

A hand is shown placing a blue L-shaped block onto a colorful geometric structure made of various blocks. The structure is composed of blocks in shades of blue, orange, yellow, green, and red. The background is a solid light blue. The text 'EMTH403' is displayed in large, bold, pink letters with a slight shadow effect.

# EMTH403

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# Lecture Outcomes

After this lecture, you will be able to

- Understand what Spanning Trees
- Understand what is Kruskal's Algorithm.

# Tree traversals

A binary tree is defined recursively: it consists of a root, a left subtree, and a right subtree

To traverse (or walk) the binary tree is to visit each node in the binary tree exactly once

Tree traversals are naturally recursive

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root, left, right

left, root, right

left, right, root

root, right, left

right, root, left

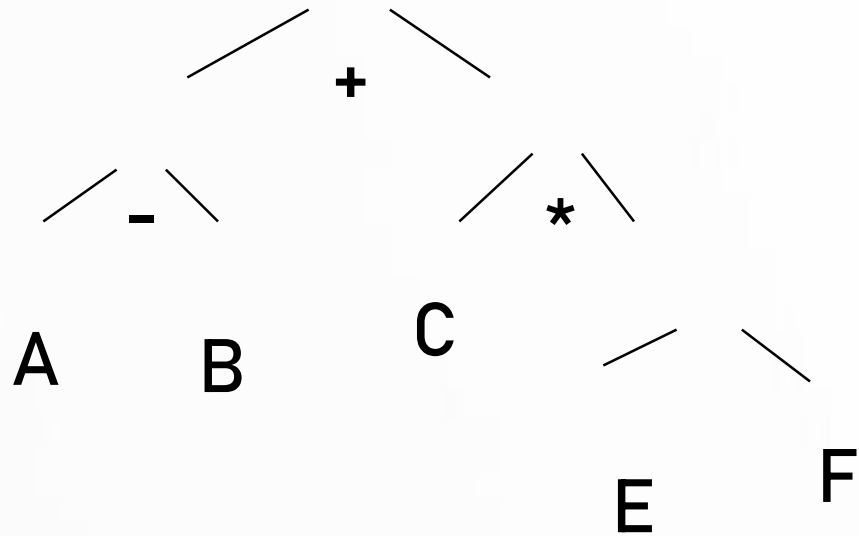
right, left, root

# More binary trees examples

1. Binary tree for representing arithmetic expressions. The underlying hierarchical relationship is that of an arithmetic operator and its two operands.

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2. Arithmetic expression in an infix form:  $(A - B) + C * (E / F)$

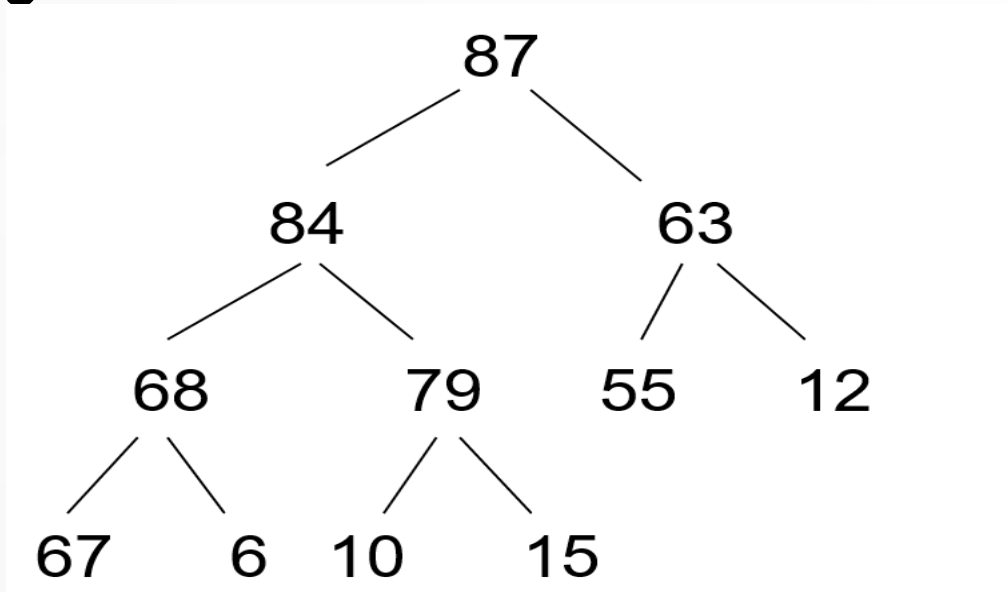


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Note that a post-order traversal of this tree (i.e. visiting the left subtree first, right subtree next, and finally the root) returns the postfix form of the arithmetic expression, while the pre-order traversal (root is visited first, then the left subtree, then the right subtree) returns the prefix form of the arithmetic expression.

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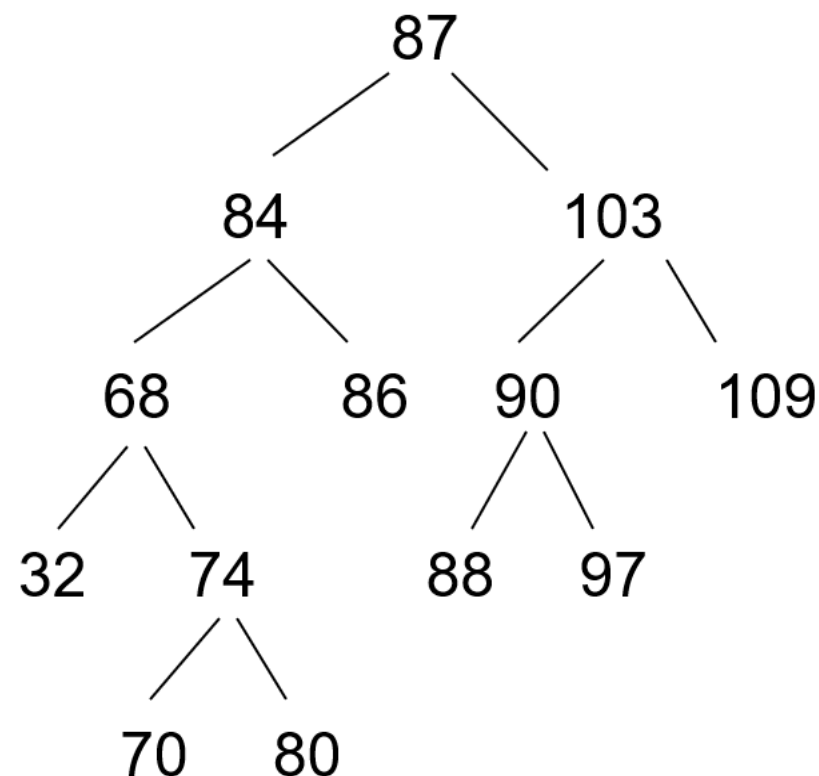
3. Binary tree with a heap property. The underlying hierarchical relationship suggests that the datum in each node is greater than or equal to the data in its left and right subtrees.





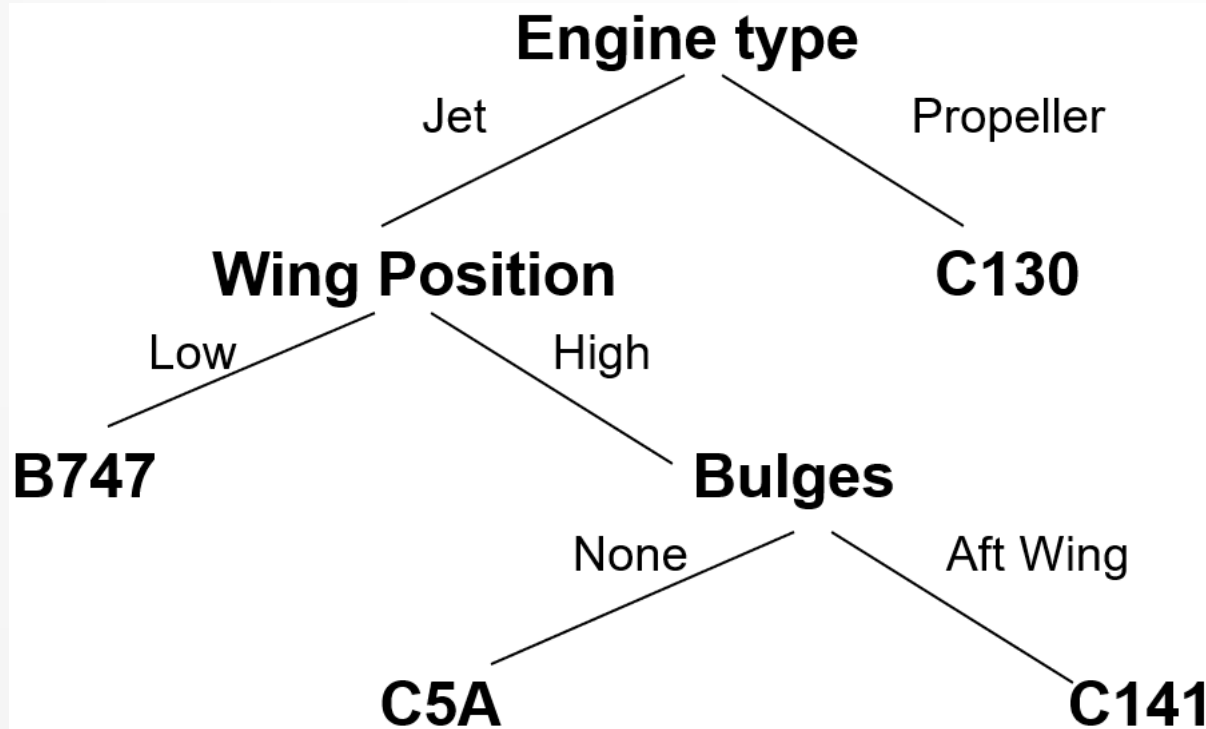
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4. Binary tree with an ordering property. The underlying hierarchical relationship suggests that the datum in each node is greater than the data in its left subtree, and less than or equal to the data in its right subtrees.



# More binary trees examples

Decision trees.



# Preorder, Inorder, Postorder

In Preorder, the root  
is visited before (pre)  
the subtrees traversals

In Inorder, the root is  
visited in-between left  
and right subtree traversal

In Postorder, the root  
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## Preorder Traversal:

1. Visit the root
2. Traverse left subtree
3. Traverse right subtree

## Inorder Traversal:

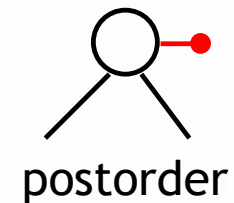
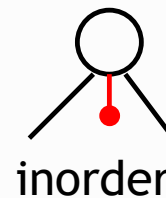
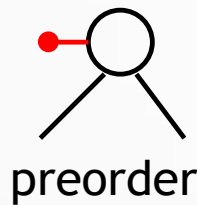
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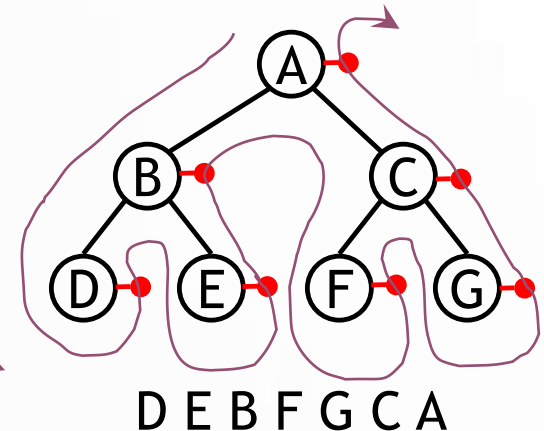
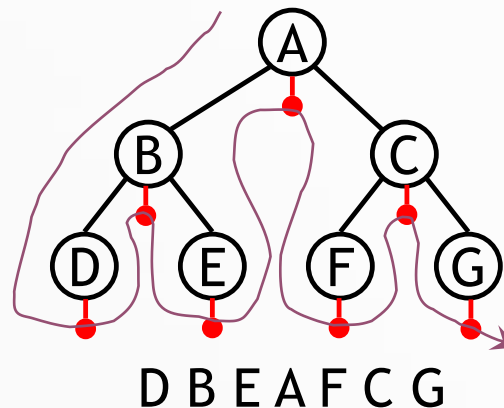
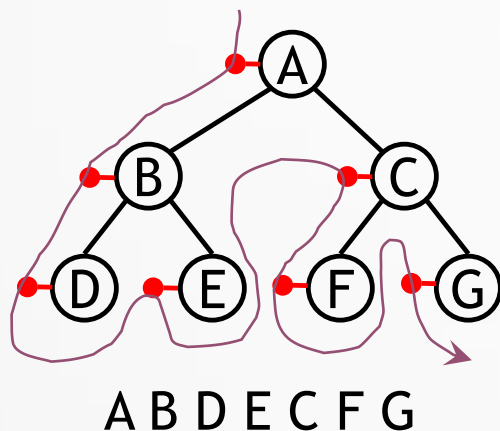
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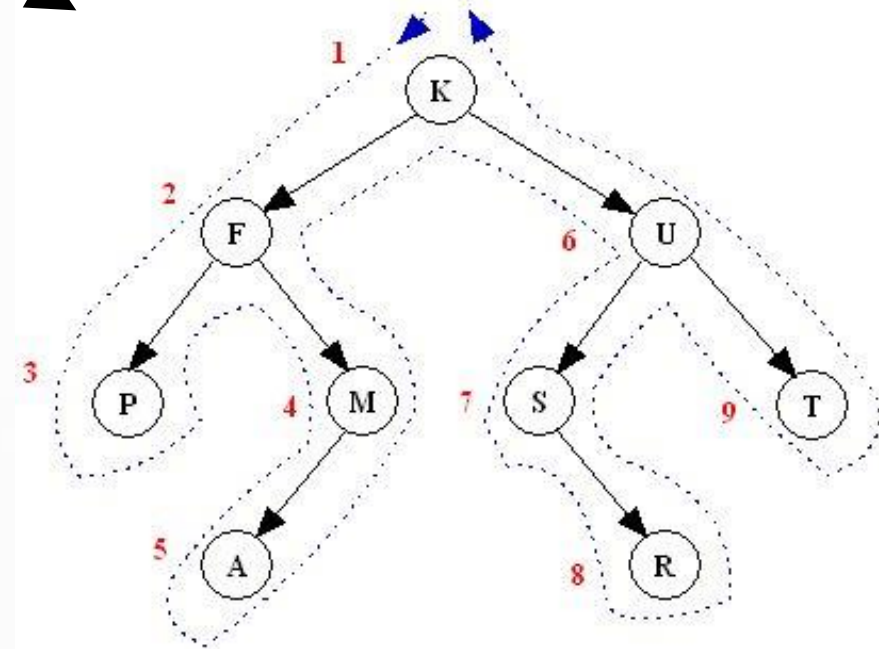
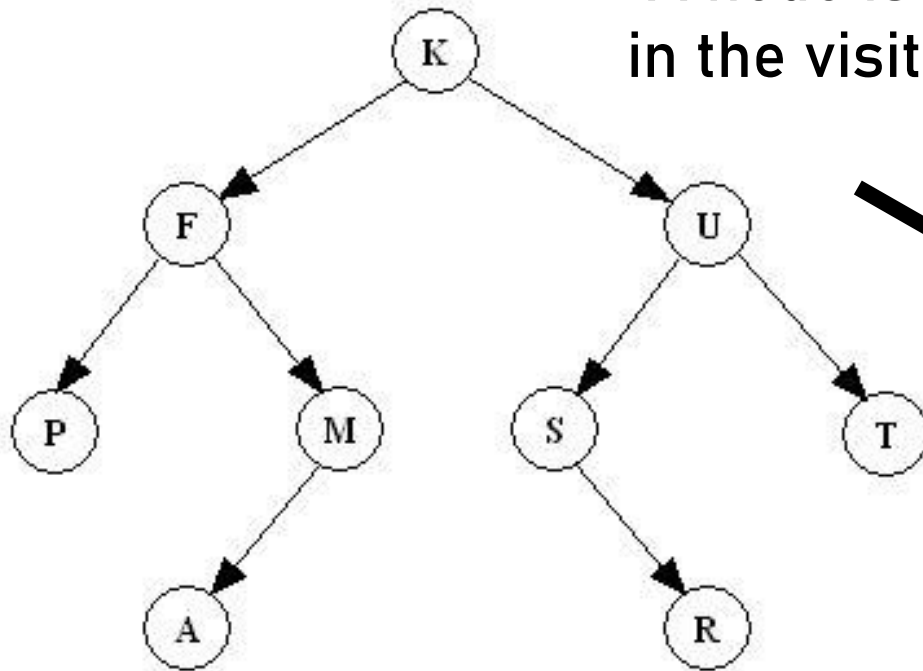


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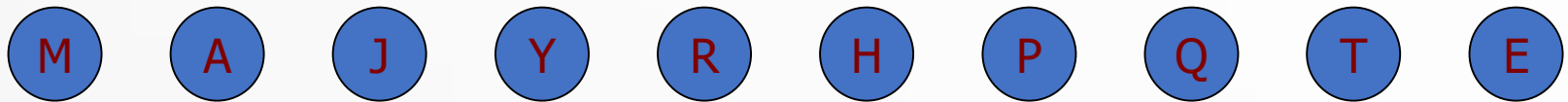
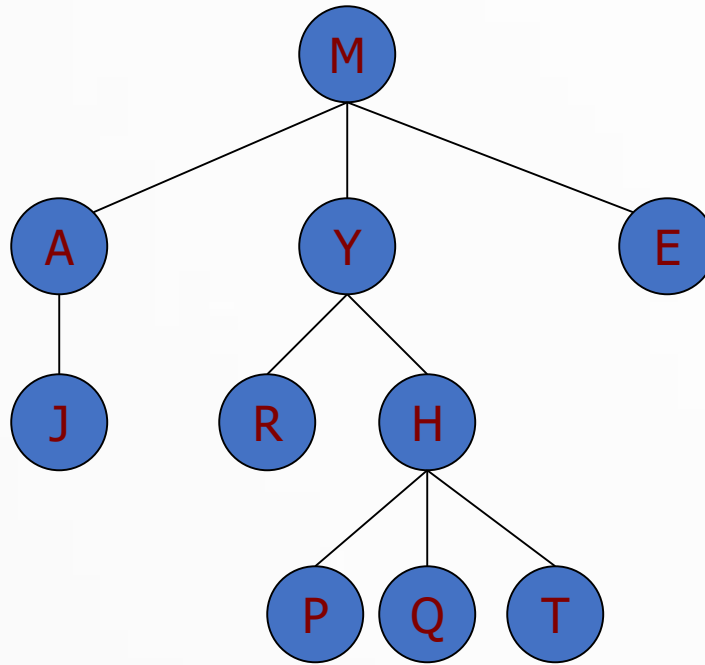
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“A node is visited when passing on its left in the visit path”



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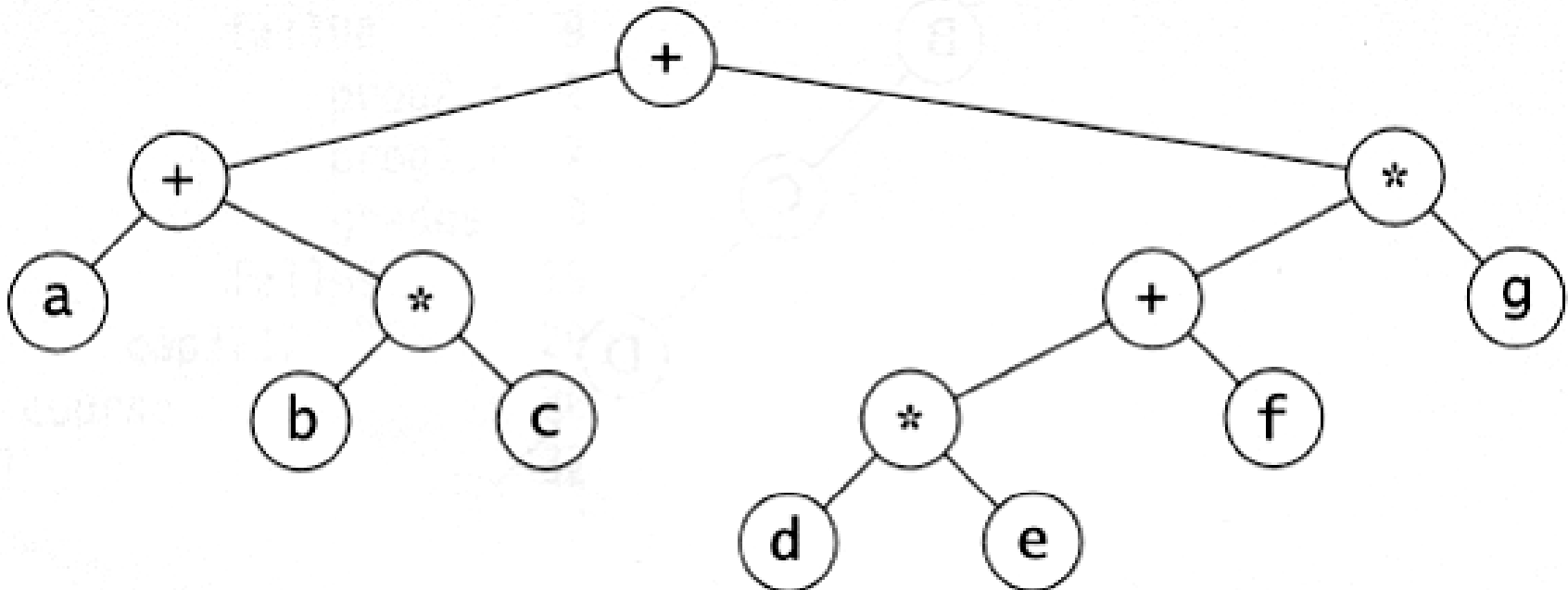
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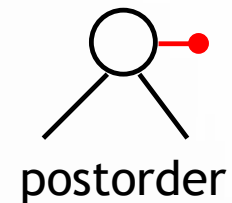
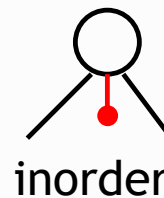
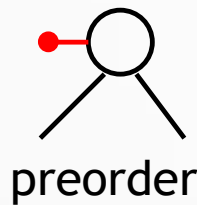
Preorder traversal node, left, right prefix expression?

Expression tree for  $++a*bc*+*defg$

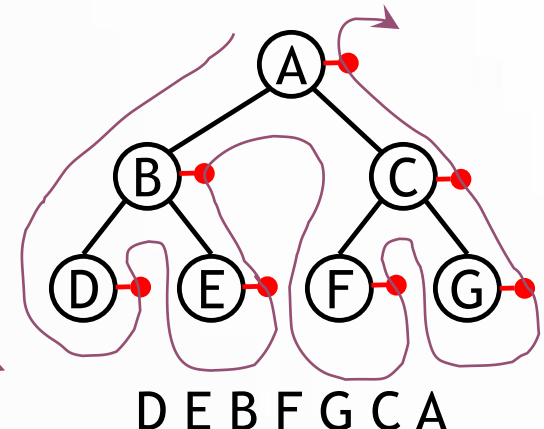
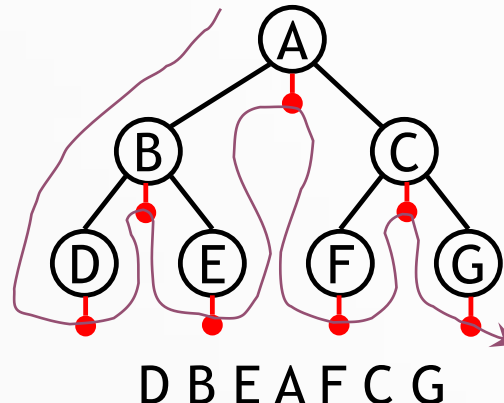
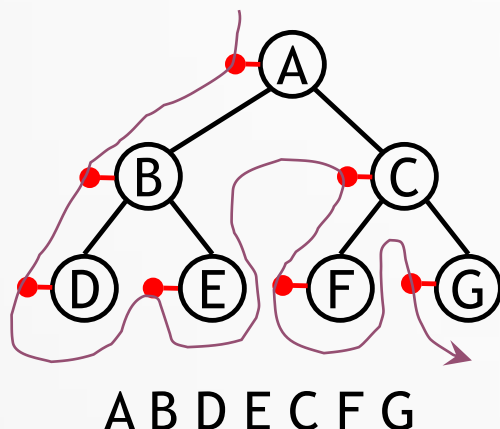


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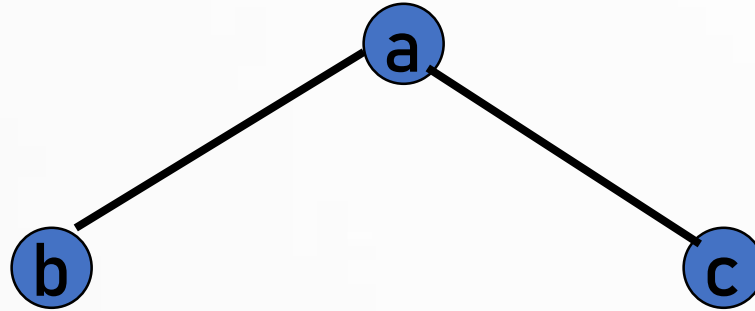


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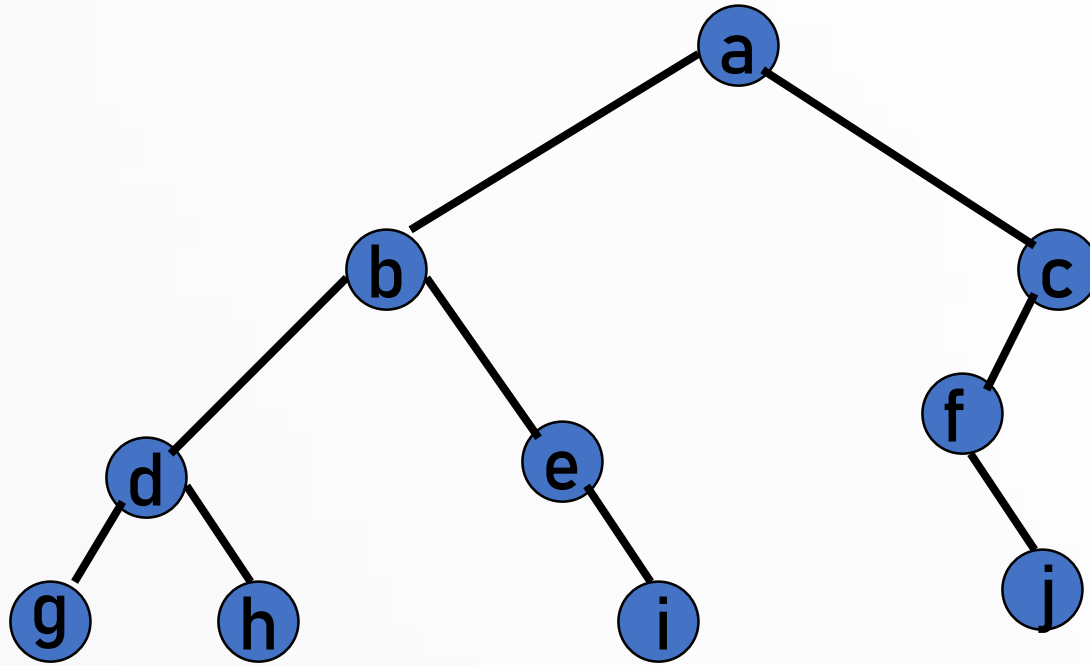


# In-order Traversal: LNR



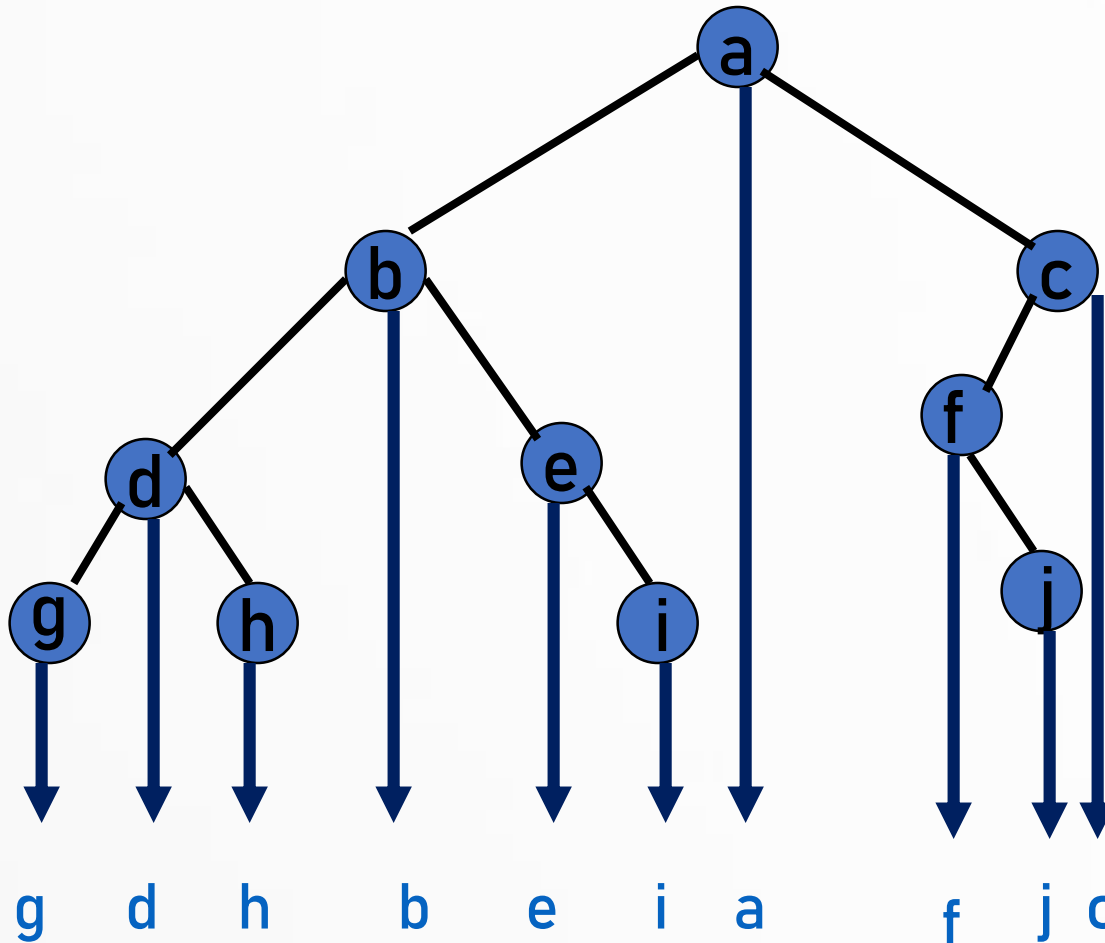
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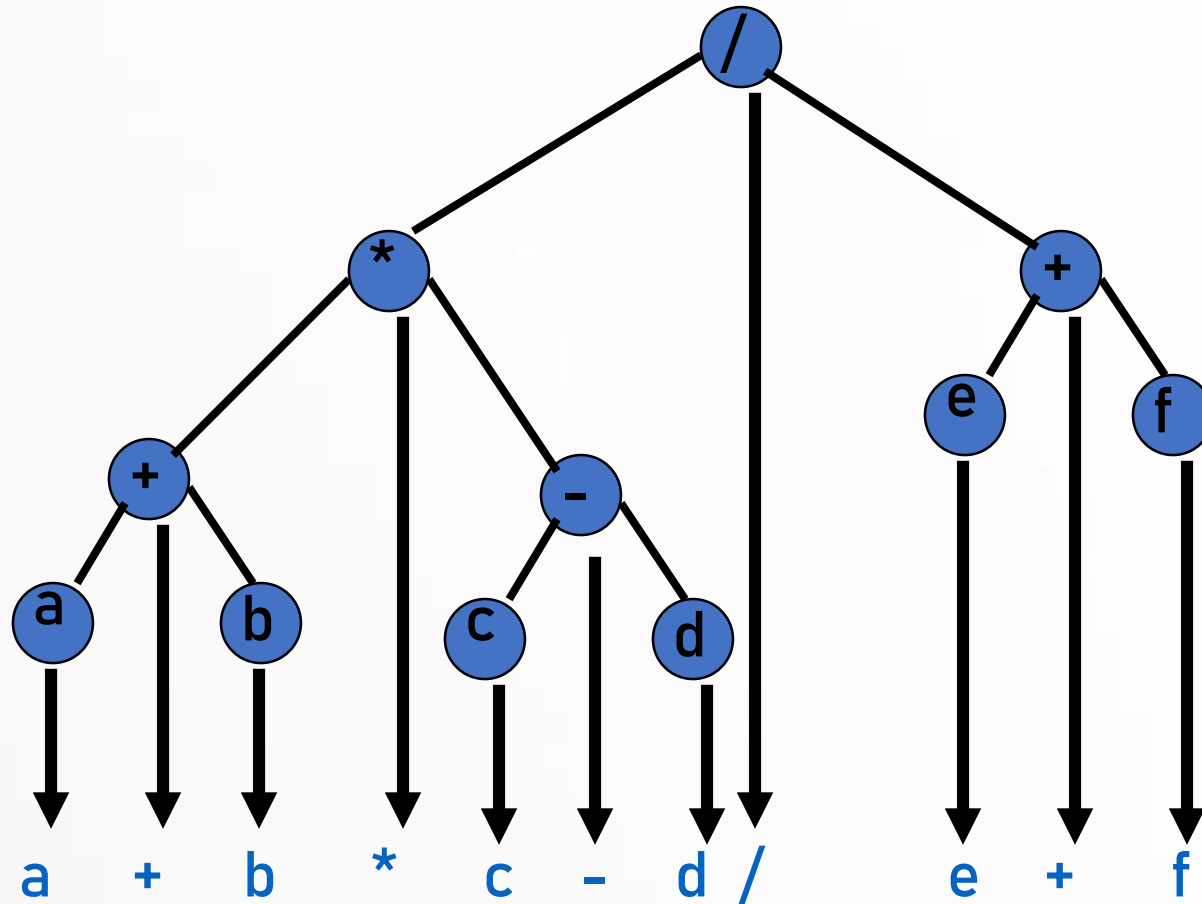


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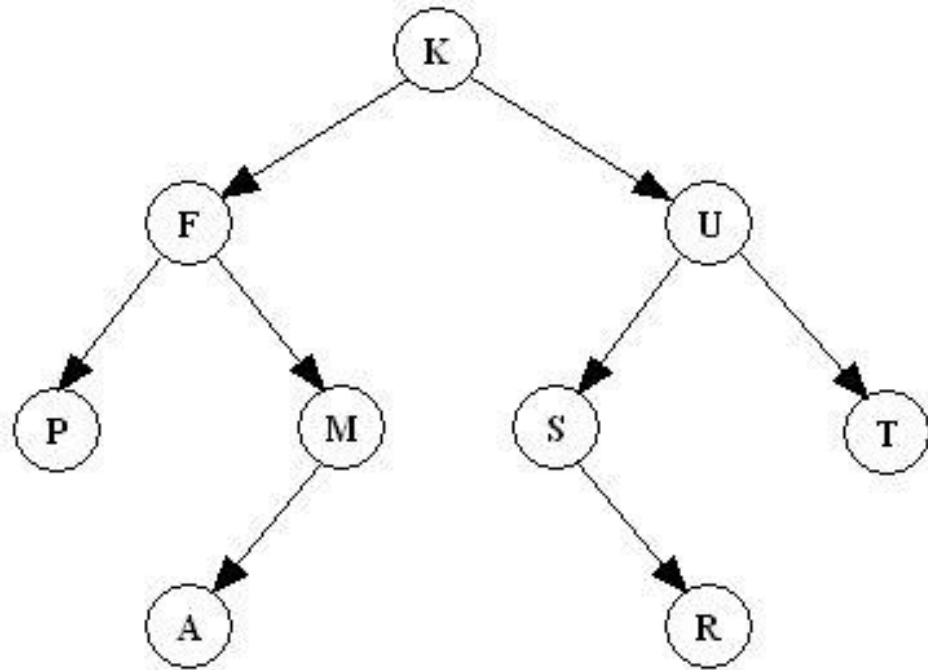
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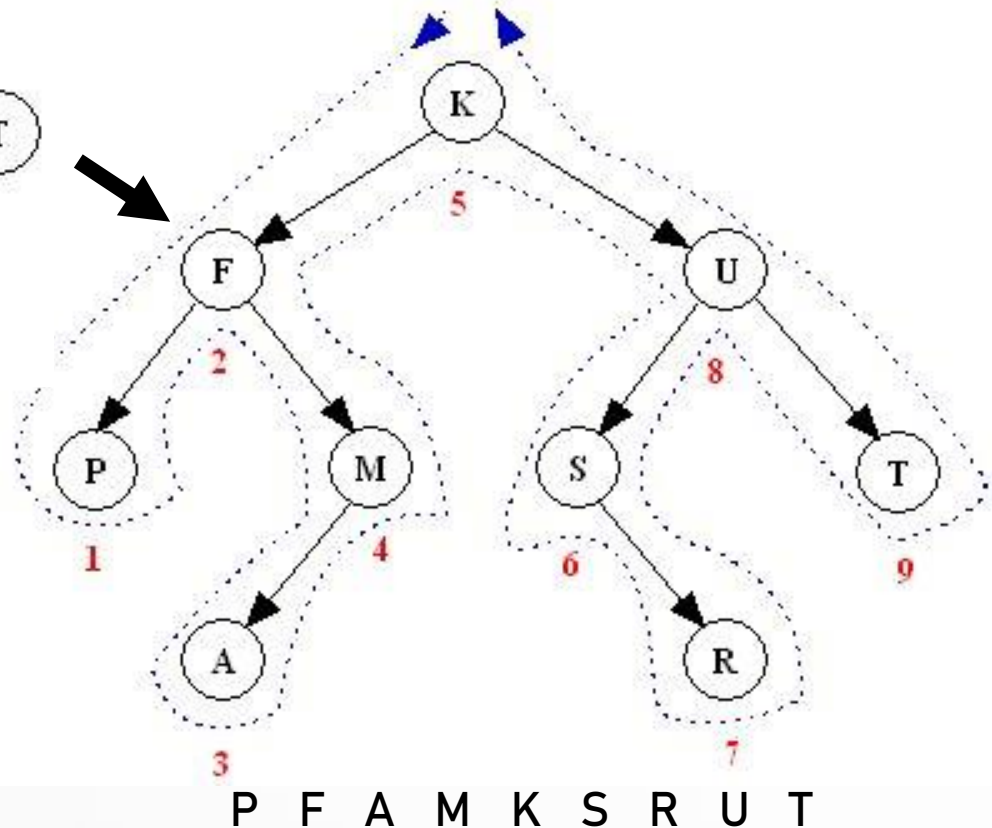


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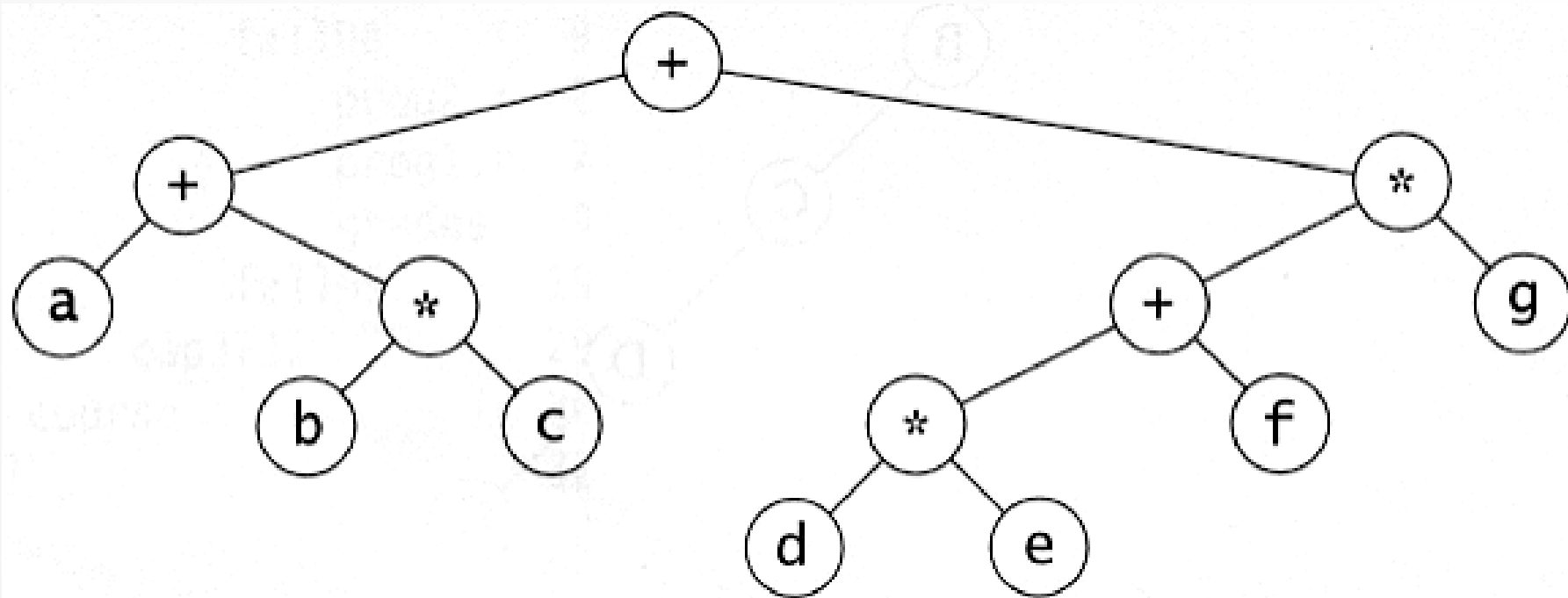
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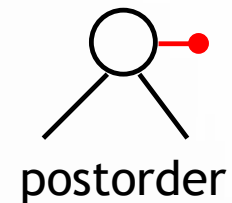
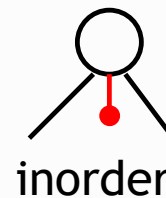
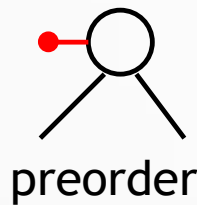
Inorder traversal left, node, right. infix expression?

$$(a+b*c)+((d*e+f)*g)$$

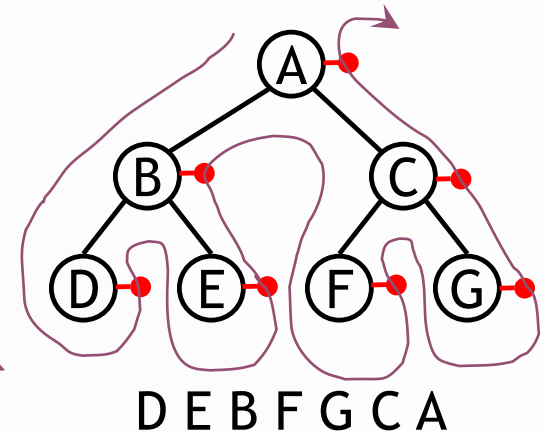
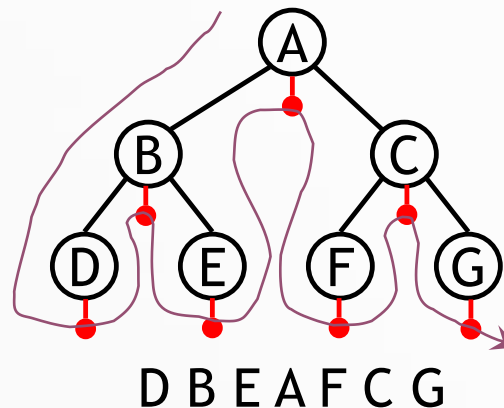
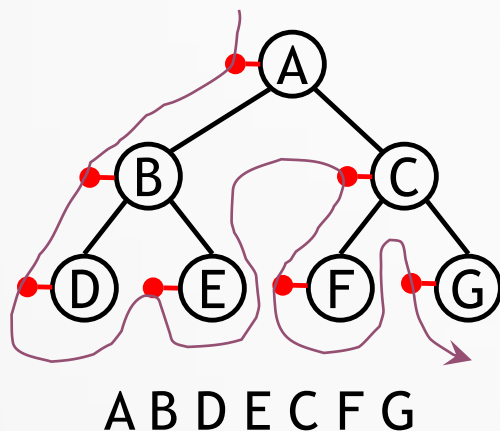


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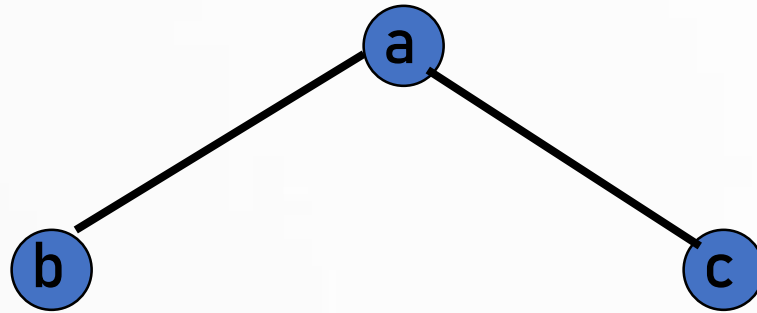
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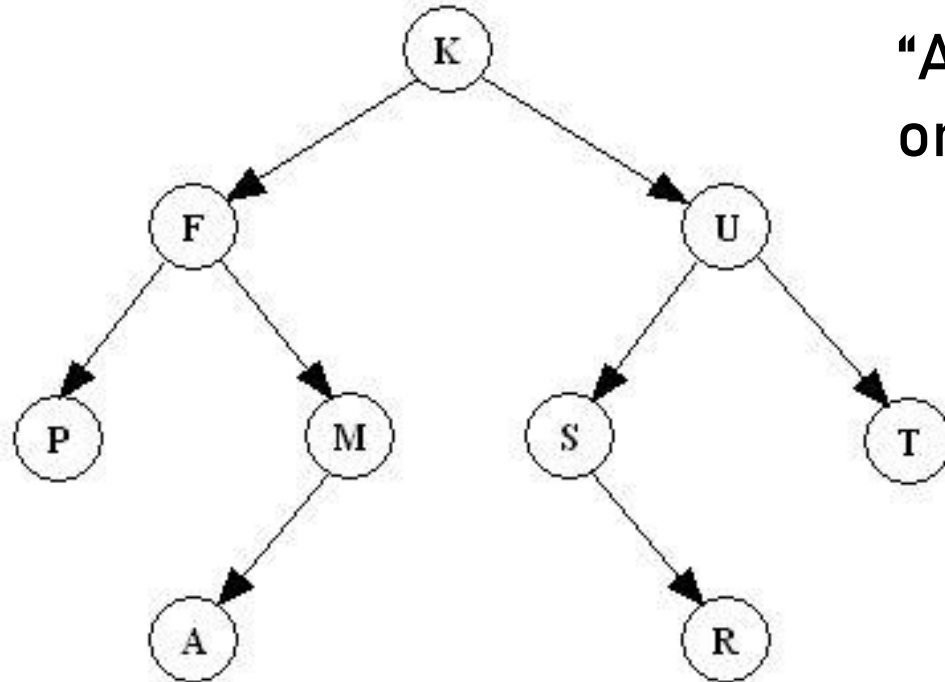
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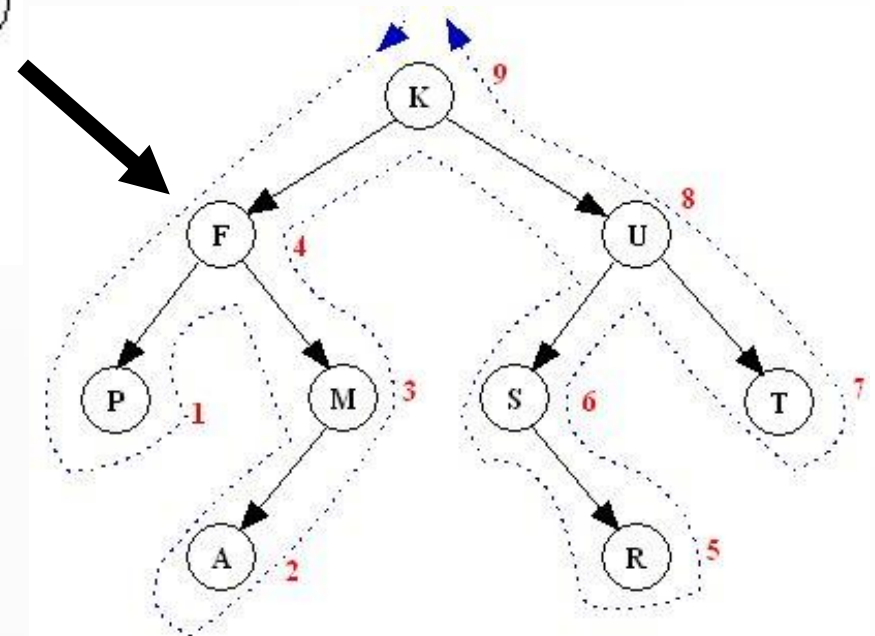
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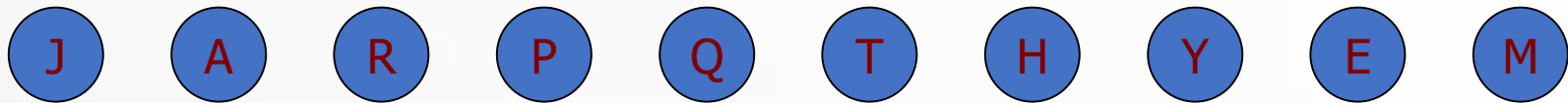
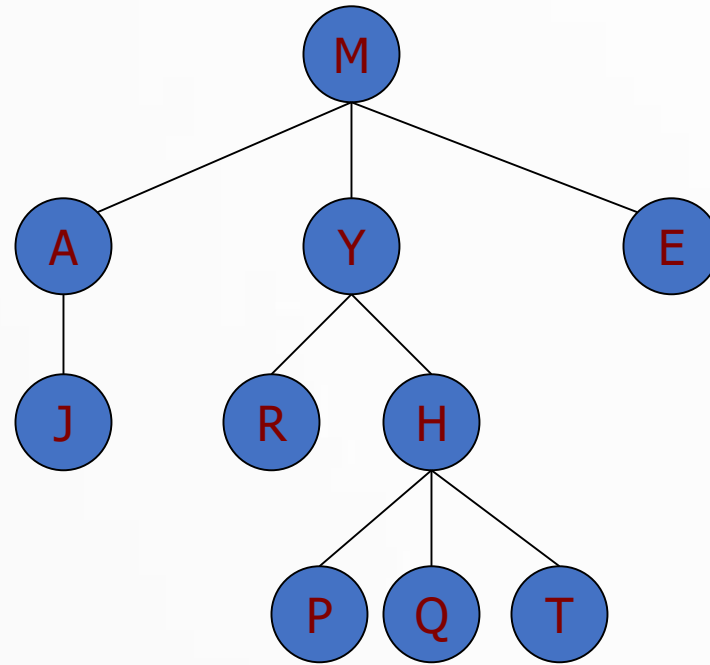
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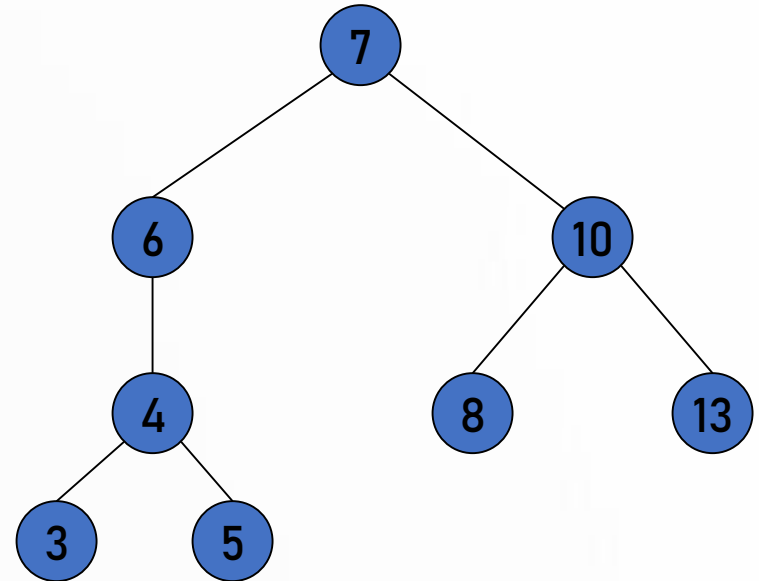
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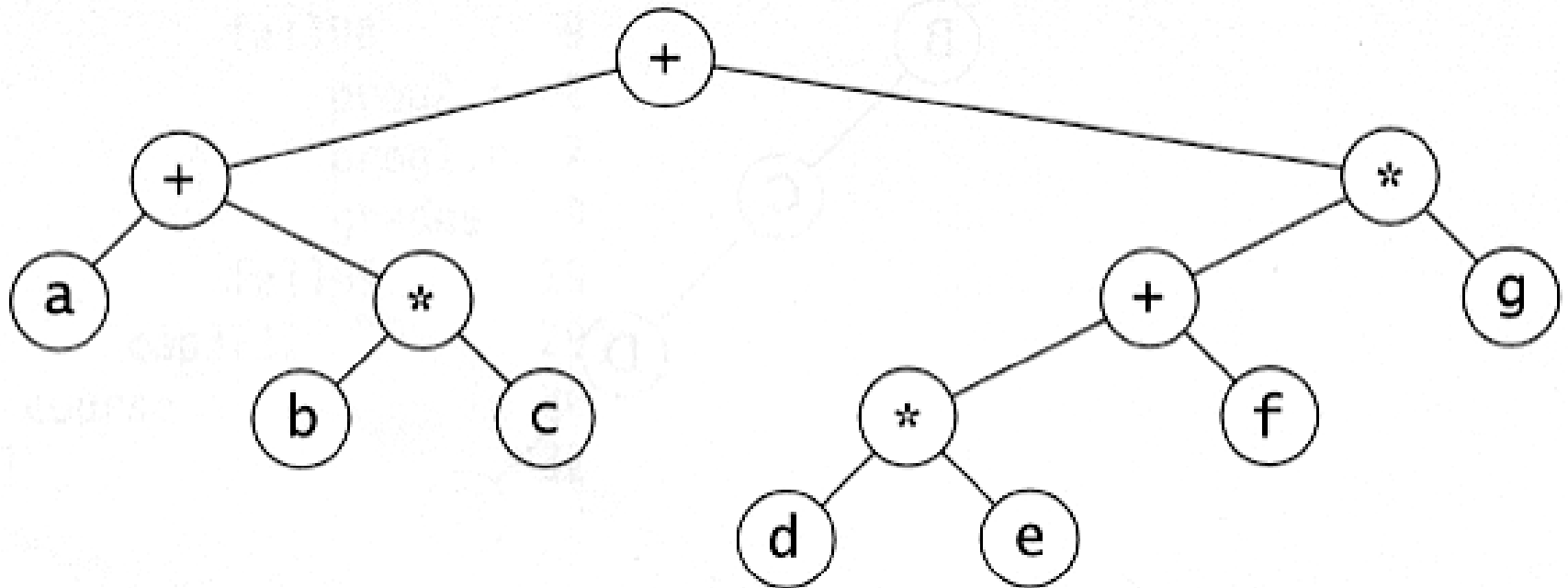
# Post-order Traversal: LRV

- Do a post-order traversal of the left subtree
- Followed by a post-order traversal of the right subtree
- Visit the node
- For the sample tree
  - 3, 5, 4, 6, 8, 13, 10, 7



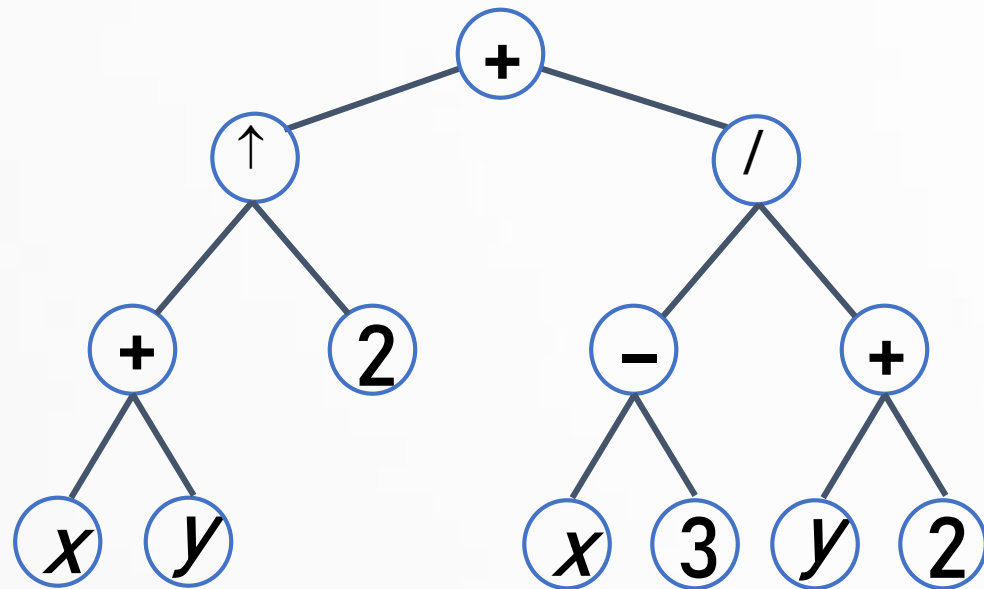
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- Postorder traversal
  - left, right, node
  - postfix expression?
    - $(a+b*c)+((d*e+f)*g)$



# Infix Notation

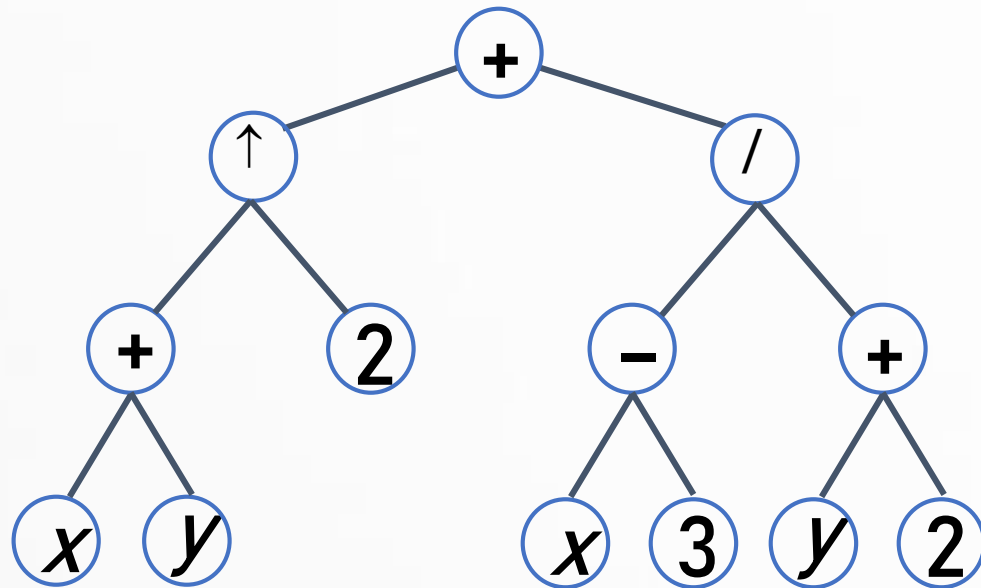
- Traverse in order (LVR) adding parentheses for each operation



$$(((x + y) \uparrow 2) + ((x - 3) / (y + 2)))$$

# Prefix Notation

- Traverse in preorder (VLR)



$+ \uparrow + x y 2 / - x 3 + y 2$

# Evaluating Prefix Notation

- In an prefix expression, a binary operator precedes its two operands
- The expression is evaluated right-left
- Look for the first operator from the right
- Evaluate the operator with the two operands immediately to its right

# Evaluating Prefix Notation

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+ / + 2 2 2 / 1 1

+ / + 2 2 2 1

+ / 4 2 1

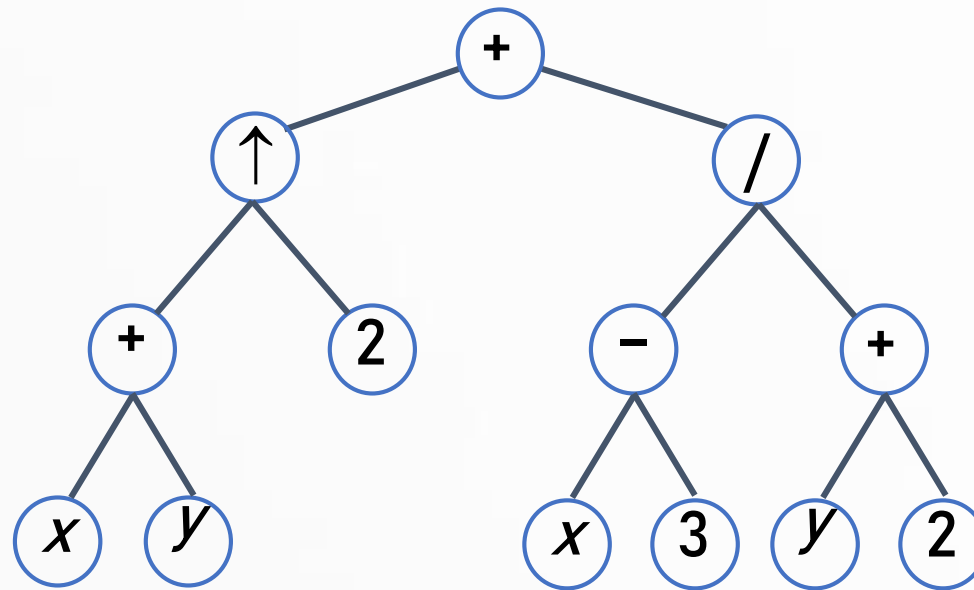
+ 2 1

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# Postfix Notation

- Traverse in postorder (LRV)



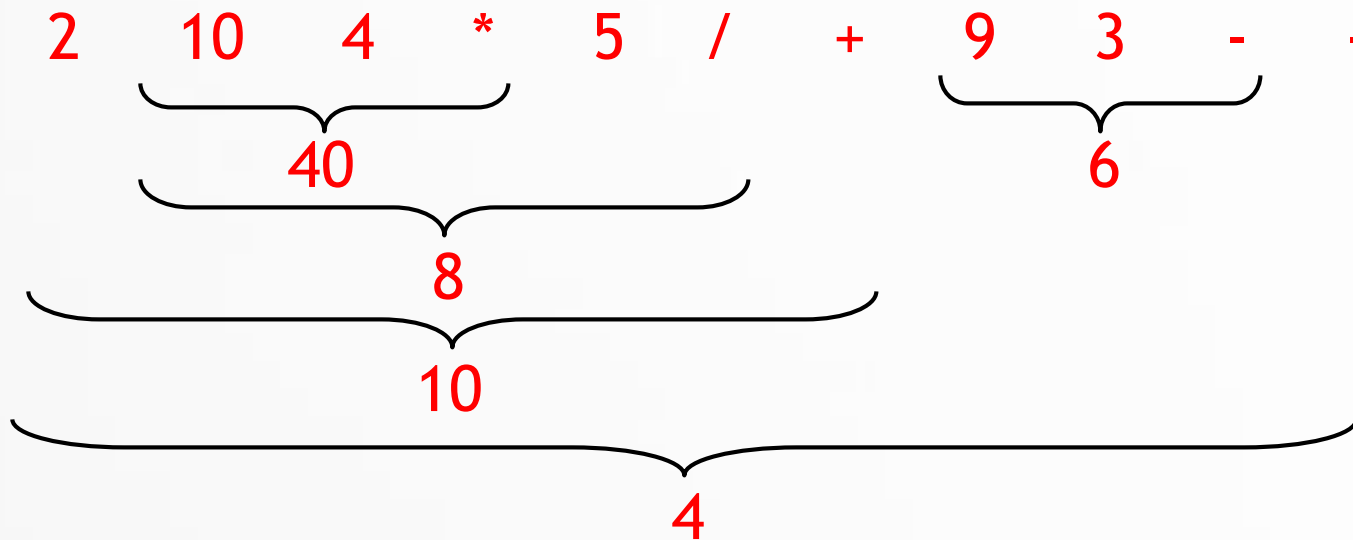
$x \ y \ + \ 2 \ \uparrow \ x \ 3 \ - \ y \ 2 \ + \ / \ +$

# Postfix Notation - LRV

- In an postfix expression, a binary operator follows its two operands
- The expression is evaluated left-right
- Look for the first operator from the left
- Evaluate the operator with the two operands immediately to its left

# Postfix Notation - LRV

- Going from left to right, if you see an operator, apply it to the previous two operands (numbers)
- Example:



# Postfix Notation - LRV

2 2 + 2 / 3 2 - 1 0 + / +

4 2 / 3 2 - 1 0 + / +

2 3 2 - 1 0 + / +

2 1 1 0 + / +

2 1 1 / +

2 1 +

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That's all for now...