

Homework Assignment #1

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Question 3

We can do this like merge sort.

We first split the tree with smaller number of nodes recursively, by split a big tree into two small trees, until we get a lot of trees with at most 3 nodes. We put these new small trees to the bottom level of the other tree's half branch. If the tree been split is B_1 , then we make new tree to the left child of the nodes in the bottom level of B_2 's left branch (left branch means root's left descendants). If the tree been split is B_2 , then we make new tree to the right child of the nodes in the bottom level of B_1 's right branch (right branch means root's right descendants).

Split the tree in to half recursively takes $O(\log n)$ time, and height of a tree is $\log n$, and we split the tree with smaller # nodes, so WC time complexity is $O(\min(h_1, h_2))$.

The # nodes at bottom level \approx half of nodes in the tree. We put the tree with smaller # nodes to the bottom level of the tree with bigger # nodes. So it won't fill the complete level. So we add at most 1 level. So, the new tree's height is at most $\max(h_1, h_2) + 1$.