



# Introduction to Algorithms

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# Coursework : Introduction to Algorithm

- Weighting: 25%
- CW will be available on Moodle for the access  
From 22/11/2024 on Moodle .
- Deadline for submission - 06/12/2024 by 4pm
- Late submission will be penalized according to  
university policy.
- \*\*You may use any algorithm from the lectures  
and seminars. Any algorithm you use must be  
written out in full.\*\*

# Linear and non-linear data structure

Data structures are conceptual tools for storing, sorting and manipulating various forms of data.

Linear data structure:

data elements are  
sequentially connected.

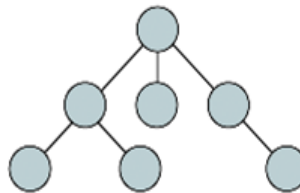


array/list

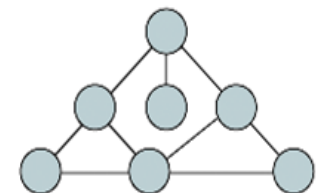


Non-linear data structure:

data elements are  
hierarchically connected and  
are present at various levels.



tree

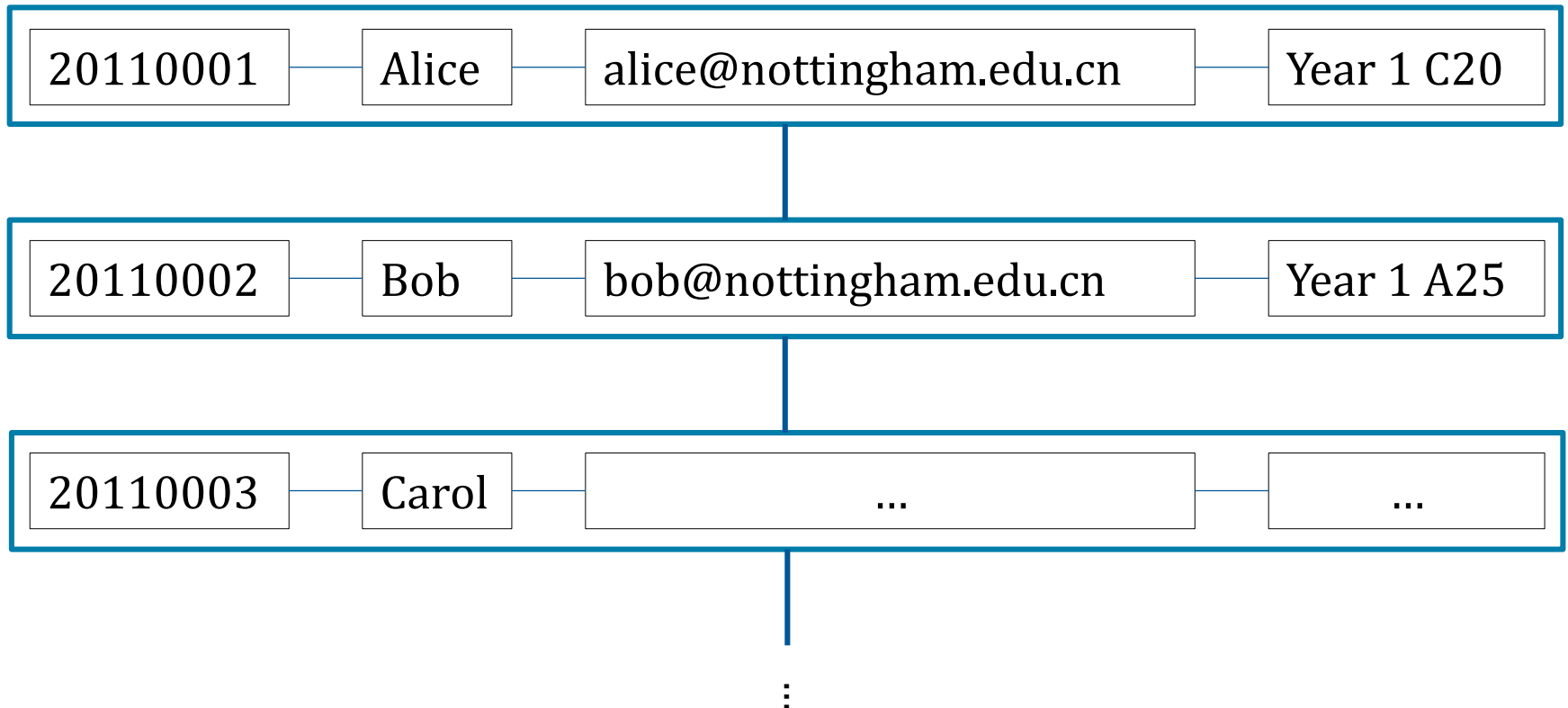


graph



# Example of linear data structure

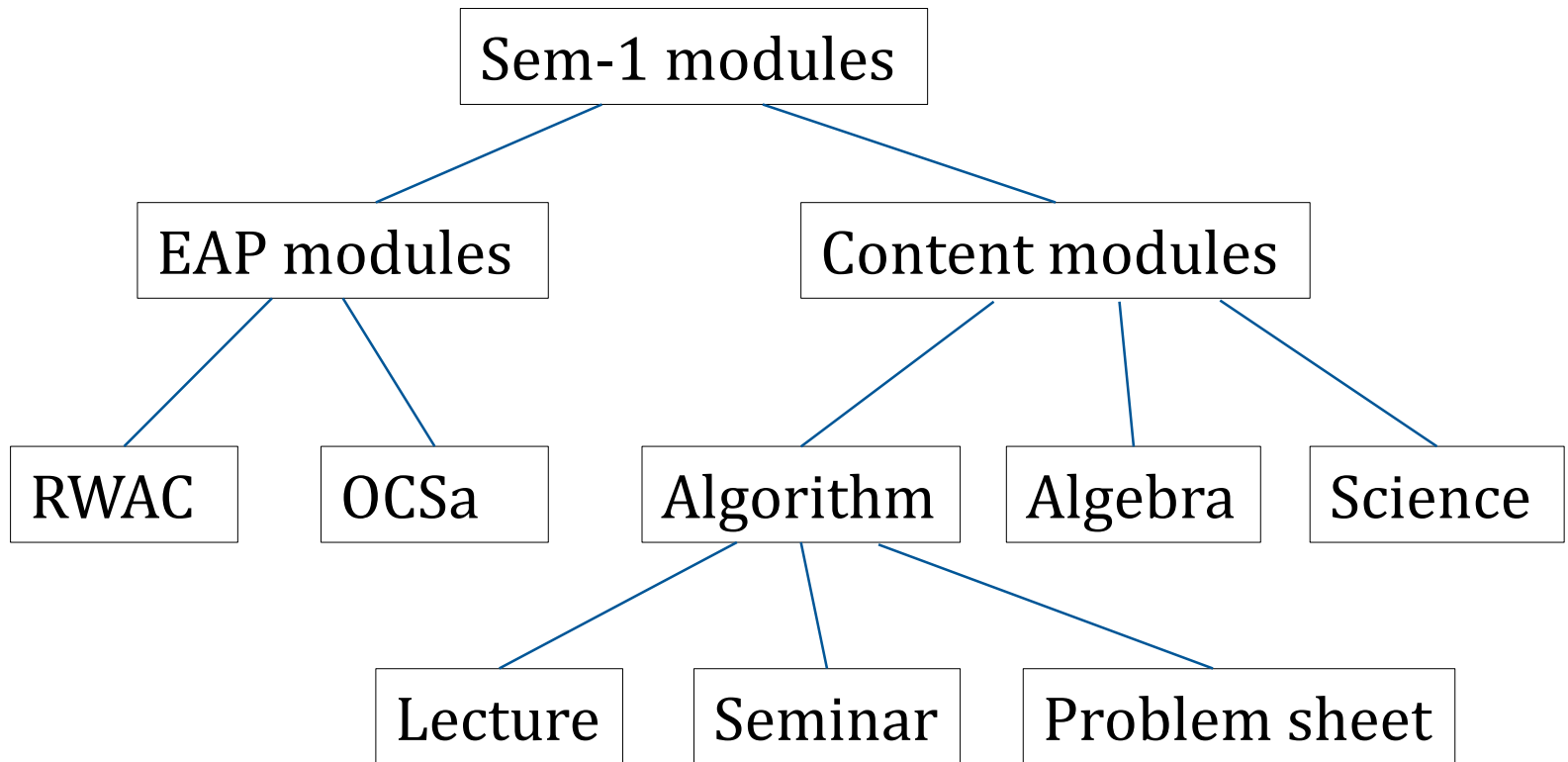
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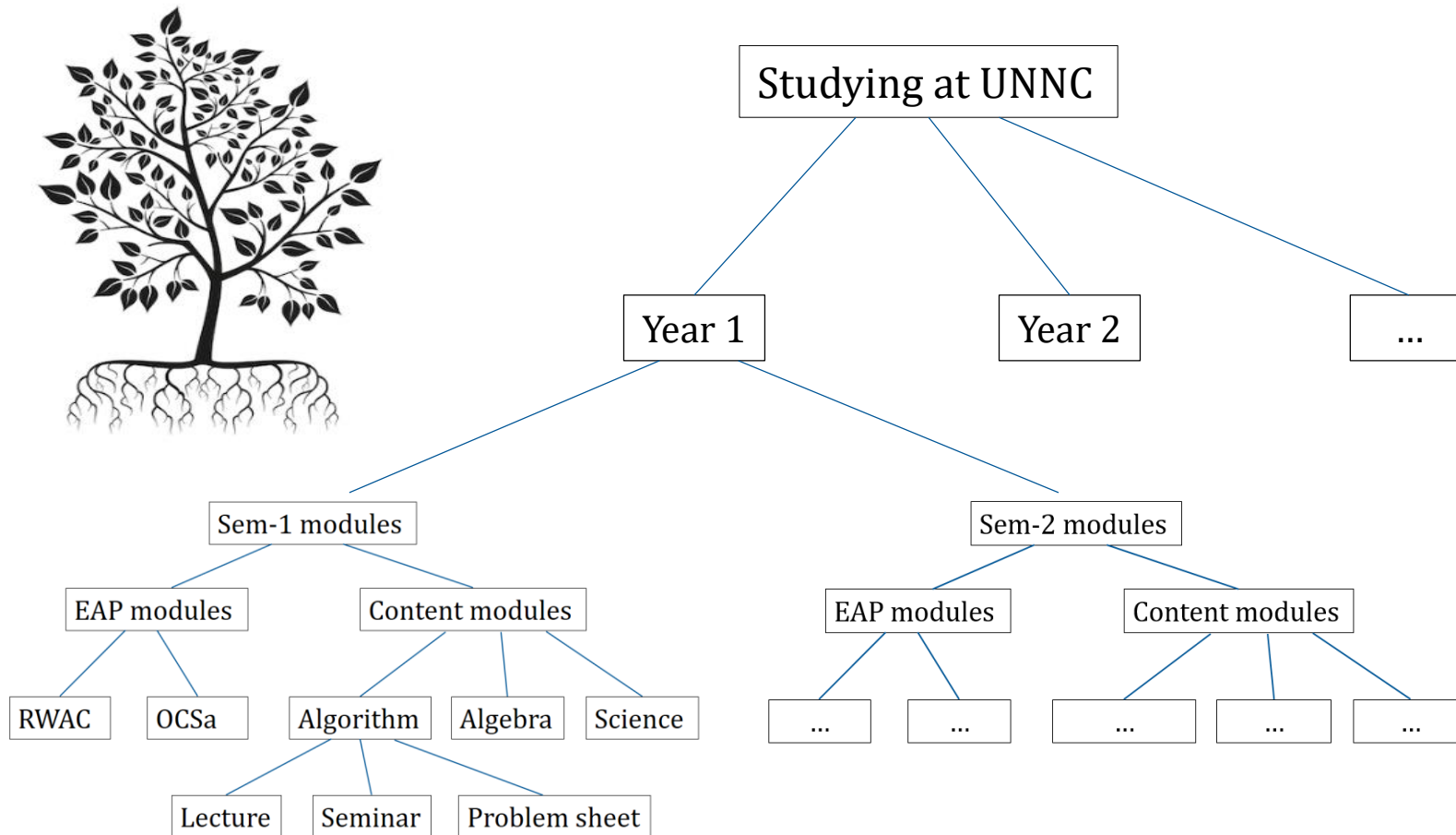
# Example of non-linear data structure

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# Example of non-linear data structure



# Tree data structure

A tree is a set of **nodes** that are either empty or store a value.

Nodes are connected via branches (or called **edges**).

Root of a tree:

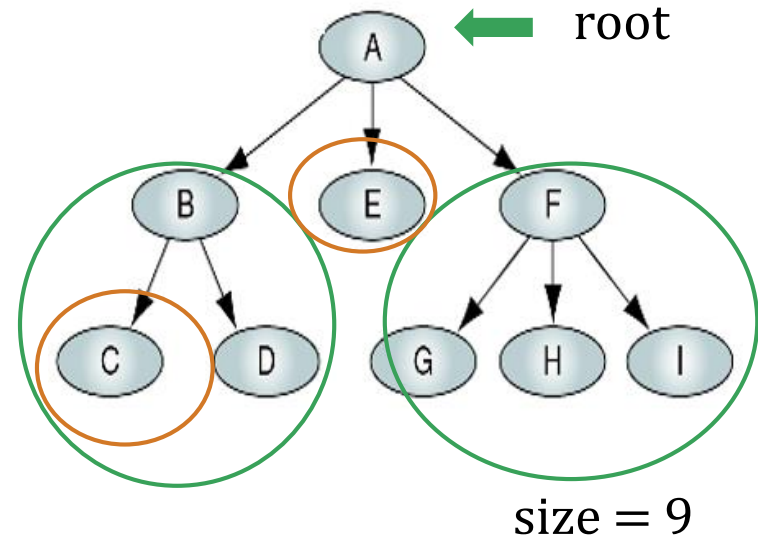
a principal node from which all other nodes and branches develop

Size of a tree:

total number of nodes in the tree

Subtrees:

smaller trees that descend from root or other lower nodes



# Node

Parent node: A is the parent node of B, E, F

the node with a branch from itself to any other successive node

Child node: C, D are children nodes of B

a descendant of any node

Sibling nodes: G, H, I are sibling nodes

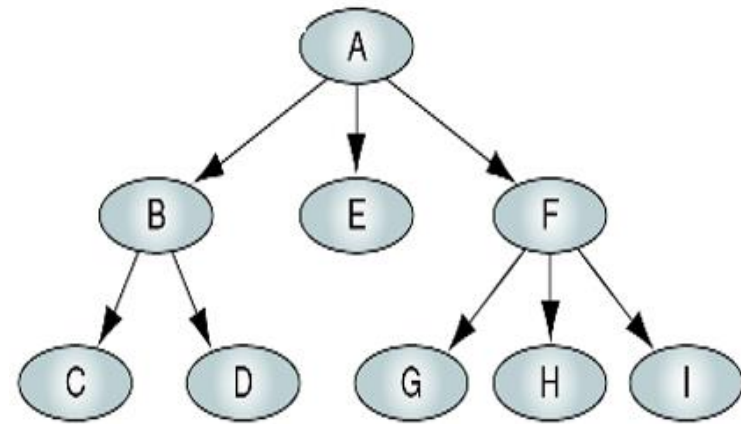
nodes that belong to the same parent

Leaf nodes: E, C, D, G, H, I are all the leaf nodes

nodes with no child

Degree of a node:  $\text{degree}(A) = 3$     $\text{degree}(B) = 2$     $\text{degree}(C) = 0$

total number of children of a node





# Height and Depth

## Level

Root node is at level 0; root node's children are at level 1,... and so on.

## Height of a node

The number of edges from the leaf node upwards to the particular node in the longest path.

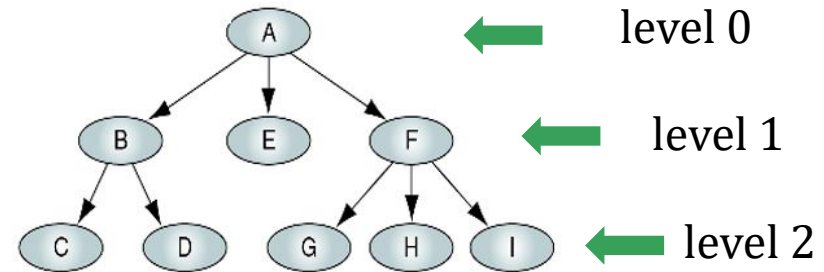
Maximum height of nodes is called **Height of Tree**.

## Depth of a node

Total number of edges from the root node to the particular node.

Maximum depth of nodes is called **Depth of Tree**.

tree depth = tree height = 2



Height of C: 0

Height of B: 1

Height of E: 0

Height of A: 2

(one of the longest paths: CB-BA)

Depth of A: 0

Depth of B: 1

Depth of E: 1

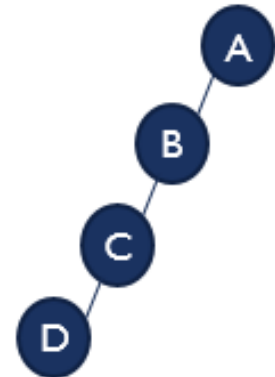
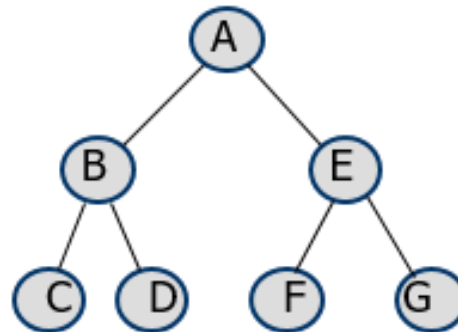
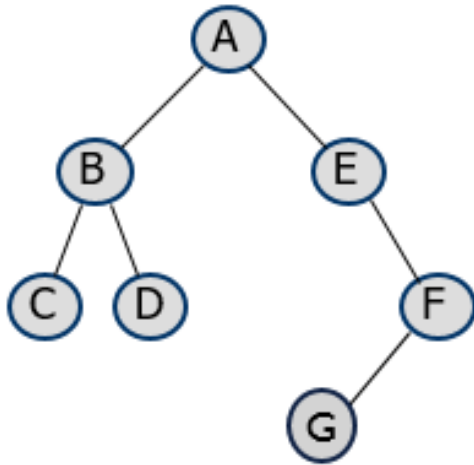
Depth of C: 2

# Binary tree

A binary tree is a tree in which:

each node has at most two children nodes  
(maximum degree = 2)

Examples of binary trees:



# Create a binary tree

- leaf

nil

Creating/representing an empty tree

Note:

Leaf and leaf node are different!

- node(leaf, x, leaf)

cons(x, nil)

node(leaf, 5, leaf)



Creating a leaf node that stores value x

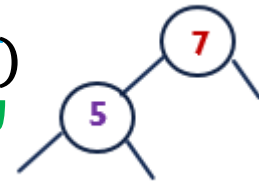
- node(left-subtree, x, right-subtree)

cons(x, list)

node(node(leaf, 5, leaf), 7, leaf)

left

right



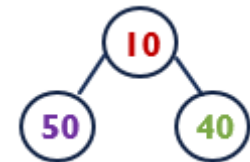
Making a larger tree

(storing x in parent node of two given subtrees)

node(node(leaf, 50, leaf), 10, node(leaf, 40, leaf))

left

right





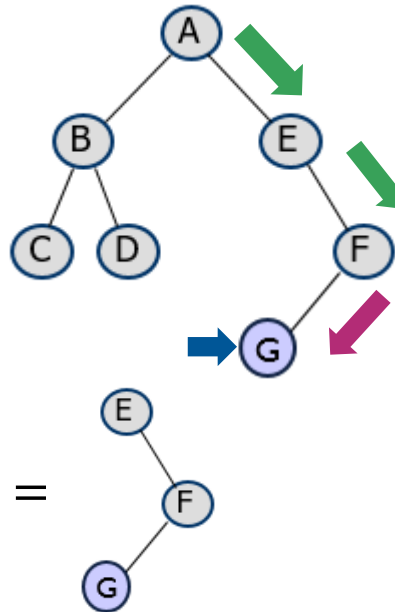
# Basic functions

Like list commands, we have basic functions that work on binary trees.

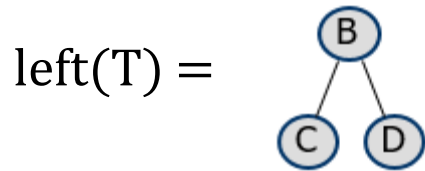
- **isLeaf(tree)** to return **Boolean value** True if the tree is empty (a leaf); False if the tree is non-empty  
isEmpty(list)
- **root(tree)** to return the **value** stored in the root  
head(list)
- **left(tree)** to return the left subtree
- **right(tree)** to return the right subtree  
tail(list)

# Example

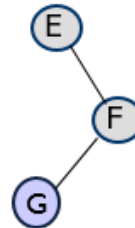
Consider the binary tree T:



$\text{root}(T) = A$



$\text{right}(T) =$



$\text{right}(\text{left}(T)) = D$

$\text{root}(\text{right}(\text{left}(T))) = D$

$\text{root}(\text{root}(\text{left}(T))) = \text{Not valid!}$

$\text{left}(\text{right}(\text{left}(T))) = \text{leaf}$

How to obtain the value stored in the leaf node  $G$  ?

$\text{root}(\text{left}(\text{right}(\text{right}(T)))) = G$

Use **left**/**right** to walk down in a binary tree and use **root** to retrieve the value.

# Algorithm: tree size

Design a recursive algorithm that computes the **size** (total number of nodes) of a binary tree.

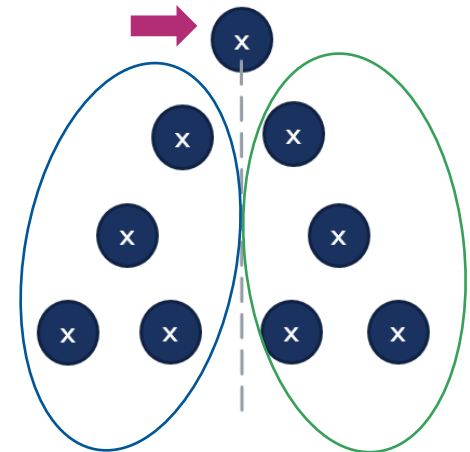
Analysis: Decomposing the problem into

smaller instances of the same problem.

Tree sizes of smaller trees: left/right subtrees

Recursions stop at leafs.

numbers of nodes in current tree  
= numbers of nodes in left subtree  
+ numbers of nodes in right subtree  
+ 1



# Algorithm: tree size

Algorithm: **size**(T)

Requires: a binary tree T

Returns: total number of nodes in T (size of T)

```
1. if isLeaf(T)
2.   return 0
3. else
4.   return  size(left(T))+size(right(T))+1
5. endif
```

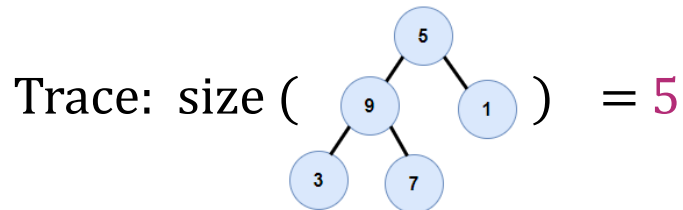
Question to think:

Can we replace Lines 1&2 by following statements,  
and maintain the rest of above algorithm? Why?

```
1. if isLeaf(left(T)) && isLeaf(right(T)) // checking leaf node
2.   return 1
```



# Trace



Algorithm: **size**(T)

Requires: a binary tree T

Returns: total number of nodes in T (size of T)

1. if isLeaf(T)
2.   return 0
3. else
4.   return **size**(left(T)) + **size**(right(T)) + 1
5. endif

return  $\text{size}(\text{node 9}) + \text{size}(\text{node 1}) + 1 = 3 + 1 + 1 = 5$

return  $\text{size}(\text{node 3}) + \text{size}(\text{node 7}) + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

return  $\text{size}(\text{leaf}) + \text{size}(\text{leaf}) + 1 = 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$

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return  $\text{size}(\text{leaf}) + \text{size}(\text{leaf}) + 1 = 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$

(backtracking)



# Algorithm: search in a binary tree

Design a recursive algorithm that searches for a node value in a binary tree.

Algorithm: **search**( $x, T$ )

Requires: a binary tree  $T$  and an element  $x$

Returns: True if  $x$  occurs in  $T$ ; False otherwise

```
1. if isLeaf( $T$ )
2.   return False
3. elseif  $x == \text{root}(T)$ 
4.   return True
5. else
6.   return search( $x, \text{left}(T)$ ) || search( $x, \text{right}(T)$ )
7. endif
```

Note:

In general, when we describe the time complexity of algorithms without any particular specifications (best/average/worst), we are aiming on the **worst case scenario**.

What is the time complexity of this algorithm?  $O(n)$

(Assume the size of tree is  $n$  and the height of tree is  $h$ .)



# Algorithm: sum of all node values in a binary tree

Design a recursive algorithm that find sum of all node values in a binary tree.

Algorithm: **sumBT**( T )

Requires: a binary tree T

Returns: a number i.e. sum of all node values in T

1. if isLeaf(T)
2.     return 0
3. else
4.     return **sumBT**(left(T)) + **sumBT**( right(T)) + **root**(T)
5. endif



# Review Tree Data structure

Nonlinear Data Structure Binary  
Tree

