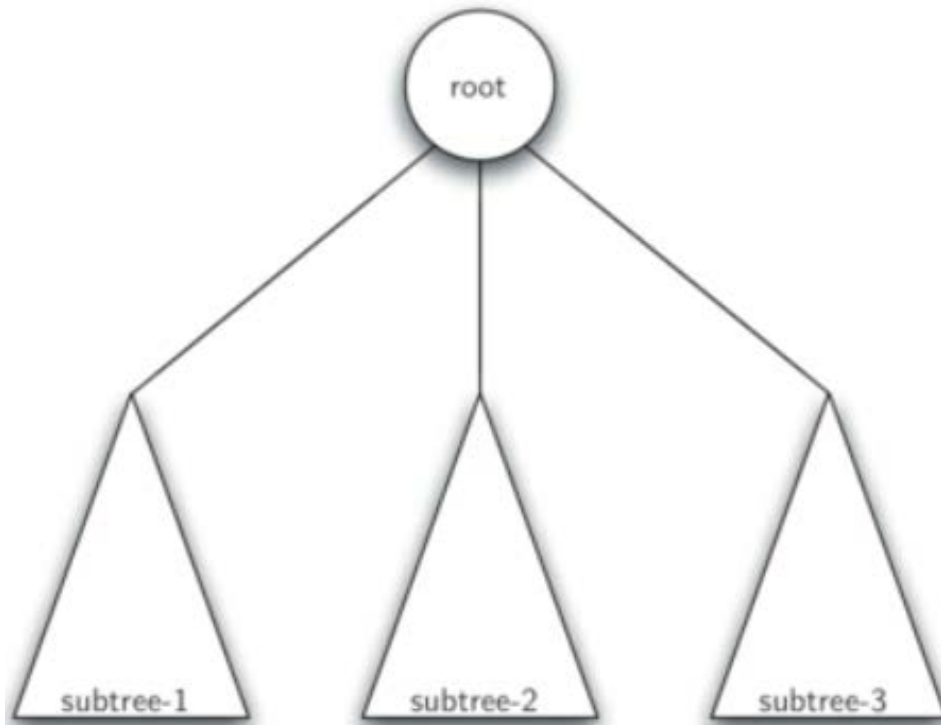
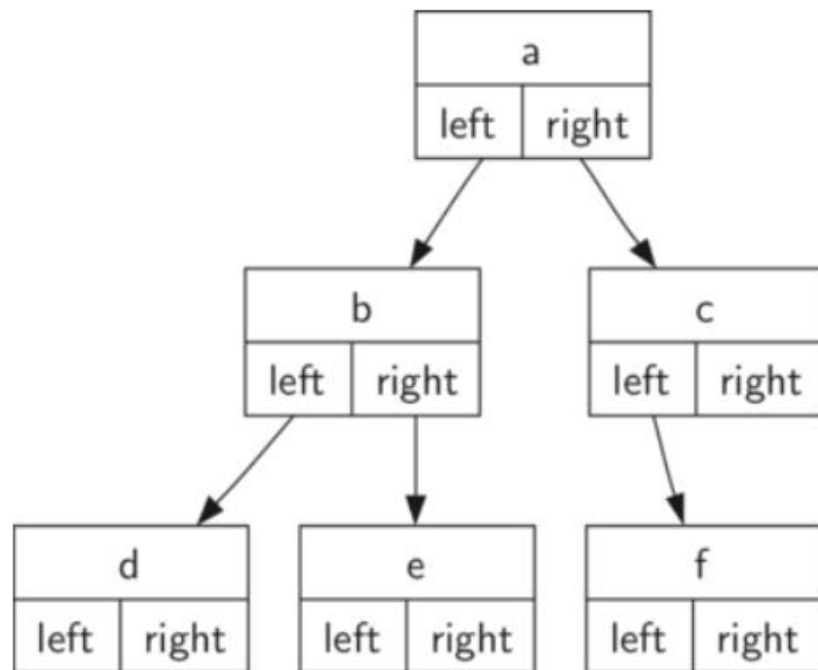


A tree consists of a set of nodes and a set of edges that connect pairs of nodes. A tree has the following properties:

- One node of the tree is designated as the root node.
- Every node  $n$ , except the root node, is connected by an edge from exactly one other node  $p$ , where  $p$  is the parent of  $n$ .
- A unique path traverses from the root to each node.
- If each node in the tree has a maximum of two children, we say that the tree is a **binary tree**.

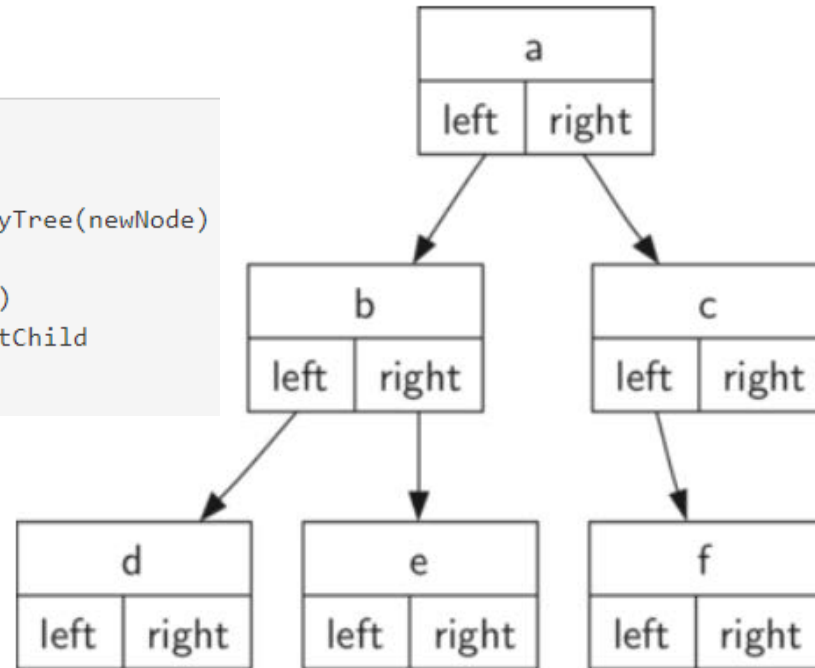


A tree is either empty or consists of a root and zero or more subtrees, each of which is also a tree. The root of each subtree is connected to the root of the parent tree by an edge. This figure illustrates this recursive definition of a tree. Using the recursive definition of a tree, we know that this tree has at least four nodes, since each of the triangles representing a subtree must have a root.



```
class BinaryTree:
    def __init__(self, rootObj):
        self.key = rootObj
        self.leftChild = None
        self.rightChild = None
```

```
def insertLeft(self,newNode):  
    if self.leftChild == None:  
        self.leftChild = BinaryTree(newNode)  
    else:  
        t = BinaryTree(newNode)  
        t.leftChild = self.leftChild  
        self.leftChild = t
```



```
def insertRight(self,newNode):  
    if self.rightChild == None:  
        self.rightChild = BinaryTree(newNode)  
    else:  
        t = BinaryTree(newNode)  
        t.rightChild = self.rightChild  
        self.rightChild = t
```