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# CSC3100 Data Structures

## Lecture 13: Tree and binary tree

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# Outline

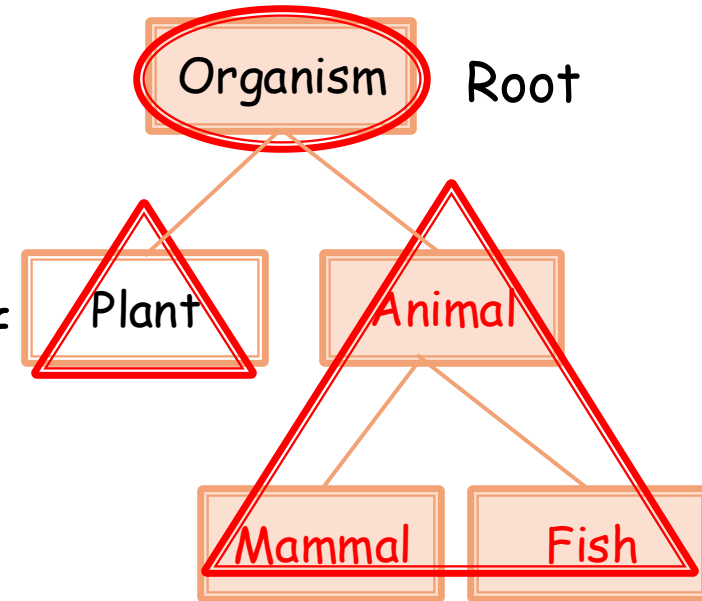
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- ▶ In this lecture, we will learn
  - Basic concept of trees
  - Binary tree ADT and implementations
  - Traversal of binary trees
  - Reconstruction of binary trees



# Tree definition

- ▶ A tree is a finite set of one or more nodes such that
  - Each node stores an element
  - There is a special node called the **root**
  - The remaining nodes are partitioned into  $n \geq 0$  disjoint sets  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  where each of these sets is a tree
  - We call  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  the subtrees of the root
- ▶ Note
  - A tree with  $N$  nodes has  $N-1$  edges
  - Every node in the tree is the root of some subtree (**recursive definition**)





# Definitions

## ▶ Parent

- Node A is the parent of node B if B is the root of the left or right sub-tree of A

## ▶ Left (right) child

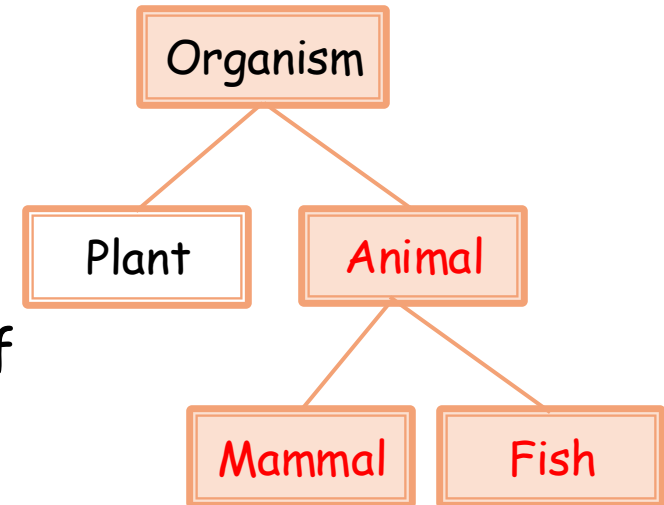
- Node B is the left (right) child of node A if A is the parent of B

## ▶ Sibling

- Node B and node C are siblings if they have the same parent

## ▶ Leaf

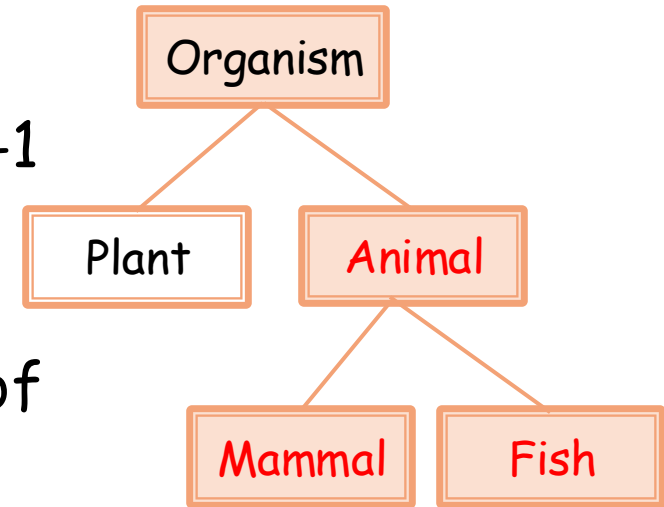
- A node is called a leaf if it has no children





# Definitions

- ▶ A path from node  $n_1$  to  $n_k$ 
  - A sequence of nodes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  such that  $n_i$  is the parent of  $n_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i < k-1$
- ▶ Length of a path
  - The length of this path is the number of edges on the path, namely  $k-1$
  - Notice that in a tree, there is exactly only one path from the root to each node





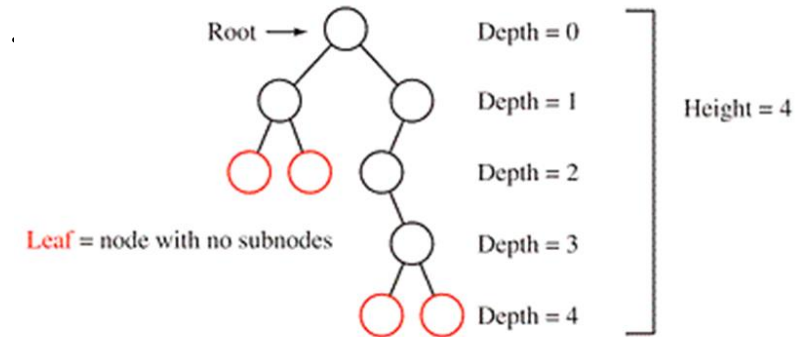
# Definitions

## ► Depth of a node

- The depth of a node  $n_i$  is the length of unique path from the root to  $n_i$
- The root is at depth 0

## ► Height of a node

- The height of a node  $n_i$  is the length of the longest path from  $n_i$  to a leaf
- All leaves are at height 0



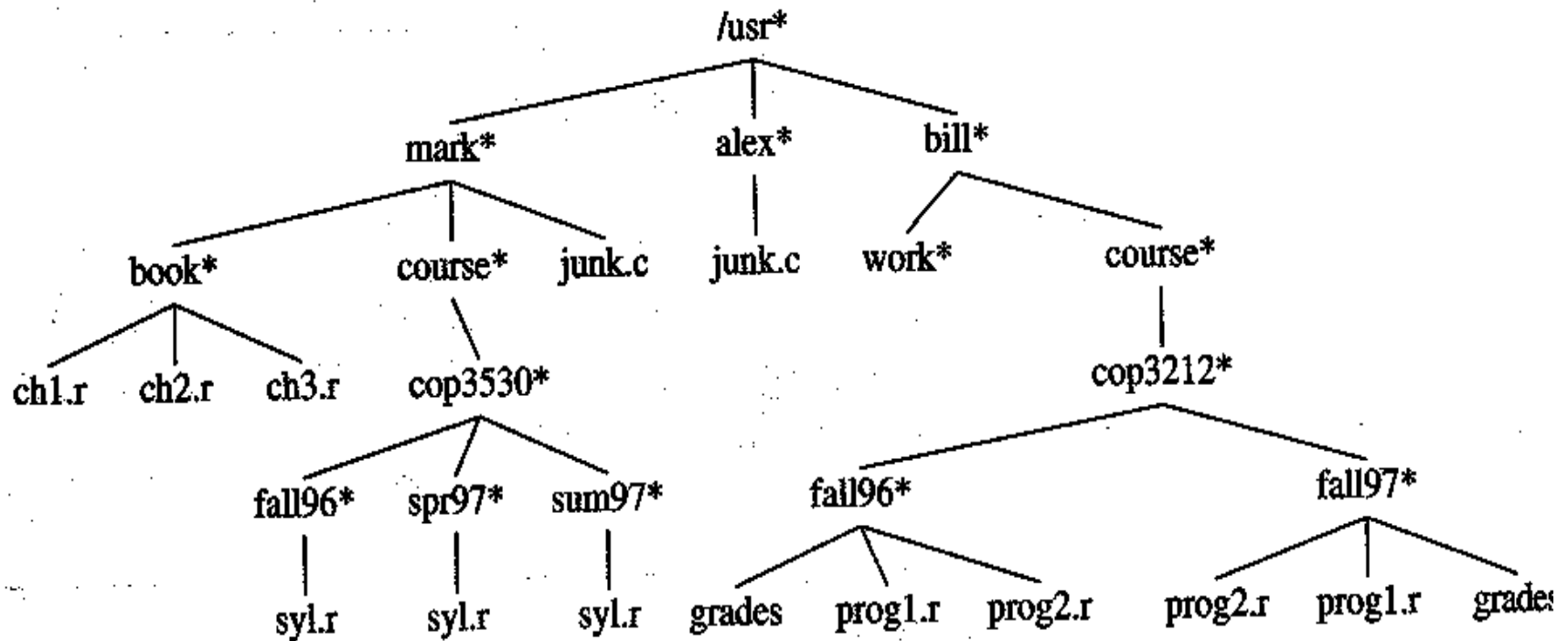
Note 1: The height of a tree is equal to the height of the root

Note 2: The depth of a tree is equal to the depth of the deepest leaf

Note 3: The maximum height is equal to the maximum depth



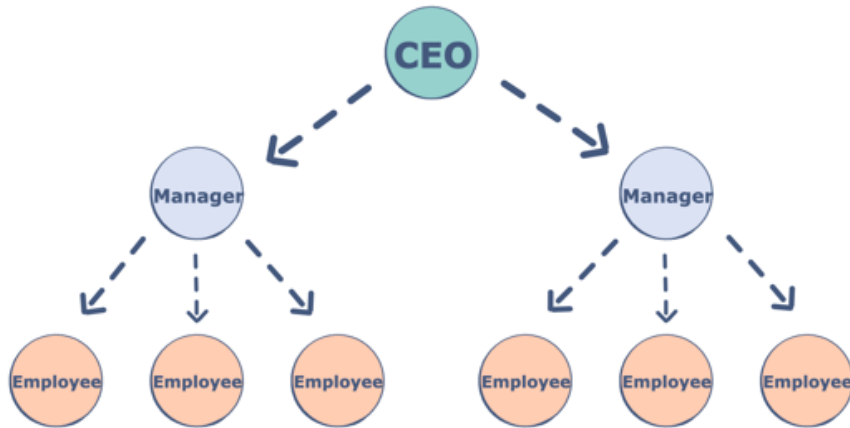
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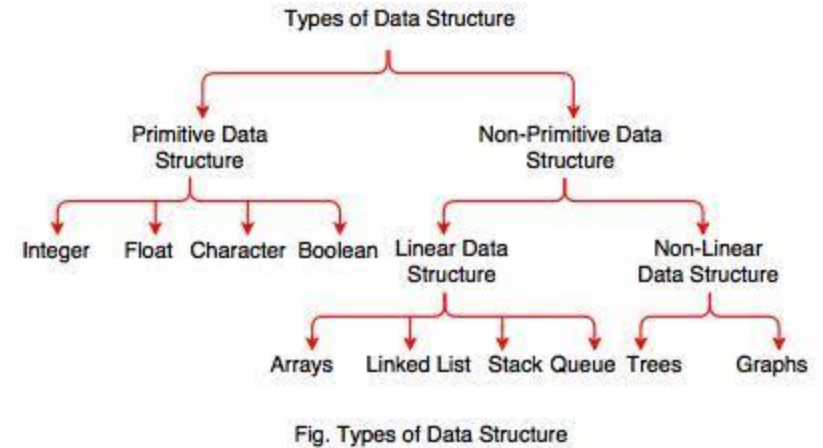


# More applications

## ► HR system



## ► Java data types



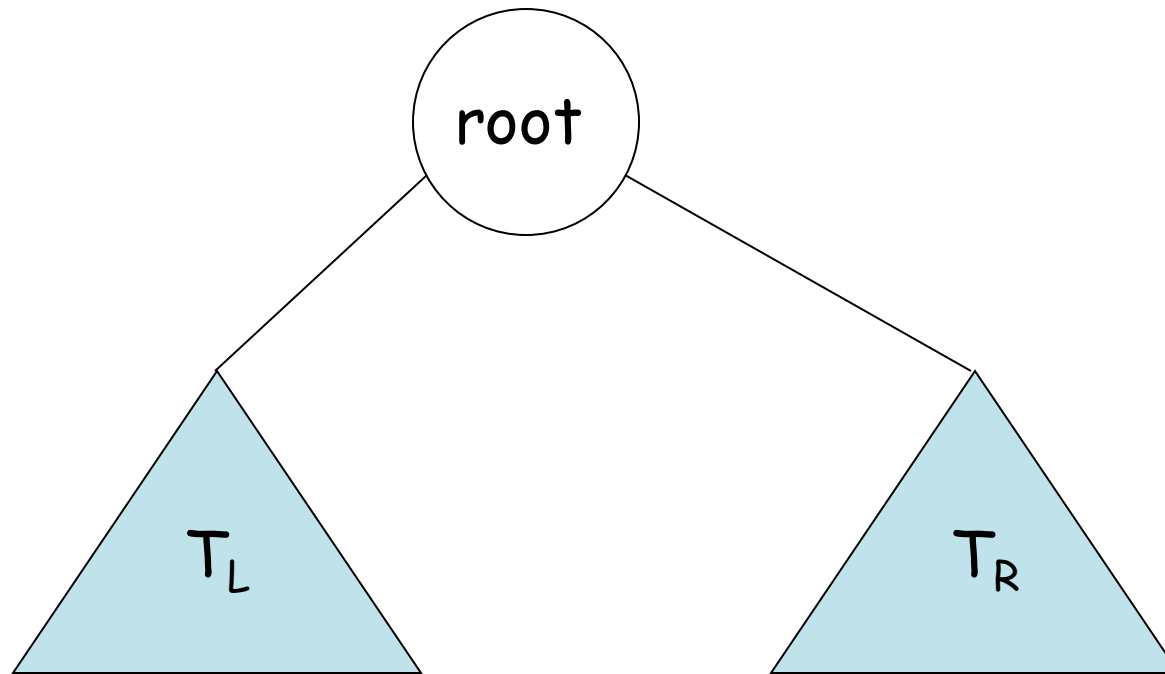




# Binary tree

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- ▶ A binary tree is a tree, in which
  - No node can have more than two children (subtrees):  $T_L$  and  $T_R$ , both of which could possibly be empty





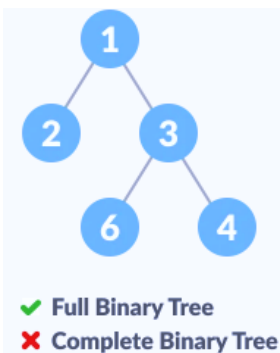
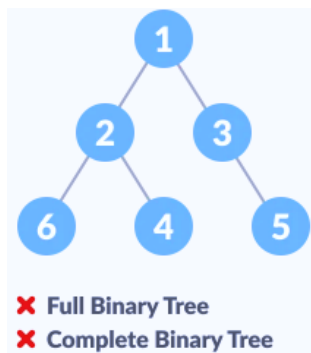
# Binary tree

## ► Full binary tree

- A binary tree where all the nodes have either **two or no** children

## ► Complete binary tree

- A binary tree where **all the levels are completely filled** except possibly the lowest one, which is filled from **the left**





# Binary tree ADT

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## ► Operations:

- **Create(bintree):** creates an empty binary tree
- **Boolean IsEmpty(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return TRUE else FALSE
- **MakeBT(bintree1,element,bintree2):** return a binary tree whose left subtree is **bintree1** and right subtree is **bintree2**, and whose root node contains the data **element**
- **Lchild(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return error else return the left subtree of **bintree**
- **Rchild(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return error else return the right subtree of **bintree**
- **Data(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return error else return the **element** data stored in the root node of **bintree**



# Binary tree design

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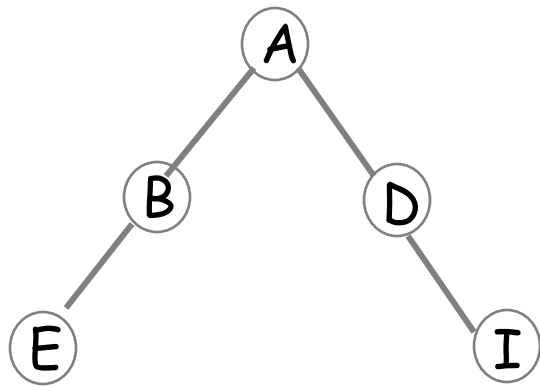
- ▶ Two solutions
  - Using pointers
    - More intuitive solution
    - We will see the pseudo-codes
  - Using array
    - Need more complicated design, and cannot efficiently handle all operations (thus will omit its implementations for each operation)
    - Will be used for heap, a special type of complete binary tree



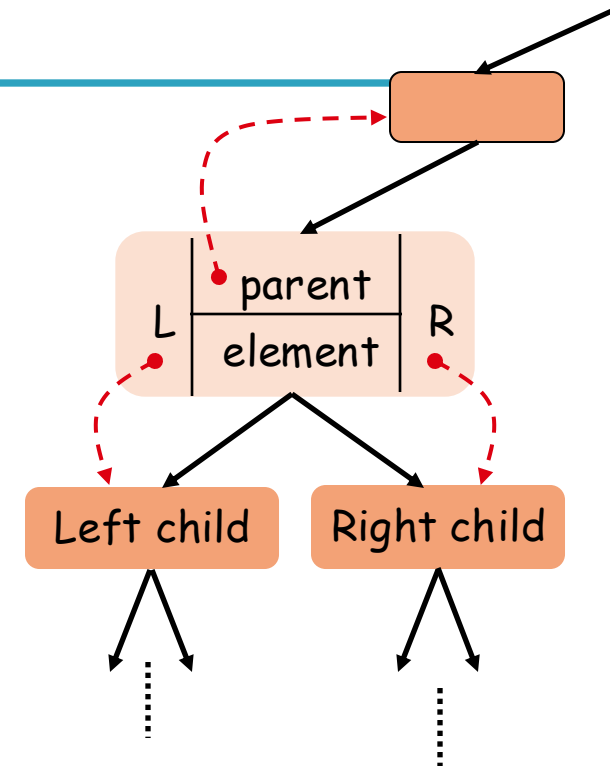
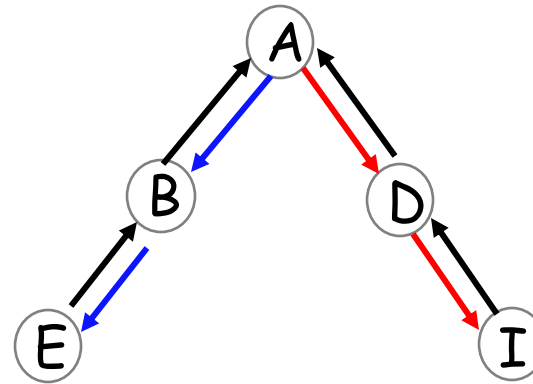
# Binary tree design (i)

## ► A pointer representation

- For each node **node**, we maintain
  - node.parent**: store the address of its parent,
  - node.leftchild**: store the address of its left child,
  - node.rightchild**: store the address of its right child
  - node.element**: store the values



—→ parent  
—→ leftchild  
—→ rightchild  
(Omitted links points to NULL)





# Binary tree: pointer implementation

- ▶ Create(bintree)

Algorithm: **create(bintree)**

```
1 bintree = NULL
2 return bintree
```

- ▶ isEmpty(bintree)

Algorithm: **isEmpty(bintree)**

```
1 return bintree == NULL
```

- ▶ MakeBT(bintree1, element, bintree2)

Algorithm: **MakeBT(bintree1, element, bintree2)**

```
1 rootNode <- allocate new memory
2 rootNode.element = element
3 rootNode.parent = NULL
4 rootNode.leftchild = bintree1
5 rootNode.rightchild = bintree2
6 if bintree1 != NULL
7     bintree1.parent = rootNode
8 if bintree2 != NULL
9     bintree2.parent = rootNode
10 return rootNode
```



# Binary tree: pointer implementation

## ▶ Lchild(bintree)

### Algorithm: Lchild(bintree)

```
1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.leftchild
```

## ▶ Rchild(bintree)

### Algorithm: Rchild(bintree)

```
1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.rightchild
```

## ▶ Data(bintree)

### Algorithm: Data(bintree)

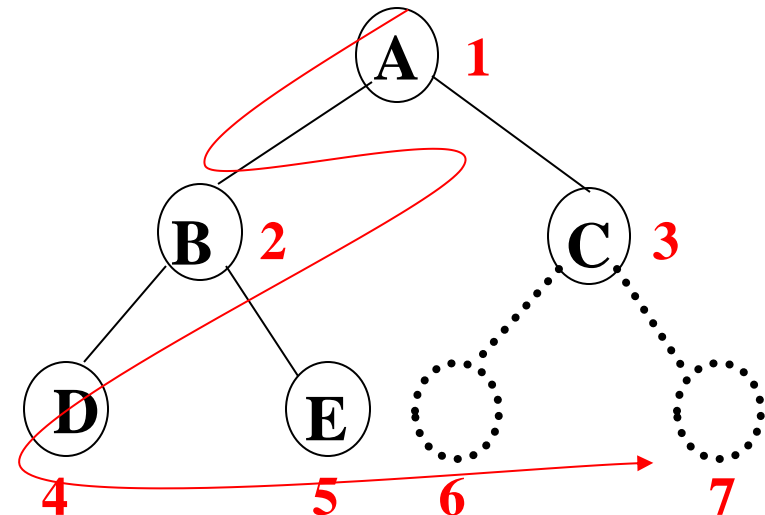
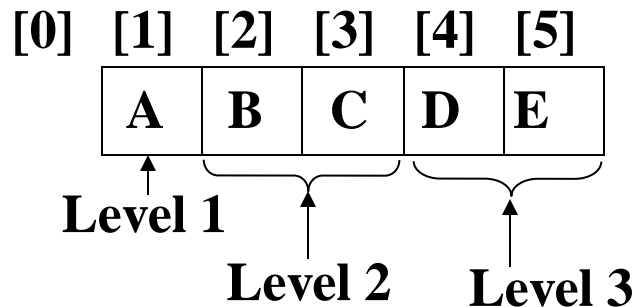
```
1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.element
```



# Binary tree design (ii)

## ► An array representation

- Given a complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes, for any  $i$ -th node,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,
  - parent( $i$ ) is  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$
  - leftChild( $i$ ) is at  $2i$  if  $2i \leq n$ ; otherwise,  $i$  has no left child
  - rightChild( $i$ ) is at  $2i + 1$  if  $2i + 1 \leq n$ ; otherwise,  $i$  has no right child

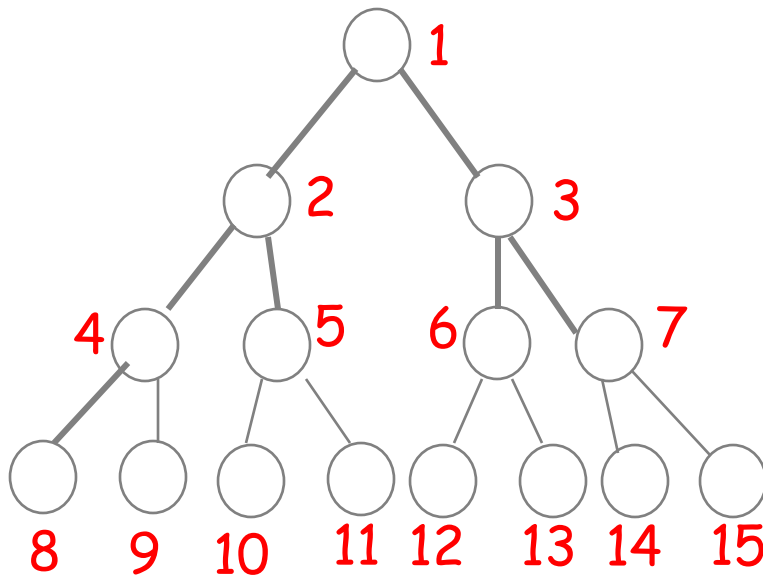




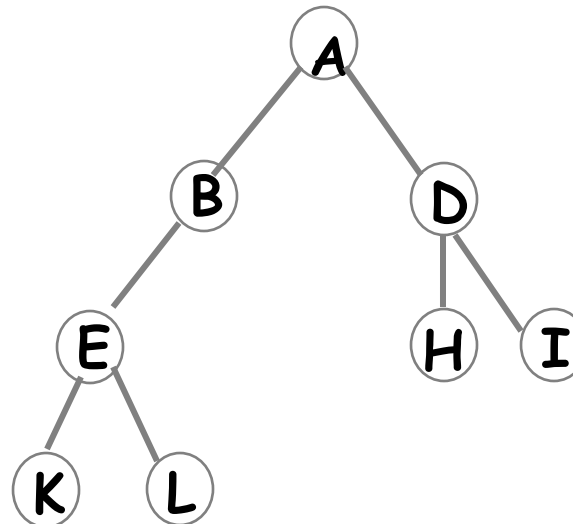


# Binary tree design (ii)

- ▶ An array representation
  - Generalize to all binary trees
  - Efficient for complete binary trees
  - But inefficient for skewed binary trees
  - Inefficient to implement the ADT



full binary tree

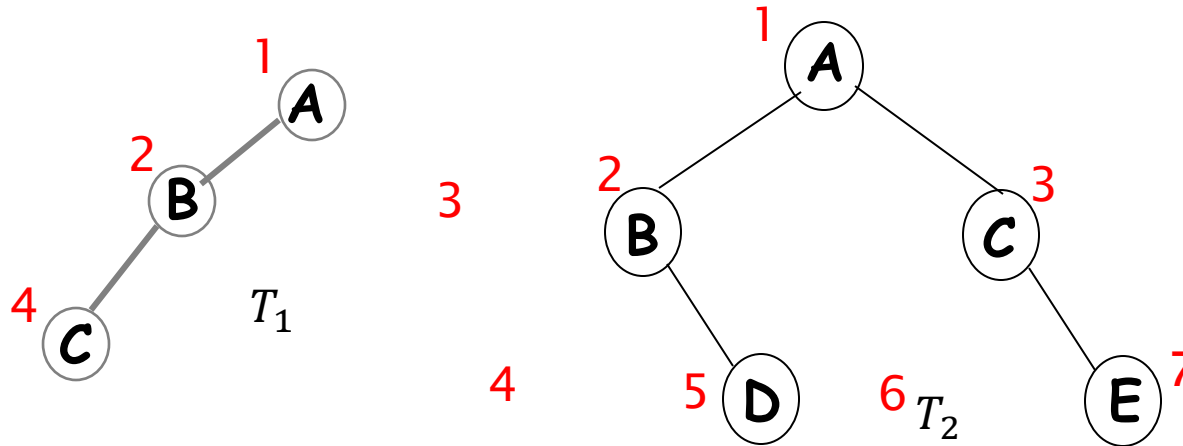


1	A	}	Level 1
2	B		
3	D		
4	E	}	Level 2
5			
6			
7	H	}	Level 3
8	I		
9			
10		}	Level 4
11			
12			
13		}	Level 5
14			
15			



# Practice

- ▶ What are the array representation of the following binary trees?
  - Show the content in the array
  - Hint: first obtain the ID for each node



*arr*

[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]



# Traversing strategies

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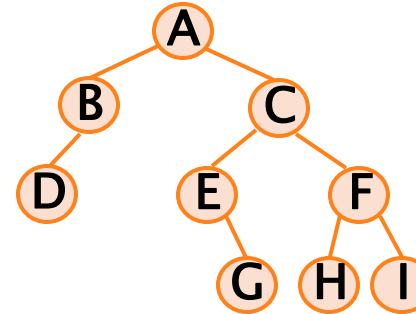
- ▶ Preorder (depth-first)
  - Visit the node
  - Traverse the left subtree in preorder
  - Traverse the right subtree in preorder
  
- ▶ Inorder
  - Traverse the left subtree in inorder
  - Visit the node
  - Traverse the right subtree in inorder
  
- ▶ Postorder
  - Traverse the left subtree in postorder
  - Traverse the right subtree in postorder
  - Visit the node



# Traversing binary tree

When the binary tree is empty, it is "traversed" by doing nothing, otherwise:

Example:



## preorder traversal

Visit the root

Traverse the left subtree

Traverse the right subtree

**A B D C E G F H I**

Result:

= A (A's left) (A's right)  
= A B (B's left) (B's right=NULL) (A's right)  
= A B D (D's left=NULL) (D's right=NULL) (B's right=NULL) (A's right)  
= A B D (A's right)  
= A B D C (C's left) (C's right)  
= A B D C E (E's left=NULL) (E's right) (C's right)  
= A B D C E (E's right) (C's right)  
= A B D C E G (G's left=NULL) (G's right = NULL) (C's right)  
= A B D C E G (C's right)  
= A B D C E G F (F's left) (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H (H's left=NULL) (H's right = NULL) (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H I (I's left=NULL) (I's right = NULL)  
= A B D C E G F H I



# Exercise

$(A+B)/(C*D)-E*(F-G)+H$

**Preorder:**

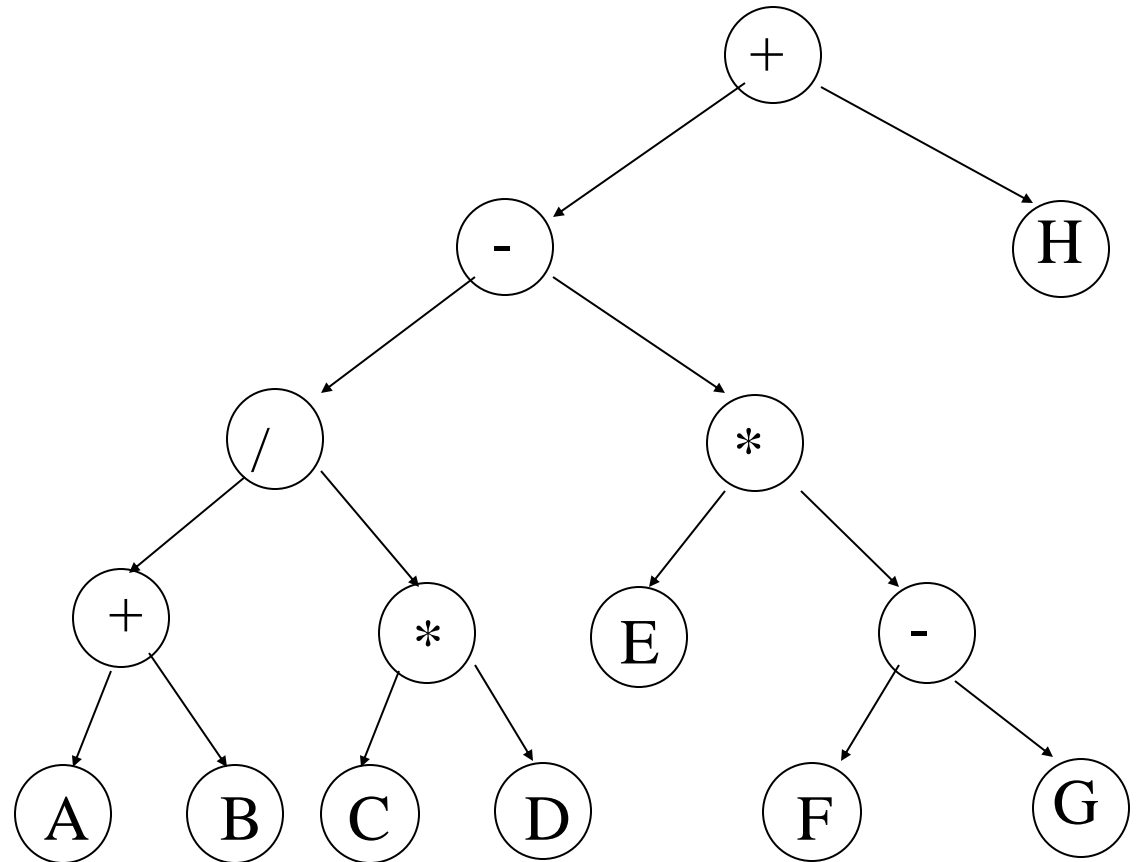
**$+ - / + A B * C D * E - F G H$**

**Inorder :**

**$A+B/C*D-E*F-G+H$**

**Postorder:**

**$AB+CD*/EFG-* -H+$**



Given an expression, what is the relationship between its postfix and postorder?

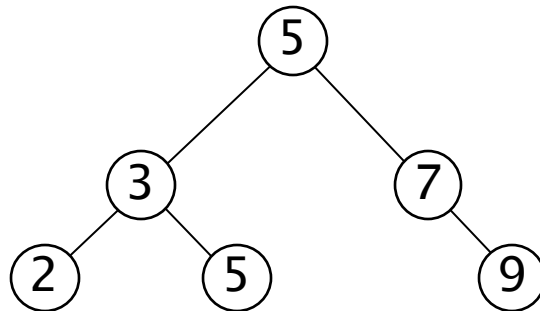


# Implementation

INORDER-TREE-WALK( $x$ )

1. **if**  $x \neq \text{NIL}$
2.     **then** INORDER-TREE-WALK ( left [ $x$ ] )
3.         print key [ $x$ ]
4.         INORDER-TREE-WALK ( right [ $x$ ] )

E.g.:



Output: 2 3 5 5 7 9

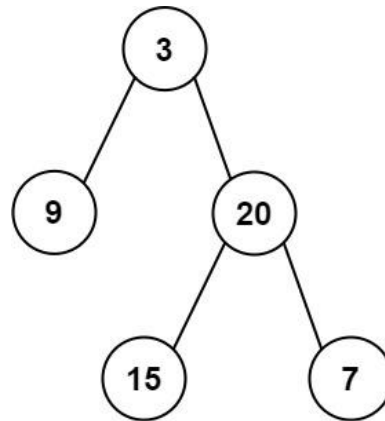
- ▶ Running time:
  - $\Theta(n)$ , where  $n$  is the size of the tree rooted at  $x$



# Exercise

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- ▶ Given a binary tree, show its preorder, inorder, and postorder



- preorder=[3, 9, 20, 15, 7]
- inorder=[9, 3, 15, 20, 7]
- postorder=[9, 15, 7, 20, 3]



# Binary tree reconstruction

Reconstruction of  
a binary tree from  
its preorder and  
inorder sequences

**Example:** Given the following sequences, find  
the corresponding binary tree:

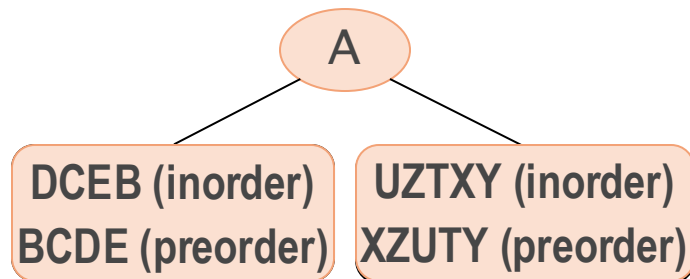
inorder : DCEBAUZXTY

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

Looking at the whole tree:

- ▶ "preorder : ABCDEXZUTY"  
==> A is the root
- ▶ Then, "inorder : DCEBAUZXTY"

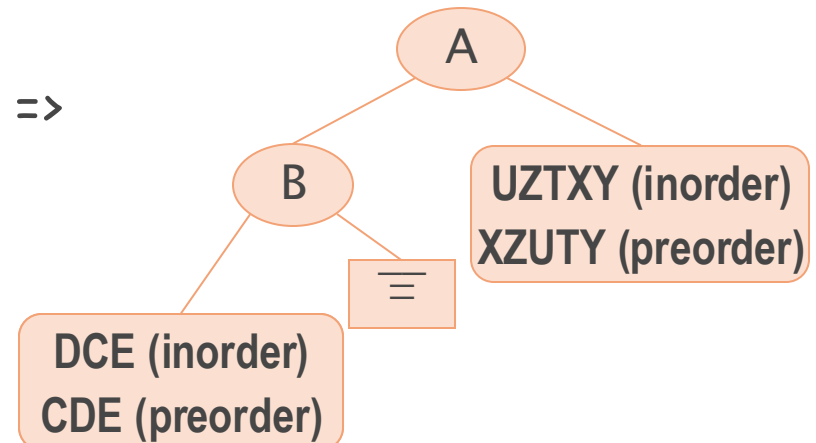
==>



Looking at the left subtree of A:

- "preorder : BCDE"  
==> B is the root
- Then, "inorder: DCEB"

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# Binary tree reconstruction

**Reconstruction of a binary tree from its preorder and inorder sequences**

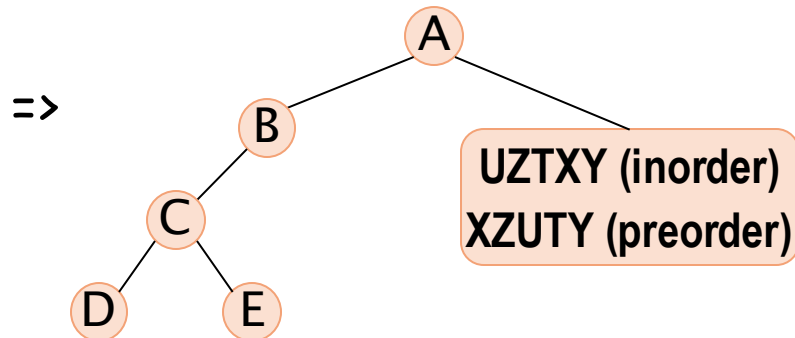
**Example:** Given the following sequences, find the corresponding binary tree:

inorder : DCEBAUZXTY

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

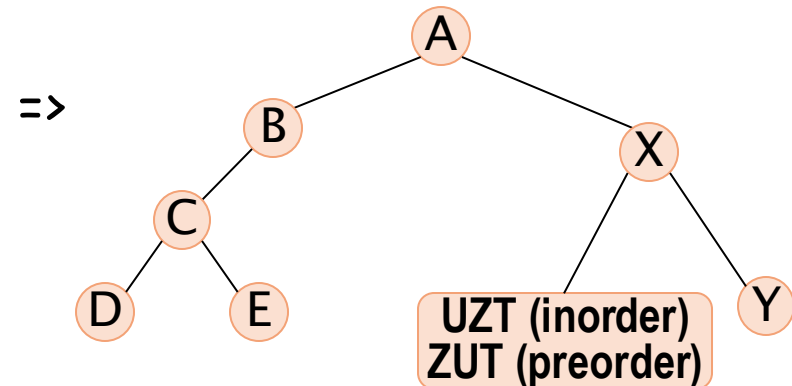
**Looking at the left subtree of B:**

- "preorder : CDE"  
==> C is the root
- Then, "inorder: DCE"



**Looking at the right subtree of A:**

- "preorder : XZUTY"  
==> X is the root
- Then, "inorder: UZTXY"





# Binary tree reconstruction

**Reconstruction of  
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its preorder and  
inorder sequences**

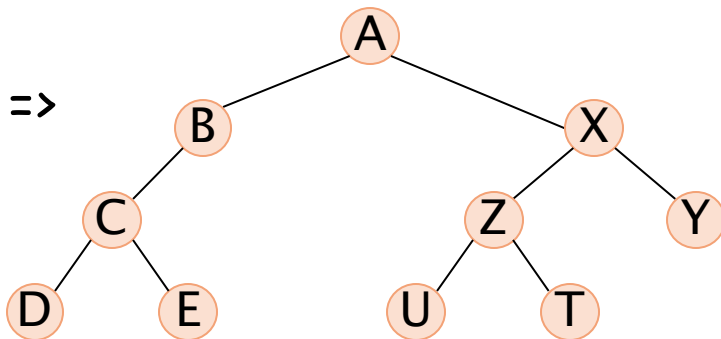
**Example:** Given the following sequences, find  
the corresponding binary tree:

inorder : DCEBAUZTXY

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

**Looking at the left subtree of X:**

- "preorder : ZUT"  
==> Z is the root
- Then, "inorder: UZT"





# Binary tree reconstruction

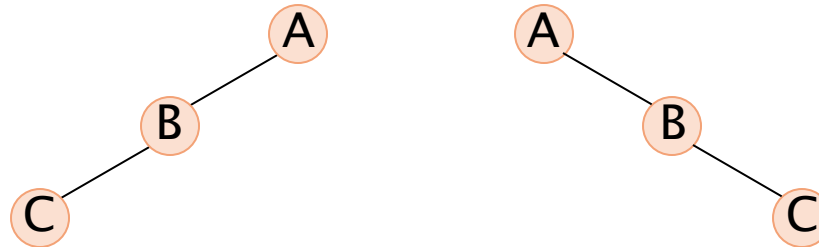
**But:** A binary tree may not be uniquely defined by its preorder and postorder sequences

**Example:**

**Preorder sequence:** ABC

**Postorder sequence:** CBA

We can construct 2 different binary trees:





# Java implementation codes

```
1. class BTreeBuilder {
2.     private static int find(char[] array, char v){
3.         for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++){
4.             if (array[i] == v) return i;
5.         }
6.         return -1;
7.     }

8.     public TreeNode build (char[] preorder, char[] inorder) {
9.         if (preorder.length == 0) return null;

10.        //step 1: find the root key and create a root node
11.        char rootValue = preorder[0];
12.        TreeNode root = new TreeNode(rootValue);

13.        //step 2: find the index of root key in in-order
14.        int leftSize = find(inorder, rootValue);

15.        //step 3: build left and right sub-tree's
16.        char[] leftPreorder = Arrays.copyOfRange(preorder, 1, 1+leftSize);
17.        char[] leftInorder = Arrays.copyOfRange(inorder, 0, leftSize);
18.        root.left = build (leftPreorder, leftInorder);

19.        char[] rightPreorder = Arrays.copyOfRange(preorder, 1+leftSize, preorder.length);
20.        char[] rightInorder = Arrays.copyOfRange(inorder, leftSize+1, preorder.length);
21.        root.right = build(rightPreorder, rightInorder);

22.        return root;
23.    }
24.}
```

```
1. class TreeNode {
2.     char val;
3.     TreeNode left, right;

4.     TreeNode(char x) {
5.         val = x;
6.     }
7. }

1. public class Test{
2.     public static void main(String[] args) {
3.         char[] preOrder =
4.             new char[]{'A','B','C','D','E'};
5.         char[] inOrder =
6.             new char[]{'C','D','B','A','E'};

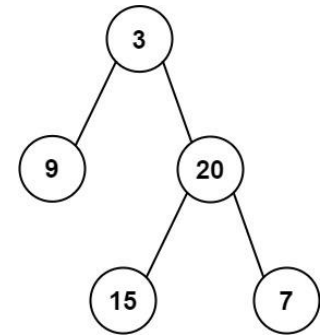
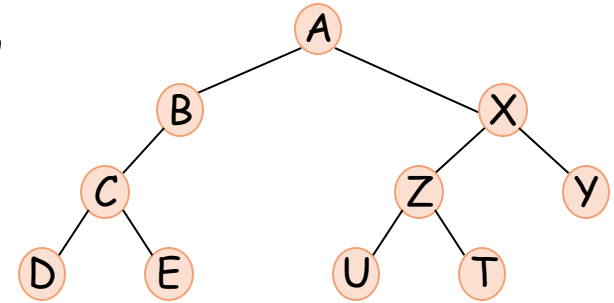
7.
8.         BTreeBuilder b = new BTreeBuilder();
9.         TreeNode root = b.build(preOrder, inOrder);
10.        System.out.println("build successfully");
11.    }
12.}
```

What's the time complexity?



# Exercises

- ▶ Show the results of traversing using preorder, inorder, and postorder respectively
- ▶ Construct a binary tree such that
  - preorder=[3,9,20,15,7]
  - inorder=[9,3,15,20,7]
- ▶ Is it possible to reconstruct a binary tree from its inorder and postorder?
  - If yes, how to do it? if no, why?





# Recommended reading

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- ▶ Reading this week
  - Chapter 12, textbook
- ▶ Next lecture
  - Binary search trees: chapter 12