

Week 12: Revision



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What Is An Algorithm?

- An algorithm is any well-defined computational procedure that takes some value, or set of values, as input and produces some value, or set of values, as output.

Introduction to Algorithms

-T. H. Cormen et. al.

Example : Arithmetic Series

- There are many ways (algorithms) to solve a problem
- Summing up 1 to n

Algorithm 1 Summing Arithmetic Sequence

```
1: function Method_One(n)
2: begin
3:    $sum \leftarrow 0$ 
4:   for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
5:      $sum \leftarrow sum + i$ 
6:   end
```

Algorithm 2 Summing Arithmetic Sequence

```
1: function Method_Two(n)
2: begin
3:    $sum \leftarrow n * (1 + n) / 2$ 
4: end
```

Algorithm 3 Summing Arithmetic Sequence

```
1: function Method_Three(n)
2: begin
3:   if  $n=1$  then
4:     return 1
5:   else
6:     return  $n + \text{Method\_Three}(n - 1)$ 
7:   end
```

Analysis of Algorithms

- The study of the efficiency and performance of algorithms
- Evaluate the **speed** and **scalability** of an algorithm
 - How its efficiency changes as input sizes grow
- Identify the most efficient algorithms for a given problem
- Understand the trade-offs between different approaches

Time and space complexities

- Analyze efficiency of an algorithm in two aspects

- Time
- Space



- Time complexity: the amount of time used by an algorithm
- Space complexity: the amount of memory units used by an algorithm



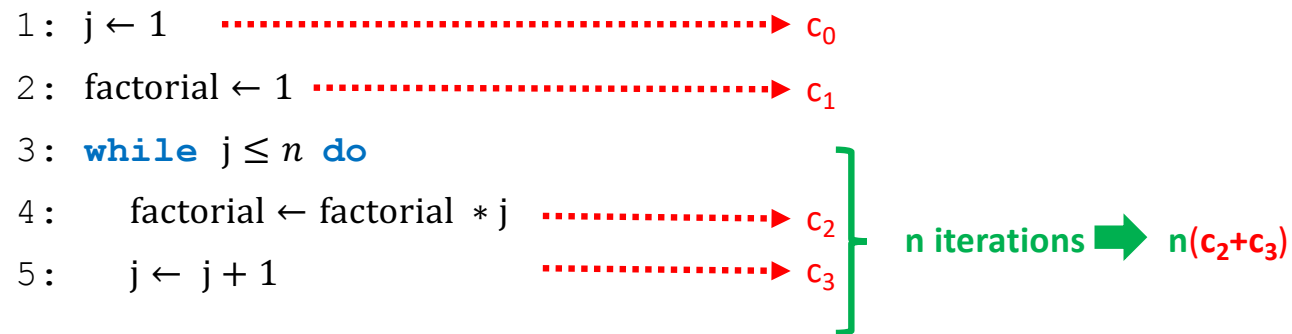
Time Complexity or Time Efficiency

1. Count the number of **primitive operations** in the algorithm
2. Express it in term of problem size



Time Complexity or Time Efficiency

i. Repetition Structure: for-loop, while-loop



$$f(n) = c_0 + c_1 + n(c_2 + c_3)$$

The function increases linearly with n (problem size)

Common Complexity Classes

Order of Growth	Class	Example
1	Constant	Finding midpoint of an array
$\log_2 n$	Logarithmic	Binary Search
n	Linear	Linear Search
$n \log_2 n$	Linearithmic	Merge Sort
n^2	Quadratic	Insertion Sort
n^3	Cubic	Matrix Inversion (Gauss-Jordan Elimination)
2^n	Exponential	The Tower of Hanoi Problem
$n!$	Factorial	Travelling Salesman Problem

When time complexity of algorithm A grows faster than algorithm B for the same problem, we say A is inferior to B.

Asymptotic Notations

- Worst-case complexity: Big-Oh (O)
- Best-case complexity: Big-Omega (Ω)
- Average-case complexity: Big-Theta (Θ)



Space Complexity

- Determine number of entities in problem (also called problem size)
- Count number of basic units in algorithm
- Basic units
- Things that can be represented in a constant amount of storage space
- E.g. integer, float and character.



Space Complexity

- Space requirements for an array of n integers - $\Theta(n)$
- If a matrix is used to store edge information of a graph,
i.e. $G[x][y] = 1$ if there exists an edge from x to y ,
space requirement for a graph with n vertices is $\Theta(n^2)$

Space/time tradeoff principle

- Reduction in time can be achieved by sacrificing space and vice-versa.

Time Complexity of Sequential Search

```
def search(head, a):
```

```
    pt = head
```

```
    while pt is not None and pt.key != a:
```

```
        pt = pt.next
```

```
    return pt
```

.....→ c_1

.....→ c_2



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2. Worst-case analysis:

3. Average-case analysis:

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3. Average-case analysis $p_1 \times \text{time to search for item 1} + p_2 \times \text{time to search for item 2} + \dots + p_n \times \text{time to search for item } n$

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.....→ c_2 (n-1) iterations



Assume that the search key a is always in the list

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3. Average-case analysis

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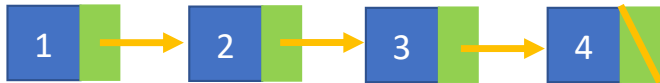
If the search key is in the list, on average: $c_1 + \frac{c_2(n-1)}{2} = \Theta(n)$

If the search key, a, is not in the list, then the time complexity is

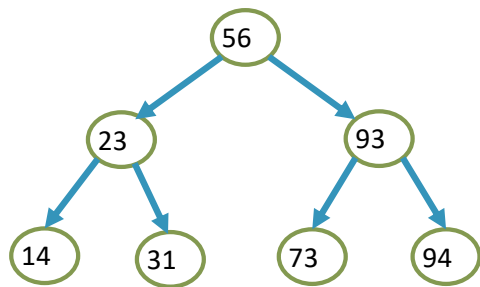
$$c_1 + nc_2 = \Theta(n)$$

Devide and Conquer: Binary Search

- Given a sorted list



- Whether a search key *a* is in the list?
 - Given a sorted list, e.g.,
 - 14, 23, 31, 56, 73, 93, 94
 - We can build a BST

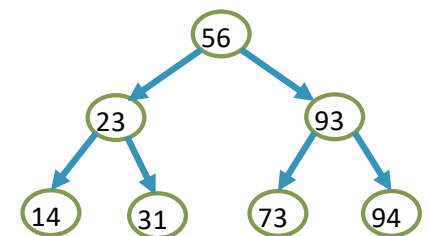


Time Complexity of Binary Search

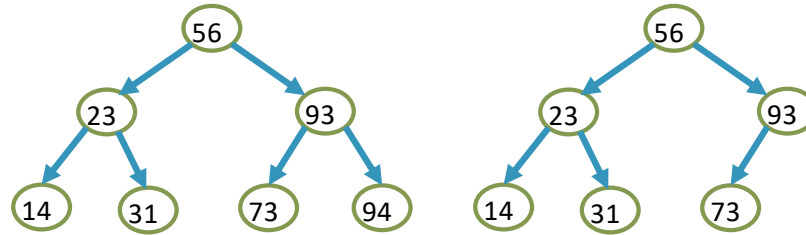
```
def binary_search_recursive(arr, left, right, target):  
    if left > right:  
        return -1  
    mid = left + (right - left) // 2  
    if arr[mid] == target:  
        return mid  
    elif arr[mid] < target:  
        return binary_search_recursive(arr, mid + 1, right, target)  
    else:  
        return binary_search_recursive(arr, left, mid - 1, target)
```

```
def binary_search(self, target, current_node):  
    if current_node is None:  
        return False  
    elif target == current_node.data:  
        return True  
    elif target < current_node.data:  
        return self.binary_search(target, current_node.left)  
    else:  
        return self.binary_search(target, current_node.right)
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Terminology



- The Height of a tree: The number of **edges** on the longest path from the root to a leaf
- The Depth of a node: The number of edges from the node to the root of its tree.

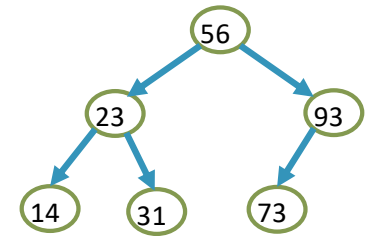
$$\text{Height} = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$$

Binary Search – Worst Case Time Complexity

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        return self.binary_search(target, current_node.left)  
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        return self.binary_search(target, current_node.right)
```

Diagram illustrating the recursive steps of binary search:

- Blue arrow pointing to $f(n)$ (representing the recursive call).
- Red bracket labeled **Constant c** (representing the constant time operations).
- Blue arrow pointing to $f((n-1)/2)$ (representing the recursive call on the left half).
- Blue arrow pointing to $f((n-1)/2)$ (representing the recursive call on the right half).



- Assume a complete binary tree

$$f(n) = f\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + c$$
$$= \Theta(\log_2 n)$$

Binary Search – Average Case Time Complexity

- $A_s(n)$: # of comparisons for successful search
- $A_f(n)$: # of comparisons for unsuccessful search (worst case): $\Theta(\log_2 n)$

$$A(n) = qA_s(n) + (1 - q)A_f(n)$$

$$= \Theta(\log_2 n)$$

Jump Search

```
def jump_search(arr, target):
    n = len(arr)
    step = int(math.sqrt(n))
    prev = 0

    while prev < n and arr[min(step, n) - 1] < target:
        prev = step
        step += int(math.sqrt(n))
        if prev >= n:
            return -1
    for i in range(prev, min(step, n)):
        if arr[i] == target:
            return i
    return -1
```

- When binary search is costly, e.g., searching for an element in a very large sorted dataset stored on a slow storage medium, like a database on disk or an external hard drive

Time Complexity of Jump Search

- Assume that the search key ***a*** is in the list
 1. Best-case: $\Theta(1)$
 2. Worst-case: $\Theta(\sqrt{n}) + \Theta(\sqrt{n}) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$
 3. Average-case: $\sum_{i=1}^{\sqrt{n}} p_i \Theta(\sqrt{n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\sqrt{n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Theta(\sqrt{n}) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$
- Assume that the search key ***a*** is not in the list
$$\Theta(\sqrt{n}) + \Theta(\sqrt{n}) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$$
- On average, the time complexity of Jump Search is $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

- Exhaustive Algorithm: Sequential Search
 - Time complexity $O(n)$
- Decrease-and-conquer Algorithm:
 - Binary Search: Time complexity $O(\log_2 n)$
 - Jump Search: Time complexity $O(\sqrt{n})$

	Best Case	Average Case	Worst Case	Overall
Sequential	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$O(n)$
Binary	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\log_2 n)$	$\Theta(\log_2 n)$	$O(\log_2 n)$
Jump	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\sqrt{n})$	$\Theta(\sqrt{n})$	$O(\sqrt{n})$

Hashing

- Hashing: a typical space and time trade-off in algorithm
- To achieve search time in $O(1)$, memory usage will be increased

What is hashing?

- To reduce the key space to a reasonable size
- Each key is mapped to a unique index (hash value/address)
- Search time remains $O(1)$ on the average

hash function: $\{\text{all possible keys}\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, h-1\}$

- The array is called a hash table
- Each entry in the hash table is called a hash slot
- When multiple keys are mapped to the same hash value, a collision occurs
- If there are n records stored in a hash table with h slots, its load factor is $\alpha = \frac{n}{h}$

Hash Functions

- Must map all possible values within the range of the hash table uniquely
- Mapping should achieve an even distribution of the keys
- Easy and fast to compute
- Minimize collision

1. Modulo Arithmetic
2. Folding
3. Mid-square
4. Etc.

Hash Functions

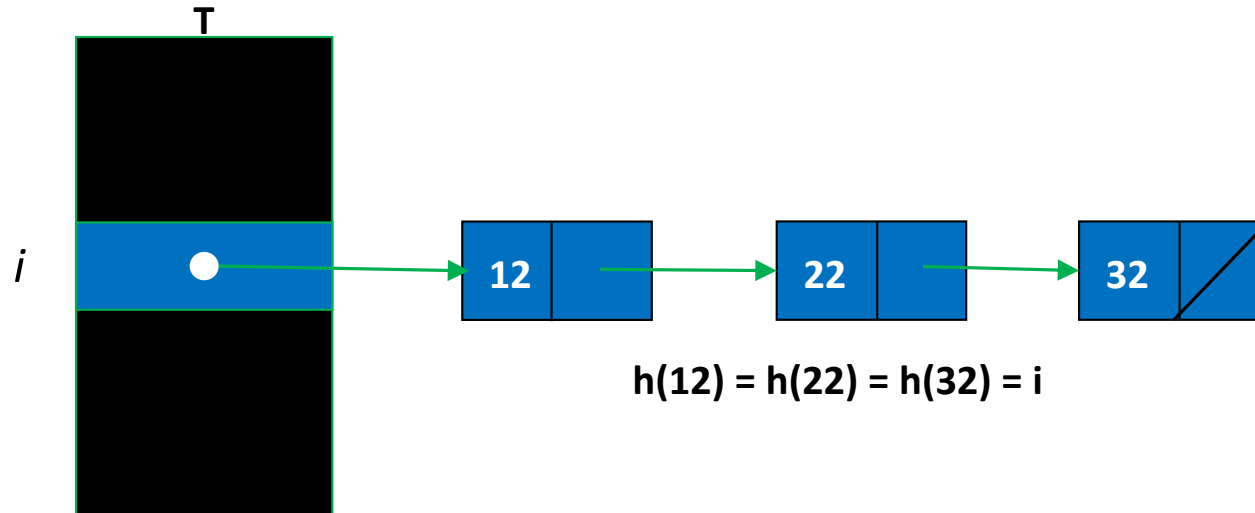
1. Modulo Arithmetic: $H(k) = k \bmod h$
 - E.g. $h = 13$ & $k = 37699 \rightarrow H(k) = 37699 \bmod 13 = 12$
 - In practice, h should be a prime number, but not too close to any power of 2
2. Folding
 - Partition the key into several parts and combine the parts in a convenient way
 - Shift folding: Divide the key into a few parts and added up these parts
 - $X = abc \rightarrow H(X) = (a + b + c) \bmod h$
 - E.g. $H(123456789) = (123 + 456 + 789) \bmod 13 = 3$
3. Mid-square
 - The key is squared and the middle part of the result is used as the hash address
 - E.g. $k=3121$, $k^2 = 3121^2 = 9740641 \rightarrow H(k) = 406$

Collision Resolutions

- Closed Addressing Hashing – a.k.a separate chaining
- Open Addressing Hashing
 - Linear Probing
 - Quadratic Probing
 - Double Probing

Closed Addressing: Separate Chaining

- Keys are not stored in the table itself
- All the keys with the same hash address are store in a separate list



- During searching, the searched element with hash address i is compared with elements in linked list $H[i]$ sequentially
- In closed address hashing, there will be α number of elements in each linked list on average $\alpha = \frac{n}{h}$

Closed Addressing: Separate Chaining

Time complexity in the **worst-case analysis**: $\Theta(n)$

Time complexity in the **average-case analysis**: $\Theta(\alpha)$

Open Addressing

- Keys are stored in the table itself
- α cannot be greater than 1
- When collision occurs, probe is required for the alternate slot
 - Ideally, the probing approach can visit every possible slot

1. Linear Probing: probe the next slot

$$H(k, i) = (k + i) \bmod h \text{ where } i \in [0, h - 1]$$

Primary clustering:

- A long runs of occupied slots
- Average search time is increased

Open Addressing

2. Quadratic Probing

$$H(k, i) = (k + c_1 i + c_2 i^2) \bmod h \quad \text{where } c_1 \text{ and } c_2 \text{ are constants, } c_2 \neq 0$$

- **Secondary Clustering**: if two keys have the same initial probe position, their probe sequences will be the same. This will form a clustering.

Open Addressing

3. Double Hashing: a random probing method

$H(k, i) = (k + iD(k)) \bmod h$ where $i \in [0, h - 1]$ and $D(k)$ is another hash function

Time Complexity

Linear Probing

- Successful Search: $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1-\alpha}\right)$
- Unsuccessful Search: $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{1-\alpha}\right)^2\right)$

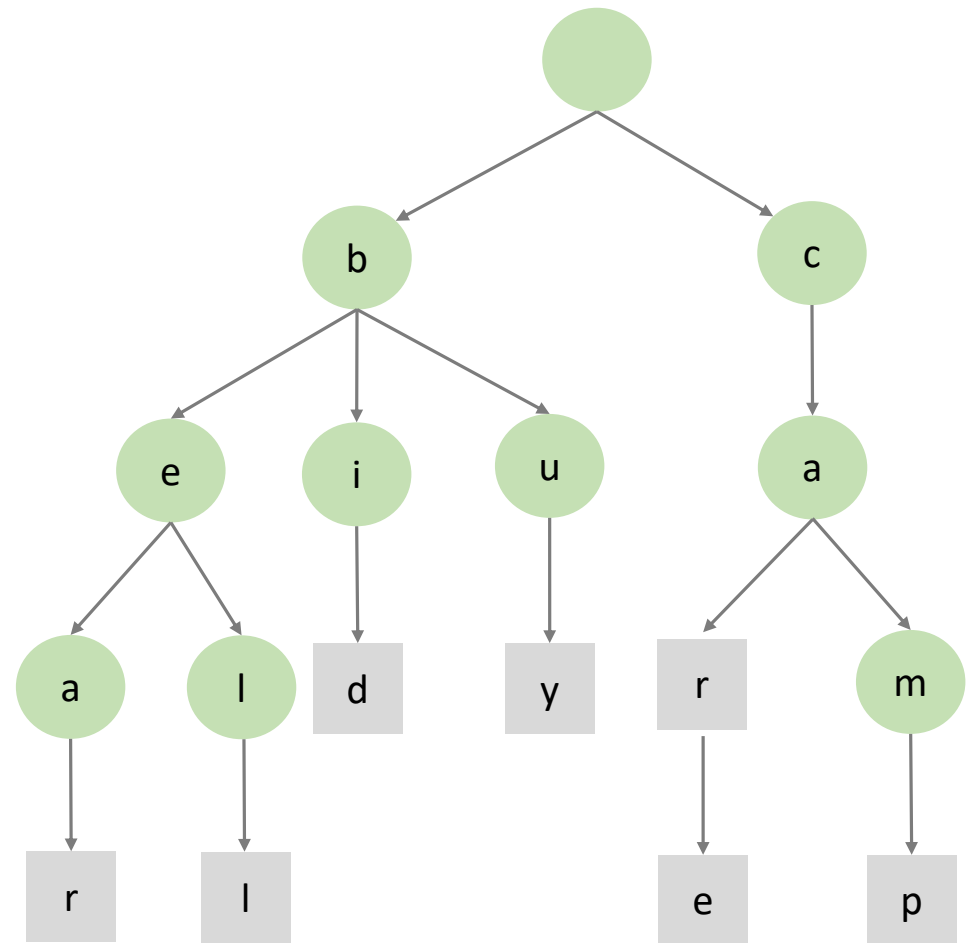
Double Hashing

- Successful Search: $\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$
- Unsuccessful Search: $\frac{1}{1-\alpha}$

*Proof can be found in The Art of Computer Programming by Knuth Donald (1973)

What Is a Trie

- A tree-based data structure used for efficient string operations. Also called prefix tree or digital tree.
- It is a specialized search tree data structure used to store and retrieve strings from a dictionary or set.

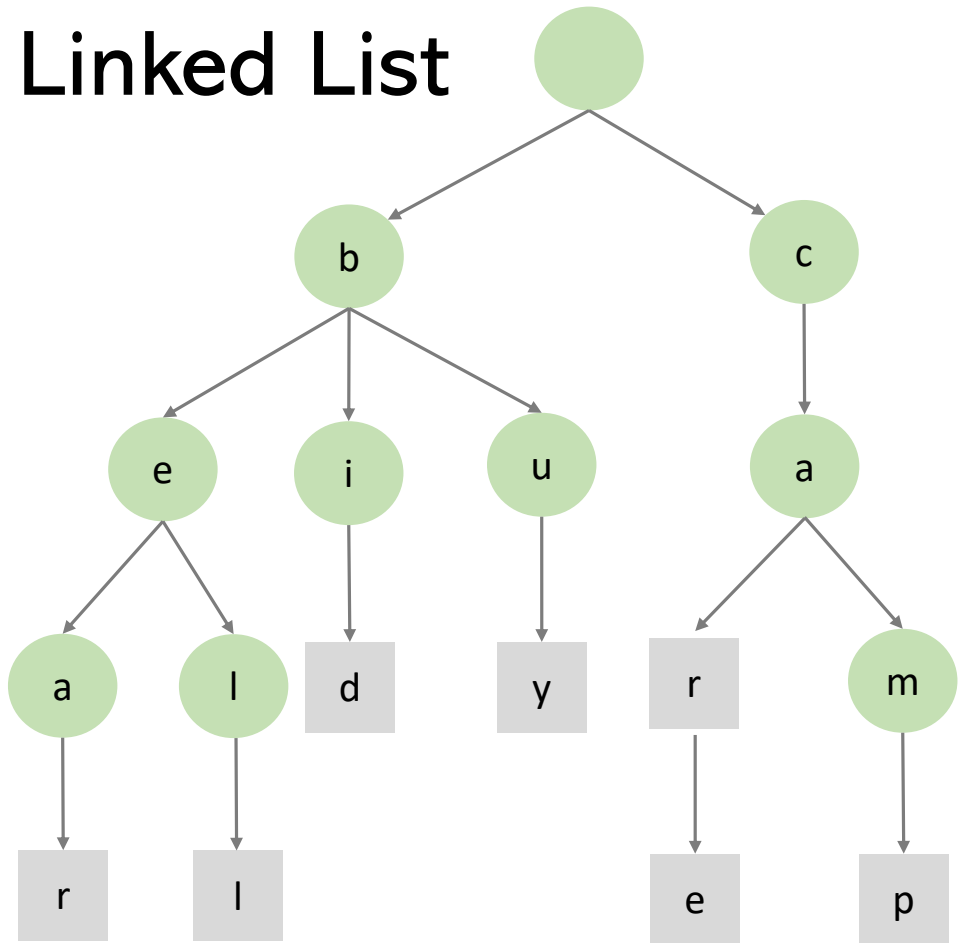


The trie structure for strings: bear, bell, bid, buy, car, care, camp

Implementations with Linked List

```
class TrieNode:
    def __init__(self, char):
        self.char = char
        self.is_end_of_word = False
        self.child = None
        self.next = None
```

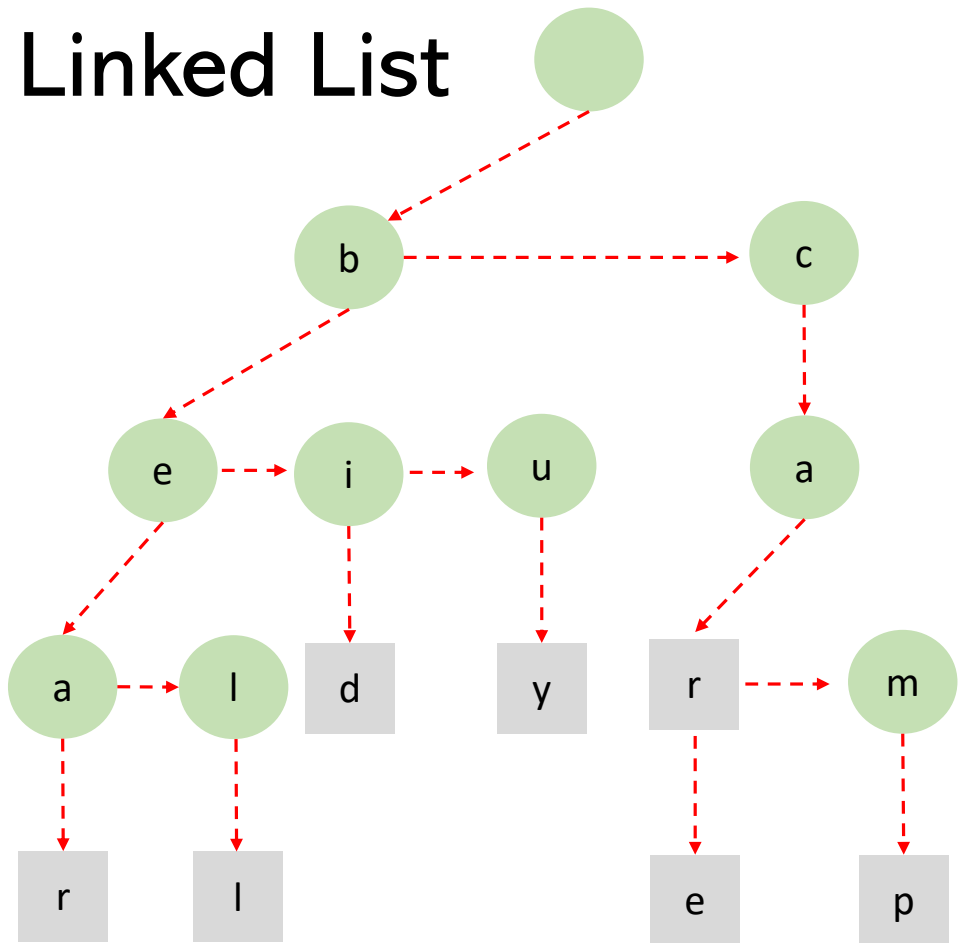
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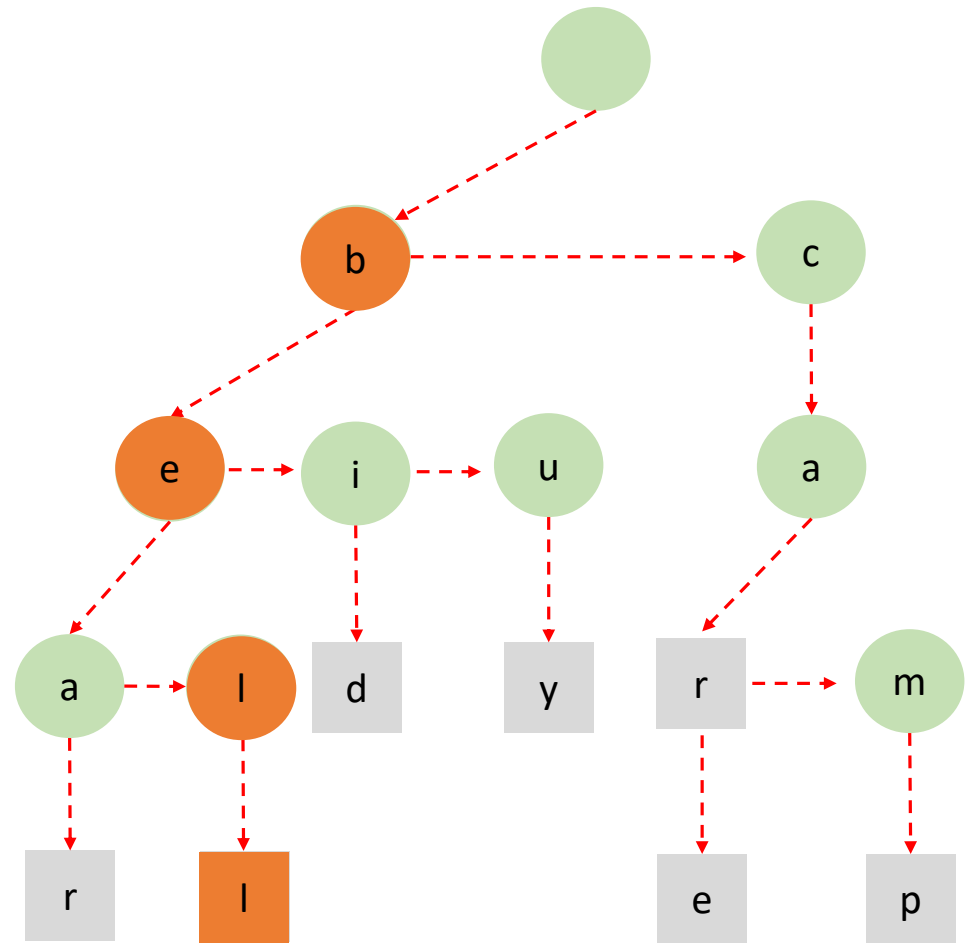
Implementations with Linked List

- The core operations for a trie:
 - Search a word
 - Insert a word
 - Traversal
- Usually we will not delete a word from a trie
 - Dictionaries don't usually change
 - Deleting from a trie is much more complex than inserting
- The binary tree traversal algorithms can be applied in trie
 - Preorder (dfs)
 - Level-by-level (bfs)

```
class Trie:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = TrieNode("")
    def search(self, word):
    def insert(self, word):
    def dfs(self, node):
    def bfs(self, node):
```

Search a Word

```
parent_node = root
for each character in the word
    if the current character is a
    child of parent_node:
        parent_node = current_node
        move on to the next character
    else:
        return False
return current_node.is_end_of_word
```

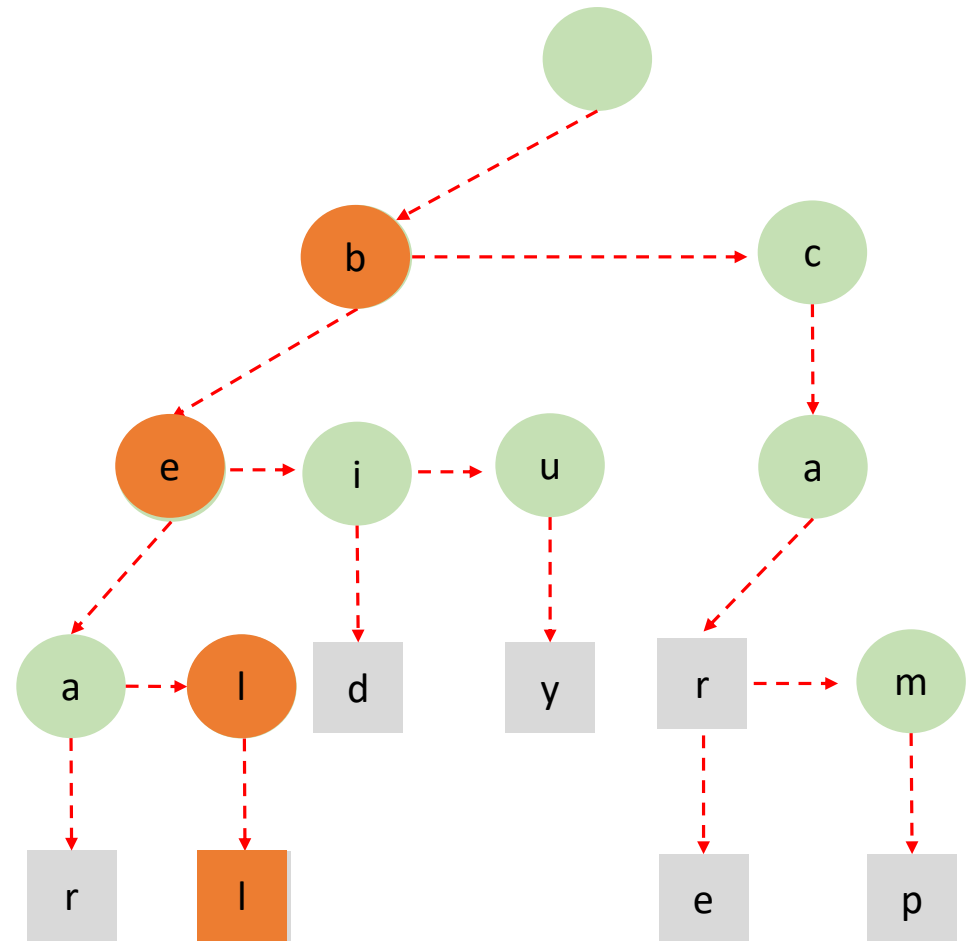


For example, search “bell”

Search a Word

```
def _find_child(self, node, char):
    current = node.child
    while current:
        if current.char == char:
            return current
        current = current.next
    return None

def search(self, word):
    node = self.root
    for char in word:
        node = self._find_child(node, char)
        if not node:
            return False
    return node.is_end_of_word
```



For example, search “bell”

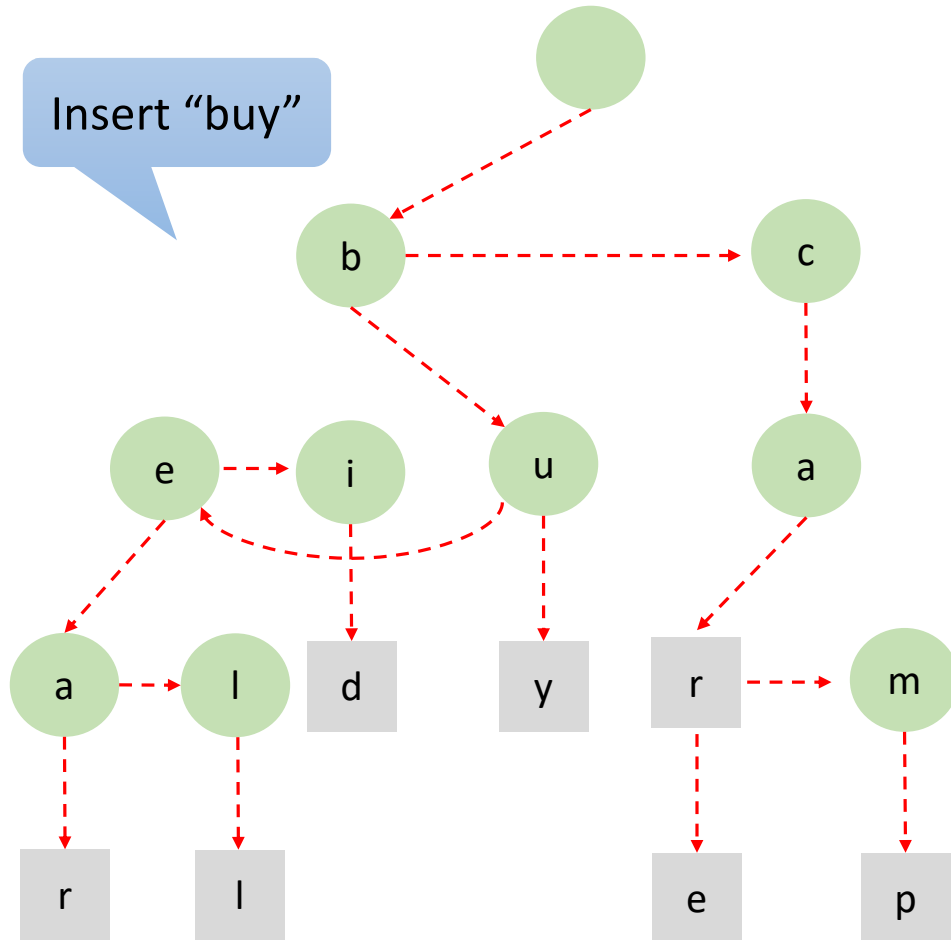

```

for each character in the word:
    if the character is a child node of
    the parent node:
        move to the next character
    else:
        new_node = create a new TrieNode
        #insert the child at the beginning
        #of the linked list
        set the new_node next be the
        parent_node's first child
        set the parent_node first child be
        the new_node

set end_of_word of the last_node as True

```

Insert a word



```
def _add_child(self, node, char):
```

```
    new_node = TrieNode(char)
```

```
    new_node.next = node.child
```

```
    node.child = new_node
```

```
    return new_node
```

```
def insert(self, word):
```

```
    node = self.root
```

```
    for char in word:
```

```
        child = self._find_child(node, char)
```

```
        if not child:
```

```
            child = self._add_child(node, char)
```

```
            node = child
```

```
    node.is_end_of_word = True
```

Lab
Practice

Pre-order Depth First Traversal

- Pre-order
 - Process the current node's data
 - Visit the left child subtree
 - Visit the right child subtree

TreeTraversal(Node N):

Visit N;

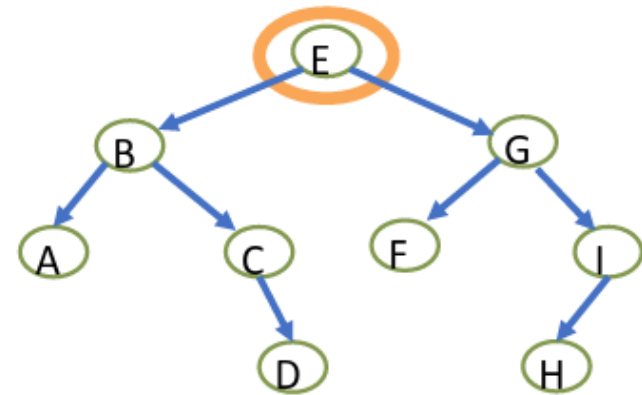
If (N has left child)

TreeTraversal(LeftChild);

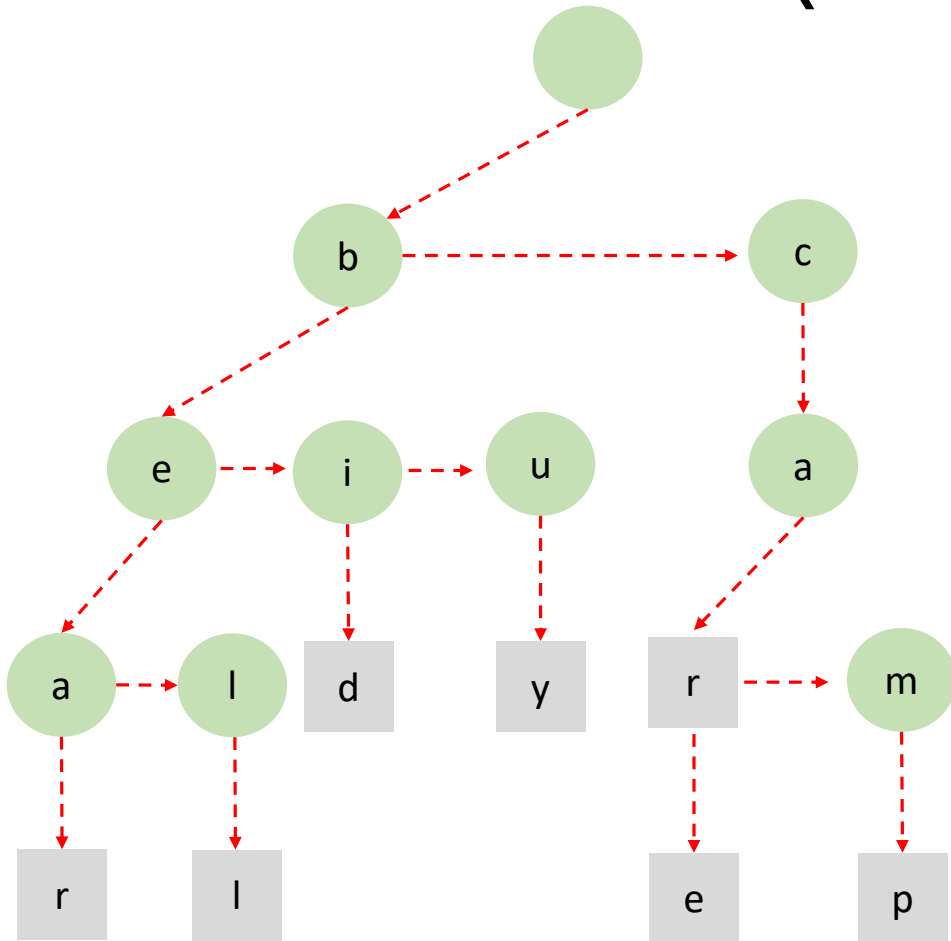
If (N has right child)

TreeTraversal(RightChild);

Return; // return to parent



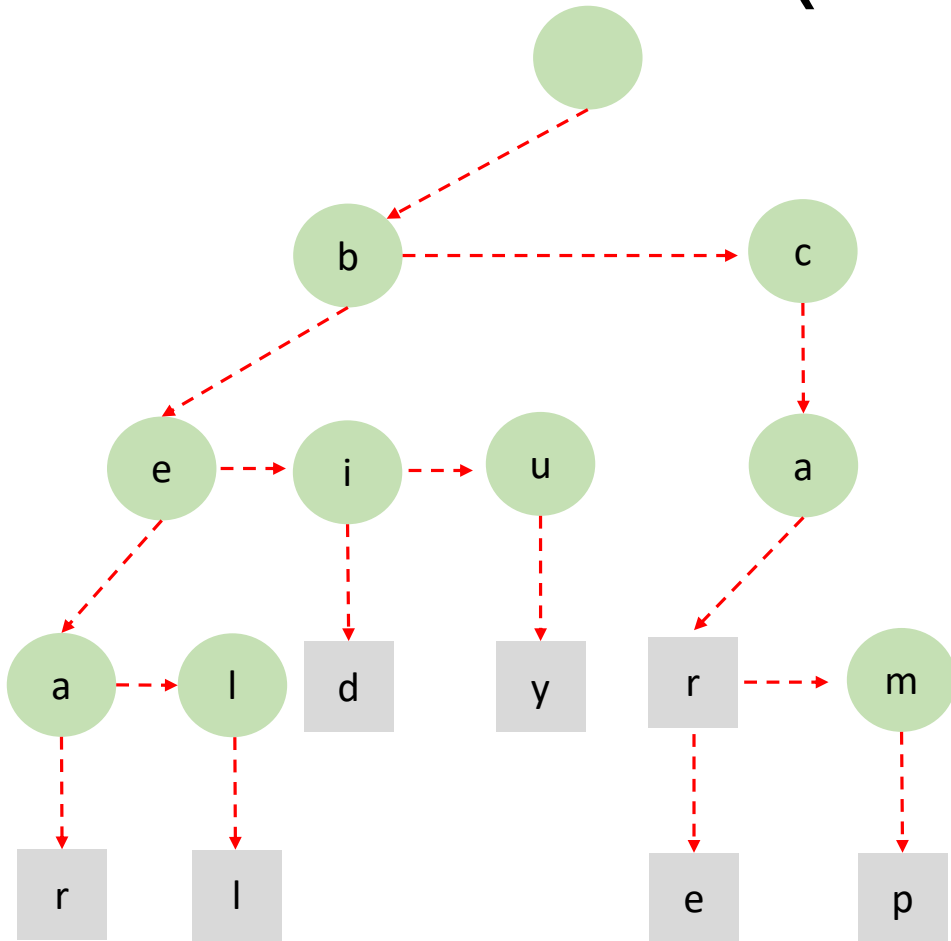
Preorder Traversal (DFS)



Instead of visiting left and right children,
visit each child of the TrieNode

```
dfs(TrieNode tn):  
    visit tn  
    child = tn.child  
    while child is not None:  
        dfs(child)  
        child = child.next
```

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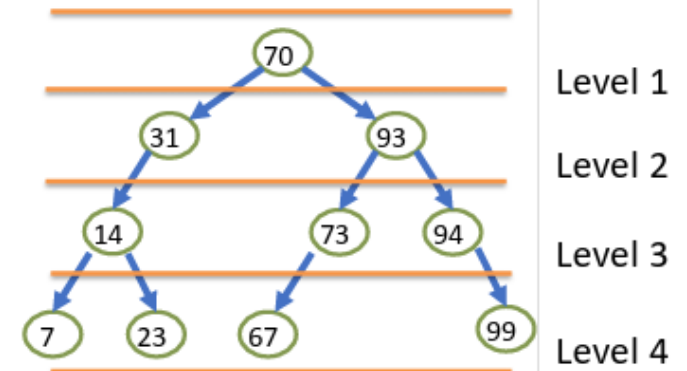
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def dfs(self, node):  
    if node is not None:  
        print(node.char, end=" ")  
    child = node.child  
    while child:  
        self.dfs(child)  
        child = child.next
```

None b e a r l l d u y c a r e m p

Breath-first Traversal: Level-by-level

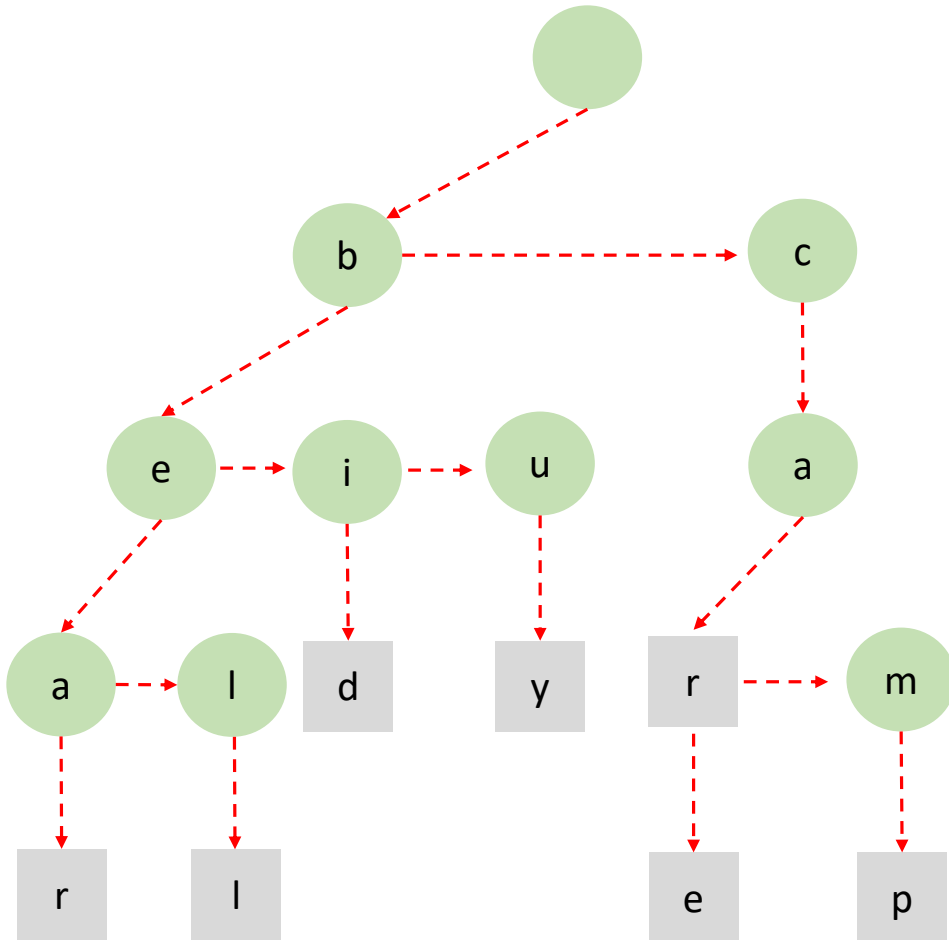
Level-By-Level Traversal:

- Visiting a node
- Remember all its children
 - Use a queue (FIFO structure)



1. Enqueue the current node
2. Dequeue a node
3. Enqueue its children if it is available
4. Repeat Step 2 until the queue is empty

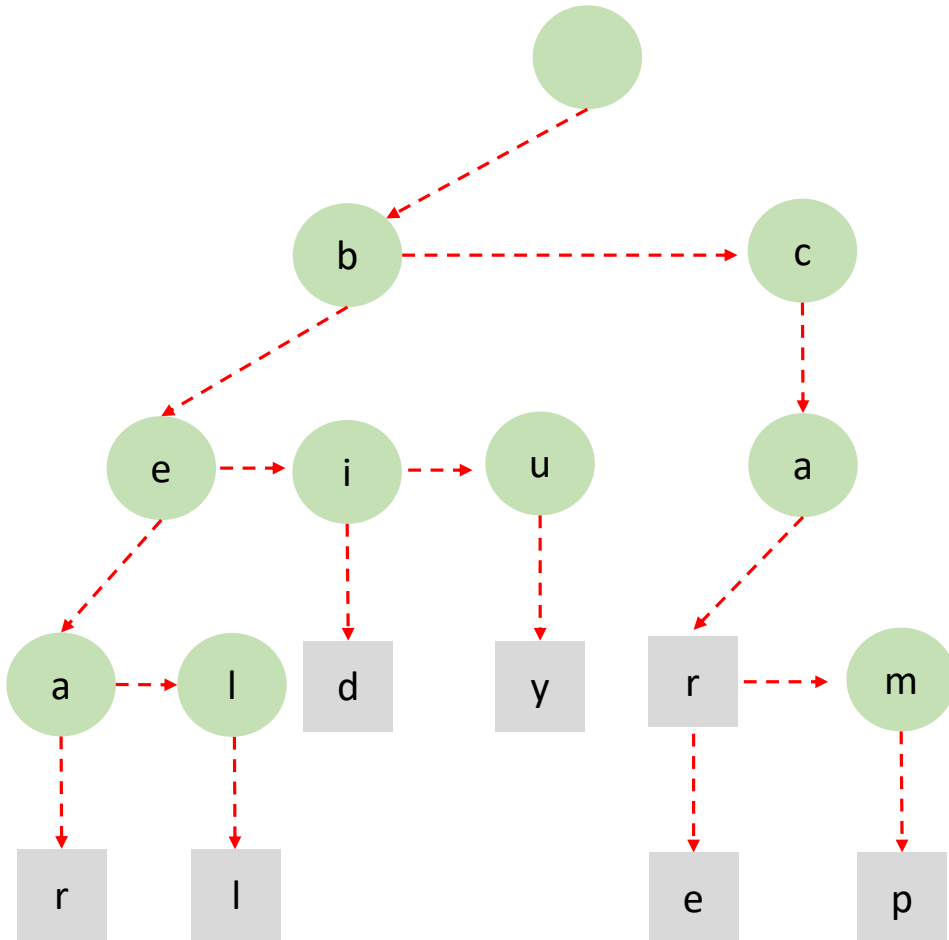
Level-by-Level Traversal (BFS)



```
def bfs(self):  
    queue = Queue()  
    queue.enqueue(self.root)  
    while not queue.is_empty():  
        node = queue.dequeue()  
        print(node.char, end=" ")  
        child = node.child  
        while child:  
            queue.enqueue(child)  
            child = child.next
```

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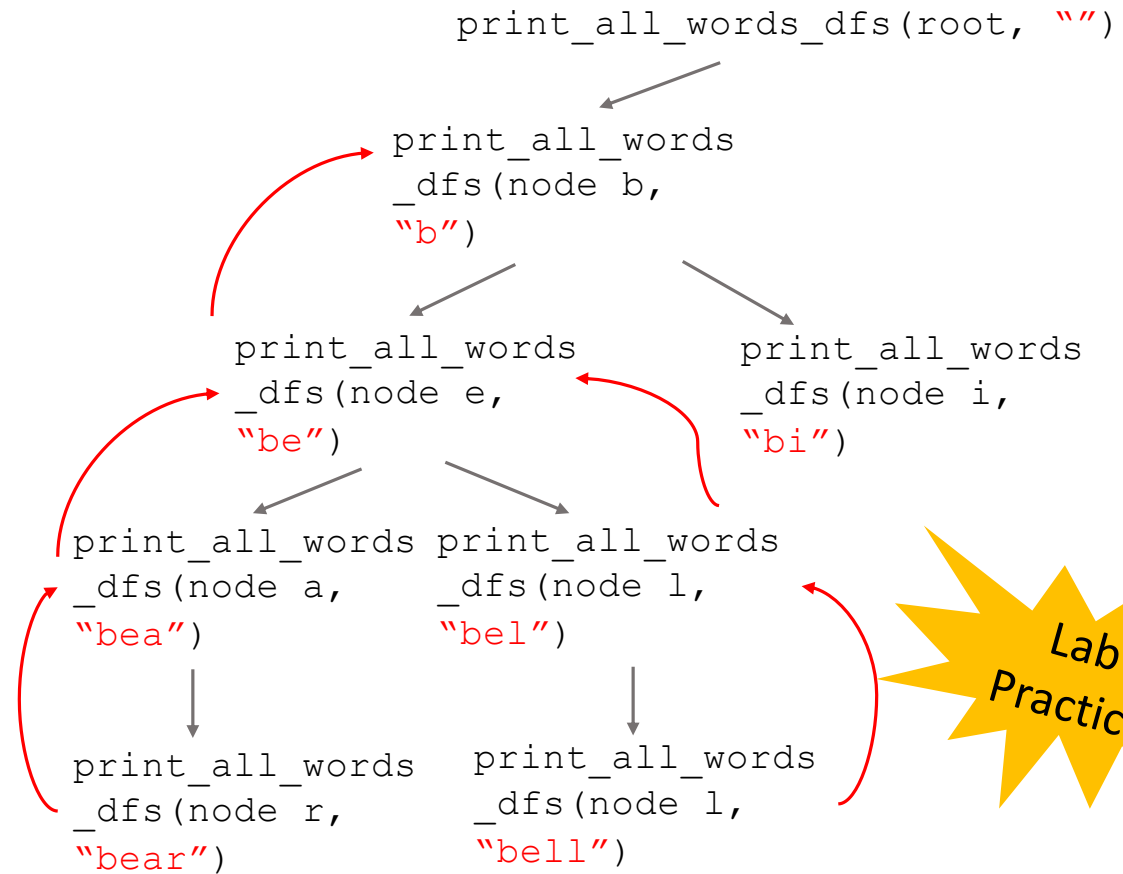
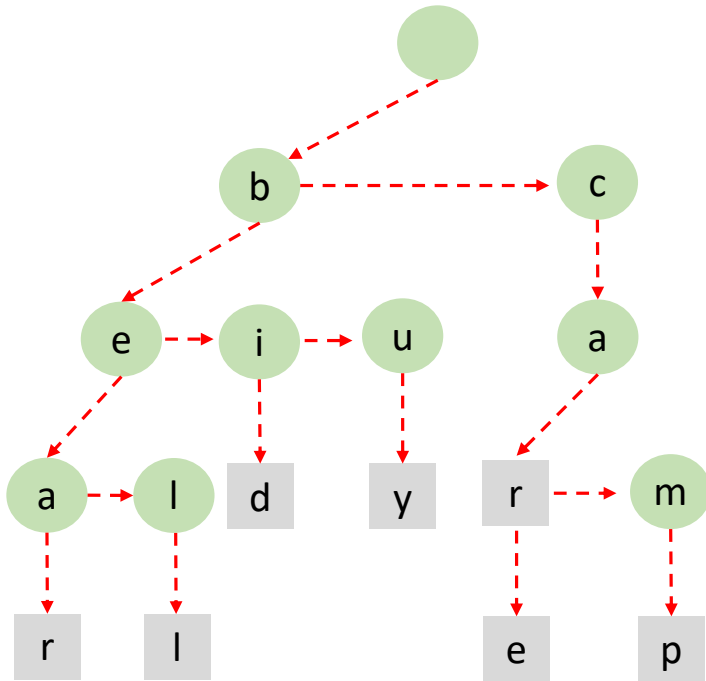
Working Example: Print All Words



- Apply dfs
- When the node is the end of a word, print it
- Keep track of current nodes' ancestors

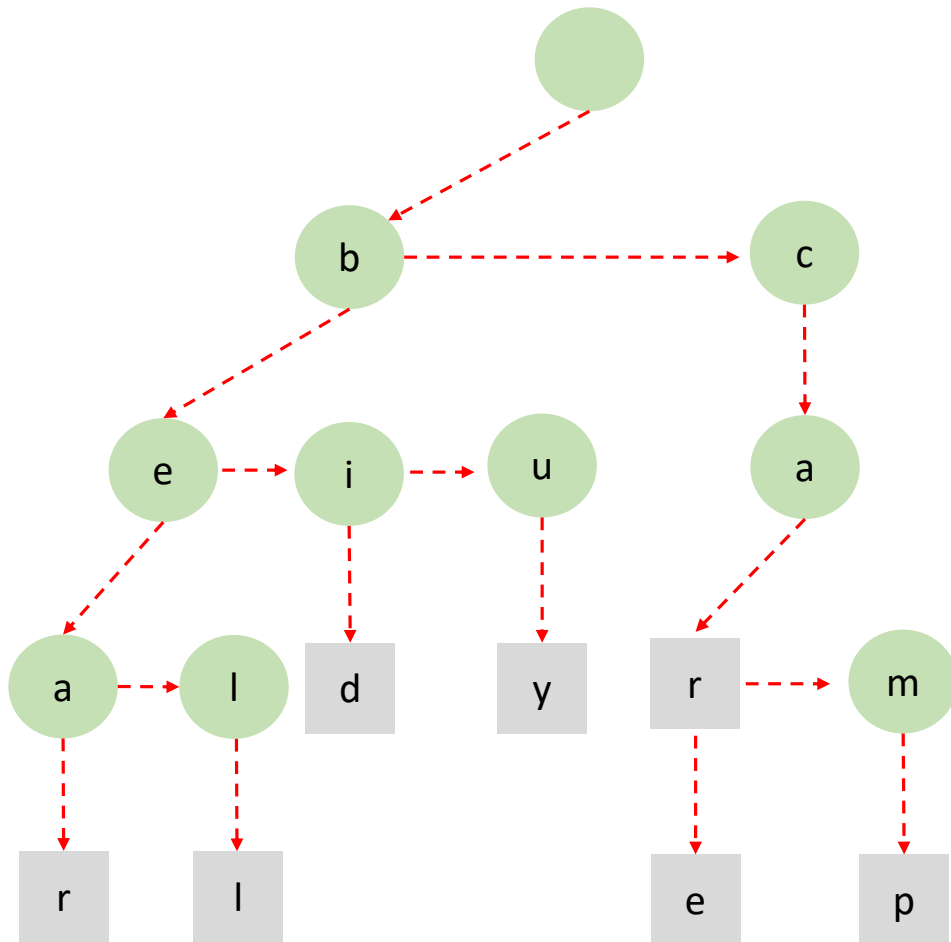
```
def print_all_words_dfs(self, node, prefix):  
    if node.is_end_of_word:  
        print(prefix)  
  
    child = node.child  
    while child:  
        self.print_all_words(child,  
                             prefix+child.char)  
        child = child.next
```


Working Example: Print All Words



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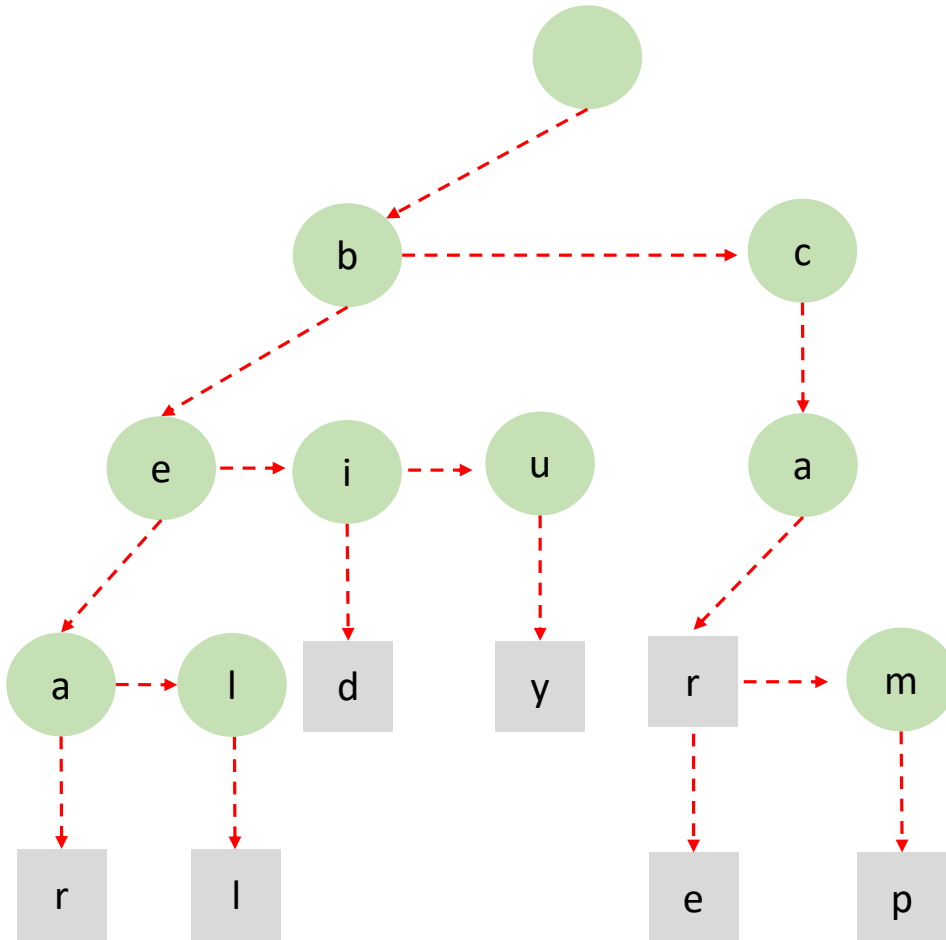
Working Example: Print All Words



- Apply bfs
- When enqueue a node, also enqueue the node's ancestors & the node's character
- When dequeue a node, if the node is end of a word, print the word

```
class Queue:
    def __init__(self):
        self.items = []
    def enqueue(self, item):
        self.items.append(item)
    def dequeue(self):
        if not self.is_empty():
            return self.items.pop(0)
        return None
    def is_empty(self):
        return len(self.items) == 0
```

Working Example: Print All Words



```
def print_all_words_bfs(self):
    queue = Queue()
    queue.enqueue((self.root, ""))
    while not queue.is_empty():
        node, prefix = queue.dequeue()
        if node.is_end_of_word:
            print(prefix)
        child = node.child
        while child:
            queue.enqueue((child,
                           prefix + child.char))
            child = child.next
```

Tutorial Practice