
Tree & Binary Tree

**IT5003: Data Structures and Algorithms
(AY2019/20 Semester 1)**

Lecture Overview

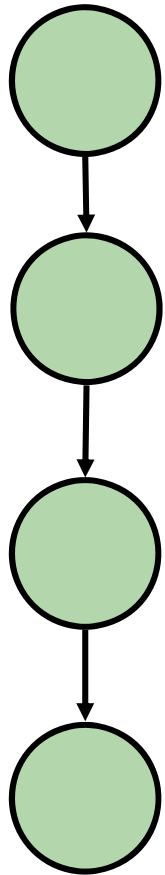
■ Trees

- ❑ Terminology
- ❑ Definitions

■ Binary Tree

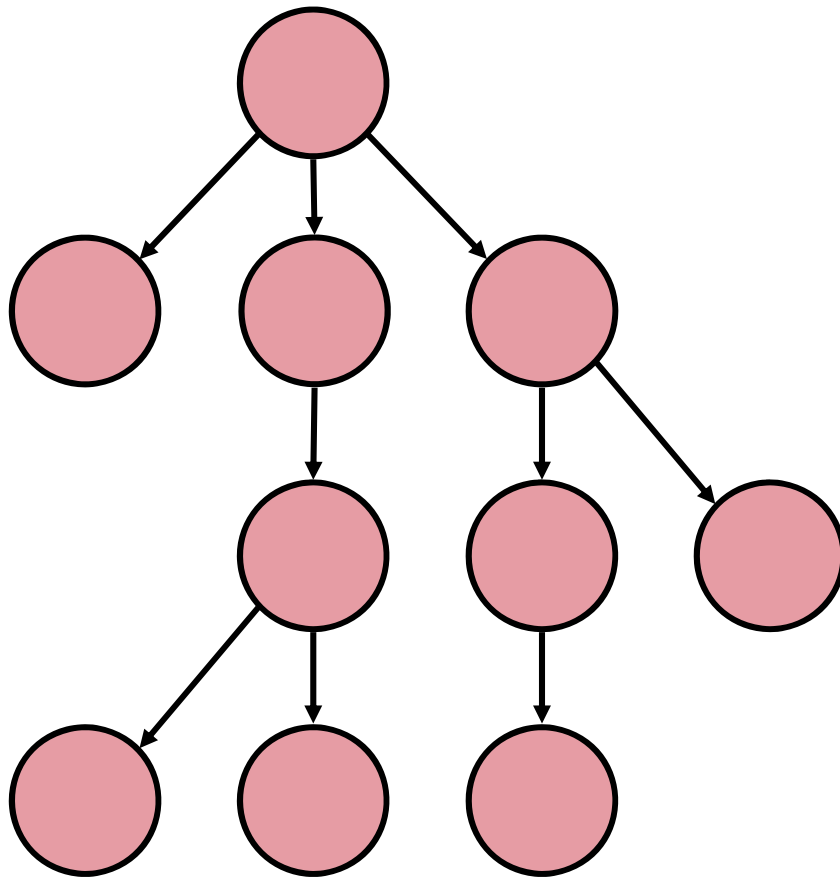
- ❑ Definitions
- ❑ Implementations
- ❑ Major Operations and Traversals

Motivation: Why Trees?



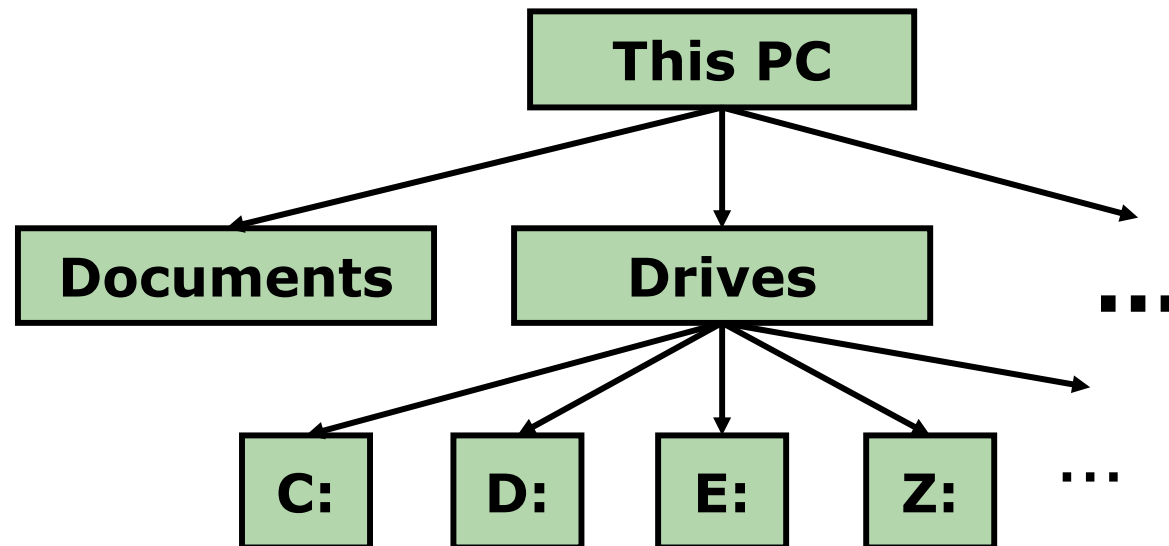
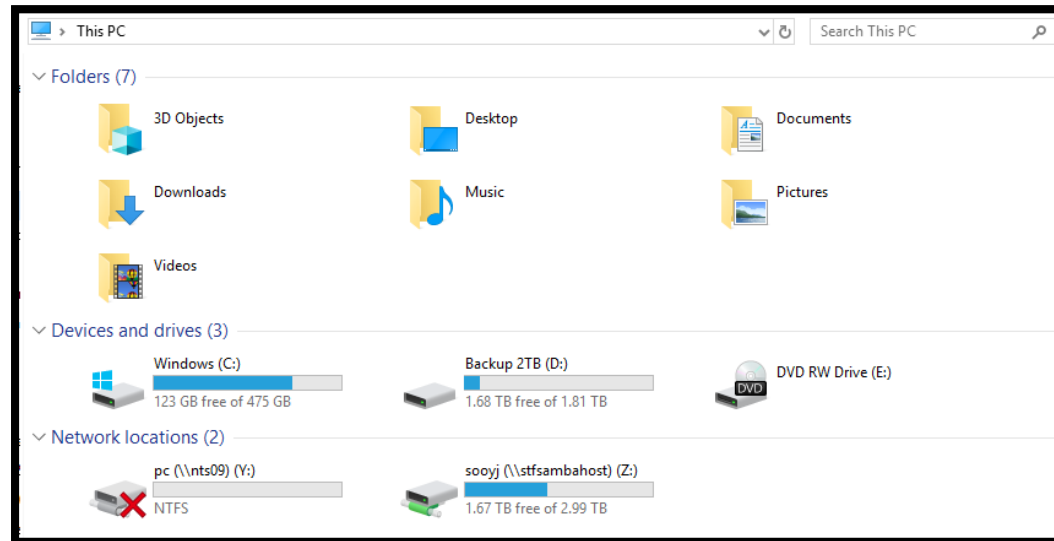
- Linked list is suitable to represent a collection of information with no hierarchical relationship
 - i.e. each node are "similar" / "equal" in stature
- With only "next" (and "previous") references, complex relationship is hard to represent in linked list

A Tree as a Data Structure



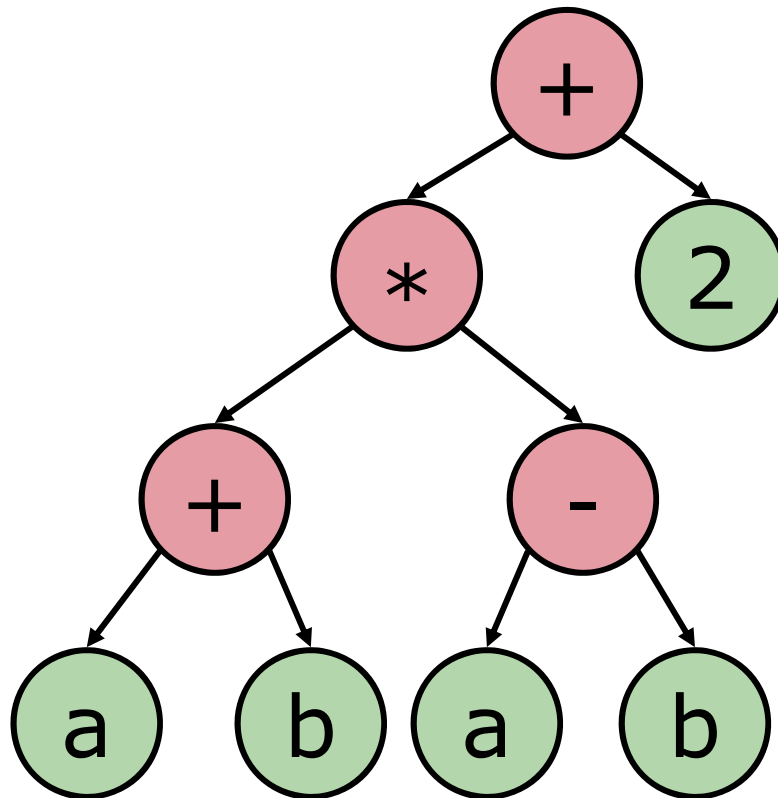
- Similar to a tree in the real world
 - Note: shown upside down
- Intuitive way to represent relationship and hierarchy
- Example:
 - Family tree, function call tree, folder and files on a disk etc

Tree Example: **File** **S**ystems



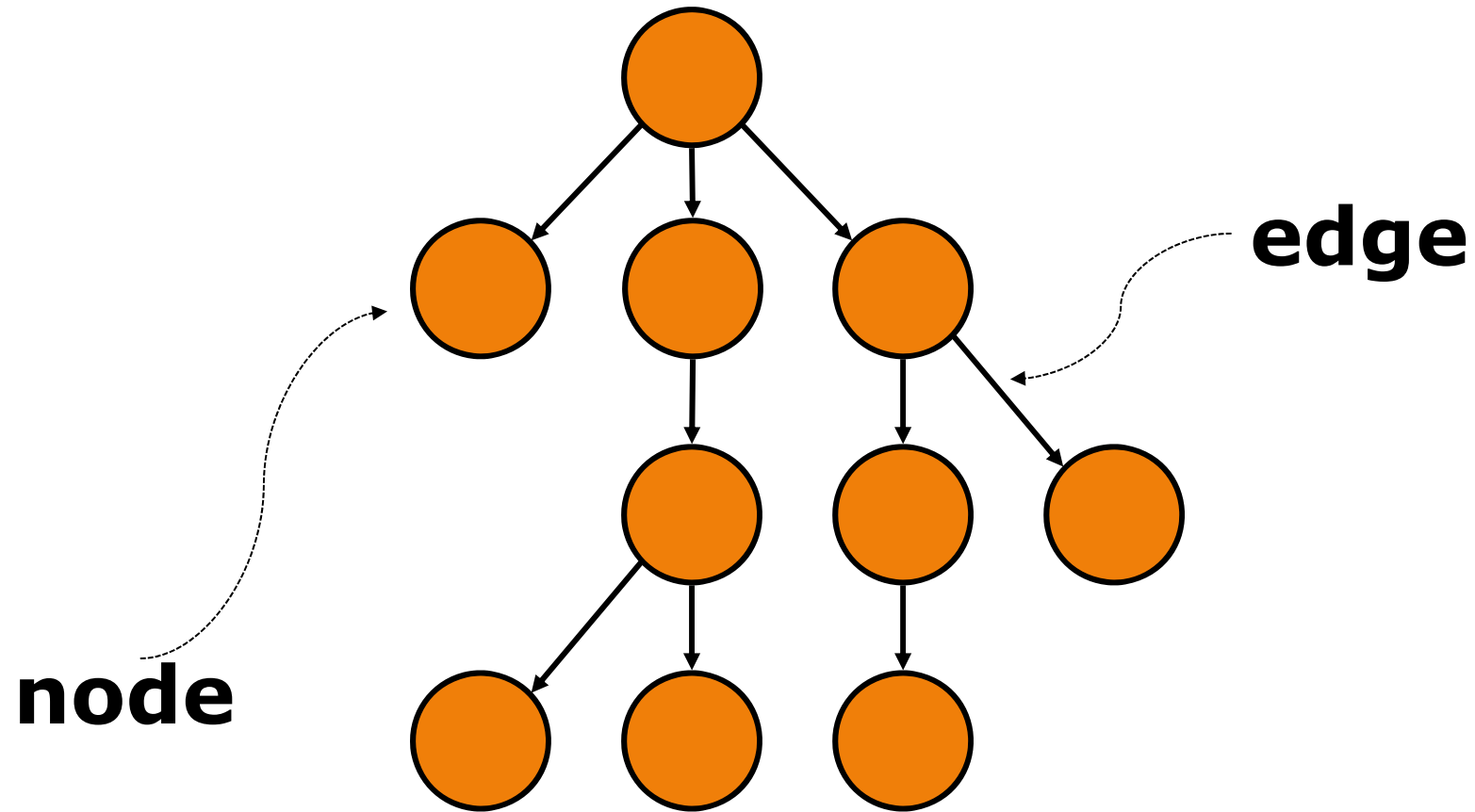
Tree Example: Arithmetic Expression

$(a+b) * (a-b) + 2$



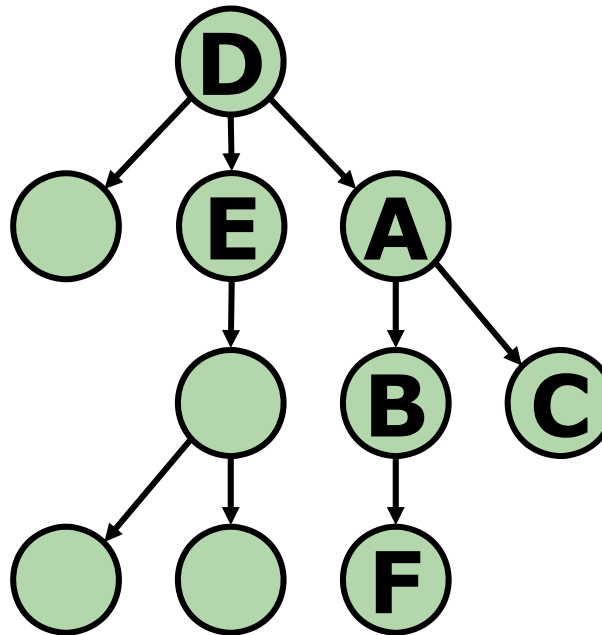
Q: How do you construct such a tree from a given arithmetic expression?

Definitions: Edge & Node



- Data objects (the circles) in a tree are called **nodes**
- Links between nodes are called **edges**

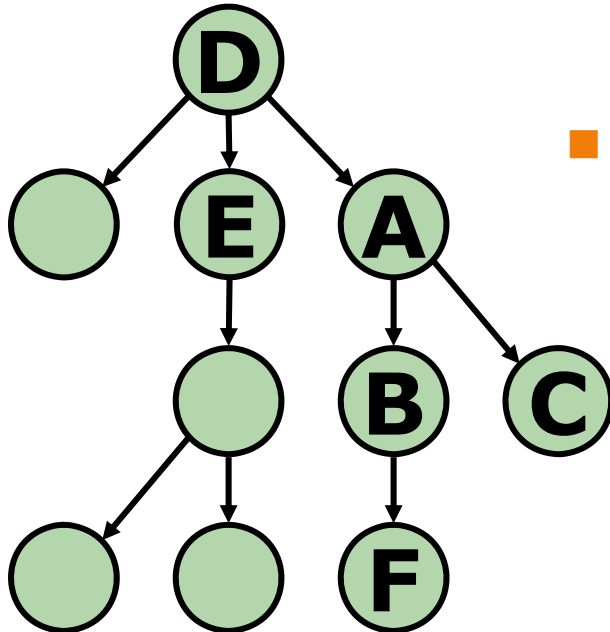
Relationship: **P**arent/**C**hild/**S**ibling



- A is a **parent** of B and C
- B and C are **children** of A
- B and C are **siblings**
(with the **same parent** A)

Relationship: **A**ncessor / **D**escendant

- D is an **ancestor** of B
- B is a **descendant** of A and D

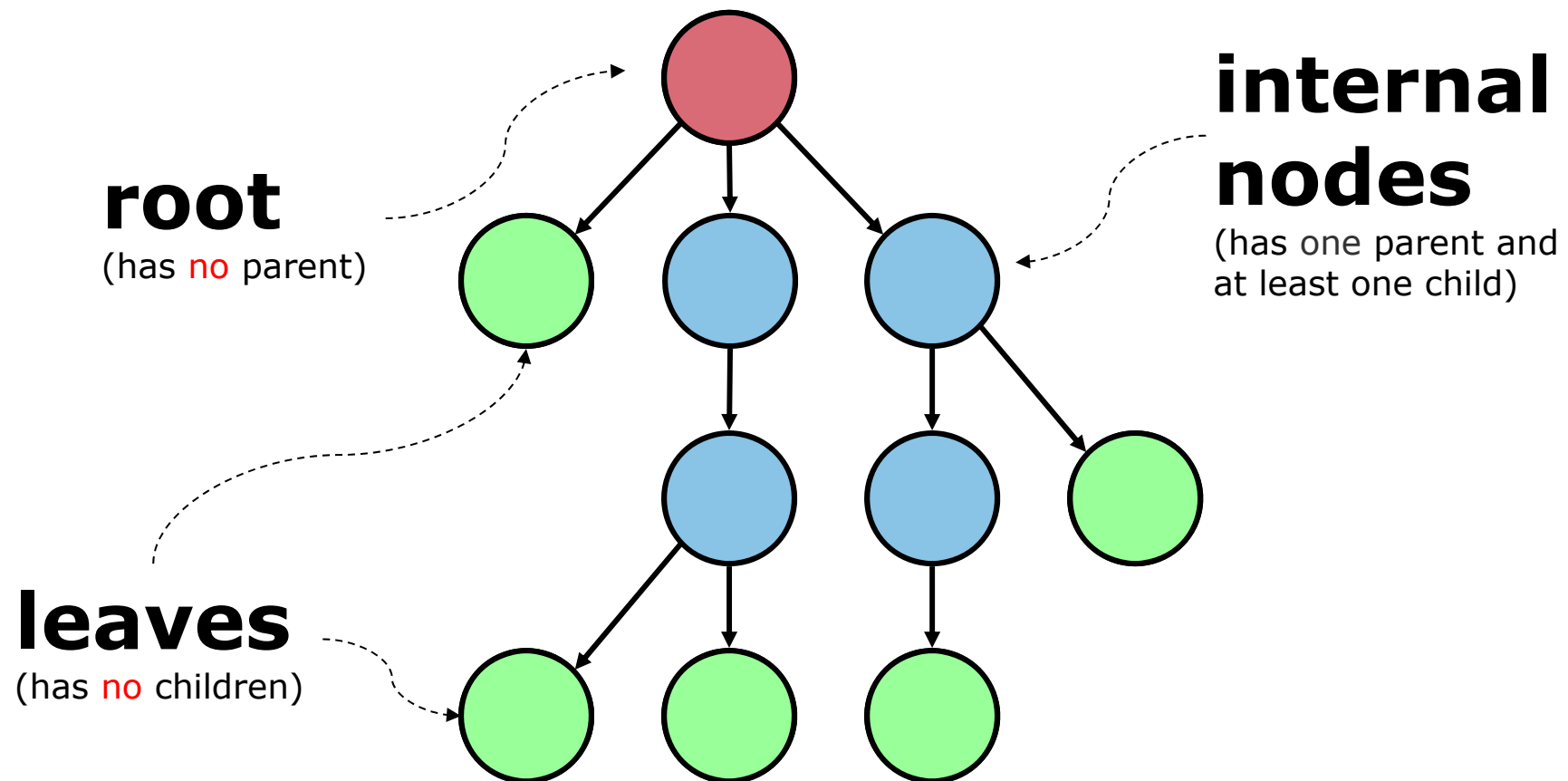


- **Definition:**

Node X is an **ancestor** of node Y if

- 1) X is a parent of Y, **OR**
- 2) X is a parent of some node Z and Z is an ancestor of Y

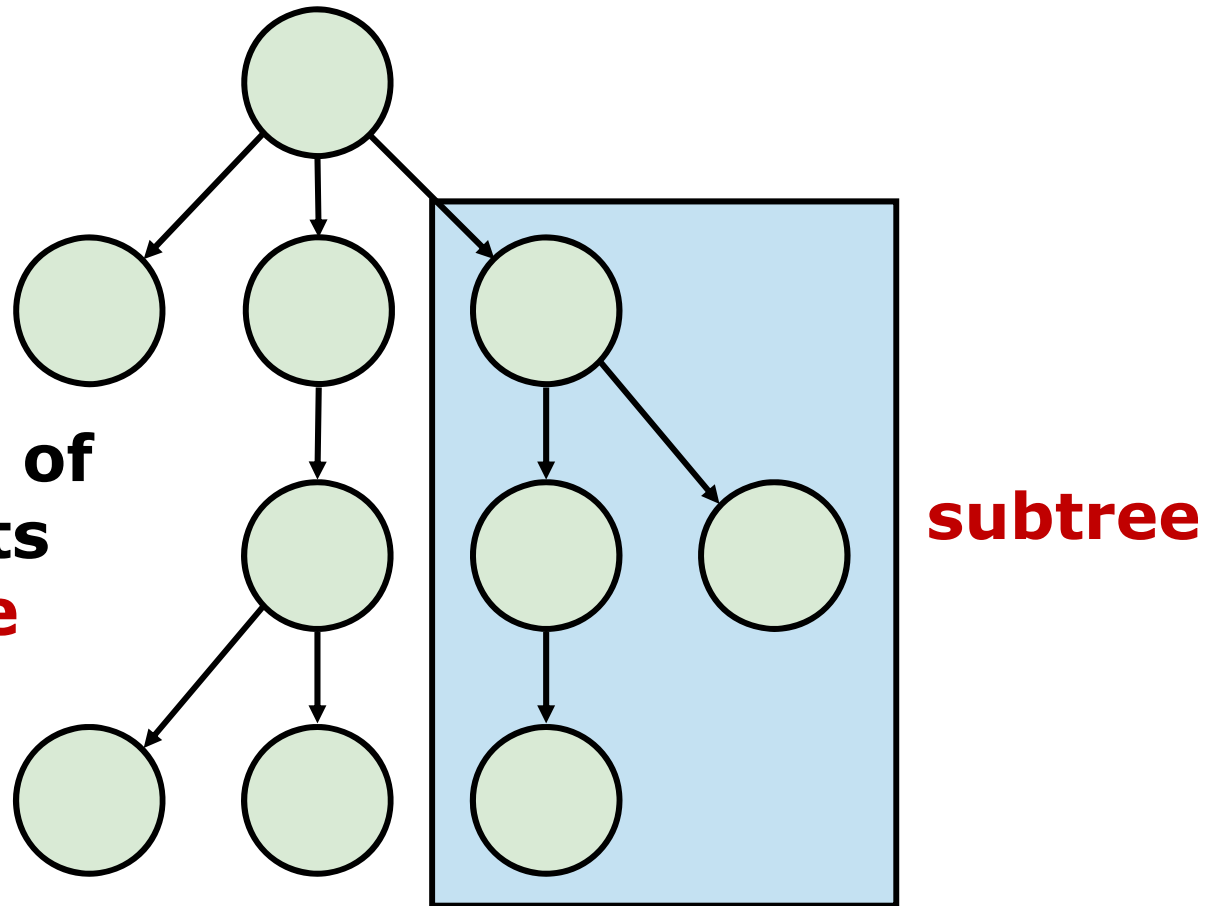
Tree Node Types



- Every node (except the root) of a tree has **one parent**
- A node with no children is a **leaf node**

Definition: **S**ubtree

A node and all of its descendants form a **subtree**



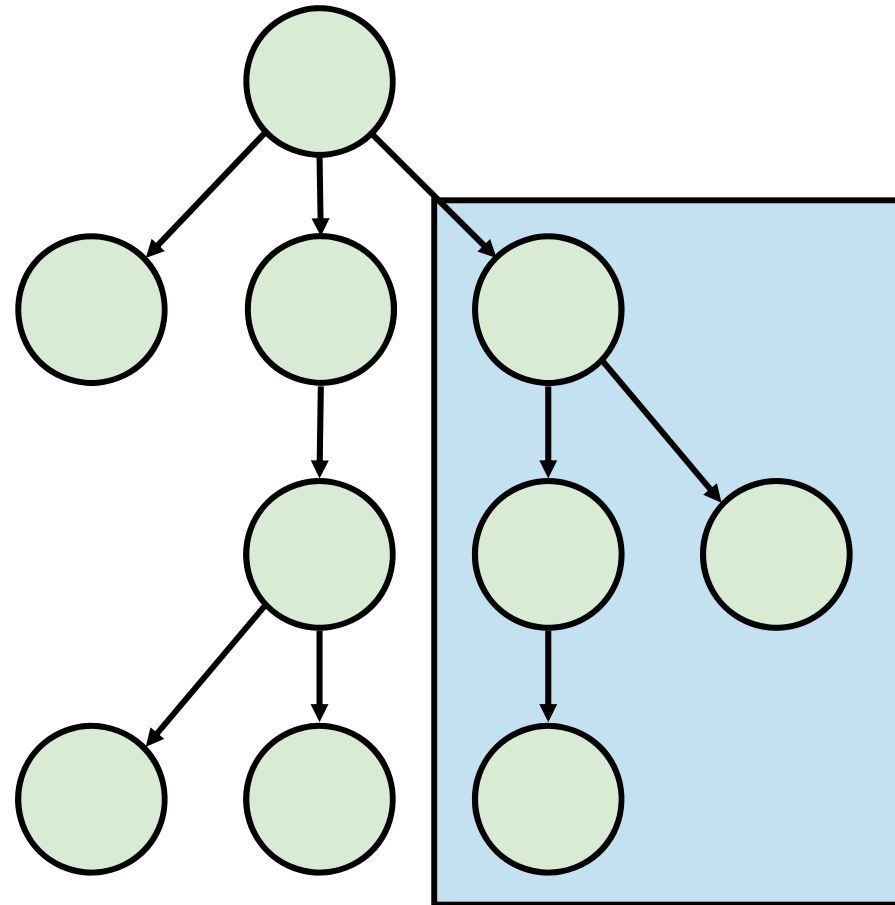
- Question: Can a leaf be a subtree?

Definition: **T**ree

A **tree** is either

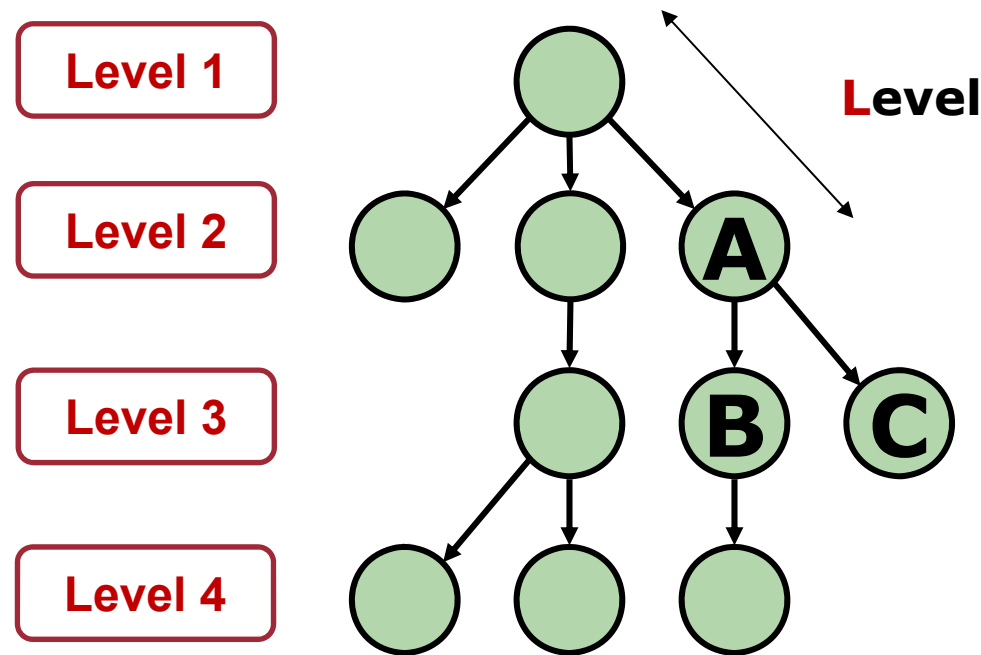
- 1) nothing (i.e. **empty tree**), OR
- 2) A node, with some set of subtrees, each of which is a **tree**...

➔ Tree is **recursive**!



Definition: Node Level

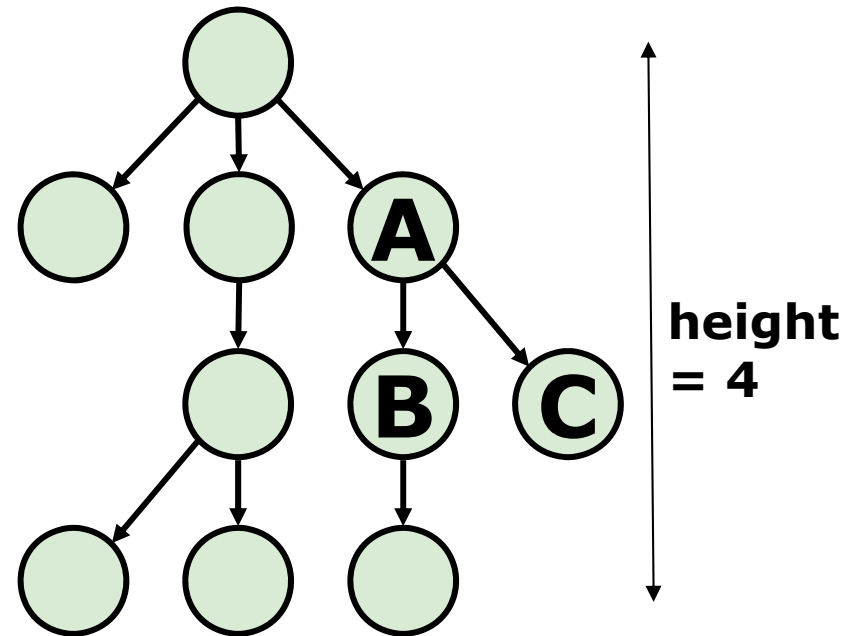
- Number of **nodes** on the path from the root to the node
 - e.g. Level of **root** is 1
 - e.g. Level of node **A** is 2



Definition: Tree Height

Tree Height

- 0 if the tree is empty, OR
- Maximum level of the nodes in the tree is the **height** of the tree

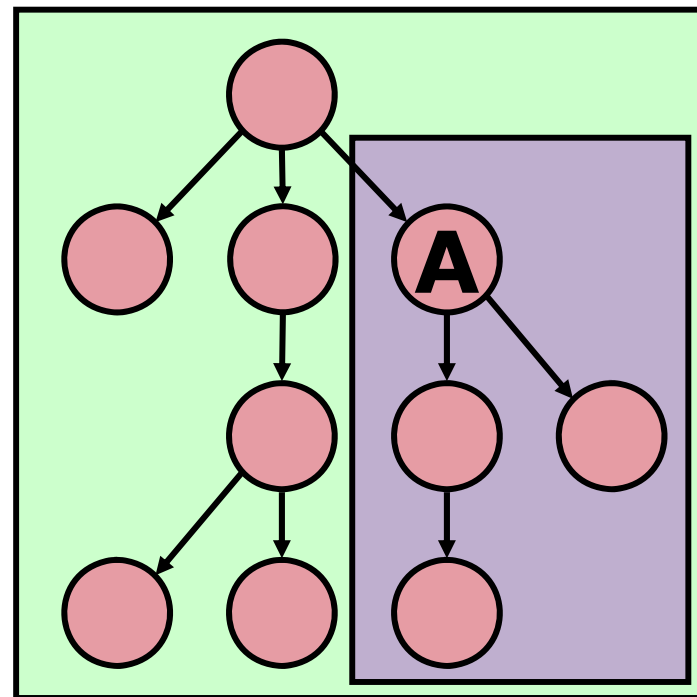


Definition: Tree Size

Tree Size

- Number of nodes in the tree

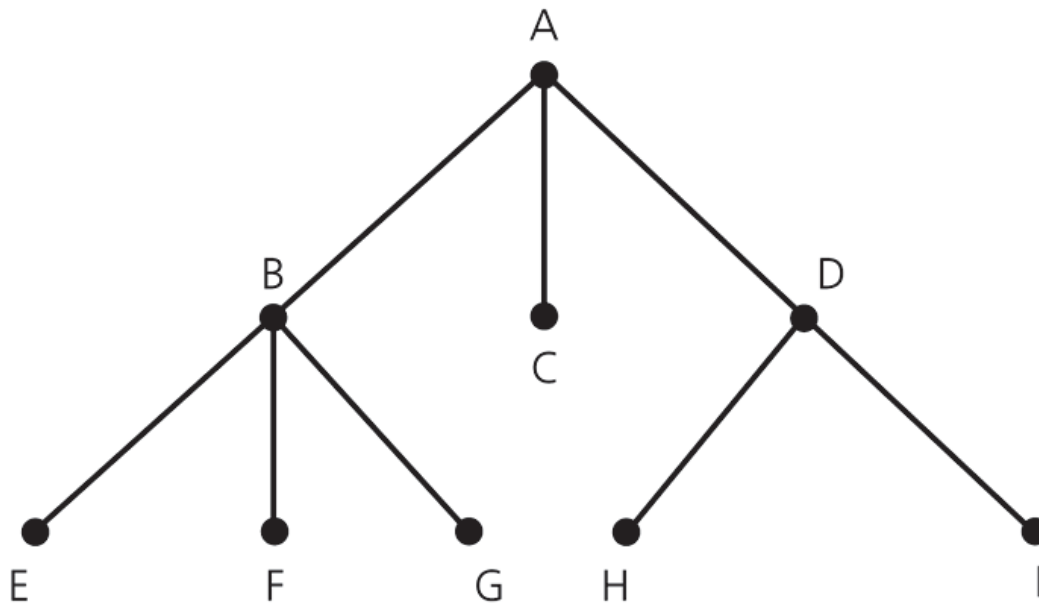
- Example:
 - ❑ The size of this tree is **10**
 - ❑ The size of the subtree rooted at **A** is **4**



Definition: N-ary Tree

An **N-ary Tree**

- Nodes in the tree can have no more than **N** children
- Subset of the general trees



This is a **3-ary**
(ternary) tree

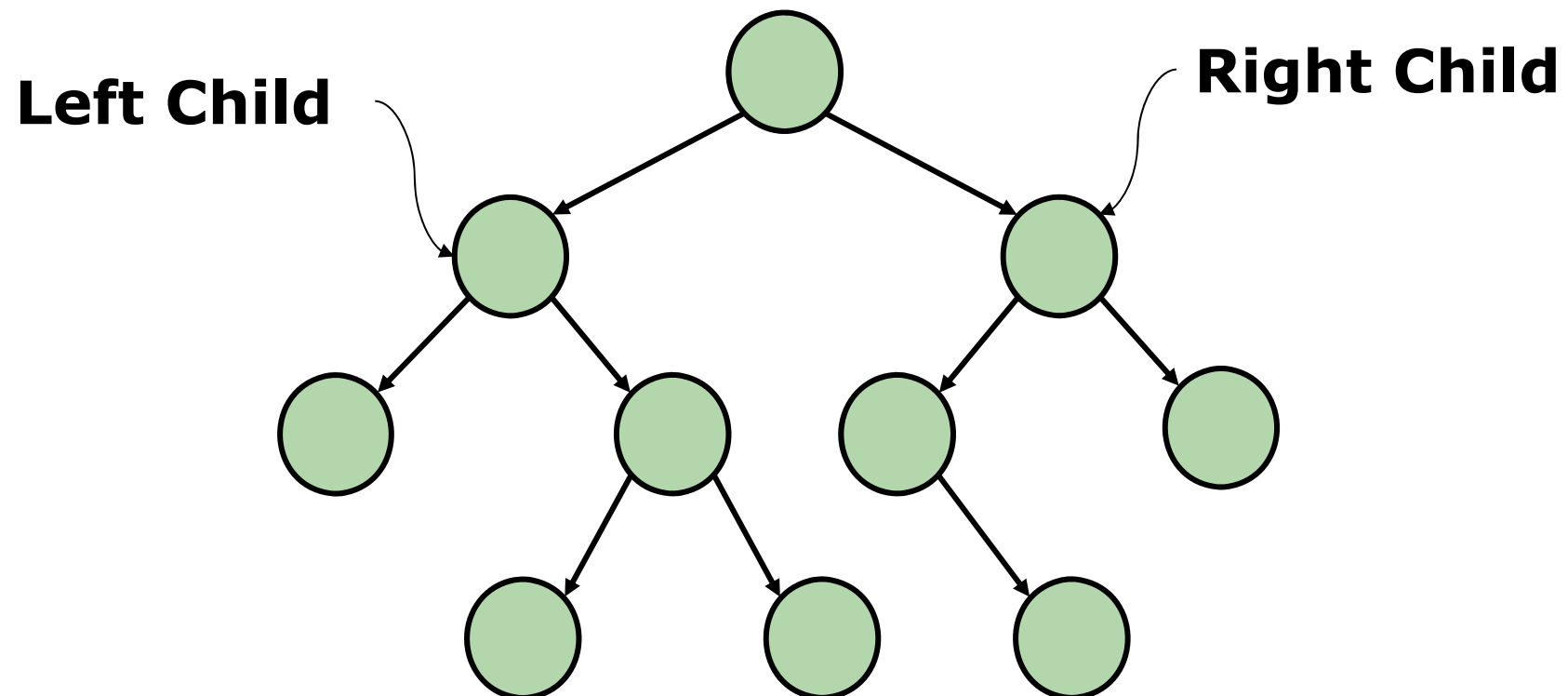
Each node has **at most 2 ordered** children

BINARY **T**REES

Definition: Binary Tree

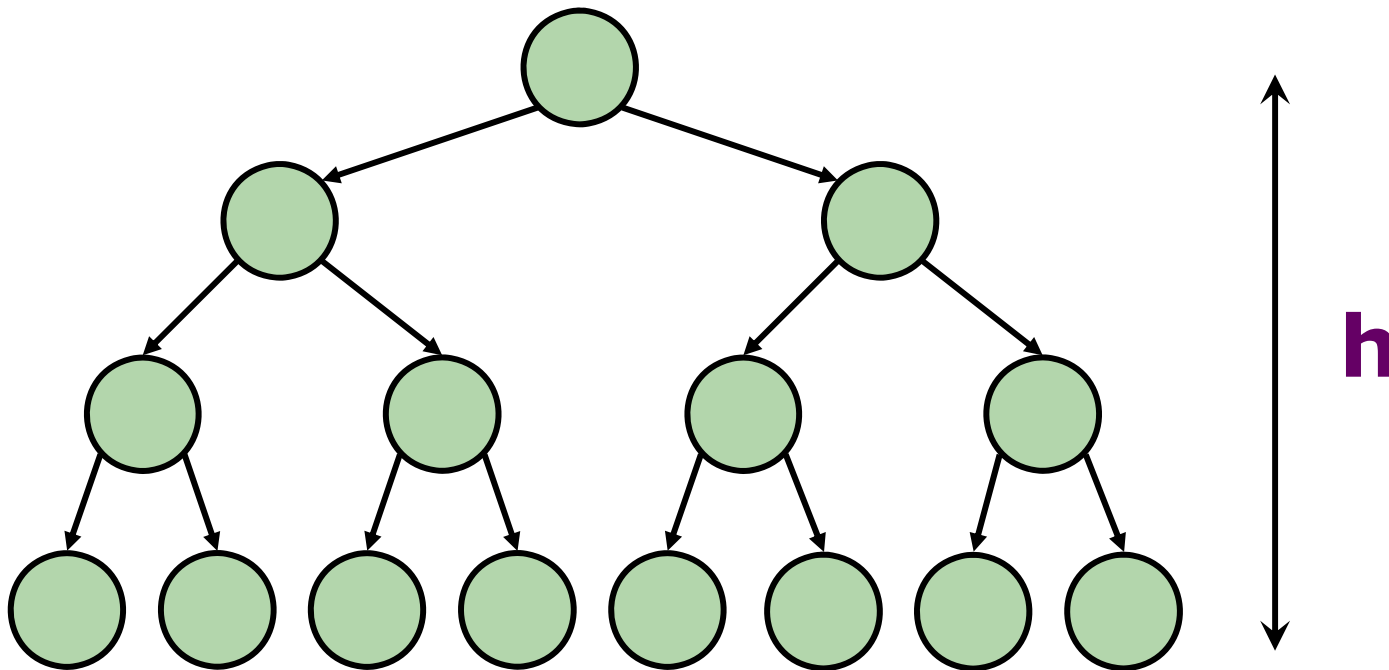
Binary Tree is

- 1) An empty tree **OR**
- 2) A node with at most 2 **ordered children**



Definition: **F**ull **B**inary **T**ree

- All nodes at a **level** $< h$ have two children
 - **h** is the height of the tree

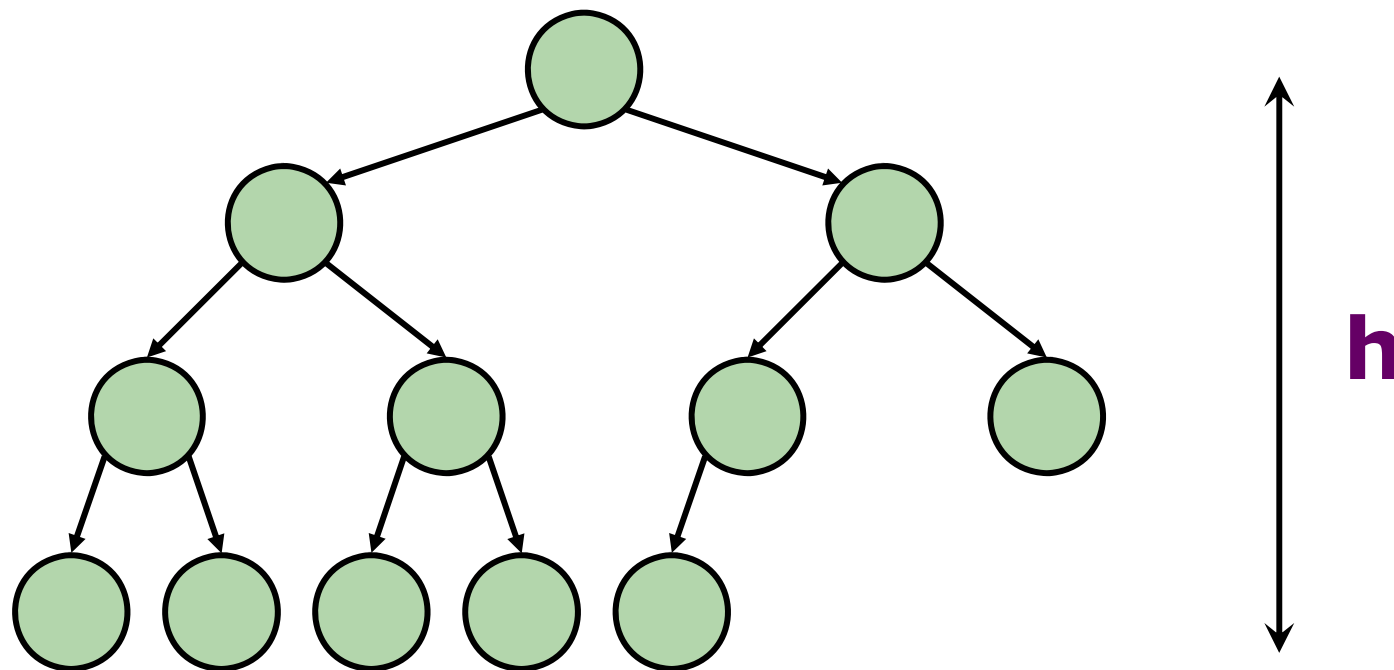


Question:

How about this definition "***all nodes except the leaf nodes have 2 children***"?

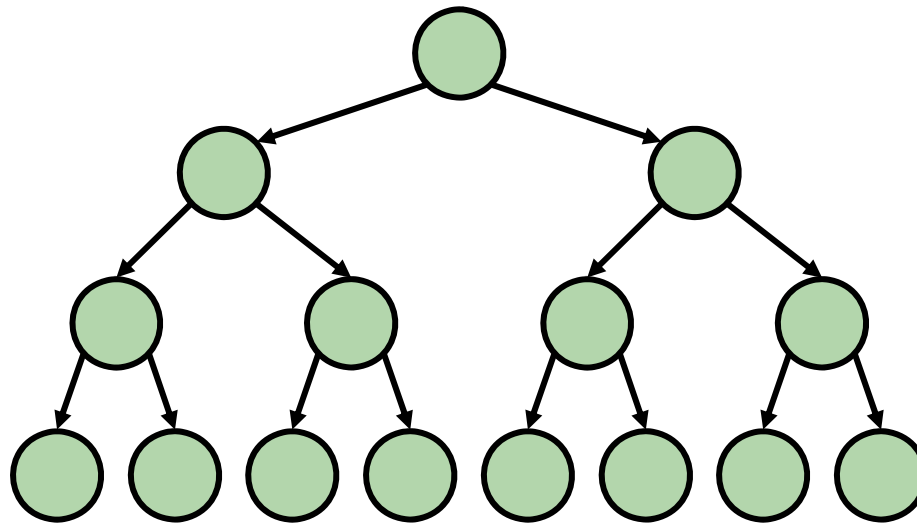
Definition: **C**omplete **B**inary **T**ree

- Full down to level **h-1**
- level **h** filled in from **left to right**



Full Binary Tree Property

- Number of nodes in a full binary tree of height **h** is **$2^h - 1$**
→ height of a full binary tree is **$O(\log N)$**



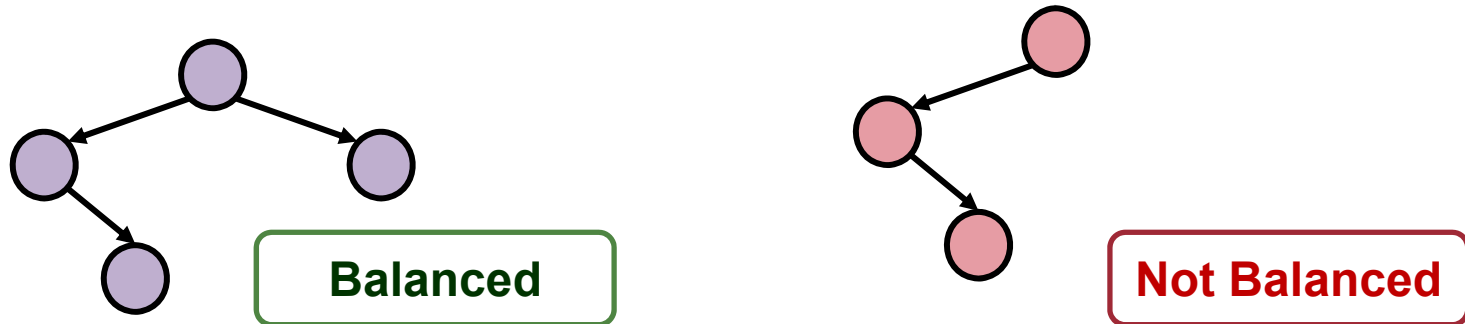
Question:

How many nodes in a complete binary tree of height **h** ?

Definition: **B**alanced **B**inary **T**ree

Balanced Binary Tree

- For all nodes:
 - Right subtree height differs from the left subtree height by **no more than 1**



- Hence:
 - **F**ull binary trees are **c**omplete
 - **C**omplete binary trees are **b**alanced

Reference/ Pointer based & Array based **R**EPRESENTATION

Before We Start

- In this section:
 - ❑ Study the low level representation of a tree:
 - How to represent a tree node? an edge? etc
 - ❑ Study high level pseudo code on important operations:
 - What are the steps to count all the tree nodes?
- Keep in mind that:
 - ❑ It is not a full blown ADT (not yet.....)
 - ❑ You can try to implement the pseudo code for different representations
 - Not necessary but good exercise

Array Based: **T**ree **N**ode

- A tree node contains:
 - ❑ The **data** item
 - ❑ The **left** and **right** child node (if any)
 - Different representation mainly differs in **how to specify the left / right** child node
- **Version 1:**
 - ❑ We keep track of left and right **indices** in the array

```
class ArrayTreeNode:  
    def __init__(self, item, leftIdx = -1, rightIdx = -1):  
        self.item = item  
        self.leftIdx = leftIdx  
        self.rightIdx = rightIdx
```

Array Based v1: Left/Right Indices

- Given the root node is at index 2, can you reconstruct the tree using the information below?

	0	1	2	3	4	5
item	L	I	A	R	?	S
leftIdx	-1	-1	0	1	-1	-1
rightIdx	-1	5	3	-1	-1	-1



Array Based v1: Design Considerations

- Interesting questions:
 - ❑ How do we handle deleted nodes?
 - ❑ How do we keep track of "free" nodes?

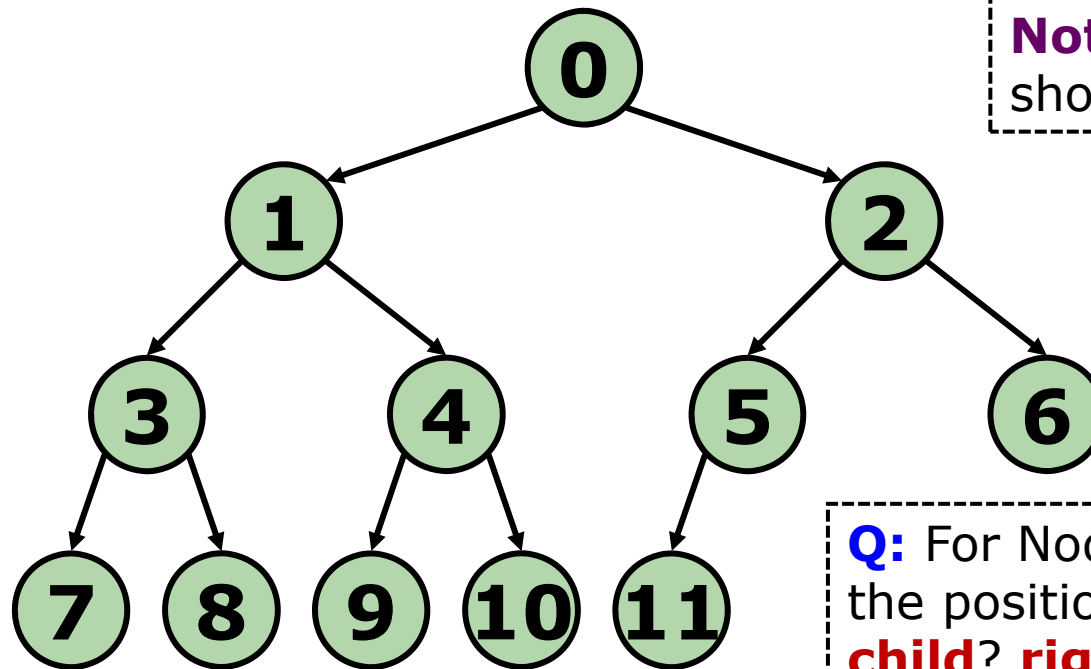
_array	0	1	2	3	4	5
item	1	2	3	4	5	-1
leftIdx	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
rightIdx	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

_root = ...
_free = 0

- Ideas:
 - ❑ Have a "free list" for free node
 - ❑ Reuse the "data" in a free node to maintain the list
 - e.g. "item" = 1 → next free node is at index 1, etc

Array Based v2: **Fixed Index**

- Give **fixed and unique location** for **every node** in a **binary tree**
- **Idea:**
 - Generate a unique numbering layer by layer from root onwards using a **full binary tree**



Note: The unique index is shown, not the data item

Q: For Node at index **I**, what is the position of its **parent**? **left child**? **right child**?

Array Based v2: **Fixed Index**

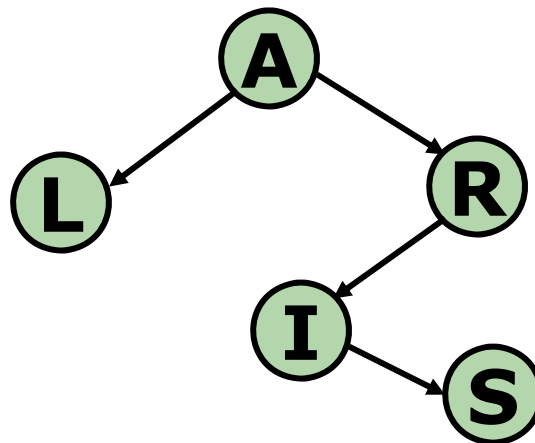
■ **Pros:**

- ❑ Each node now is very simple: Just store the item!
- ❑ Very easy to get to parent / child nodes

■ **Cons:**

- ❑ Can have many empty nodes

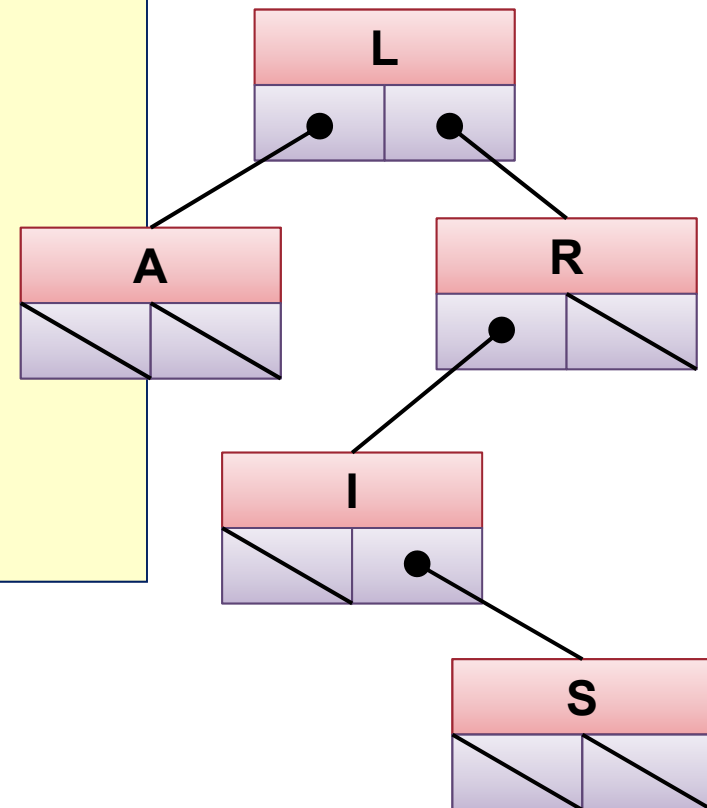
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
item	A	L	R	---	---	I	---	---	---	---	---	---	S	---



Reference Based: Basic Sketch

```
class RefTreeNode:  
    def __init__(self, item, \  
        leftPtr = None, rightPtr = None):  
        self.item = item  
        self.leftPtr = leftPtr  
        self.rightPtr = rightPtr
```

```
class BinaryTreeRef:  
    #Constructor  
    def __init__(self):  
        self._root = None  
        self._size = 0
```



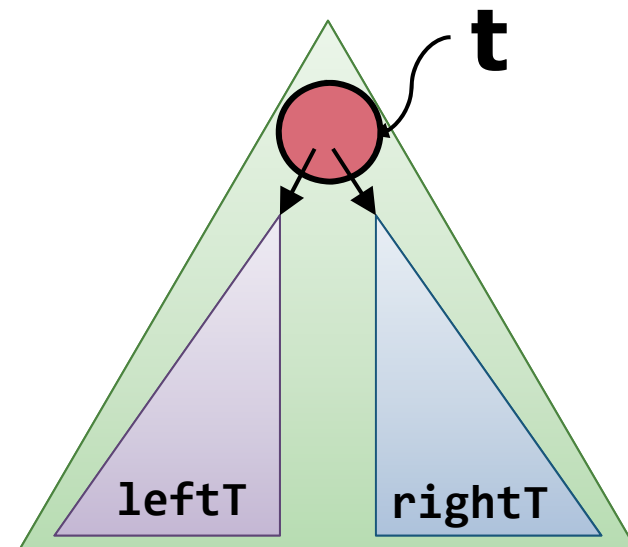
Recursion & Recursion!

MAJOR OPERATIONS

General Guideline

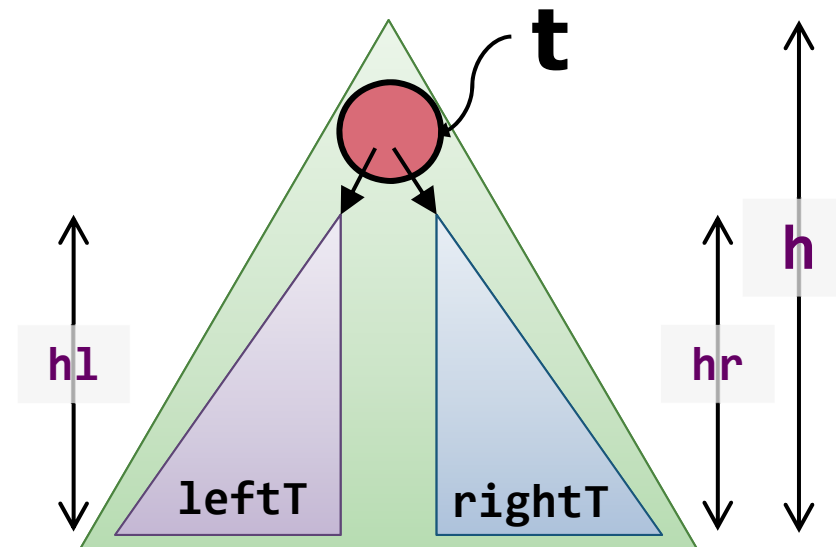
- **Most** tree operations are recursive in nature
 - Natural match to the recursive data structure
- Recursion requires:
 - a. Break down to a small problem of the same type
 - b. Build up on partial result
- Recursion in a Binary Tree:

```
def solve( T ):
    if T is empty:
        //base case
    else:
        solve( T→leftT )
        solve( T→rightT )
        build result
```



Tree Height: Pseudo-Code

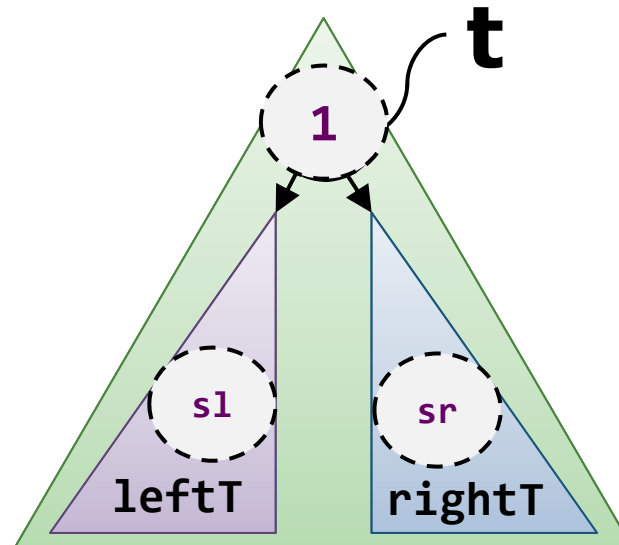
- **Maximum level** of the nodes in the tree



```
def height( T ):
    if T is empty:
        return 0
    else:
        hl = height( T→leftT )
        hr = height( T→rightT )
        return 1 + max(hl, hr)
```

Tree Size: Pseudo-Code

- Number of nodes in the tree



```
def height( T ):  
    if T is empty:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        s1 = size( T→leftT )  
        sr = size( T→rightT )  
        return 1 + s1 + sr
```

How to visit every nodes in the binary tree?

BINARY **T**REE **T**RAVERSAL

Traversing a Binary Tree

- Purpose of **binary tree traversals**:
 - ❑ Visit each node in the tree **exactly once** in a certain order **and**
 - ❑ Perform an operation for each node
- There are **four** commonly used traversals:
 - a. **Post**-order traversal
 - b. **Pre**-order traversal
 - c. **In**-order traversal
 - d. **Level**-order Traversal

Pre-, In- and Post- Order: Overview

- Given a non-empty tree **T**, there are **3 parts** that we can process:
 - The **root node**, **left subtree** and **right subtree**
- Since left subtree is prioritized before right subtree (ordered property):
 - There are **three** permutations of the process order:

```
def preOrd( T ):
    operate( T→Item )
    preOrd( T→leftT )
    preOrd( T→rightT )
```

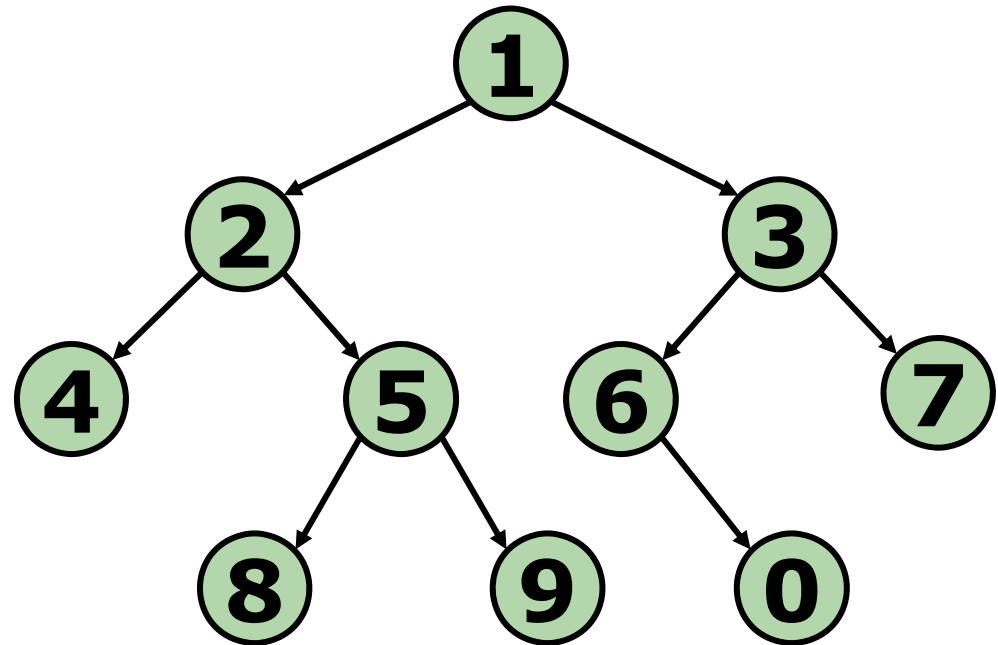
```
def inOrd( T ):
    inOrd( T→leftT )
    operate( T→Item )
    inOrd( T→rightT )
```

```
def postOrd( T ):
    postOrd( T→leftT )
    postOrd( T→rightT )
    operate( T→Item )
```

- The name comes from **when** is the root's item processed:
 - **pre**: Before any sub-tree, **post**: After all sub-trees,
in: Between of the subtrees

Pre-Order Traversal

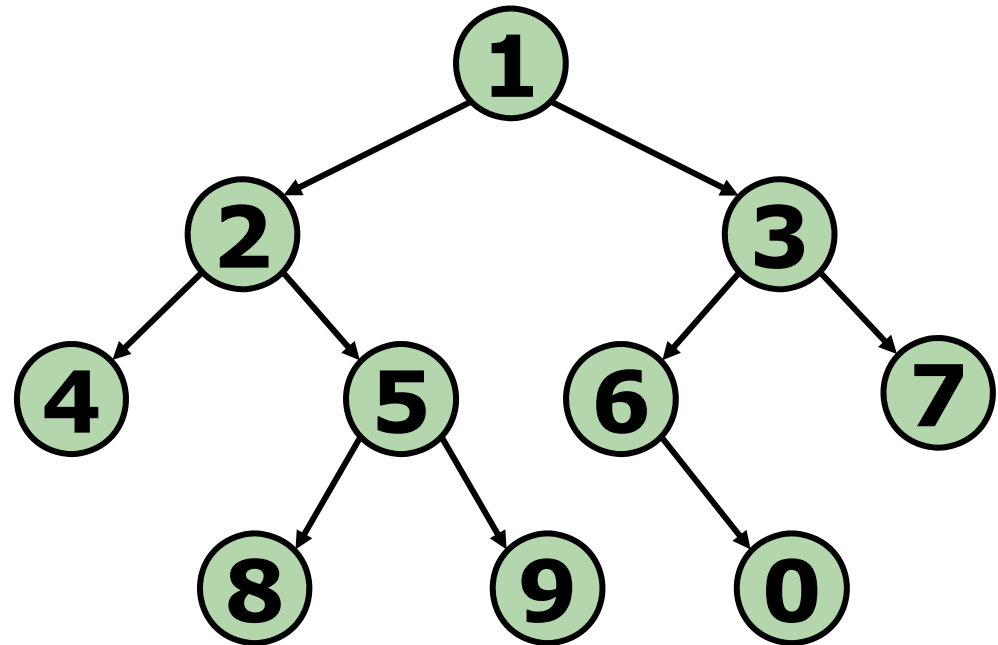
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def preOrd( T ):  
    if T is empty:  
        return  
    else:  
        operate( T→Item )  
        preOrd( T→leftT )  
        preOrd( T→rightT )
```



Pre-order: 1 2 4 5 8 9 3 6 0 7

In-Order Traversal

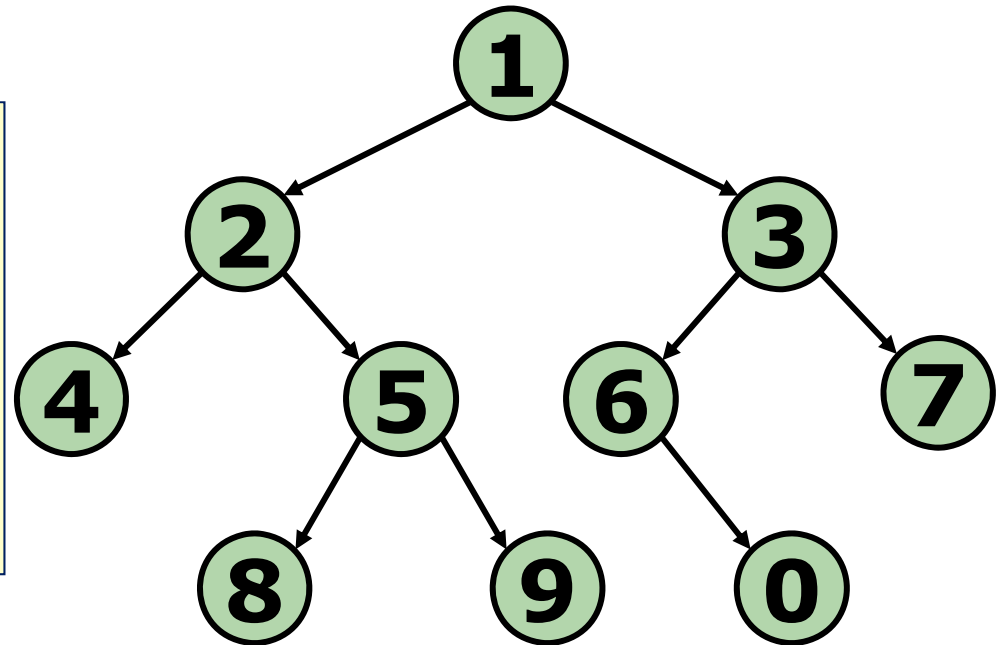
```
def inOrd( T ):  
    if T is empty:  
        return  
    else:  
        inOrd( T→leftT )  
        operate( T→Item )  
        inOrd( T→rightT )
```



In-order: 4 2 8 5 9 1 6 0 3 7

Post-Order Traversal

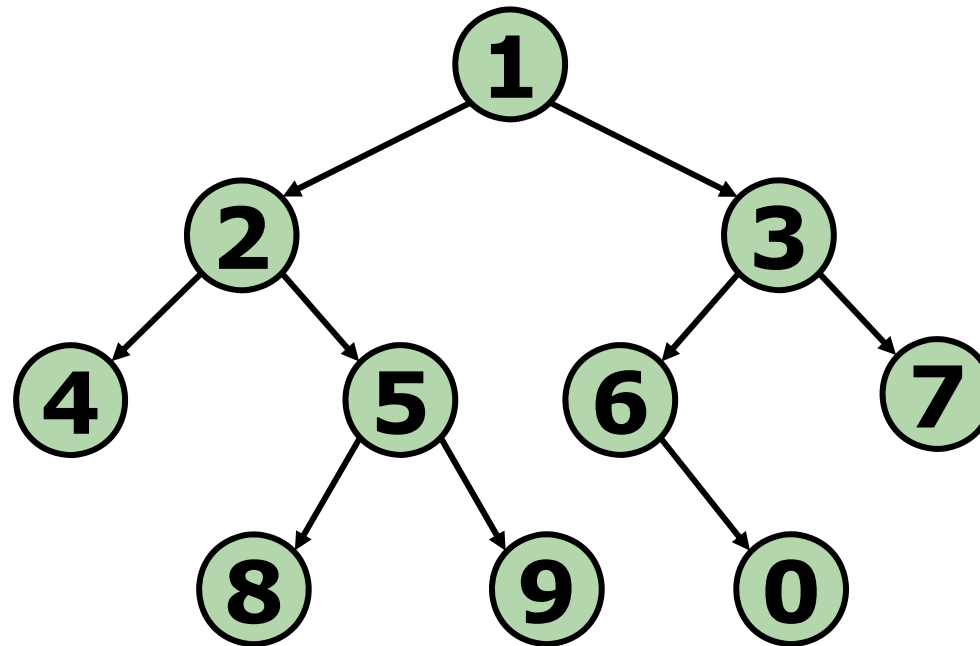
```
def postOrd( T ):
    if T is empty:
        return
    else:
        postOrd( T→leftT )
        postOrd( T→rightT )
        operate( T→Item )
```



Post-order: 4 8 9 5 2 0 6 7 3 1

Level-Order Traversal

- Traverse the tree **level by level** and from **left to right**



Level-order: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Level-Order Traversal: Pseudo code

- Use a **queue** to “remember” the child nodes as we visit a parent node
 - So that the child nodes can be visited later

```
def LevelOrd( T ):
    if T is empty:
        return
    nodeQ = Queue()
    nodeQ.enqueue( T )
    while nodeQ not empty:
        cur = nodeQ.front()
        nodeQ.dequeue()

        operate( cur→Item )

        if cur→left not empty:
            nodeQ.enqueue( cur→left )

        if cur→right not empty:
            nodeQ.enqueue( cur→right )
```

Use a queue

Non-Empty child node are
queued for later processing

Binary Application

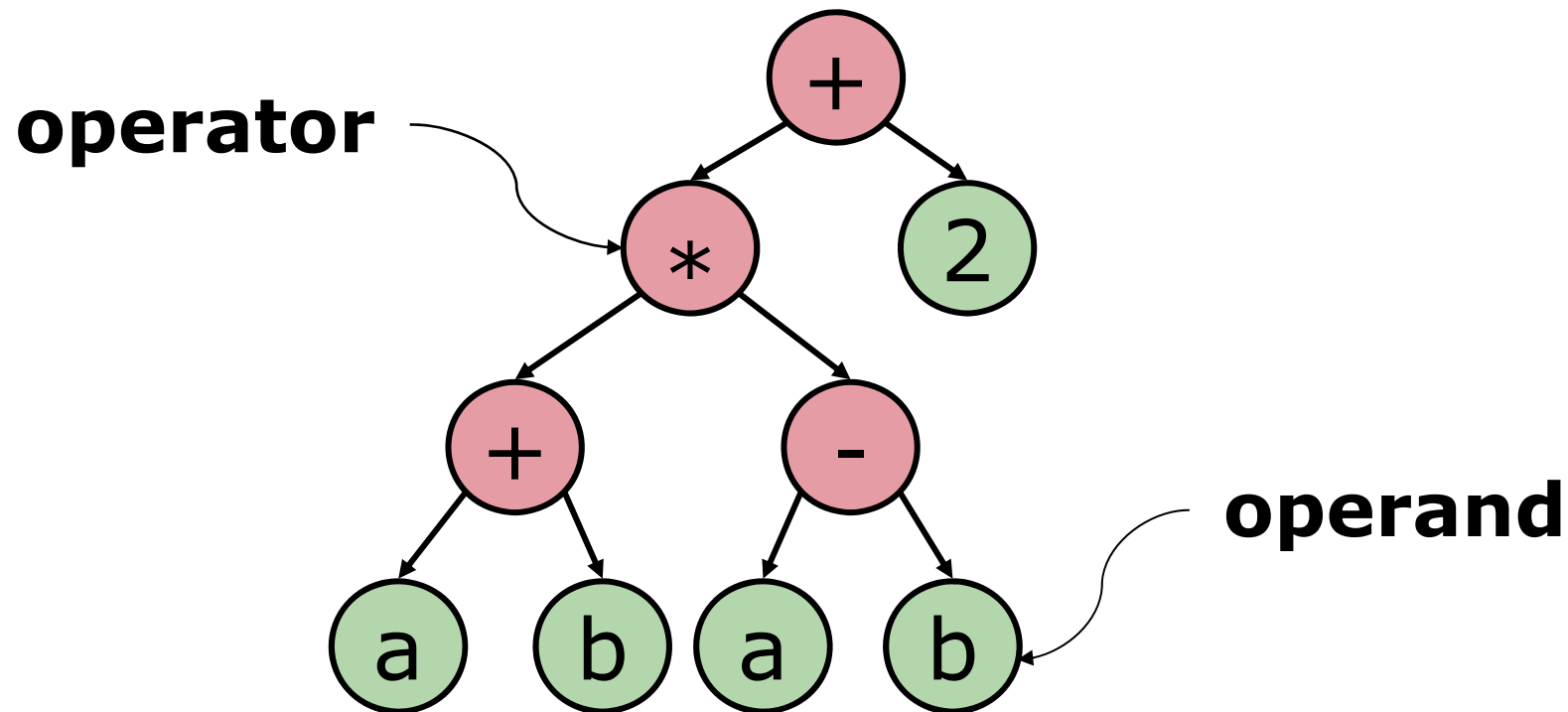
ARITHMETIC EXPRESSION TREES

Arithmetic Expression

- The commonly used mathematical expression is known as **infix expression**
 - Operators like “+”, “-”, etc appear **in-between** of its two operands
- Infix expression is inherently **ambiguous**
 - Need precedent and brackets to show the order of operation
 - E.g. $a - b - c$ vs $a - (b - c)$
- **Question:**
 - Can you guess what are **prefix** and **postfix** expressions?

Arithmetic Expressions as Binary Tree

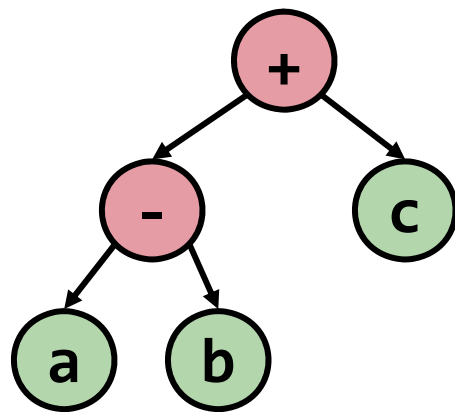
- Binary Tree provides an unambiguous representation of an expression



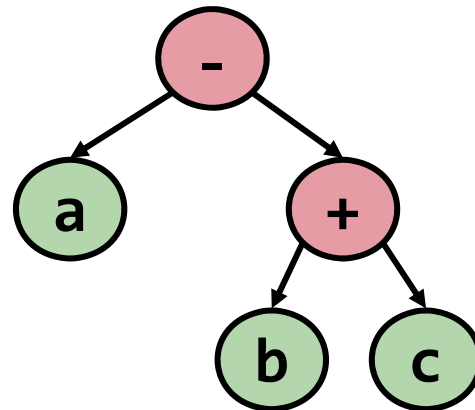
Leaf nodes (or **leaves**) store operands
Internal nodes and **root** store operators

Expressions Tree: Order of evaluation

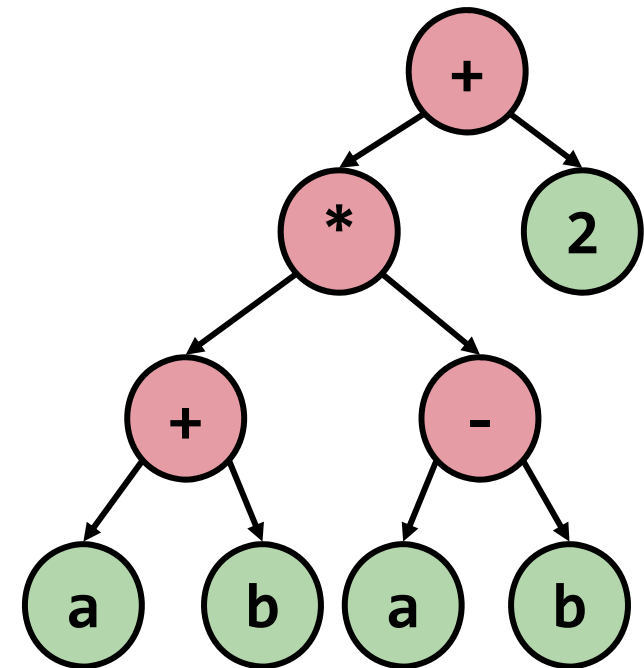
- An operator can be evaluated only if both of operands **ready**



Corresponds to
 $(a - b) + c$



Corresponds to
 $a - (b + c)$



Corresponds to
 $???$

Expressions Tree: **E**valuation

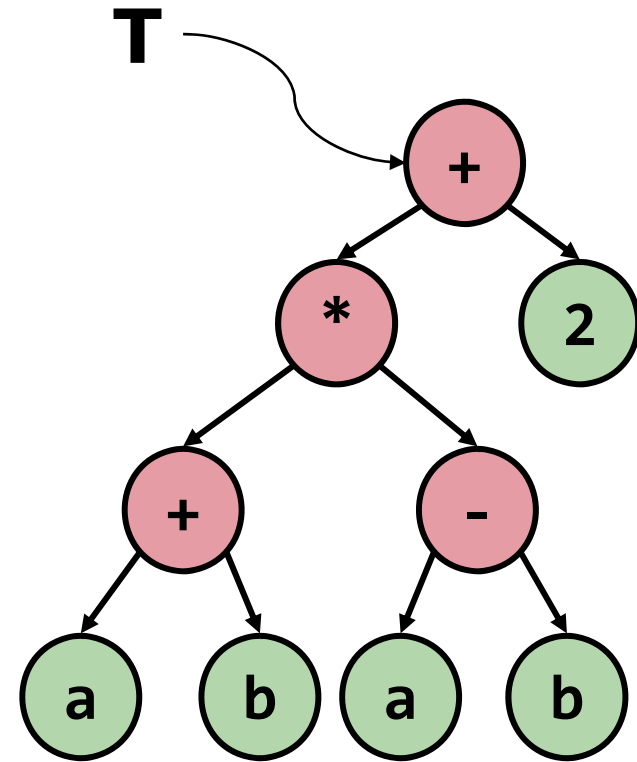
```
def eval( T ):
    if T is empty:
        return 0

    if T is a leaf node:
        return T → item

    if T is a "+":
        return eval( T → LT ) \
            + eval( T → RT )

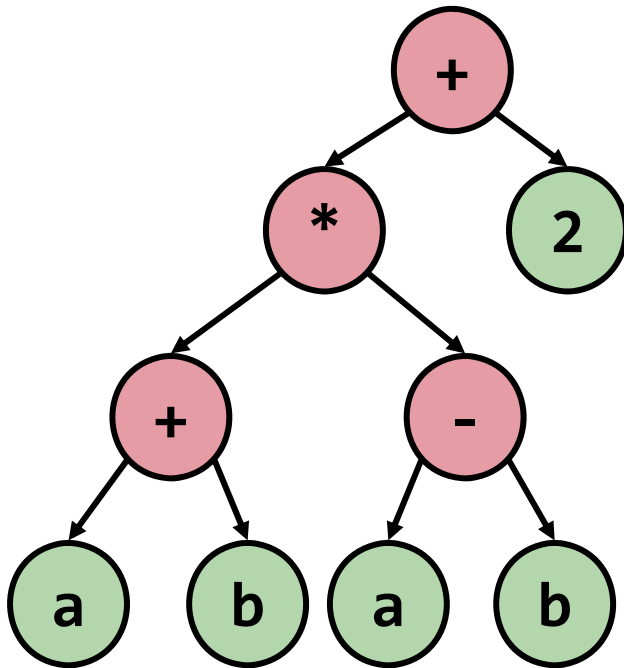
    if T is a "*":
        return eval( T → LT ) \
            * eval( T → RT )
```

#Other operators not shown



Q: Do you need to consider the **priorities** of the operators?

Expression Tree: **T**raversal



Pre-order:

$(+ (* (+ a b) (- a b)) 2)$

In-order:

$((a + b) * (a - b)) + 2$

Post-order:

$((a b +) (a b -) *) 2 +$

- Pre-order gives **prefix expression**
- Post-order gives **postfix expression**
- Fun fact:
 - Prefix and postfix expression **do not need brackets** to eliminate ambiguity! Try it!



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