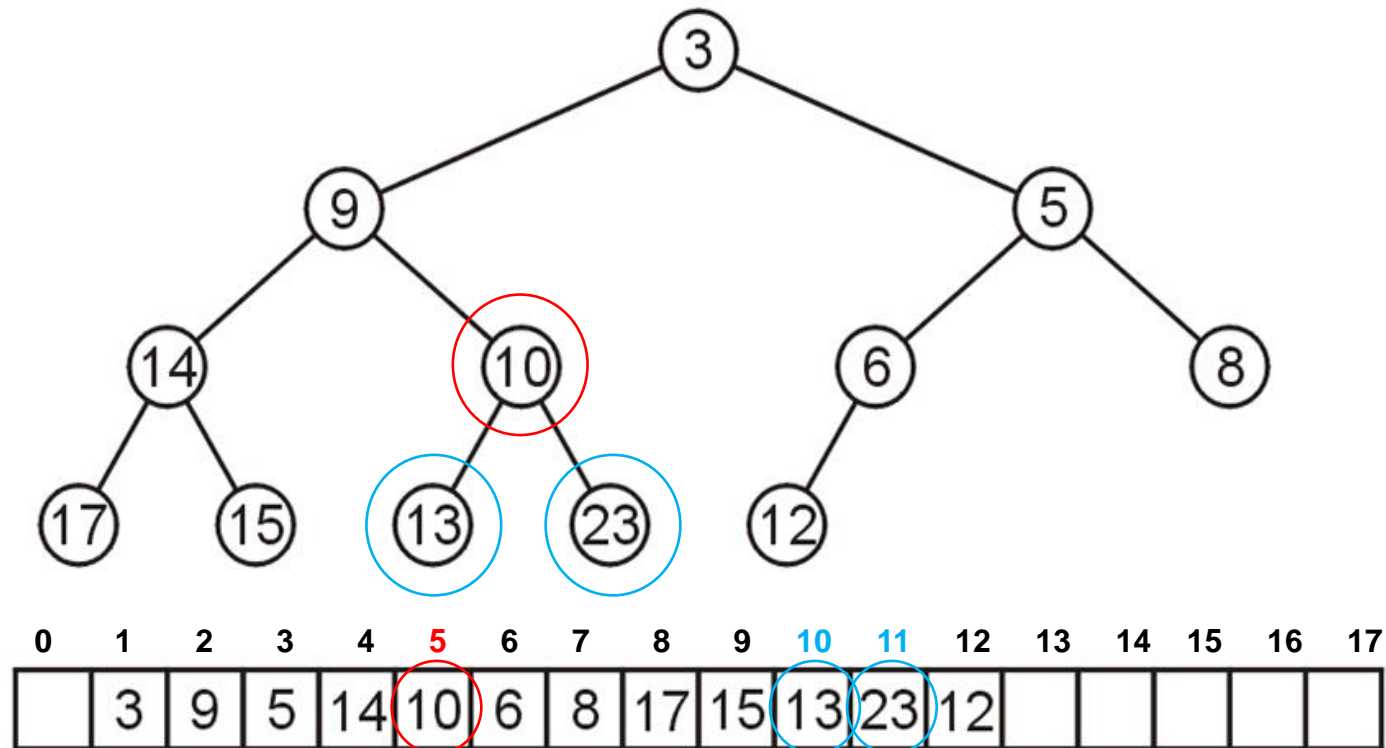
# Array Storage

- The children of the node with index  $k$  are in  $2k$  and  $2k + 1$
- The parent of node with index  $k$  is in  $k/2$



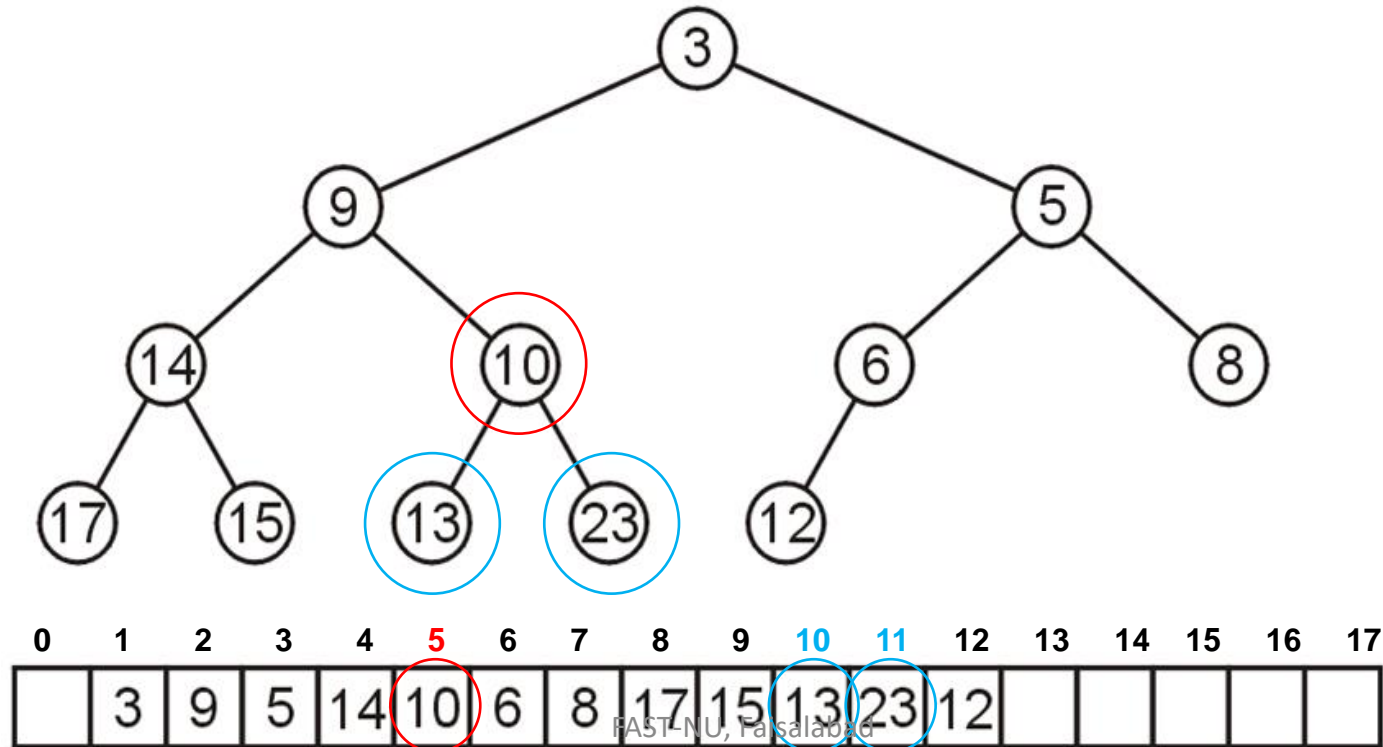
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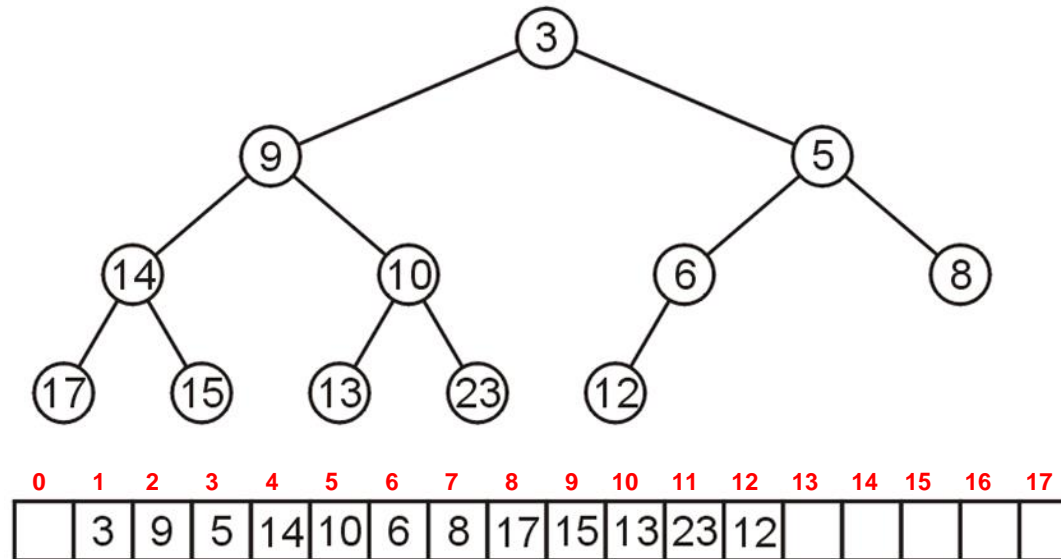
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  - Its parent is node 9 with index  $5/2 = 2$



# Array Storage

- Why array index is not started from 0
  - In C++, this simplifies the calculations

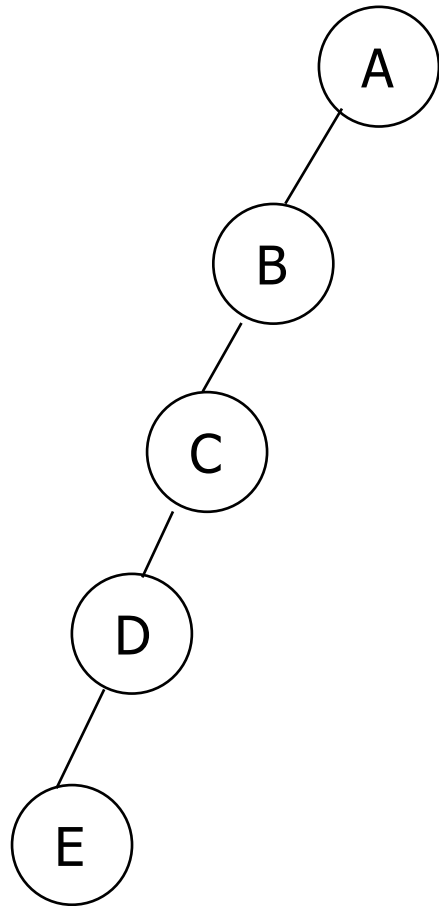
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parent = k >> 1;  
left_child = k << 1;  
right_child = left_child | 1;
```





# Array Storage Example

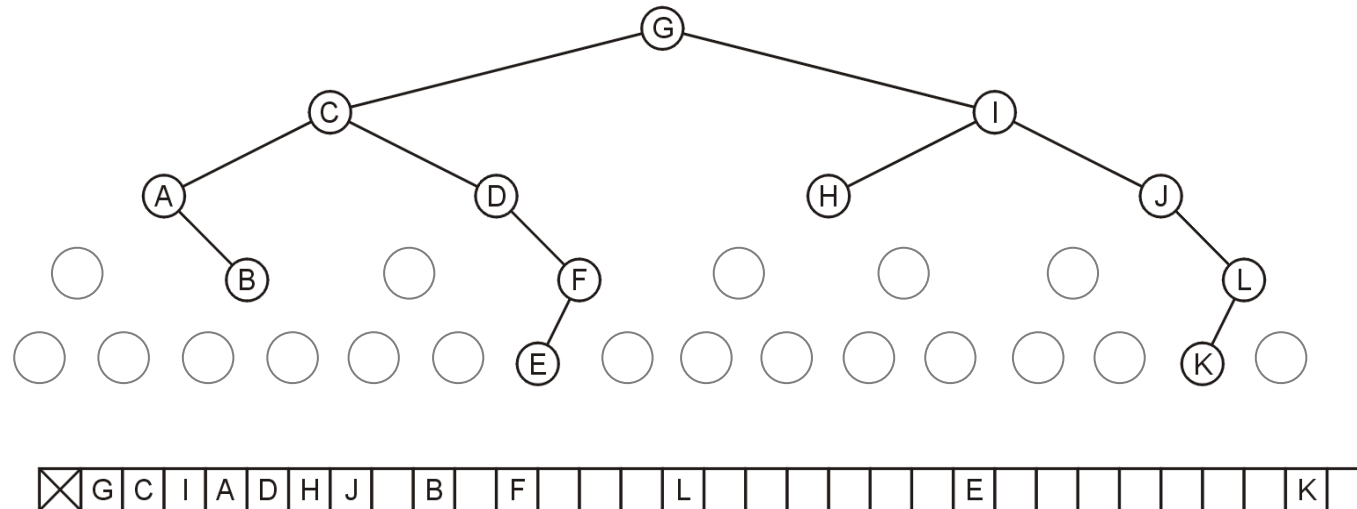
- Unused nodes in tree represented by a predefined bit pattern



[1]	A
[2]	B
[3]	-
[4]	C
[5]	-
[6]	-
[7]	-
[8]	D
[9]	-
...	...
[16]	E

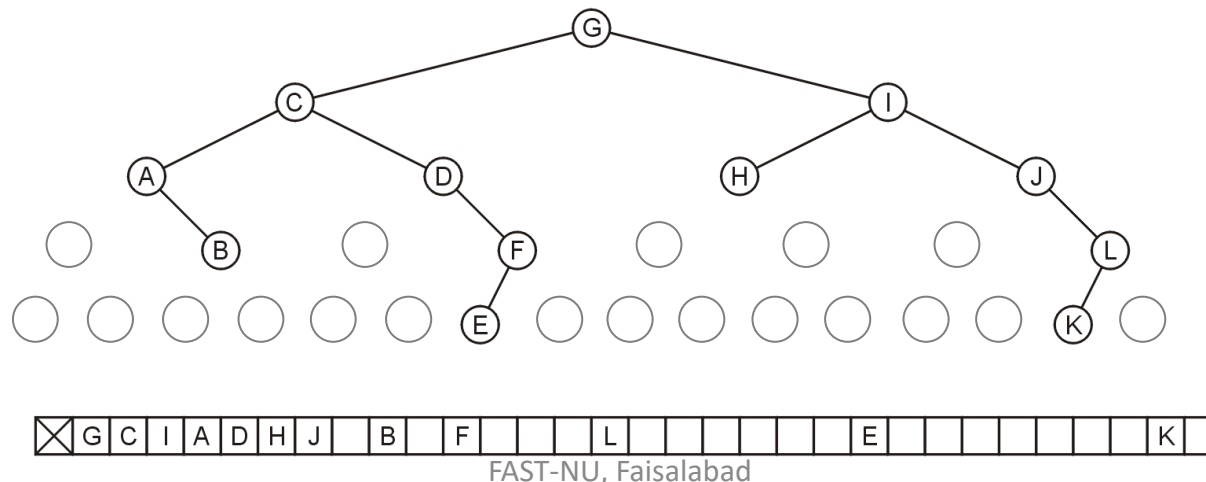
# Array Storage: Disadvantage

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  - Because, there is a significant potential for a lot of wasted memory
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  - What is the required size of array?



# Array Storage: Disadvantage

- Why not store any tree as an array using breadth-first traversals?
  - There is a significant potential for a lot of wasted memory
- Consider the following tree with 12 nodes
  - What is the required size of array? **32**
  - What will be the array size if a child is added to node K? **(Double it)**



# Linked List Storage

# As Linked List Structure

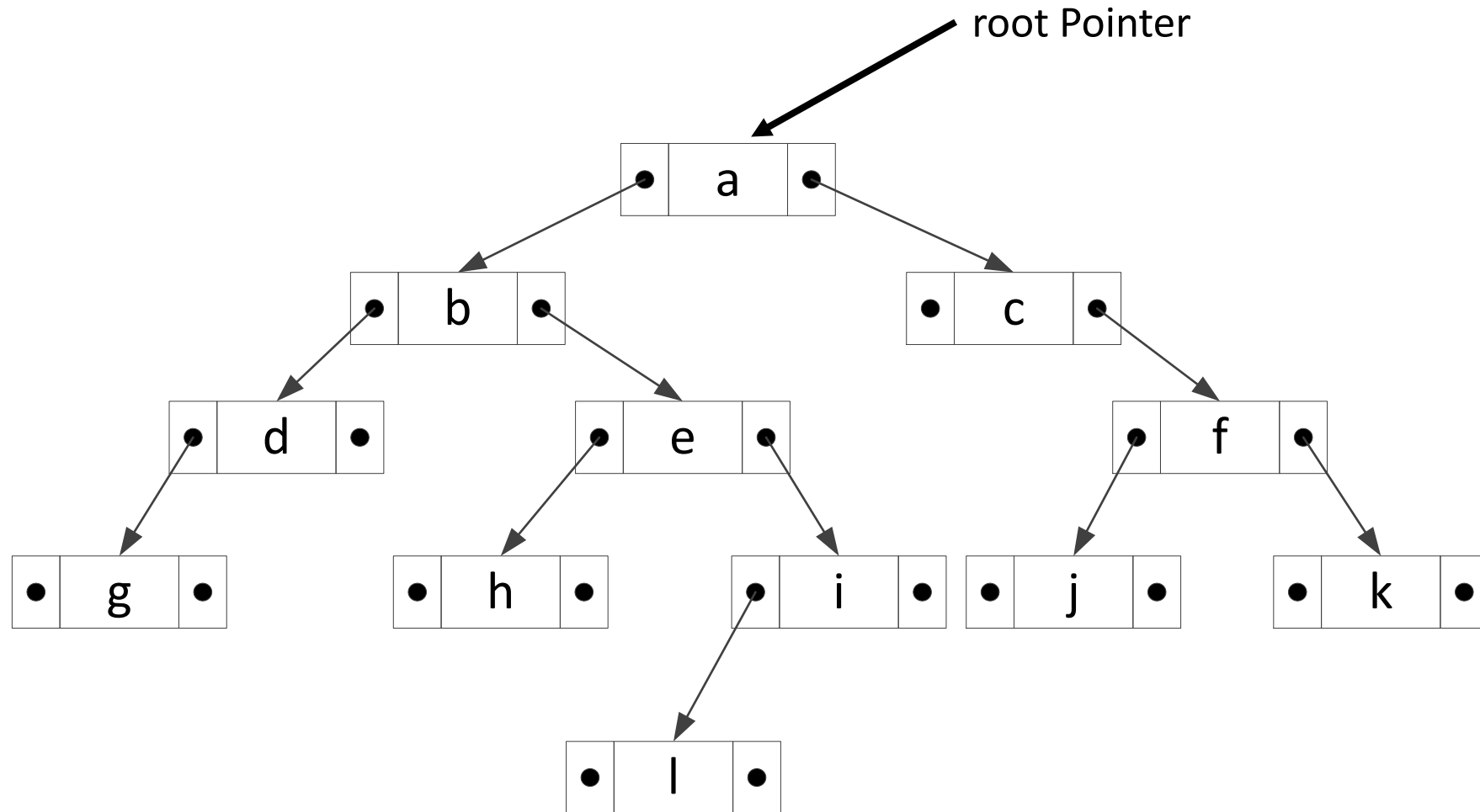
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- We can implement a binary tree by using a struct which stores:
  - An element
  - A left child pointer (pointer to first child)
  - A right child pointer (pointer to second child)

```
struct Node {  
    Type value;  
    Node *LeftChild, *RightChild;  
}*root;
```

- The **root pointer** points to the root node
  - Follow pointers to find every other element in the tree
- **Leaf nodes** have LeftChild and RightChild pointers set to NULL

# As Linked List Structure: Example



# Tree Traversal

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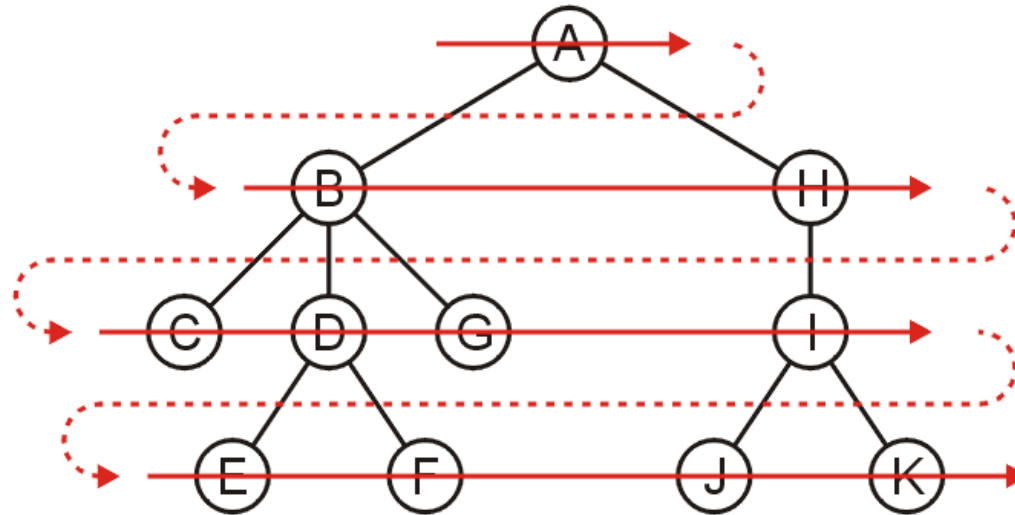
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- To **traverse** (or **walk** ) the tree is to visit (printing or manipulating) each node in the tree exactly once
  - Traversal must start at the root node
    - There is a pointer to the root node of the binary tree
- Two types of traversals
  - Breadth-First Traversal
  - Depth-First Traversal



# Breadth-First Traversal (For Arbitrary Trees)

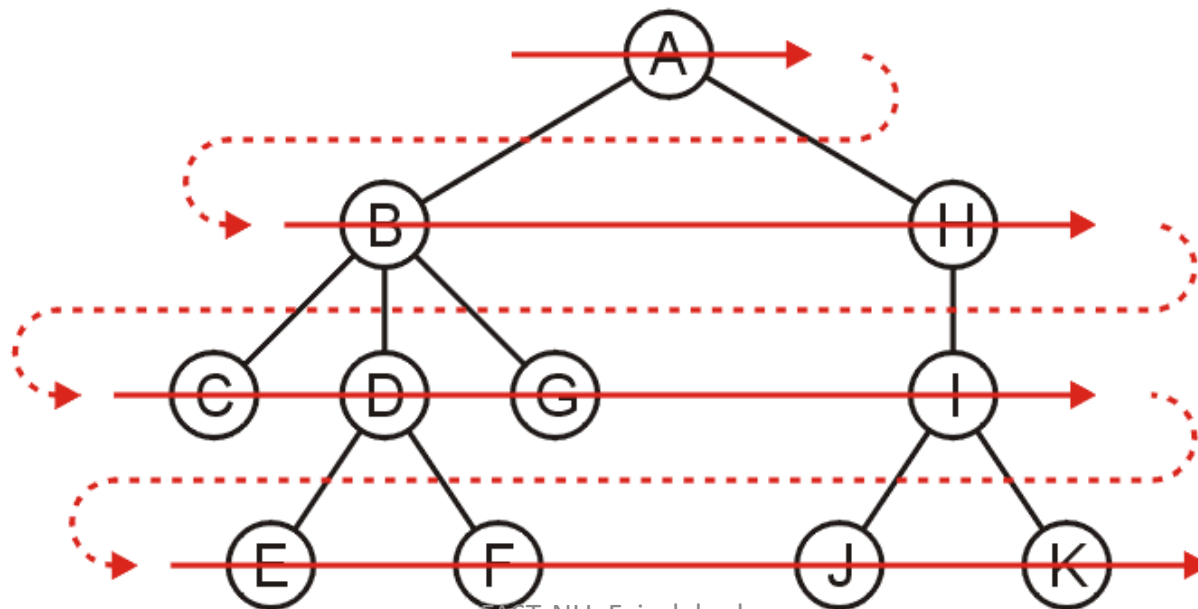
- All nodes at a given depth  $d$  are traversed before nodes at  $d+1$
- Can be implemented using a queue



- Order: A B H C D G I E F J K

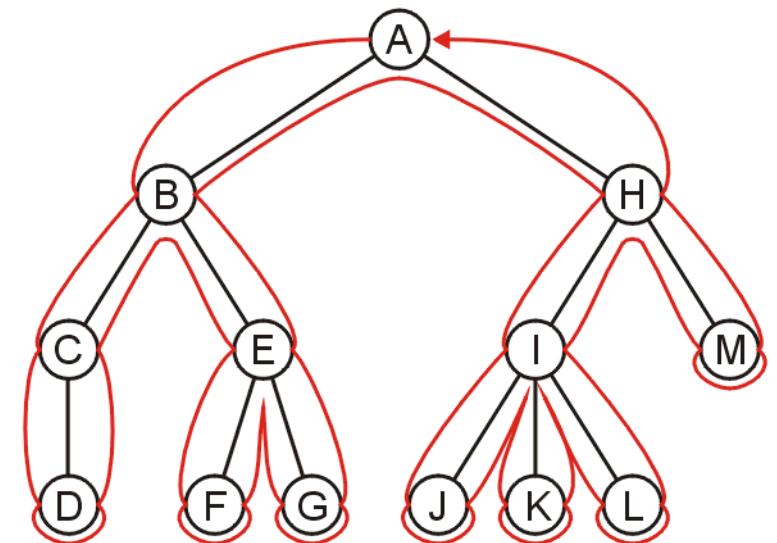
# Breadth-First Traversal – Implementation

- Create a queue and push the root node onto the queue
- While the queue is not empty:
  - Enqueue all of its children of the front node onto the queue
  - Dequeue the front node



# Depth-First Traversal (For Arbitrary Trees)

- Traverse as much as possible along the branch of each child before going to the next sibling
  - Nodes along one branch of the tree are traversed before **backtracking**
- **Each node** could be **approached multiple times** in such a scheme
  - The first time the node is approached (before any children)
  - The last time it is approached (after all children)



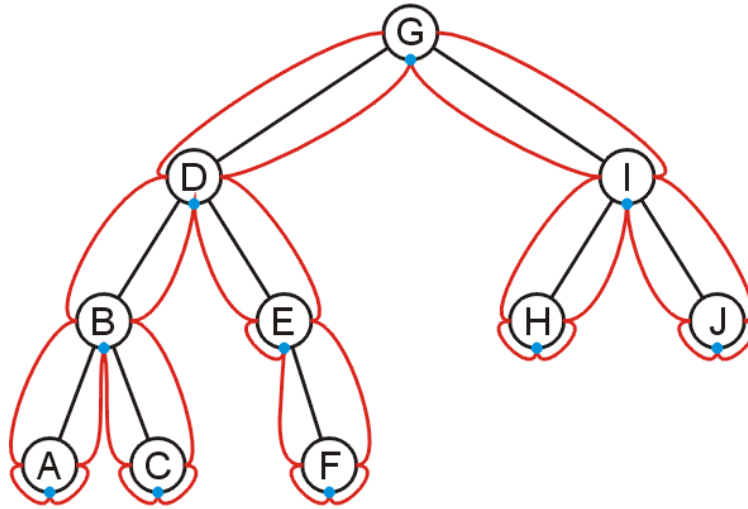
# Depth-First Tree Traversal (Binary Trees)

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- For each node in a binary tree, there are three choices
  - Visit the node first
  - Visit the node after left subtree
  - Visit the node after both the subtrees
- These choices lead to three commonly used traversals
  - Preorder traversal: visit Root (Left subtree) (Right subtree)
  - In-order traversal: (Left subtree) visit Root (Right subtree)
  - Post-order traversal: (Left subtree) (Right subtree) visit Root

# Inorder Traversal

- Algorithm
  1. Traverse the left subtree in inorder
  2. Visit the root
  3. Traverse the right subtree in inorder



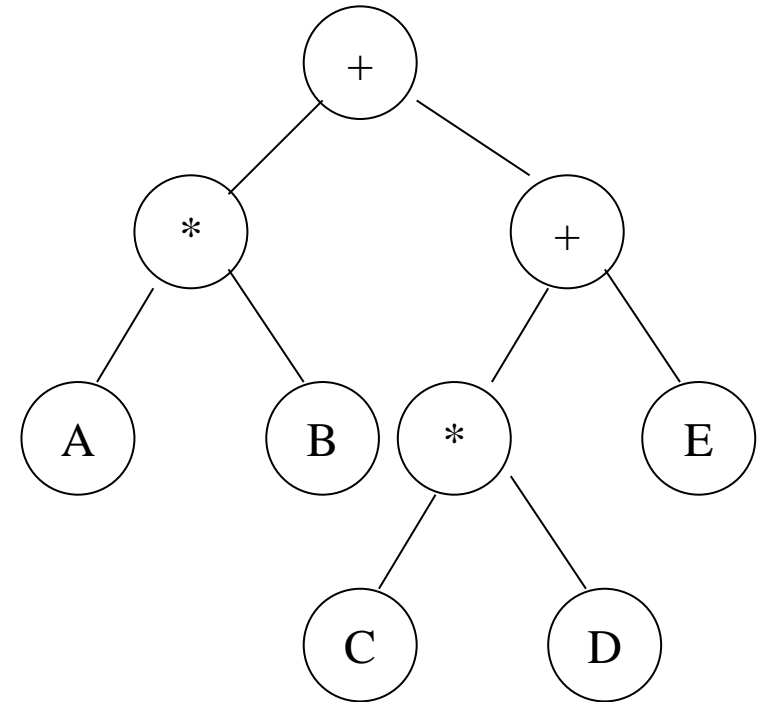
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- Example

- Left + Right
- [Left \* Right] + [Left + Right]
- $(A * B) + [(Left * Right) + E]$
- $(A * B) + [(C * D) + E]$



# Inorder Traversal – Implementation

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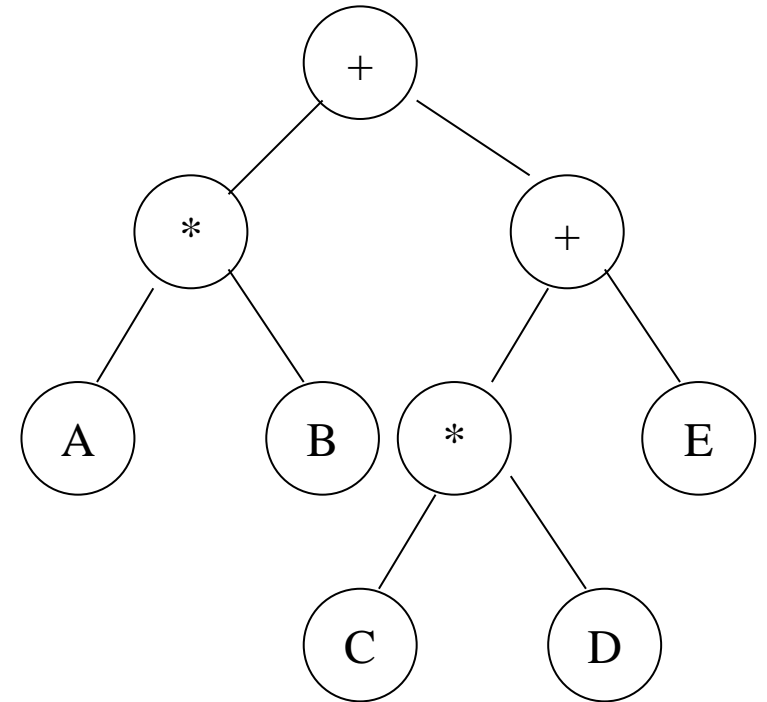
```
void inorder(Node *p) const
{
    if (p != NULL)
    {
        inorder(p->leftChild);
        cout << p->info << " ";
        inorder(p->rightChild);
    }
}
```

```
void main () {
    . . .
    inorder (root);
}
```

# Preorder Traversal

- Algorithm
  1. Visit the node
  2. Traverse the left subtree
  3. Traverse the right subtree

- Example
  - + Left Right
  - + [ \* Left Right] [+ Left Right]
  - + ( \* AB) [+ \* Left Right E]
  - +\*AB + \*C D E





# Preorder Traversal – Implementation

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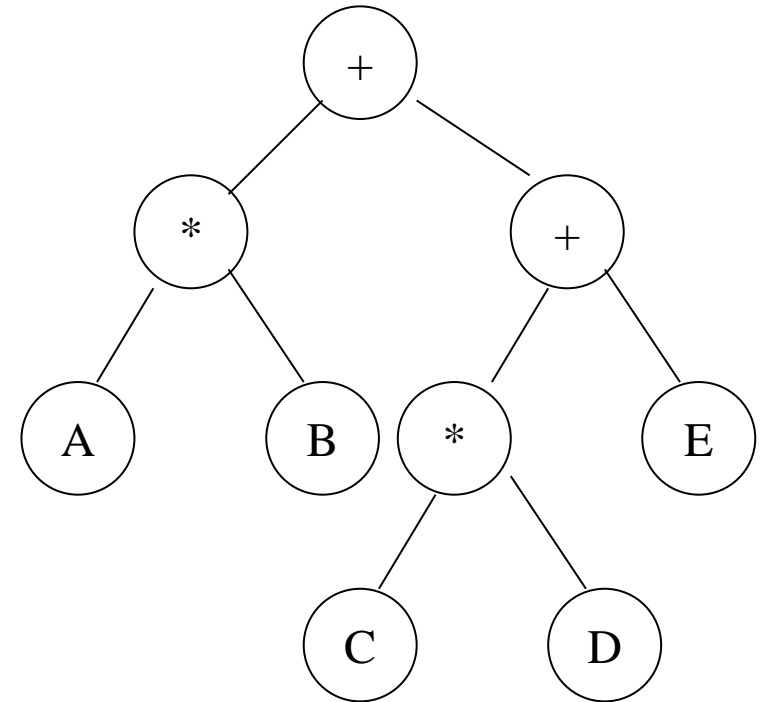
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void preorder(Node *p) const
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    {
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        preorder(p->rightChild);
    }
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# Postorder Traversal

- Algorithm
  1. Traverse the left subtree
  2. Traverse the right subtree
  3. Visit the node

- Example
  - Left Right +
  - [Left Right \*] [Left Right+] +
  - (AB\*) [Left Right \* E + ]+
  - (AB\*) [C D \* E + ]+
  - AB\* C D \* E + +



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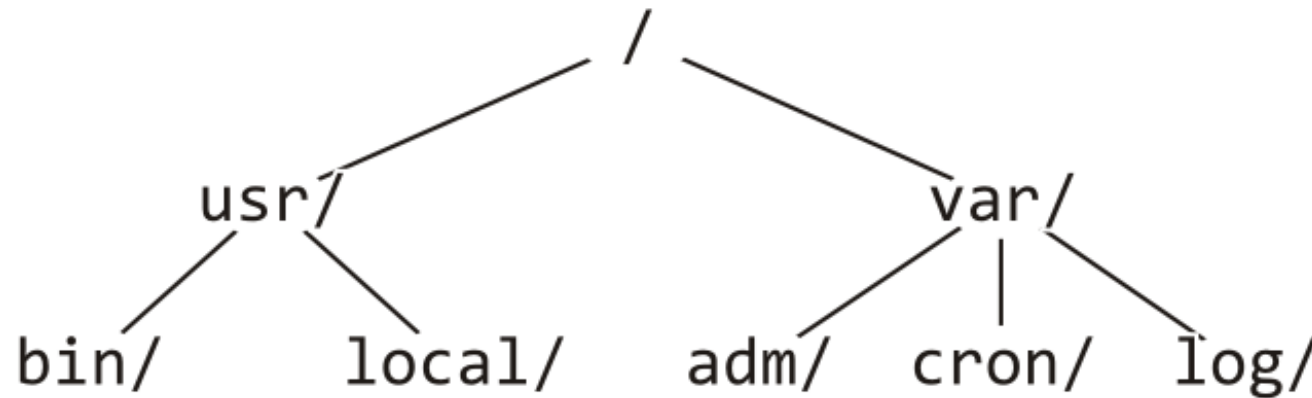
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```
void postorder(Node *p) const
{
    if (p != NULL)
    {
        postorder(p->leftChild);
        postorder(p->rightChild);
        cout << p->info << " ";
    }
}
```

```
void main () {
    . . .
    postorder (root);
}
```

# Example: Printing a Directory Hierarchy

- Consider the directory structure presented on the left
  - Which traversal should be used?



```
/  
  usr/  
    bin/  
    local/  
  var/  
    adm/  
    cron/  
    log/
```