

DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS

LECTURE 11

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- Collision resolution through coalesced chaining
- Collision resolution through open addressing

- Trees
- Binary trees

- Trees are one of the most commonly used data structures because they offer an efficient way of storing data and working with the data.
- In graph theory a *tree* is a connected, acyclic graph (usually undirected).
- When talking about trees as a data structure, we actually mean *rooted trees*, trees in which one node is designated to be the *root* of the tree.

Tree - Definition

- A tree is a finite set \mathcal{T} of 0 or more elements, called *nodes*, with the following properties:
 - If \mathcal{T} is empty, then the tree is empty
 - If \mathcal{T} is not empty then:
 - There is a special node, R , called the *root* of the tree
 - The rest of the nodes are divided into k ($k \geq 0$) disjunct *trees*, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k , the root node R being linked by an edge to the root of each of these trees. The trees T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k are called the *subtrees* (*children*) of R , and R is called the *parent* of the subtrees.

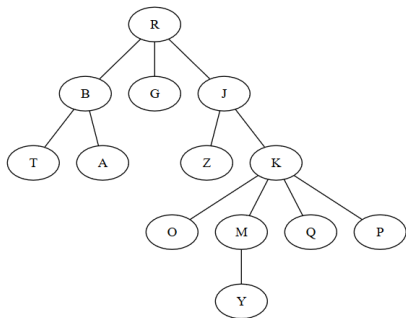
Tree - Terminology I

- An *ordered tree* is a tree in which the order of the children is well defined and relevant (instead of having a set of children, each node has a list of children).
- The *degree* of a node is defined as the number of children of the node.
- The nodes with the degree 0 (nodes without children) are called *leaf nodes*.
- The nodes that are not leaf nodes are called *internal nodes*.

Tree - Terminology II

- The *depth* or *level* of a node is the length of the path (measured as the number of edges traversed) from the root to the node. This path is unique. The root of the tree is at level 0 (and has depth 0).
- The *height* of a node is the length of the longest path from the node to a leaf node.
- The *height of the tree* is defined as the height of the root node, i.e., the length of the longest path from the root to a leaf.

Tree - Terminology Example



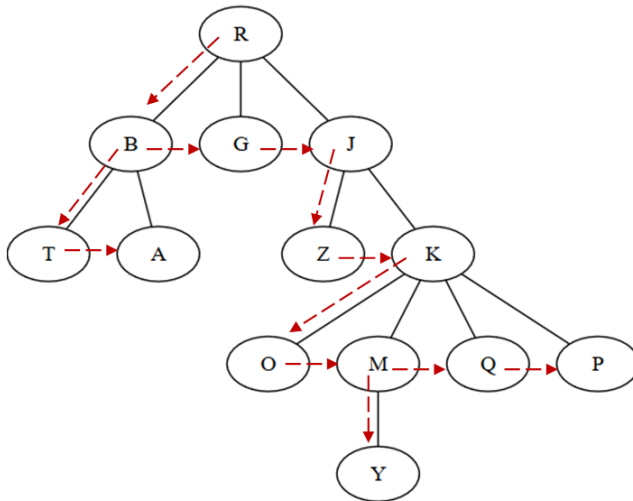
- Root of the tree: R
- Children of R : B, G, J
- Parent of M : K
- Leaf nodes: T, A, G, Z, O, Y, Q, P
- Internal nodes: R, B, J, K, M
- Depth of node K : 2 (path $R-J-K$)
- Height of node K : 2 (path $K-M-Y$)
- Height of the tree (height of node R): 4
- Nodes on level 2: T, A, Z, K

- How can we represent a tree in which every node has at most k children?
- One option is to have a structure for a *node* that contains the following:
 - information from the node
 - address of the parent node (not mandatory)
 - k fields, one for each child
- Obs: this is doable if k is not too large

- Another option is to have a structure for a *node* that contains the following:
 - information from the node
 - address of the parent node (not mandatory)
 - an array of dimension k , in which each element is the address of a child
 - number of children (number of occupied positions from the above array)
- Disadvantage of these approaches is that we occupy space for k children even if most nodes have less children.

- A third option is the so-called *left-child right-sibling* representation in which we have a structure for a node which contains the following:
 - information from the node
 - address of the parent node (not mandatory)
 - address of the leftmost child of the node
 - address of the right sibling of the node (next node on the same level from the same parent).

Left-child right sibling representation example



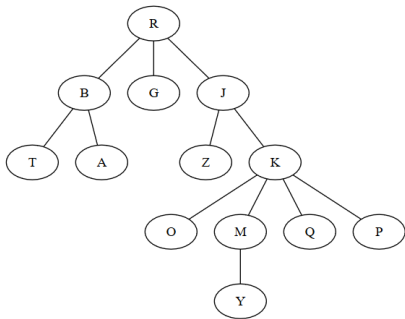
Tree traversals

- A node of a tree is said to be *visited* when the program control arrives at the node, usually with the purpose of performing some operation on the node (printing it, checking the value from the node, etc.).
- *Traversing* a tree means visiting all of its nodes.
- For a k-ary tree there are 2 possible traversals:
 - Depth-first traversal
 - Level order (breadth first) traversal

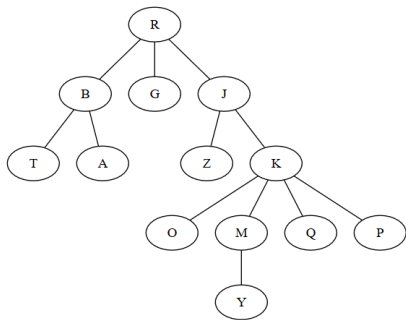
Depth first traversal

- Traversal starts from root
- From root we visit one of the children, then one child of that child, and so on. We go down (in depth) as much as possible, and continue with other children of a node only after all descendants of the "first" child were visited.
- For depth first traversal we use a stack to remember the nodes that have to be visited.

Depth first traversal example



Depth first traversal example

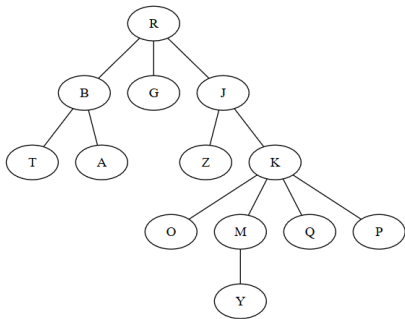


- Stack s with the root: R
- Visit R (pop from stack) and push its children: $s = [B\ G\ J]$
- Visit B and push its children: $s = [T\ A\ G\ J]$
- Visit T and push nothing: $s = [A\ G\ J]$
- Visit A and push nothing: $s = [G\ J]$
- Visit G and push nothing: $s = [J]$
- Visit J and push its children: $s = [Z\ K]$
- etc...

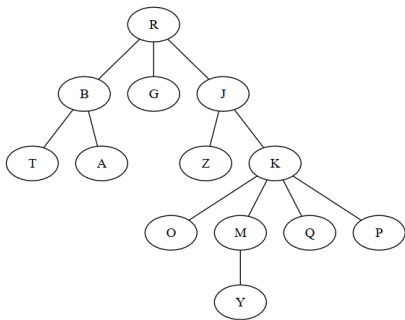
Level order traversal

- Traversal starts from root
- We visit all children of the root (one by one) and once all of them were visited we go to their children and so on. We go down one level, only when all nodes from a level were visited.
- For level order traversal we use a queue to remember the nodes that have to be visited.

Level order traversal example



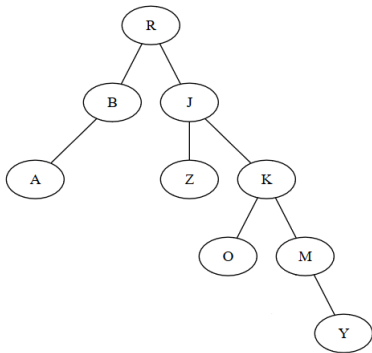
Level order traversal example



- Queue q with the root: R
- Visit R (pop from queue) and push its children: $q = [B\ G\ J]$
- Visit B and push its children: $q = [G\ J\ T\ A]$
- Visit G and push nothing: $q = [J\ T\ A]$
- Visit J and push its children: $q = [T\ A\ Z\ K]$
- Visit T and push nothing: $q = [A\ Z\ K]$
- Visit A and push nothing: $q = [Z\ K]$
- etc...

- An ordered tree in which each node has at most two children is called *binary tree*.
- In a binary tree we call the children of a node the *left child* and *right child*.
- Even if a node has only one child, we still have to know whether that is the left or the right one.

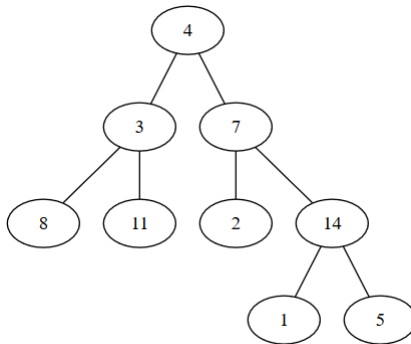
Binary tree - example



- *A* is the left child of *B*
- *Y* is the right child of *M*

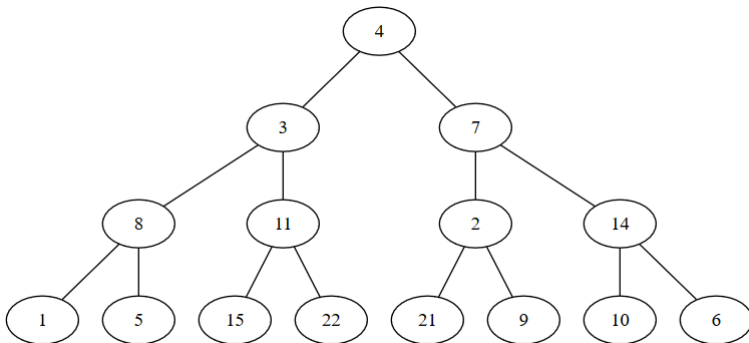
Binary tree - Terminology I

- A binary tree is called *full* if every internal node has exactly two children.



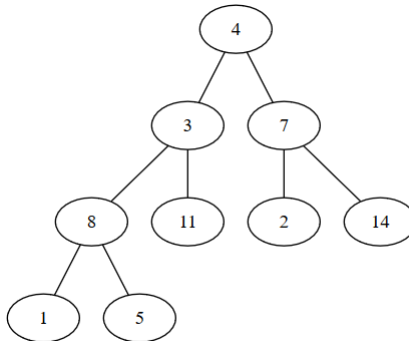
Binary tree - Terminology II

- A binary tree is called *complete* if all leaves are on the same level and all internal nodes have exactly 2 children.



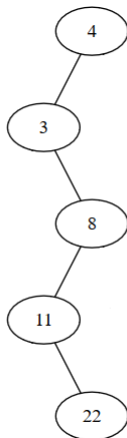
Binary tree - Terminology III

- A binary tree is called *almost complete* if it is a *complete* binary tree except for the last level, where nodes are completed from left to right (binary heap - structure).



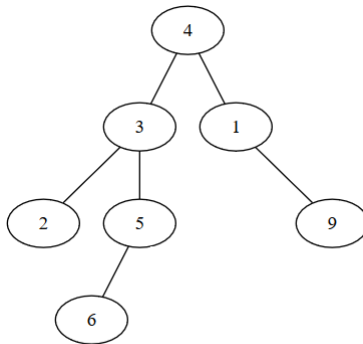
Binary tree - Terminology IV

- A binary tree is called *degenerate* if every internal node has exactly one child (it is actually a chain of nodes).



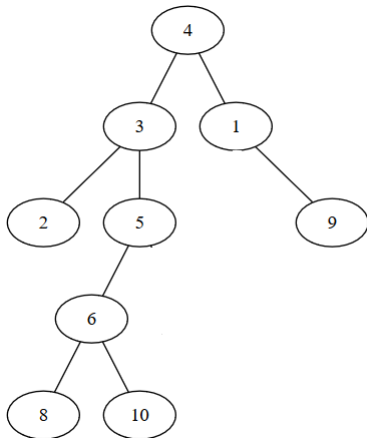
Binary tree - Terminology V

- A binary tree is called *balanced* if the difference between the height of the left and right subtrees is at most 1 (for every node from the tree).



Binary tree - Terminology VI

- Obviously, there are many binary trees that are none of the above categories, for example:



Binary tree - properties

- A binary tree with n nodes has exactly $n - 1$ edges (this is true for every tree, not just binary trees)
- The number of nodes in a complete binary tree of height N is $2^{N+1} - 1$ (it is $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^N$)
- The maximum number of nodes in a binary tree of height N is $2^{N+1} - 1$ - if the tree is complete.
- The minimum number of nodes in a binary tree of height N is $N + 1$ - if the tree is degenerate.
- A binary tree with N nodes has a height between $\log_2 N$ and $N - 1$.

- Domain of ADT Binary Tree:

$$\mathcal{BT} = \{bt \mid bt \text{ binary tree with nodes containing information of type TElem}\}$$

- **init(bt)**
 - **descr:** creates a new, empty binary tree
 - **pre:** true
 - **post:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, bt is an empty binary tree

- **initLeaf(bt, e)**
 - **descr:** creates a new binary tree, having only the root with a given value
 - **pre:** $e \in TElem$
 - **post:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, bt is a binary tree with only one node (its root) which contains the value e

- `initTree(bt, left, e, right)`
 - **descr:** creates a new binary tree, having a given information in the root and two given binary trees as children
 - **pre:** $left, right \in \mathcal{BT}$, $e \in TElem$
 - **post:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, bt is a binary tree with left child equal to $left$, right child equal to $right$ and the information from the root is e

- `insertLeftSubtree(bt, left)`
 - **descr:** sets the left subtree of a binary tree to a given value (if the tree had a left subtree, it will be changed)
 - **pre:** $bt, left \in \mathcal{BT}$
 - **post:** $bt' \in \mathcal{BT}$, the left subtree of bt' is equal to $left$

- `insertRightSubtree(bt, right)`
 - **descr:** sets the right subtree of a binary tree to a given value (if the tree had a right subtree, it will be changed)
 - **pre:** $bt, right \in \mathcal{BT}$
 - **post:** $bt' \in \mathcal{BT}$, the right subtree of bt' is equal to $right$

- **root(bt)**
 - **descr:** returns the information from the root of a binary tree
 - **pre:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, $bt \neq \Phi$
 - **post:** $root \leftarrow e$, $e \in TElem$, e is the information from the root of bt
 - **throws:** an exception if bt is empty

- **left(bt)**
 - **descr:** returns the left subtree of a binary tree
 - **pre:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, $bt \neq \Phi$
 - **post:** $left \leftarrow l$, $l \in \mathcal{BT}$, l is the left subtree of bt
 - **throws:** an exception if bt is empty

- **right(*bt*)**
 - **descr:** returns the right subtree of a binary tree
 - **pre:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, $bt \neq \Phi$
 - **post:** $right \leftarrow r$, $r \in \mathcal{BT}$, r is the right subtree of bt
 - **throws:** an exception if bt is empty

- $\text{isEmpty}(bt)$
 - **descr:** checks if a binary tree is empty
 - **pre:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$
 - **post:**

$$empty \leftarrow \begin{cases} True, & \text{if } bt = \Phi \\ False, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **iterator** (bt , $traversal$, i)
 - **descr:** returns an iterator for a binary tree
 - **pre:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$, $traversal$ represents the order in which the tree has to be traversed
 - **post:** $i \in \mathcal{I}$, i is an iterator over bt that iterates in the order given by $traversal$

- **destroy(bt)**
 - **descr:** destorys a binary tree
 - **pre:** $bt \in \mathcal{BT}$
 - **post:** bt was destroyed

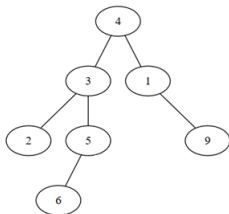
- Other possible operations:
 - change the information from the root of a binary tree
 - remove a subtree (left or right) of a binary tree
 - search for an element in a binary tree
 - return the number of elements from a binary tree

Possible representations

- If we want to implement a binary tree, what representation can we use?
- We have several options:
 - Representation using an array (similar to a binary heap)
 - Linked representation
 - with dynamic allocation
 - on an array

- Representation using an array
 - Store the elements in an array
 - First position from the array is the root of the tree
 - Left child of node from position i is at position $2 * i$, right child is at position $2 * i + 1$.
 - Some special value is needed to denote the place where there is no element.

Possible representations II



Pos	Elem
1	4
2	3
3	1
4	2
5	5
6	-1
7	9
8	-1
9	-1
10	6
11	-1
12	-1
13	-1
...	...

- Disadvantage: depending on the form of the tree, we might waste a lot of space.
- **Obs.** For your lab assignments you are not allowed to use this representation.

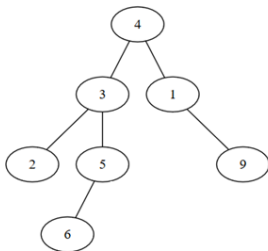
Possible representations III

- Linked representation with dynamic allocation
 - We have a structure to represent a node, containing the information, the address of the left child and the address of the right child (possibly the address of the parent as well).
 - An empty tree is denoted by the value NIL for the root.
 - We have one node for every element of the tree.

Possible representations IV

- Linked representation on an array
 - Information from the nodes is placed in an array. The *address* of the left and right child is the *index* where the corresponding elements can be found in the array.
 - We can have a separate array for the parent as well.

Possible representations V



Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Info	4	3	2	5	6	1	9	
Left	2	3	-1	5	-1	-1	-1	
Right	6	4	-1	-1	-1	7	-1	
Parent	-1	1	2	2	4	1	6	

- We need to know that the root is at position 1 (could be any position).
- If the array is full, we can allocate a larger one.
- We have to keep a linked list of empty positions to make adding a new node easier.

Possible representations VI

- The linked list of empty positions has to be created when the empty binary tree is created. While a tree is a non-linear data structure, we can still use the left (and/or right) array to create a singly (or doubly) linked list of empty positions.
- Obviously, when we do a resize, the newly created empty positions have to be linked again.

info							
left	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
right							

firstEmpty = 1
root = -1
cap = 8

Binary Tree Traversal

- A node of a (binary) tree is visited when the program control arrives at the node, usually with the purpose of performing some operation on the node (printing it, checking the value from the node, etc.).
- *Traversing* a (binary) tree means visiting all of its nodes.
- For a binary tree there are 4 possible traversals:
 - Preorder
 - Inorder
 - Postorder
 - Level order (breadth first) - the same as in case of a (non-binary) tree

Binary tree representation

- In the following, for the implementation of the traversal algorithms, we are going to use the following representation for a binary tree:

BTNode:

info: TElem

left: ↑ BTNode

right: ↑ BTNode

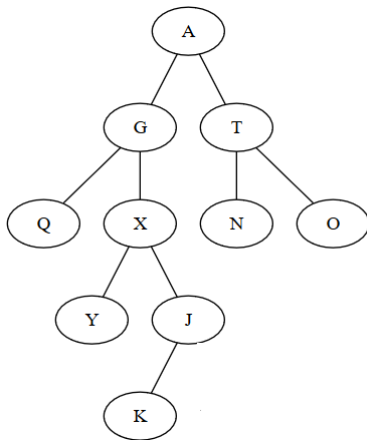
BinaryTree:

root: ↑ BTNode

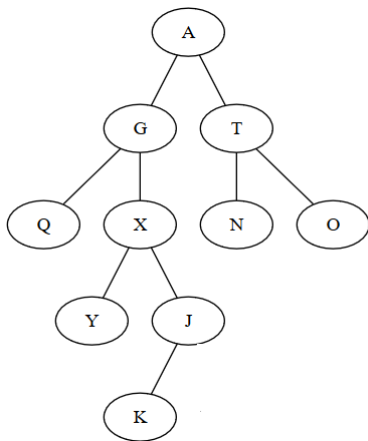
Preorder traversal

- In case of a preorder traversal:
 - Visit the *root* of the tree
 - Traverse the left subtree - if exists
 - Traverse the right subtree - if exists
- When traversing the subtrees (left or right) the same preorder traversal is applied (so, from the left subtree we visit the root first and then traverse the left subtree and then the right subtree).

Preorder traversal example



Preorder traversal example



- Preorder traversal: A, G, Q, X, Y, J, K, T, N, O

Preorder traversal - recursive implementation

- The simplest implementation for preorder traversal is with a recursive algorithm.

subalgorithm preorder_recursive(node) **is:**

//pre: node is a \uparrow BTNode

if node \neq NIL **then**

 @visit [node].info

 preorder_recursive([node].left)

 preorder_recursive([node].right)

end-if

end-subalgorithm

Preorder traversal - recursive implementation

- The *preorder_recursive* subalgorithm receives as parameter a pointer to a node, so we need a wrapper subalgorithm, one that receives a *BinaryTree* and calls the function for the root of the tree.

subalgorithm preorderRec(tree) **is:**

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//pre: tree is a BinaryTree  
  preorder_recursive(tree.root)
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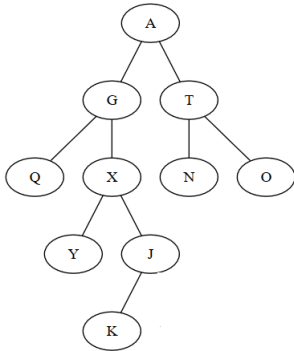
end-subalgorithm

- Assuming that visiting a node takes constant time (print the info from the node, for example), the whole traversal takes $\Theta(n)$ time for a tree with n nodes.

Preorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

- We can implement the preorder traversal algorithm without recursion, using an auxiliary *stack* to store the nodes.
 - We start with an empty stack
 - Push the root of the tree to the stack
 - While the stack is not empty:
 - Pop a node and visit it
 - Push the node's right child to the stack
 - Push the node's left child to the stack

Preorder traversal - non-recursive implementation example



- Stack: A
- Visit A, push children (Stack: T G)
- Visit G, push children (Stack: T X Q)
- Visit Q, push nothing (Stack: T X)
- Visit X, push children (Stack: T J Y)
- Visit Y, push nothing (Stack: T J)
- Visit J, push child (Stack: T K)
- Visit K, push nothing (Stack: T)
- Visit T, push children (Stack: O N)
- Visit N, push nothing (Stack: O)
- Visit O, push nothing (Stack:)
- Stack is empty, traversal is complete

Preorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

```
subalgorithm preorder(tree) is:  
  //pre: tree is a binary tree  
  s: Stack //s is an auxiliary stack  
  if tree.root  $\neq$  NIL then  
    push(s, tree.root)  
  end-if  
  while not isEmpty(s) execute  
    currentNode  $\leftarrow$  pop(s)  
    @visit currentNode  
    if [currentNode].right  $\neq$  NIL then  
      push(s, [currentNode].right)  
    end-if  
    if [currentNode].left  $\neq$  NIL then  
      push(s, [currentNode].left)  
    end-if  
  end-while  
end-subalgorithm
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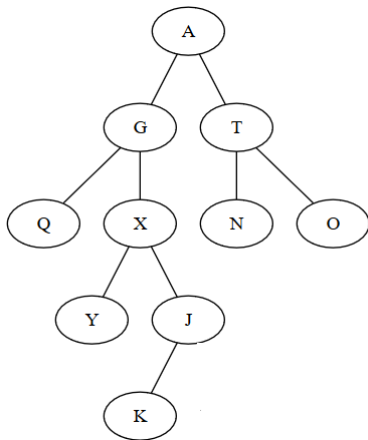
Preorder traversal - non - recursive implementation

- Time complexity of the non-recursive traversal is $\Theta(n)$, and we also need $O(n)$ extra space (the stack)
- Obs: Preorder traversal is exactly the same as *depth first traversal* (you can see it especially in the implementation), with the observation that here we need to be careful to first push the right child to the stack and then the left one (in case of *depth-first traversal* the order in which we pushed the children was not that important).

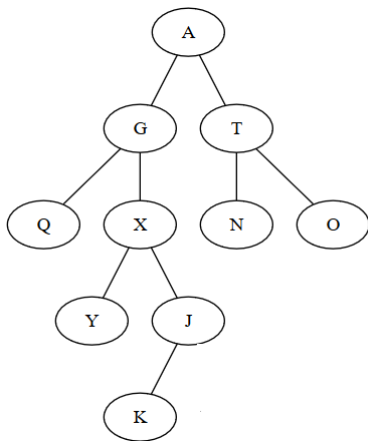
Inorder traversal

- In case of *inorder* traversal:
 - Traverse the left subtree - if exists
 - Visit the *root* of the tree
 - Traverse the right subtree - if exists
- When traversing the subtrees (left or right) the same inorder traversal is applied (so, from the left subtree we traverse the left subtree, then we visit the root and then traverse the right subtree).

Inorder traversal example



Inorder traversal example



- Inorder traversal: Q, G, Y, X, K, J, A, N, T, O

Inorder traversal - recursive implementation

- The simplest implementation for inorder traversal is with a recursive algorithm.

subalgorithm `inorder_recursive(node)` **is:**

//pre: node is a \uparrow `BTNode`

if `node \neq NIL` **then**

`inorder_recursive([node].left)`

 @visit `[node].info`

`inorder_recursive([node].right)`

end-if

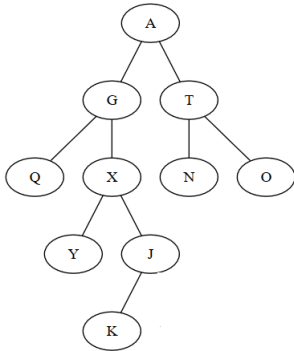
end-subalgorithm

- We need again a wrapper subalgorithm to perform the first call to *inorder_recursive* with the root of the tree as parameter.
- The traversal takes $\Theta(n)$ time for a tree with n nodes.

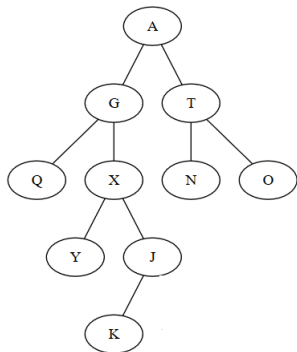
Inorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

- We can implement the inorder traversal algorithm without recursion, using an auxiliary stack to store the nodes.
 - We start with an empty stack and a current node set to the root
 - While current node is not NIL, push it to the stack and set it to its left child
 - While stack not empty
 - Pop a node and visit it
 - Set current node to the right child of the popped node
 - While current node is not NIL, push it to the stack and set it to its left child

Inorder traversal - non-recursive implementation example



Inorder traversal - non-recursive implementation example



- CurrentNode: A (Stack:)
- CurrentNode: NIL (Stack: A G Q)
- Visit Q, currentNode NIL (Stack: A G)
- Visit G, currentNode X (Stack: A)
- CurrentNode: NIL (Stack: A X Y)
- Visit Y, currentNode NIL (Stack: A X)
- Visit X, currentNode J (Stack: A)
- CurrentNode: NIL (Stack: A J K)
- Visit K, currentNode NIL (Stack: A J)
- Visit J, currentNode NIL (Stack: A)
- Visit A, currentNode T (Stack:)
- CurrentNode: NIL (Stack: T N)
- ...

Inorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

```
subalgorithm inorder(tree) is:  
  //pre: tree is a BinaryTree  
  s: Stack //s is an auxiliary stack  
  currentNode  $\leftarrow$  tree.root  
  while currentNode  $\neq$  NIL execute  
    push(s, currentNode)  
    currentNode  $\leftarrow$  [currentNode].left  
  end-while  
  while not isEmpty(s) execute  
    currentNode  $\leftarrow$  pop(s)  
    @visit currentNode  
    currentNode  $\leftarrow$  [currentNode].right  
    while currentNode  $\neq$  NIL execute  
      push(s, currentNode)  
      currentNode  $\leftarrow$  [currentNode].left  
    end-while  
  end-while  
end-subalgorithm
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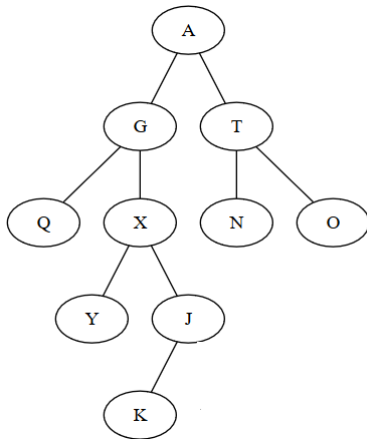
Inorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

- Time complexity $\Theta(n)$, extra space complexity $O(n)$

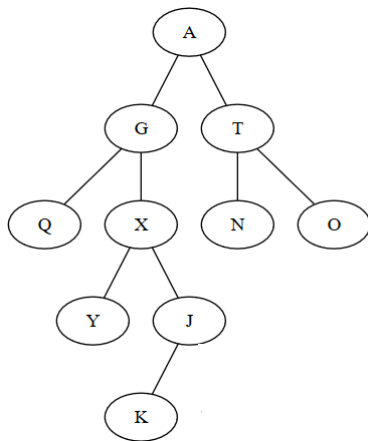
Postorder traversal

- In case of *postorder* traversal:
 - Traverse the left subtree - if exists
 - Traverse the right subtree - if exists
 - Visit the *root* of the tree
- When traversing the subtrees (left or right) the same postorder traversal is applied (so, from the left subtree we traverse the left subtree, then traverse the right subtree and then visit the root).

Postorder traversal example



Postorder traversal example



- Postorder traversal: Q, Y, K, J, X, G, N, O, T, A

Postorder traversal - recursive implementation

- The simplest implementation for postorder traversal is with a recursive algorithm.

subalgorithm postorder_recursive(node) **is:**

//pre: node is a \uparrow BTreeNode

if node \neq NIL **then**

 postorder_recursive([node].left)

 postorder_recursive([node].right)

 @visit [node].info

end-if

end-subalgorithm

- We need again a wrapper subalgorithm to perform the first call to *postorder_recursive* with the root of the tree as parameter.
- The traversal takes $\Theta(n)$ time for a tree with n nodes.

Postorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

- We can implement the postorder traversal without recursion, but it is slightly more complicated than preorder and inorder traversals.
- We can have an implementation that uses two stacks and there is also an implementation that uses one stack.

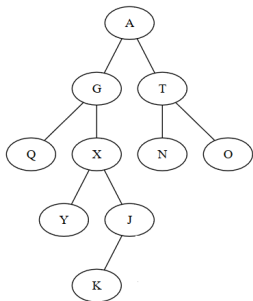
Postorder traversal with two stacks

- The main idea of postorder traversal with two stacks is to build the reverse of postorder traversal in one stack. If we have this, popping the elements from the stack until it becomes empty will give us postorder traversal.
- Building the reverse of postorder traversal is similar to building preorder traversal, except that we need to traverse the right subtree first (not the left one). The other stack will be used for this.
- The algorithm is similar to *preorder* traversal, with two modifications:
 - When a node is removed from the stack, it is added to the second stack (instead of being visited)
 - For a node taken from the stack we first push the left child and then the right child to the stack.

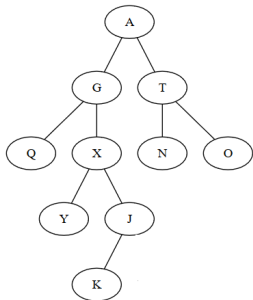
Postorder traversal with one stack

- We start with an empty stack and a current node set to the root of the tree
- While the current node is not NIL, push to the stack the right child of the current node (if exists) and the current node and then set the current node to its left child.
- While the stack is not empty
 - Pop a node from the stack (call it current node)
 - If the current node has a right child, the stack is not empty and contains the right child on top of it, pop the right child, push the current node, and set current node to the right child.
 - Otherwise, visit the current node and set it to NIL
 - While the current node is not NIL, push to the stack the right child of the current node (if exists) and the current node and then set the current node to its left child.

Postorder traversal - non-recursive implementation example



Postorder traversal - non-recursive implementation example



- Node: A (Stack:)
- Node: NIL (Stack: T A X G Q)
- Visit Q, Node NIL (Stack: T A X G)
- Node: X (Stack: T A G)
- Node: NIL (Stack: T A G J X Y)
- Visit Y, Node: NIL (Stack: T A G J X)
- Node: J (Stack: T A G X)
- Node: NIL (Stack: T A G X J K)
- Visit K, Node: NIL (Stack: T A G X J)
- Visit J, Node: NIL (Stack: T A G X)
- Visit X, Node: NIL (Stack: T A G)
- Visit G, Node: NIL (Stack: T A)
- Node: T (Stack: A)
- Node: NIL (Stack: A O T N)
- ...

Postorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

subalgorithm postorder(tree) **is:**

//pre: tree is a BinaryTree

s: Stack *//s is an auxiliary stack*

node \leftarrow tree.root

while node \neq NIL **execute**

if [node].right \neq NIL **then**

 push(s, [node].right)

end-if

 push(s, node)

 node \leftarrow [node].left

end-while

while not isEmpty(s) **execute**

 node \leftarrow pop(s)

if [node].right \neq NIL and (not isEmpty(s)) and [node].right = top(s) **th**

 pop(s)

 push(s, node)

 node \leftarrow [node].right

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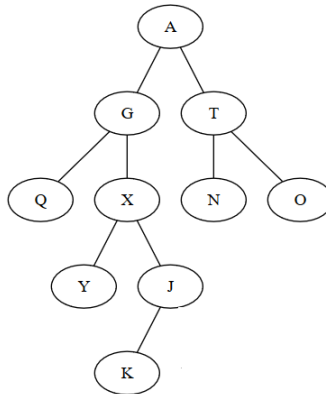
Postorder traversal - non-recursive implementation

```
else
    @visit node
    node ← NIL
end-if
while node ≠ NIL execute
    if [node].right ≠ NIL then
        push(s, [node].right)
    end-if
    push(s, node)
    node ← [node].left
end-while
end-while
end-subalgorithm
```

- Time complexity $\Theta(n)$, extra space complexity $O(n)$

Level order traversal

- In case of level order traversal we first visit the root, then the children of the root, then the children of the children, etc.



- Level order traversal: A, G, T, Q, X, N, O, Y, J, K

Binary tree iterator

- The interface of the binary tree contains the *iterator* operation, which should return an iterator.
- This operation receives a parameter that specifies what kind of traversal we want to do with the iterator (preorder, inorder, postorder, level order)
- The traversal algorithms discussed so far, traverse all the elements of the binary tree at once, but an iterator has to do element-by-element traversal.
- For defining an iterator, we have to divide the code into the functions of an iterator: *init*, *getCurrent*, *next*, *valid*

Preorder, Inorder, Postorder

- How to remember the difference between traversals?
 - Left subtree is always traversed before the right subtree.
 - The visiting of the root is what changes:
 - PREorder - visit the root before the left and right
 - INorder - visit the root between the left and right
 - POSTorder - visit the root after the left and right

Think about it

- Assume you have a binary tree, but you do not know how it looks like, but you have the *preorder* and *inorder* traversal of the tree. Give an algorithm for building the tree based on these two traversals.
- For example:
 - Preorder: A B F G H E L M
 - Inorder: B G F H A L E M

Think about it

- Can you rebuild the tree if you have the *postorder* and the *inorder* traversal?
- Can you rebuild the tree if you have the *preorder* and the *postorder* traversal?

- Today we have talked about:
 - Trees
 - Binary trees