

# **INFO1105/1905**

## **Data Structures**

### **Week 4: Trees**

see textbook chapter 8

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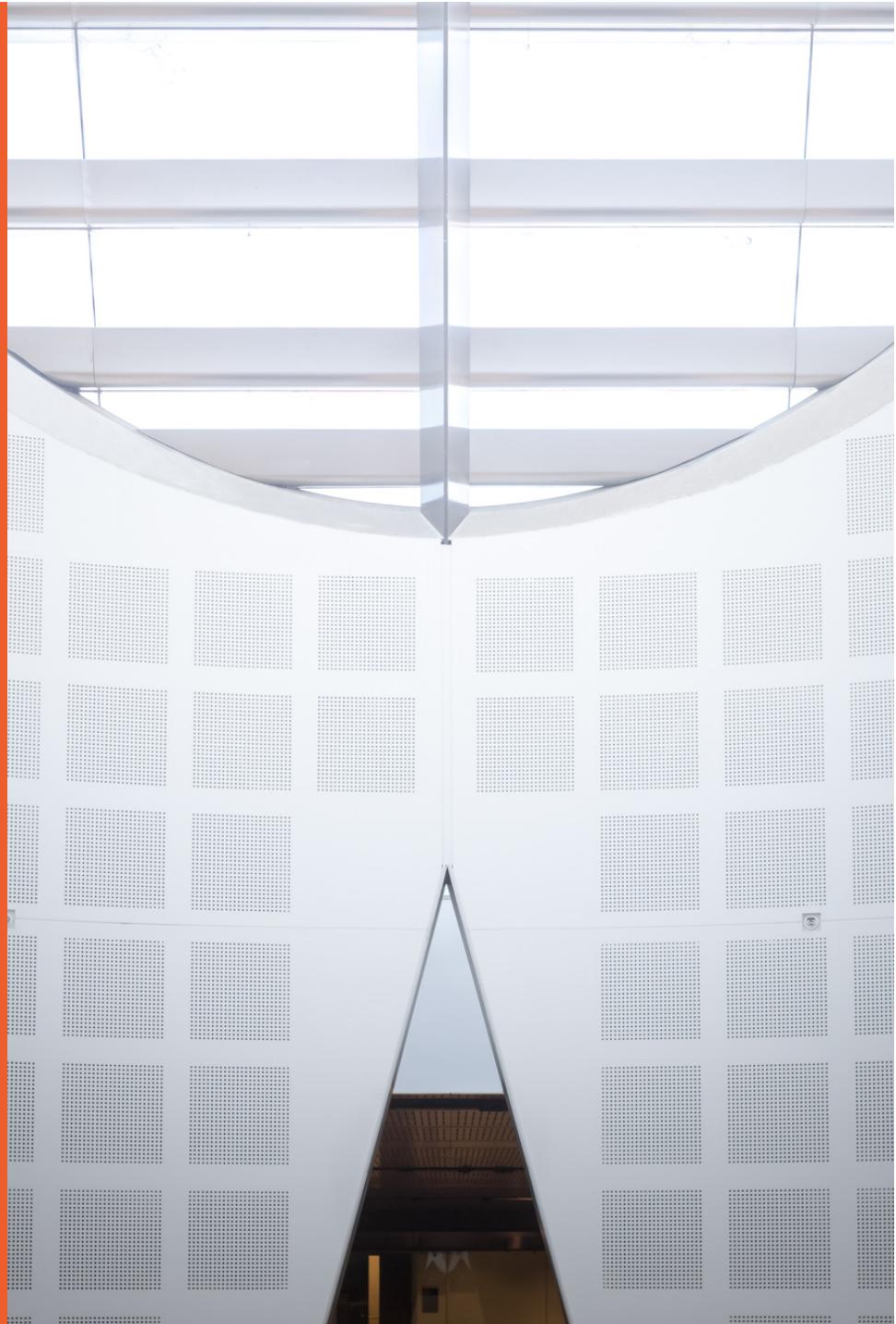
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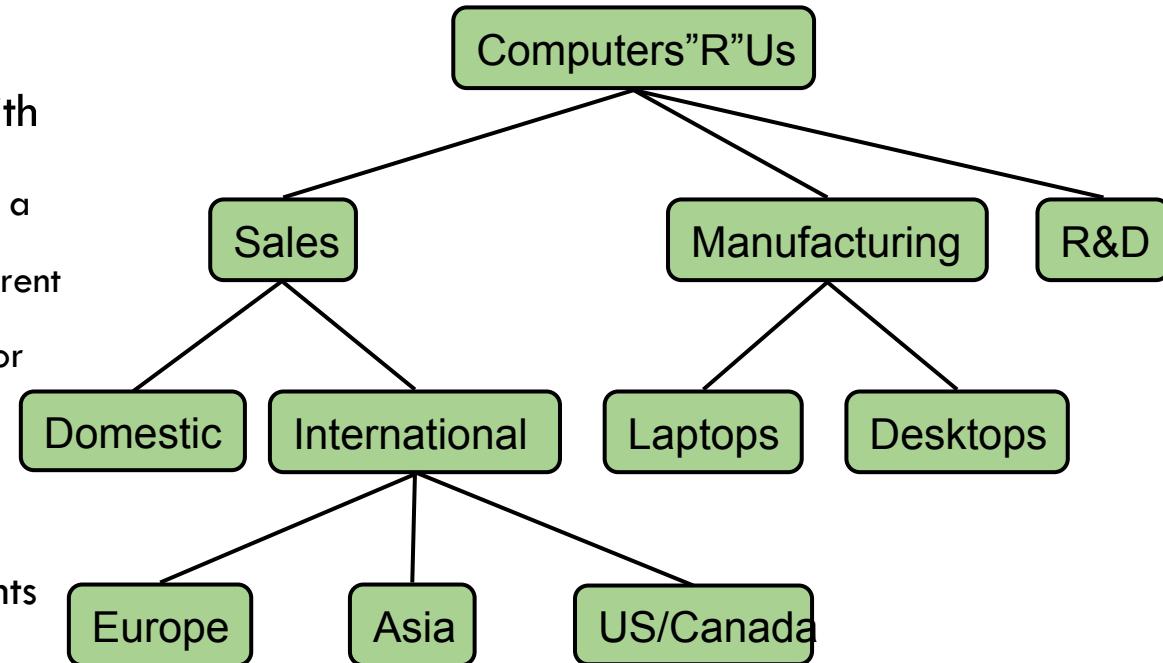
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  - Data structures and algorithms in Java (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> edition)
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- The slides are a guide or overview of some big ideas
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# Outline

- Trees
  - Terminology
  - Tree ADT
  - Tree traversal algorithms
- Binary Trees
  - Terminology, properties
  - BinaryTree ADT
  - More tree traversals
- Implementing trees
- Recursive code on trees

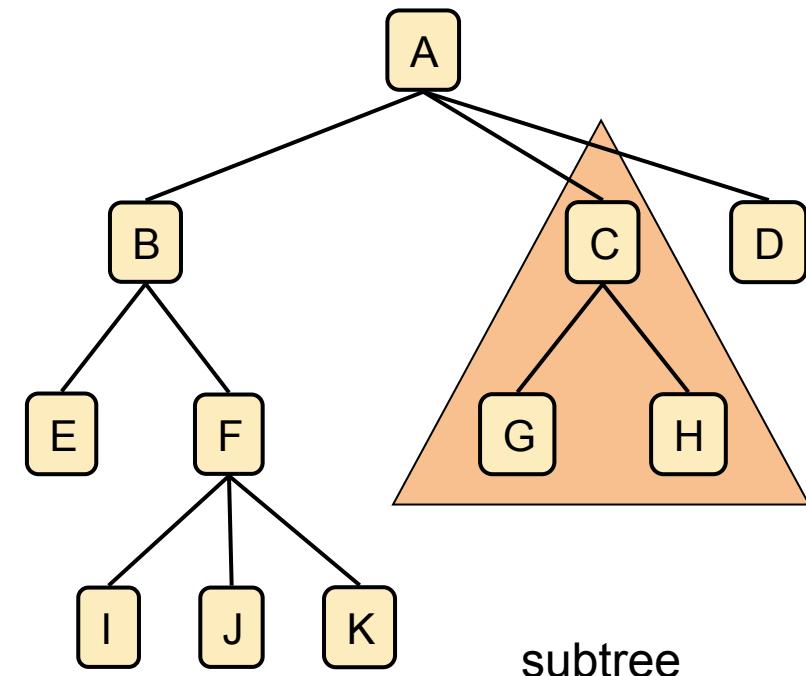
# What is a Tree

- In computer science, a tree is an abstract model of a hierarchical structure
- A tree consists of nodes with a parent-child relation
  - if n is parent of m, then m is a child of n
  - a node has at most ONE parent in a tree
  - a node can have zero, one or more children
- Applications:
  - Organisation charts
  - File systems
  - Programming environments



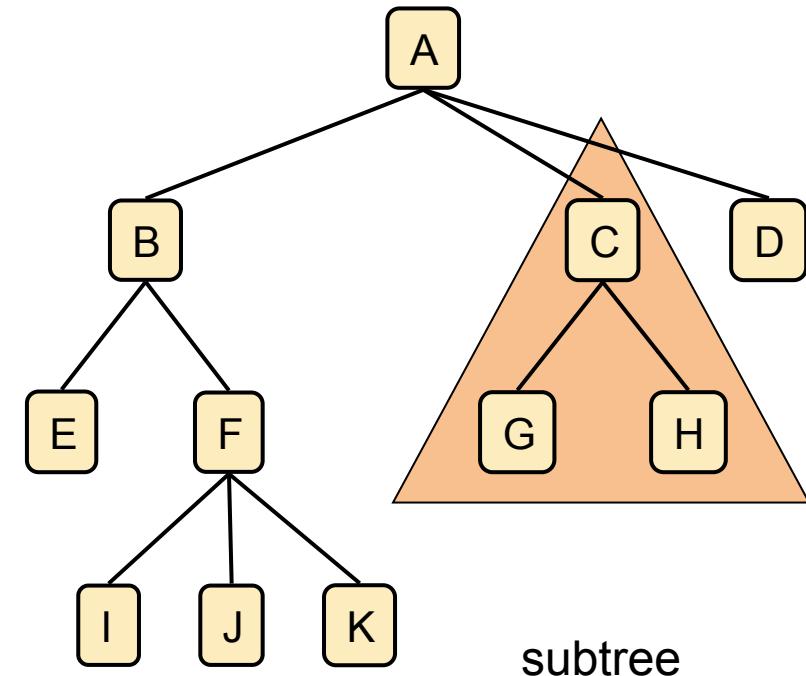
# Tree Terminology

- **Root**: node without parent (A)
- **Internal node**: node with at least one child (A, B, C, F)
- **External node (a.k.a. leaf)**: node without any children (E, I, J, K, G, H, D)
- **Ancestors** of a node: itself, parent, grandparent, grand-grandparent, etc.
  - eg  $\text{ancestors}(F) = \{F, B, A\}$
- **Descendant of a node**: itself, any child, any grandchild, grand-grandchild, etc.
- Two nodes with the same parent are **siblings** (eg B and D)
- **Subtree**: tree consisting of a node and its descendants (eg {C,G,H})



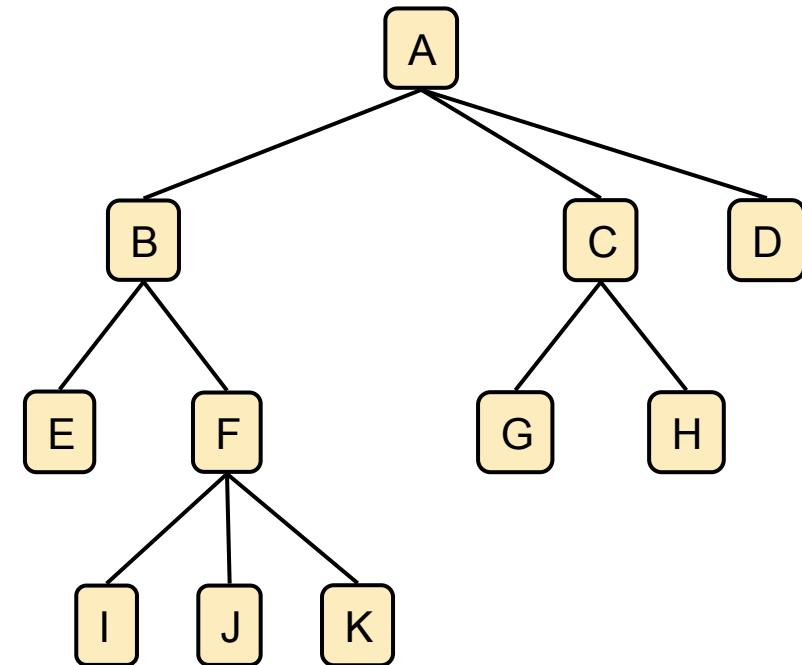
# Tree Terminology

- **Depth** of a node: number of ancestors not including itself
  - eg  $\text{depth}(F) = 2$
- **Level**: the set of nodes with a given depth
  - eg  $\{E,F,G,H\}$  are level 2
  - usually drawn in a horizontal arrangement
- **Height** of a tree: maximum depth of any node (3)



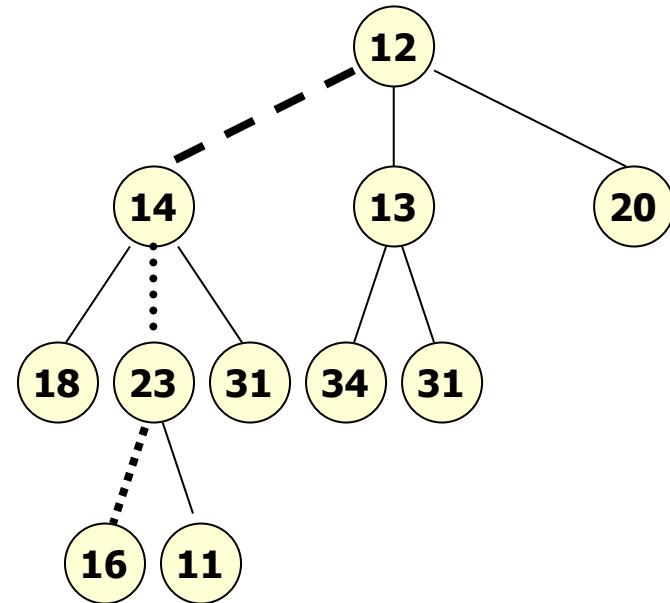
## Tree Terminology (cont)

- **Edge**: pair of nodes  $(u,v)$  such that one is the parent of the other
  - Eg (B,F)
- **Path**: sequence of nodes such that 2 consecutive nodes in the sequence have an edge
  - Eg: A,B, F, K
  - Eg B,F,J



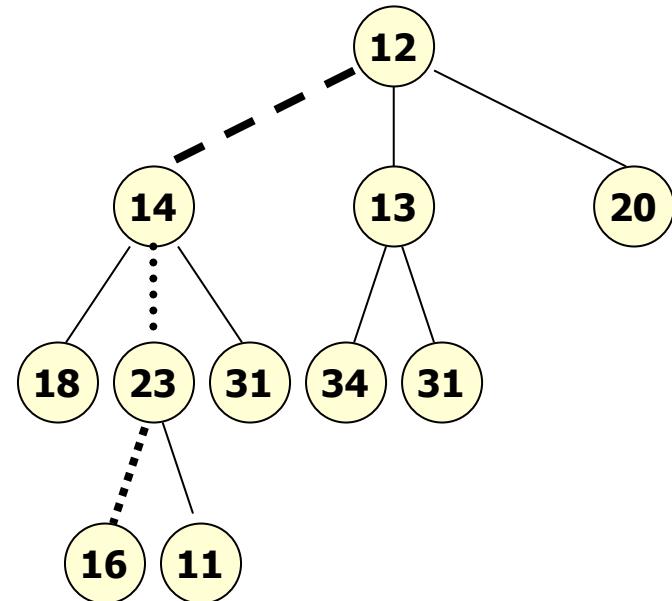
## Examples

- Node 14 has depth ...
- The tree has height ...
- Subtree rooted at node 14 has height ...
- Any subtree from a leaf has height ...
- The root has depth ...

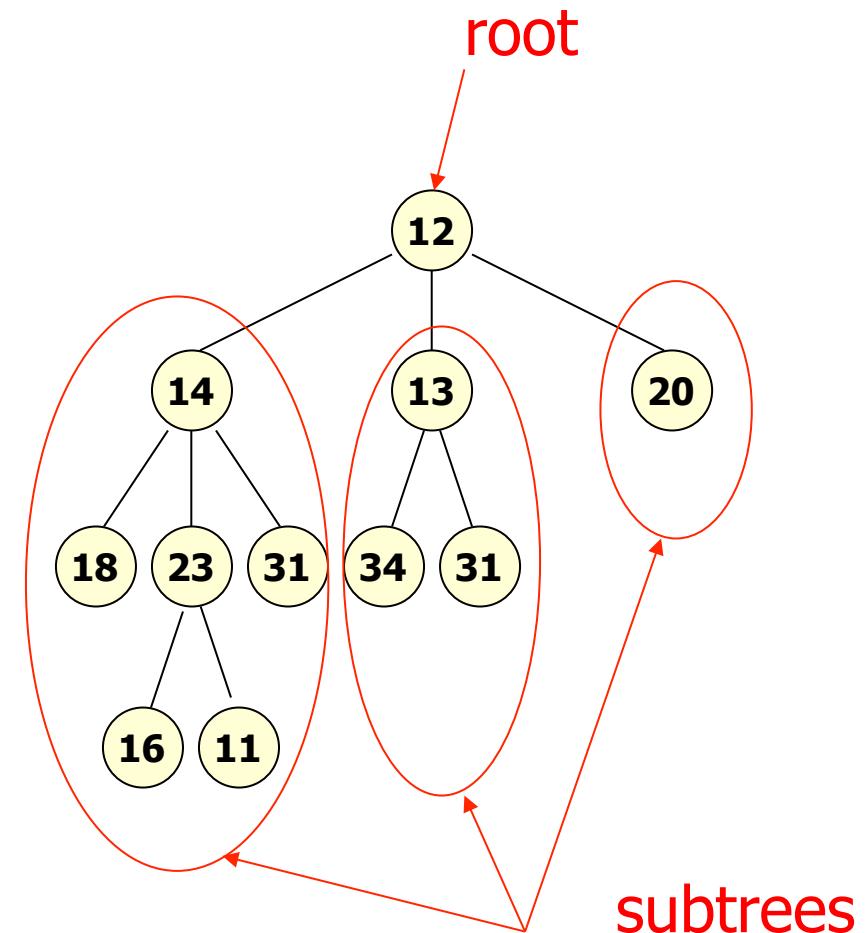


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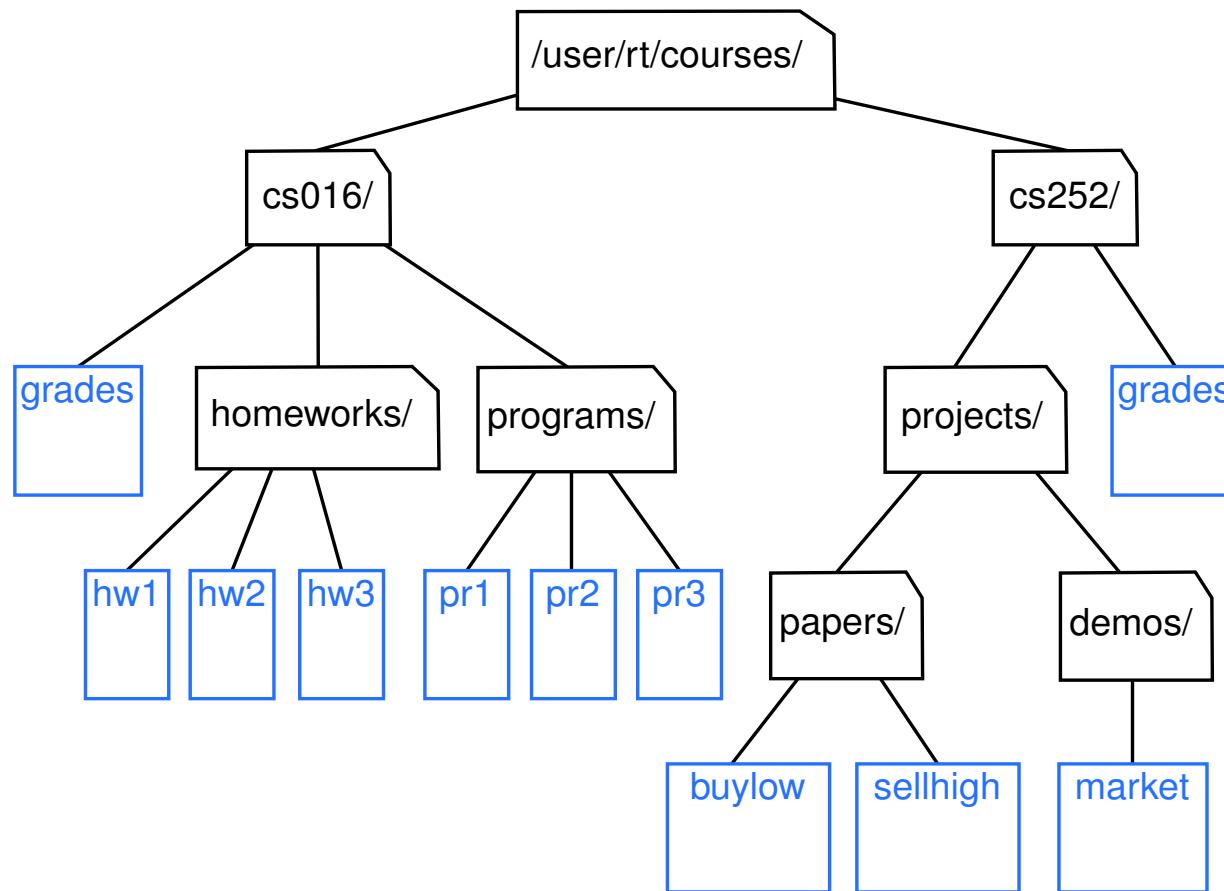
- ▶ Node 14 has depth 1
- ▶ The tree has height 3
- ▶ Subtree rooted at node 14 has height 2
- ▶ Any subtree from a leaf has height 0
- ▶ The root has depth 0



- Different subtrees can have different shapes
- Each node can store a value or an object



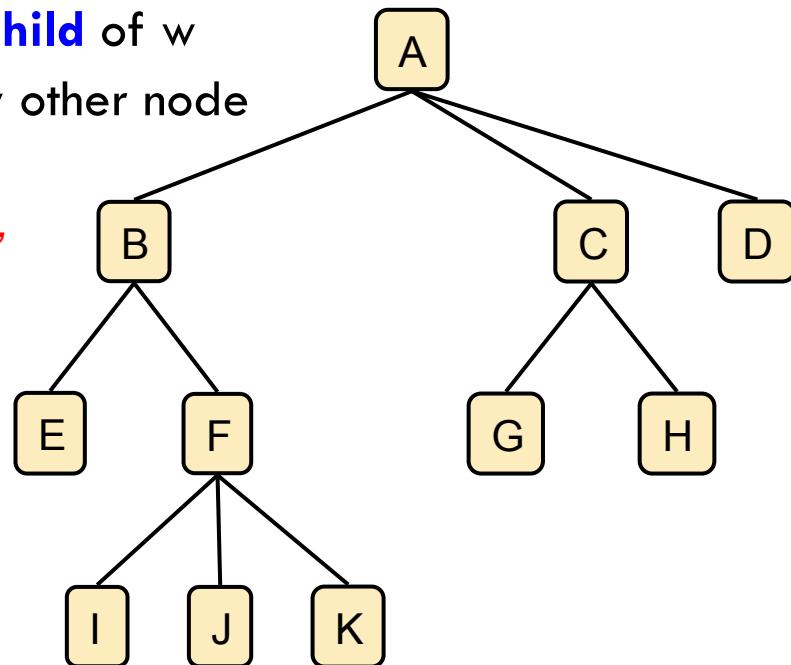
## Application: file structure on O/S



## A formal tree definition

- Tree T: set of **nodes** storing elements such that nodes have **parent-child** relationship with following properties:
  - If T is non empty, it has a special node, the **root** of T, that has no parent
  - Each node v of T different from the root has a unique **parent**
    - Every node with parent w is a **child** of w
  - There is a path from the root to any other node

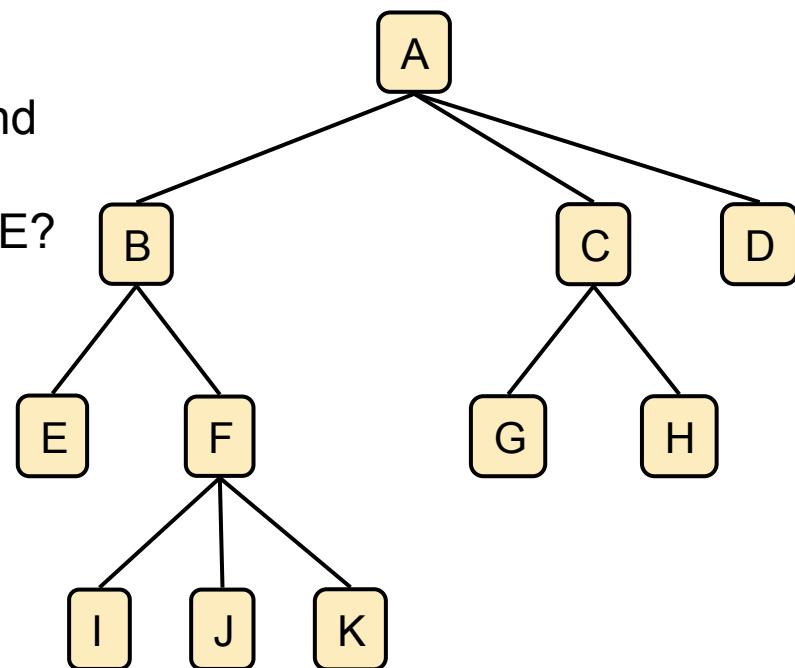
*Warning: this last condition is important, and it is missing in the textbook!*



## Some facts

- If node X is an ancestor of node Y, then Y is a descendant of X.
- Every node is a descendant of the root
- There are nodes where neither is an ancestor of the other
- For every pair of nodes, there is at least one common ancestor (a node that is ancestor of both)

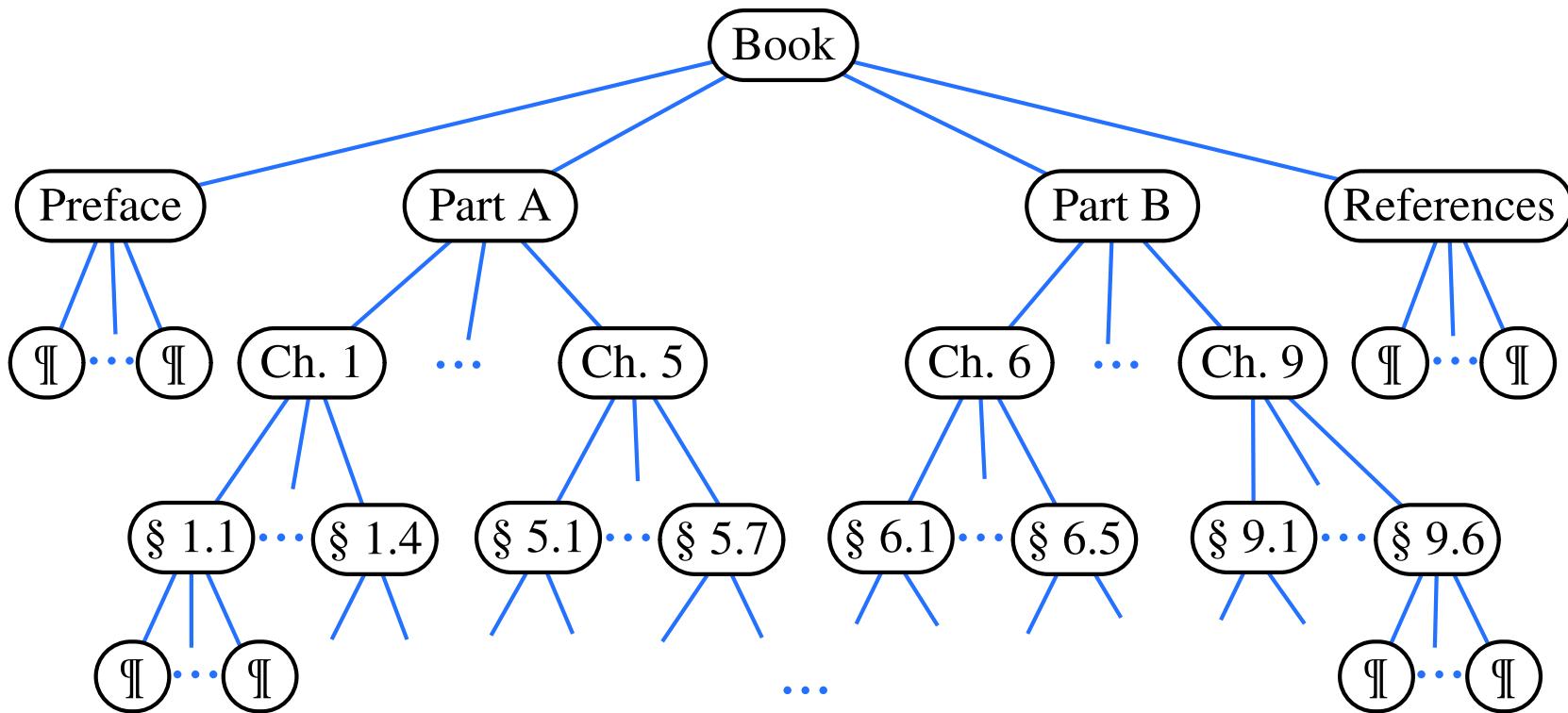
Note: the set of common ancestors of n and m forms a path starting from the root  
What are the common ancestors of J and E?



## Ordered Trees

- Sometimes order in the siblings matter
- A tree is ordered if there is a linear ordering for the children of each node
  - In diagram, siblings usually arranged left to right
- Example: components of a book

# Example of an ordered tree



What about the organisation chart? The portion of file system?  
A family genealogy tree?

# Tree ADT

- We use positions to abstract nodes
  - Generic methods:
    - integer `size()`
    - boolean `isEmpty()`
    - Iterator `iterator()`
    - Iterable `positions()`
  - Access methods:
    - Position `root()`
    - Position `parent(p)`
    - Iterable `children(p)`
    - Integer `numChildren(p)`
- Query methods:
- boolean `isInternal(p)`
  - boolean `isExternal(p)`
  - boolean `isRoot(p)`
- Additional update methods may be defined by data structures implementing the Tree ADT

## Java Interface for Tree ADT

```
/** An interface for a tree where nodes can have an arbitrary number of children. */
public interface Tree<E> extends Iterable<E> {
    Position<E> root();
    Position<E> parent(Position<E> p) throws IllegalArgumentException;
    Iterable<Position<E>> children(Position<E> p)
        throws IllegalArgumentException;
    int numChildren(Position<E> p) throws IllegalArgumentException;
    boolean isInternal(Position<E> p) throws IllegalArgumentException;
    boolean isExternal(Position<E> p) throws IllegalArgumentException;
    boolean isRoot(Position<E> p) throws IllegalArgumentException;
    int size();
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    Iterator<E> iterator();
    Iterable<Position<E>> positions();
}
```

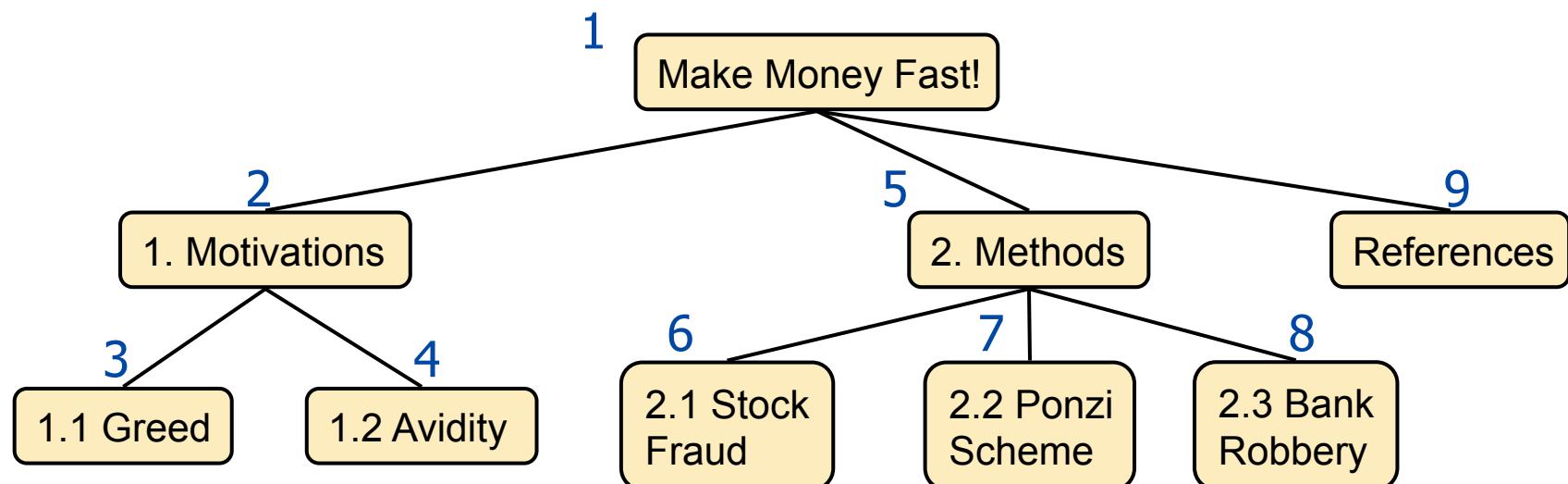
## Traversing trees

- A traversal visits the nodes of a tree in a systematic manner
- We will see 2 traversals for now:
  - Preorder
  - Postorder

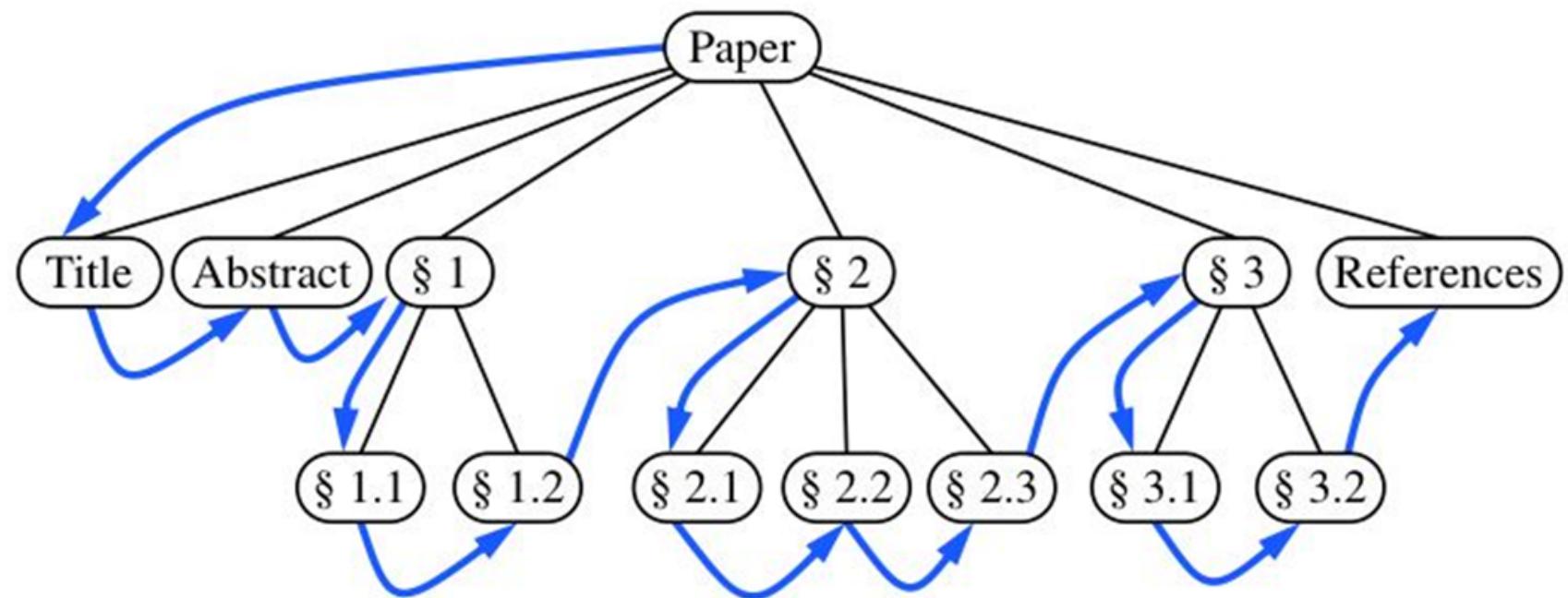
# Preorder Traversal

- In a preorder traversal, a node is visited before its descendants
- Application: print a structured document

```
Algorithm preOrder(v)
    visit(v)
    for each child w of v
        preorder (w)
```



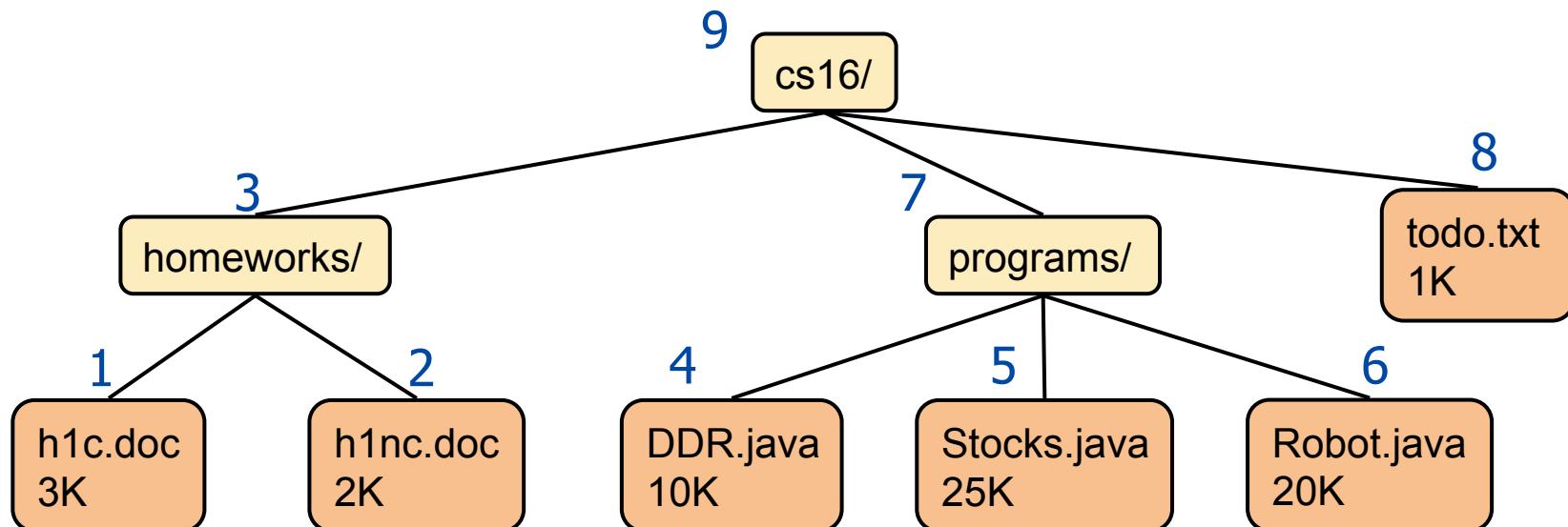
## Preorder traversal



# Postorder Traversal

- In a postorder traversal, a node is visited after its descendants
- Application: compute space used by files in a directory and its subdirectories

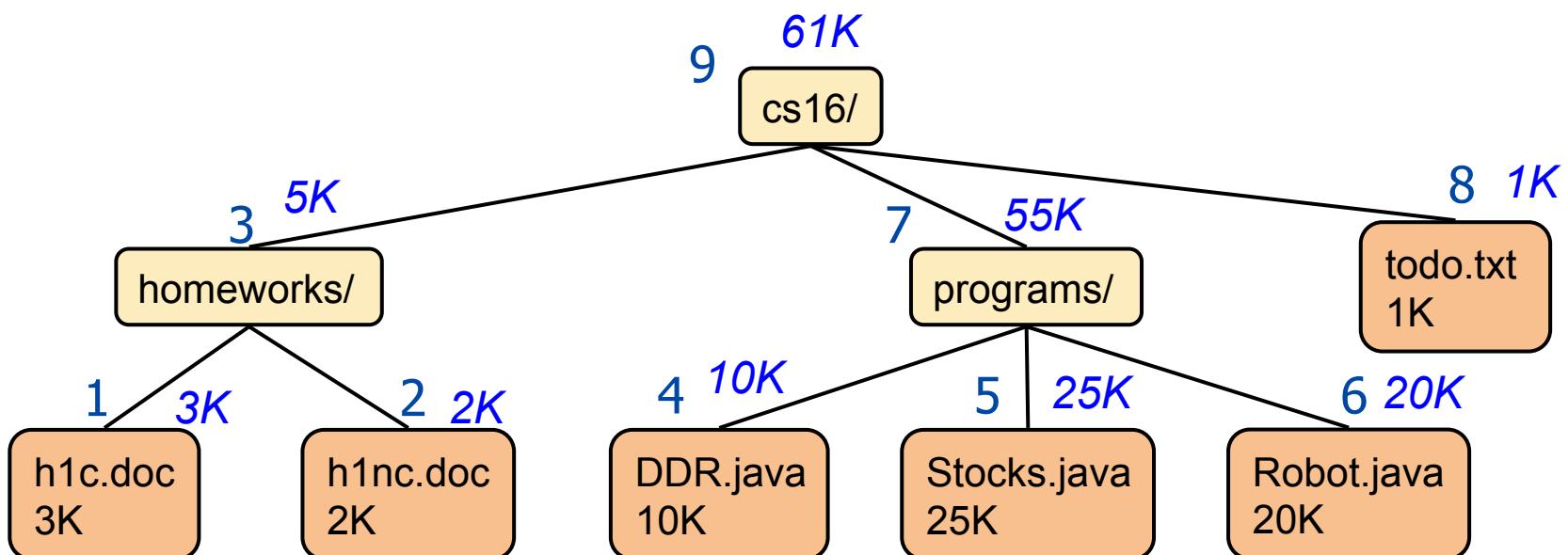
```
Algorithm postOrder(v)
for each child w of v
    postOrder (w)
    visit(v)
```



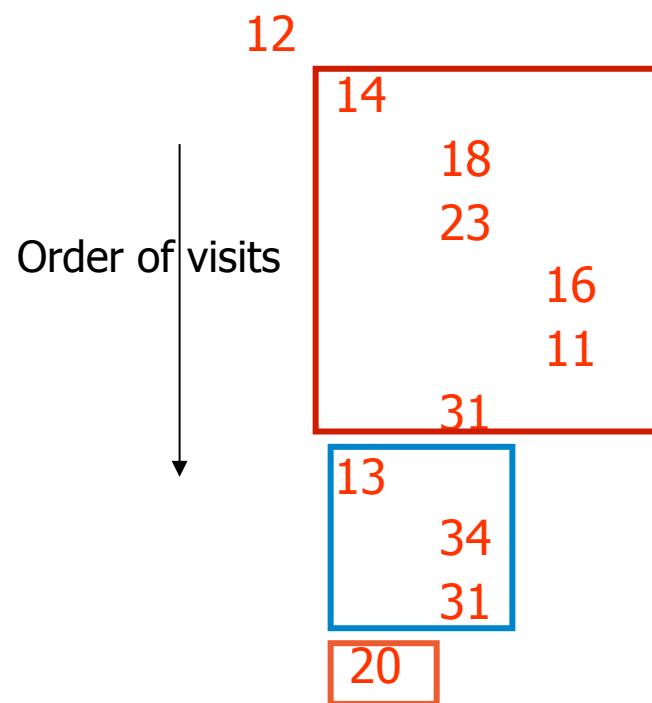
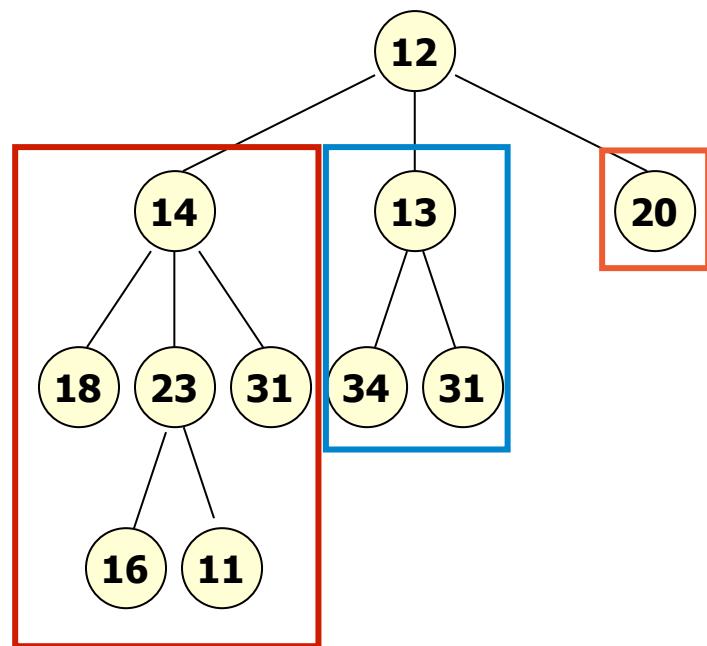
# Postorder Traversal

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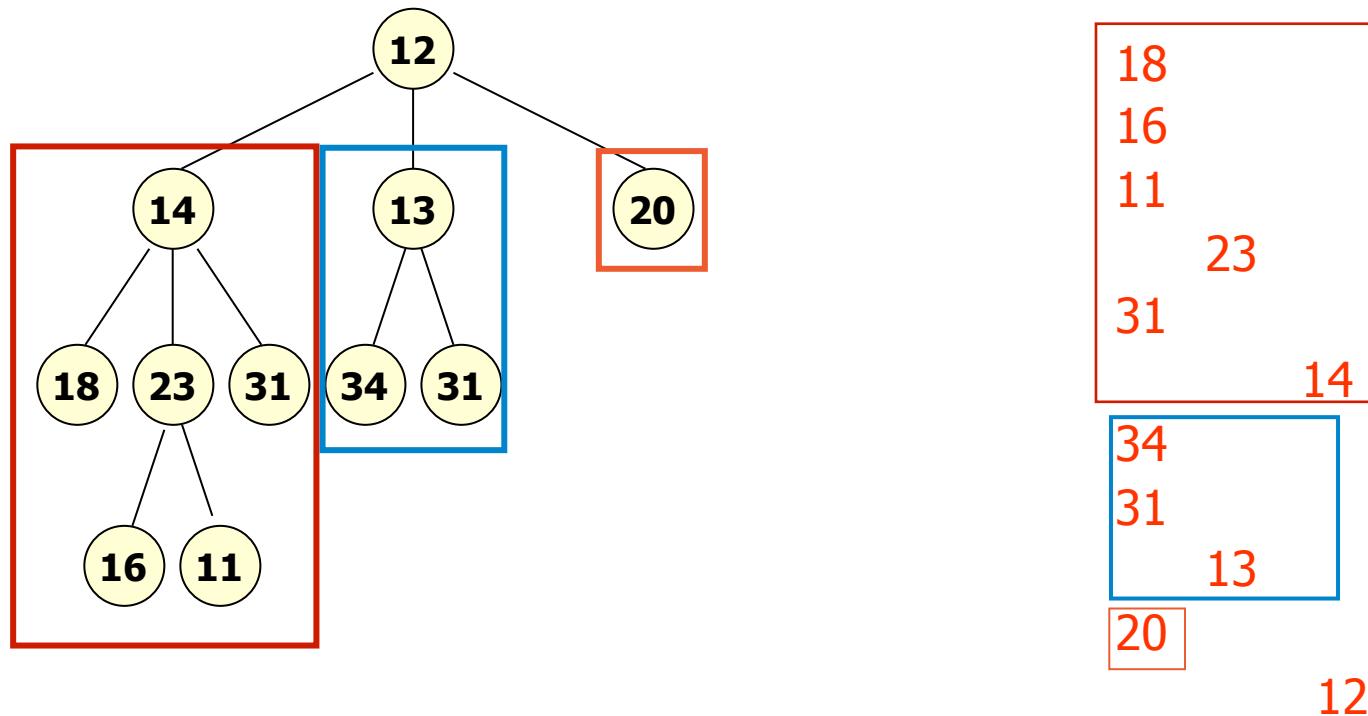


## Traversing in preorder



Preorder  
traversal  
of subtree

## Traversing in postorder



*Warning: postorder traversal is not the same as reversal of preorder traversal!  
Even though the root is first in preorder, and last in postorder.*

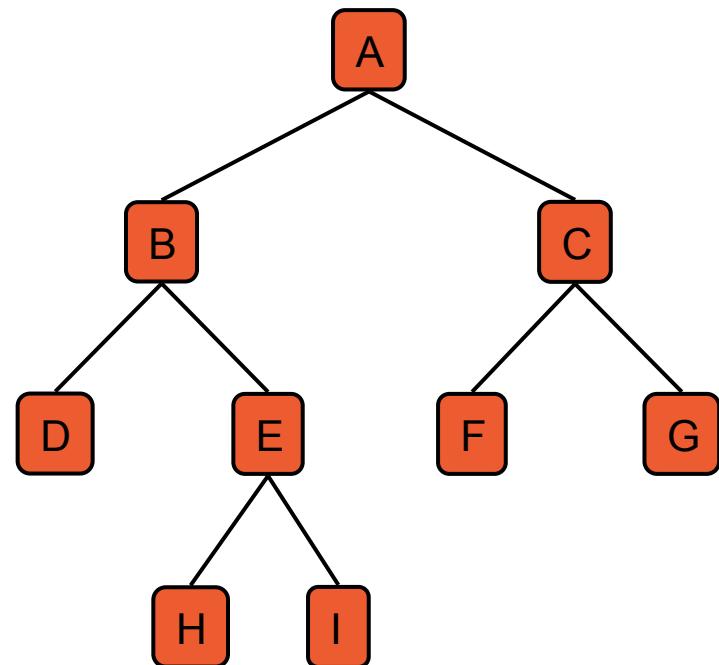
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# Binary Trees

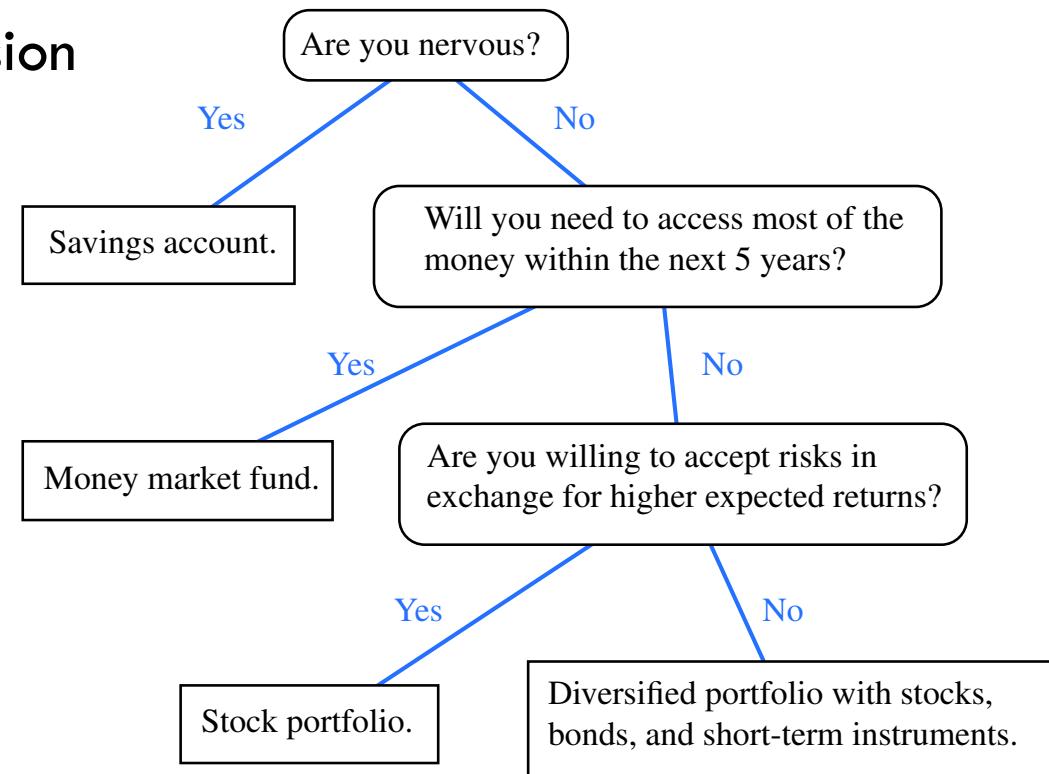
- A **binary tree** is an ordered tree with the following properties:
  - Each internal node has at most two children
  - Each child node is labeled as a **left child** or a **right child**
    - draw left child on lower level but further to left than its parent
    - draw right child on lower level but further to right than its parent
  - The children of a node are ordered with left before right (when there are two children)

- ▶ Applications
  - ▶ Arithmetic expressions
  - ▶ Decision processes
  - ▶ Searching (see next week)



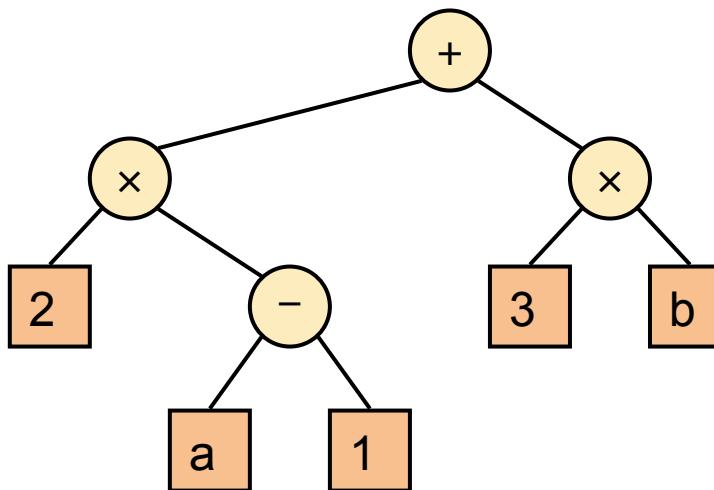
# Decision Tree: an example of a binary tree

- Binary tree associated with a decision process
  - internal nodes: questions with yes/no answer
  - external nodes: decisions
- Example: investment decision



# Arithmetic Expression Tree

- Binary tree associated with an arithmetic expression
  - internal nodes: operators
  - external nodes: operands
- Example: arithmetic expression tree for the expression  $((2 \times (a - 1)) + (3 \times b))$



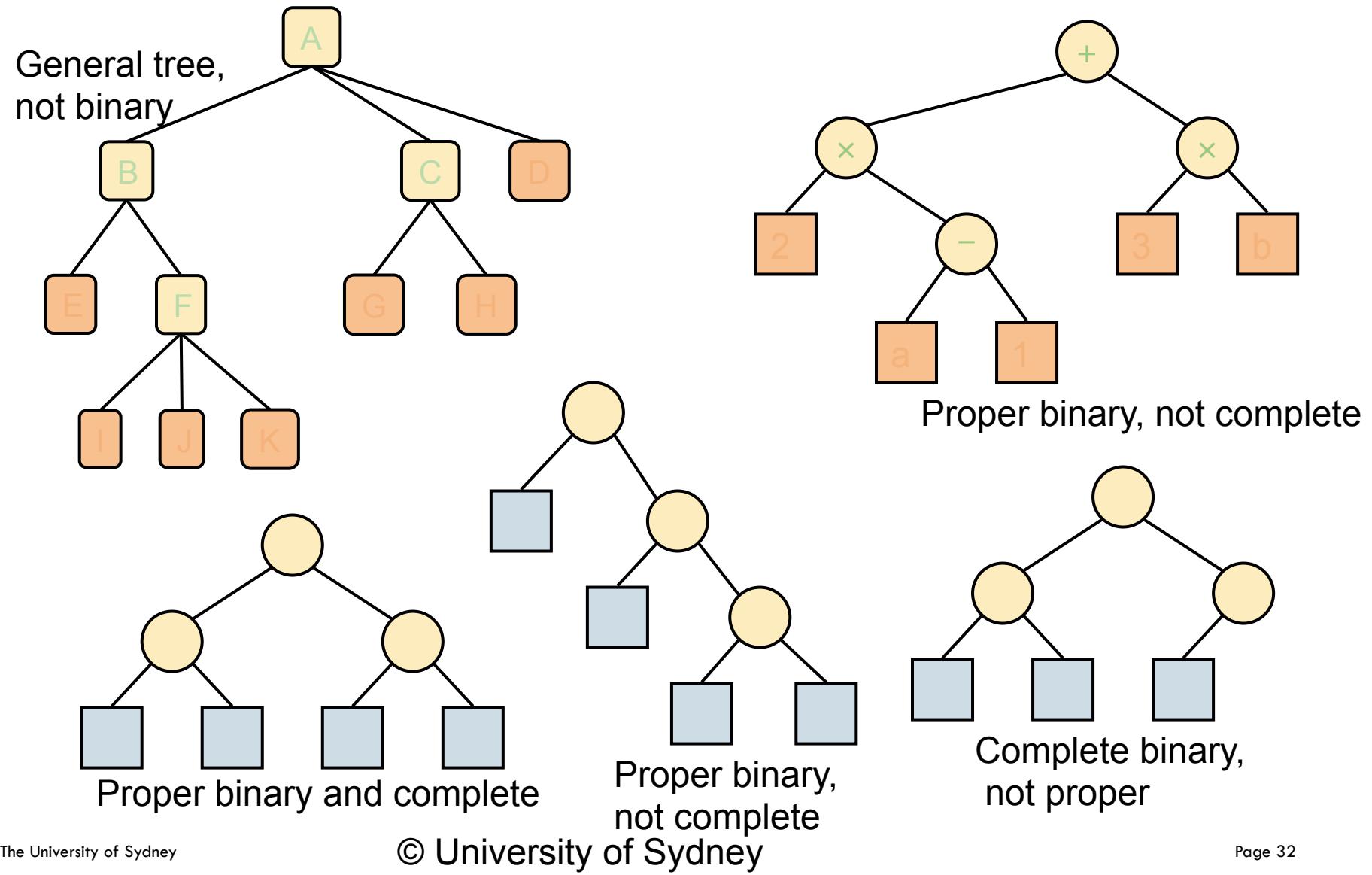
## Alternative recursive definition of binary trees

- recursive definition of a **binary tree**
  - A binary tree is a set  $T$  of nodes such that either
    - $T$  is empty, or
    - $T$  is partitioned into three disjoint subsets:
      - A single node  $r$ , the root
      - The left subtree (this is possibly empty)
      - The right subtree (this is possibly empty)

## More terminology

- Proper (or Full) binary trees : each node has exactly 0 or 2 children
  - Recursive definition of a full binary tree:
    - A leaf node is a proper binary tree
    - A tree is a proper binary tree if both subtrees rooted at its children are proper binary trees
- Complete binary trees: each level is completely filled, except possibly the last level, which must be filled from left to right
  - A binary tree  $T$  of height  $h$  is complete if
    - All nodes at level  $h - 2$  and above have two children each, and
    - When a node at level  $h - 1$  has children, all nodes to its left at the same level have two children each, and
    - When a node at level  $h - 1$  has one child, it is a left child
- Balanced binary trees (*will be important later*)
  - A binary tree is balanced if the height of any node's right subtree differs from the height of the node's left subtree by no more than 1

## Are these trees binary? proper? complete?



# Properties of Binary Trees

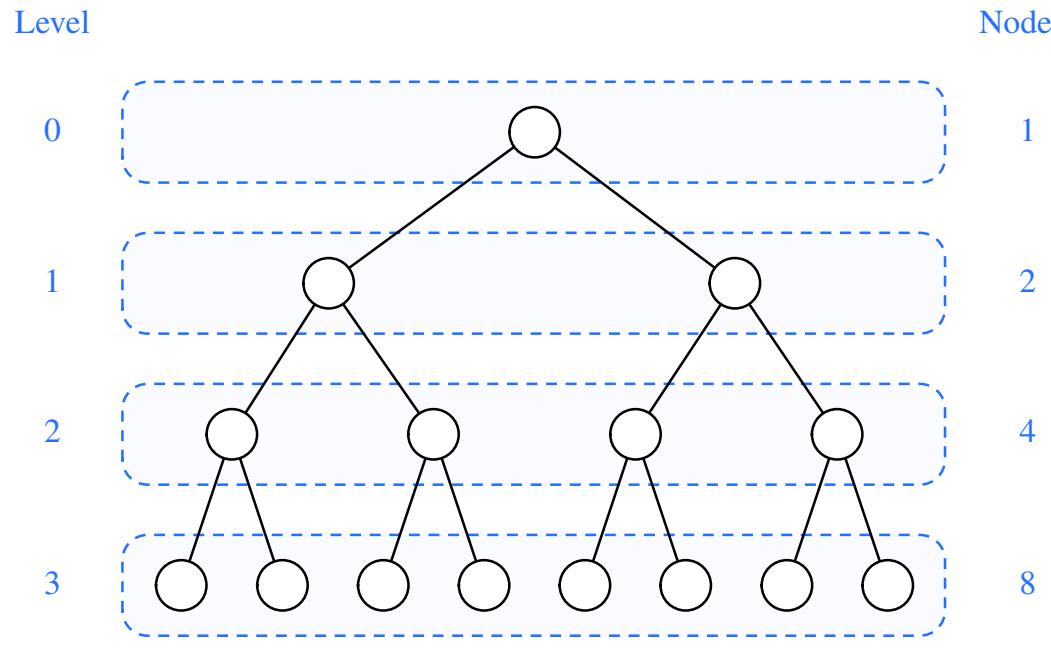
- Notation

$n$  number of nodes

$e$  number of external nodes

$i$  number of internal nodes

$h$  height



Properties:

At level  $k$ , maximum  $2^k$  nodes

Total nodes, max  $\sum 2^k = 2^{h+1} - 1$

Therefore:

$$h+1 \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1$$

$$1 \leq e \leq 2^h$$

$$h \leq i \leq 2^h - 1$$

$$h \leq (n - 1)$$

$$h \geq \log_2 (n + 1) - 1$$

For many algorithms, the time or space cost is best considered to scale with  $h$  rather than with  $n$

## BinaryTree ADT

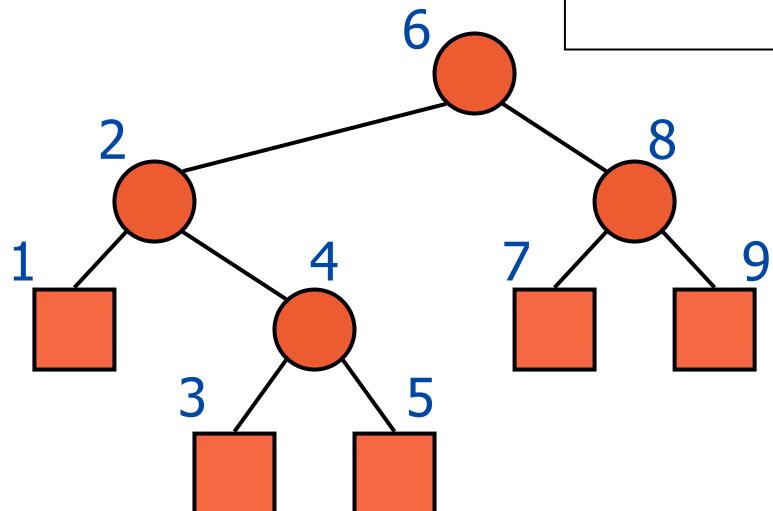
- The **BinaryTree** ADT extends the Tree ADT, i.e., it inherits all the methods of the Tree ADT
- Additional methods:
  - Position **left**( $p$ )
  - Position **right**( $p$ )
  - Position **sibling**( $p$ )
- These methods return **null** when there is no left, right, or sibling of  $p$ , respectively
- Update methods may be defined by data structures implementing the **BinaryTree** ADT

## Another traversal for Binary Trees: Inorder

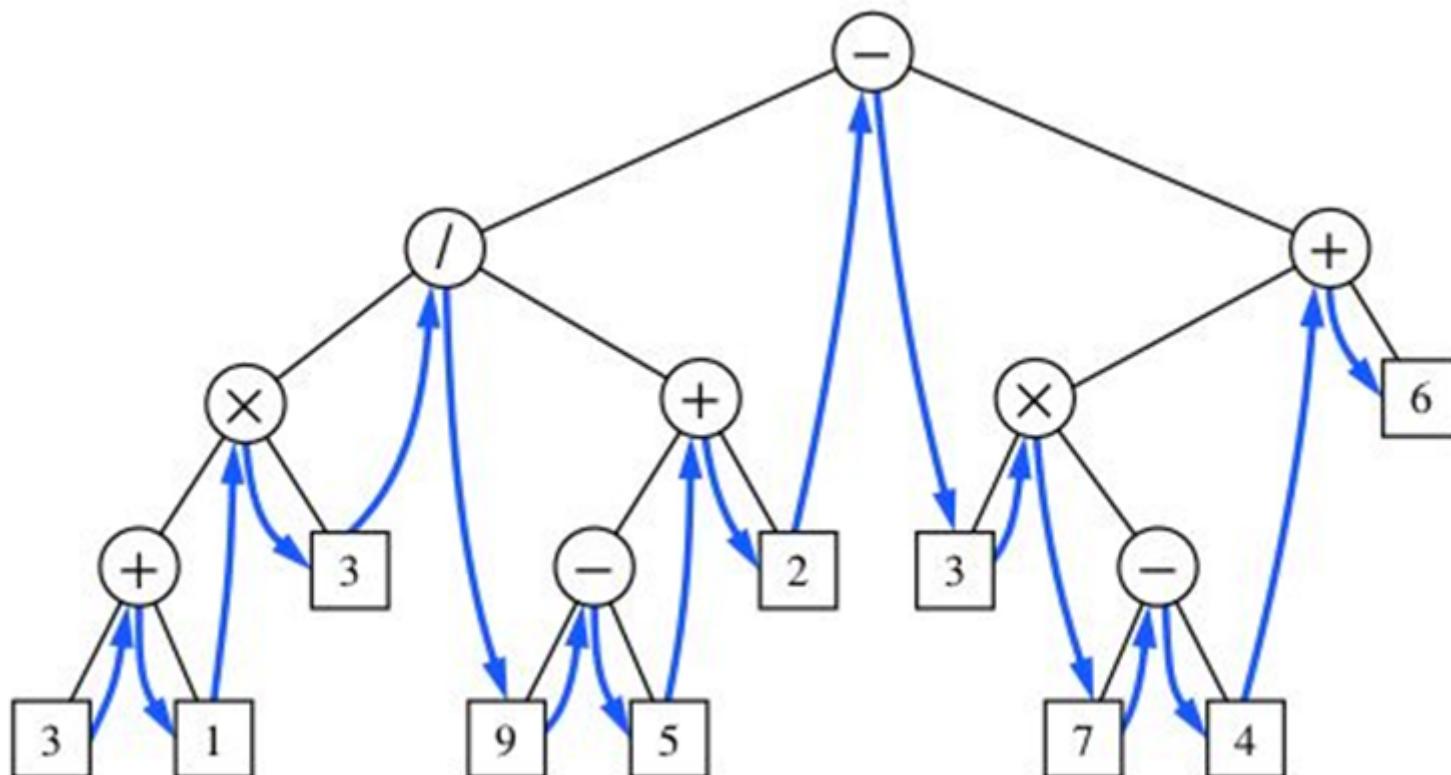
- Binary trees also have another traversal: **inorder**
- In an inorder traversal a node is visited after its left subtree and before its right subtree
- Application: draw a binary tree
  - $x(v)$  = inorder rank of  $v$
  - $y(v)$  = depth of  $v$

**Algorithm *inOrder*( $v$ )**

```
if left ( $v$ )  $\neq$  null  
    inOrder (left ( $v$ ))  
visit( $v$ )  
if right( $v$ )  $\neq$  null  
    inOrder (right ( $v$ ))
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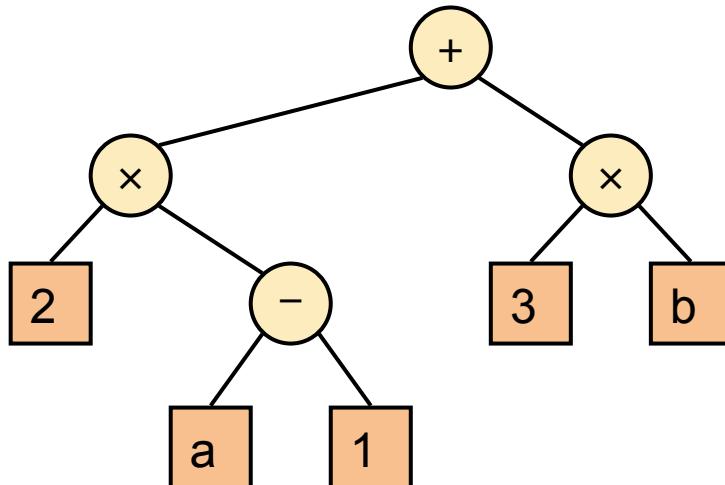


## Inorder traversal on a binary tree



# Inorder traversal for printing Arithmetic Expressions

- Specialization of an inorder traversal
  - print operand or operator when visiting node
  - print "(" before traversing left subtree
  - print ")" after traversing right subtree

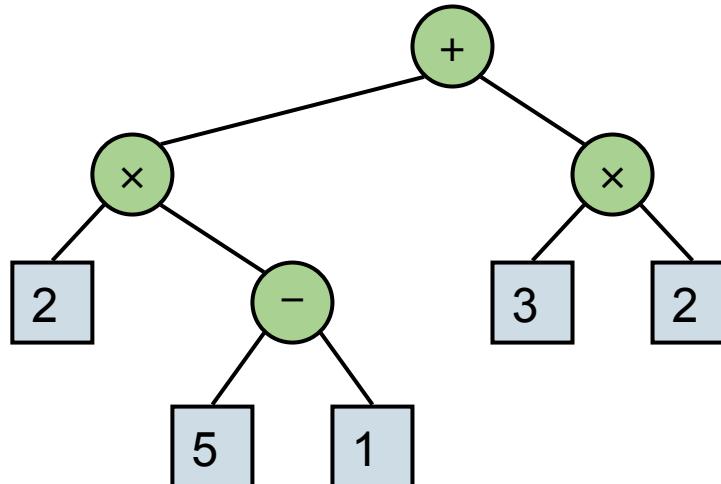


```
Algorithm printExpression(v)
    if left(v) ≠ null
        print "("
        printExpression(left(v))
        print(v.element())
    if right(v) ≠ null
        printExpression(right(v))
        print ")"
```

Output:  
((2 × (a - 1)) + (3 × b))

## Postorder traversal for evaluating Arithmetic Expressions

- Specialisation of a postorder traversal
  - recursive method returning the value of a subtree
  - when visiting an internal node, combine the values of the subtrees



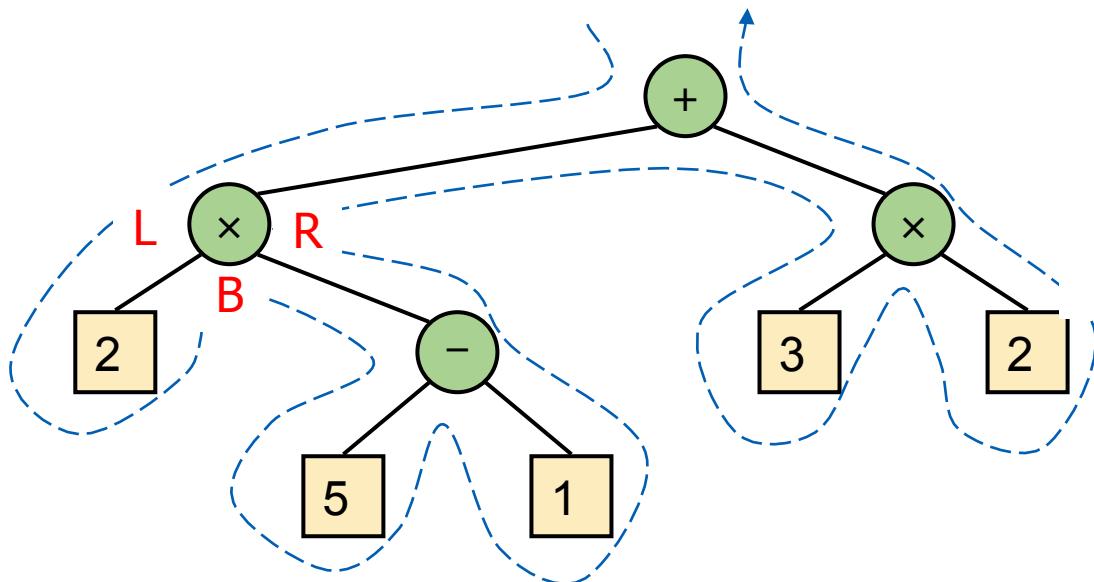
**Algorithm** *evalExpr(v)*

```
if isExternal (v)
    return v.element ()
else
    x  $\leftarrow$  evalExpr(leftChild (v))
    y  $\leftarrow$  evalExpr(rightChild (v))
     $\diamond$   $\leftarrow$  operator stored at v
    return x  $\diamond$  y
```

- Note the different traversal techniques for different needs !
- Inorder for printing
  - Postorder to evaluate

# Euler Tour Traversal

- Generic traversal of a binary tree
- Includes special cases the [preorder](#), [postorder](#) and [inorder](#) traversals
- Walk around the tree and visit each node three times:
  - on the left (preorder)
  - from below (inorder)
  - on the right (postorder)



**Algorithm** eulerTourBinary( $T, p$ ):

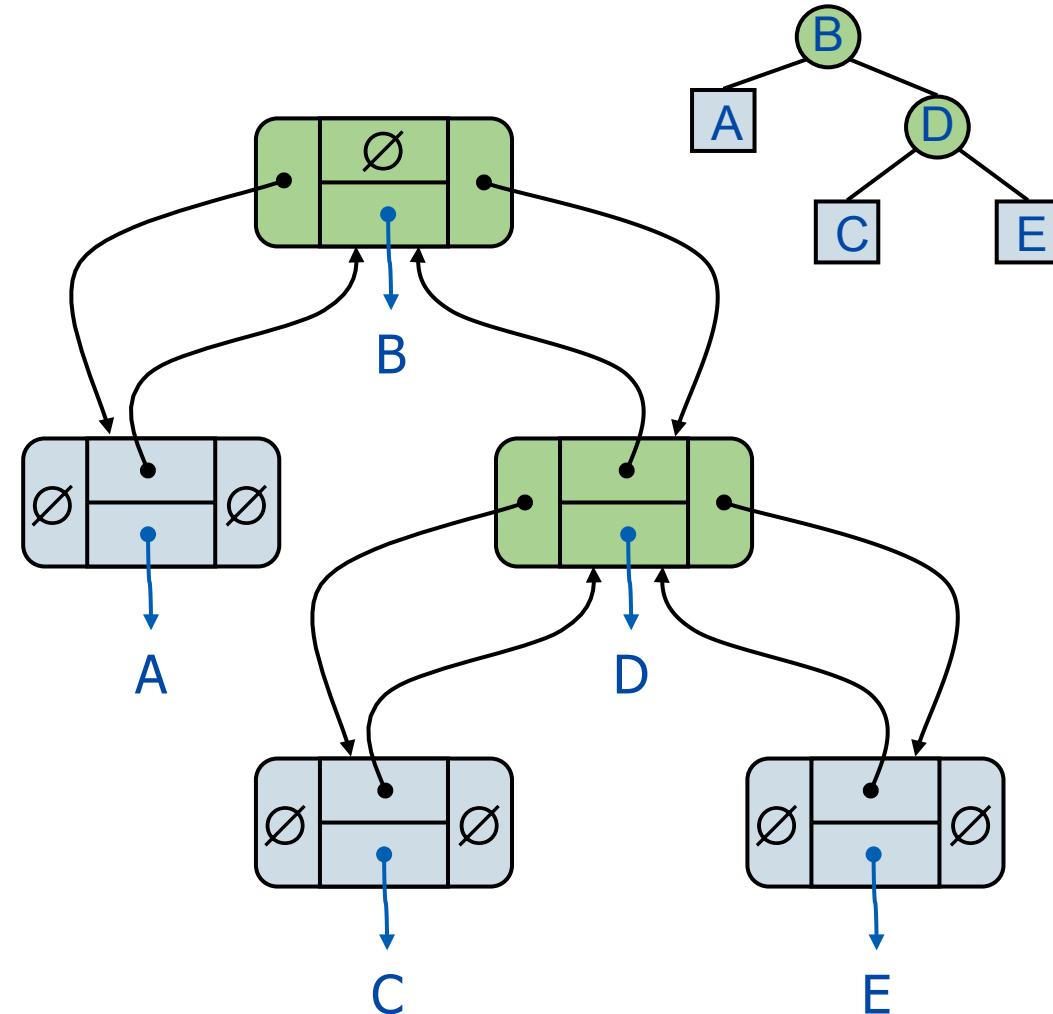
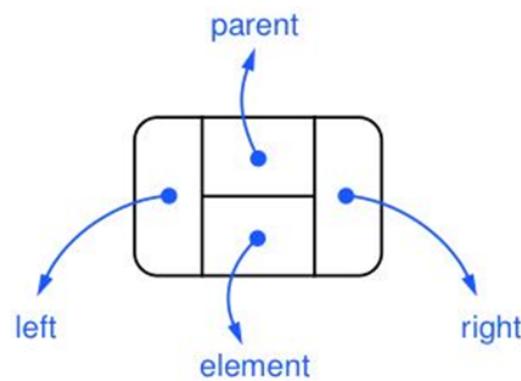
```
perform the “pre visit” action for position  $p$ 
if  $p$  has a left child  $lc$  then
    eulerTourBinary( $T, lc$ )
perform the “in visit” action for position  $p$ 
if  $p$  has a right child  $rc$  then
    eulerTourBinary( $T, rc$ )
perform the “post visit” action for position  $p$ 
```

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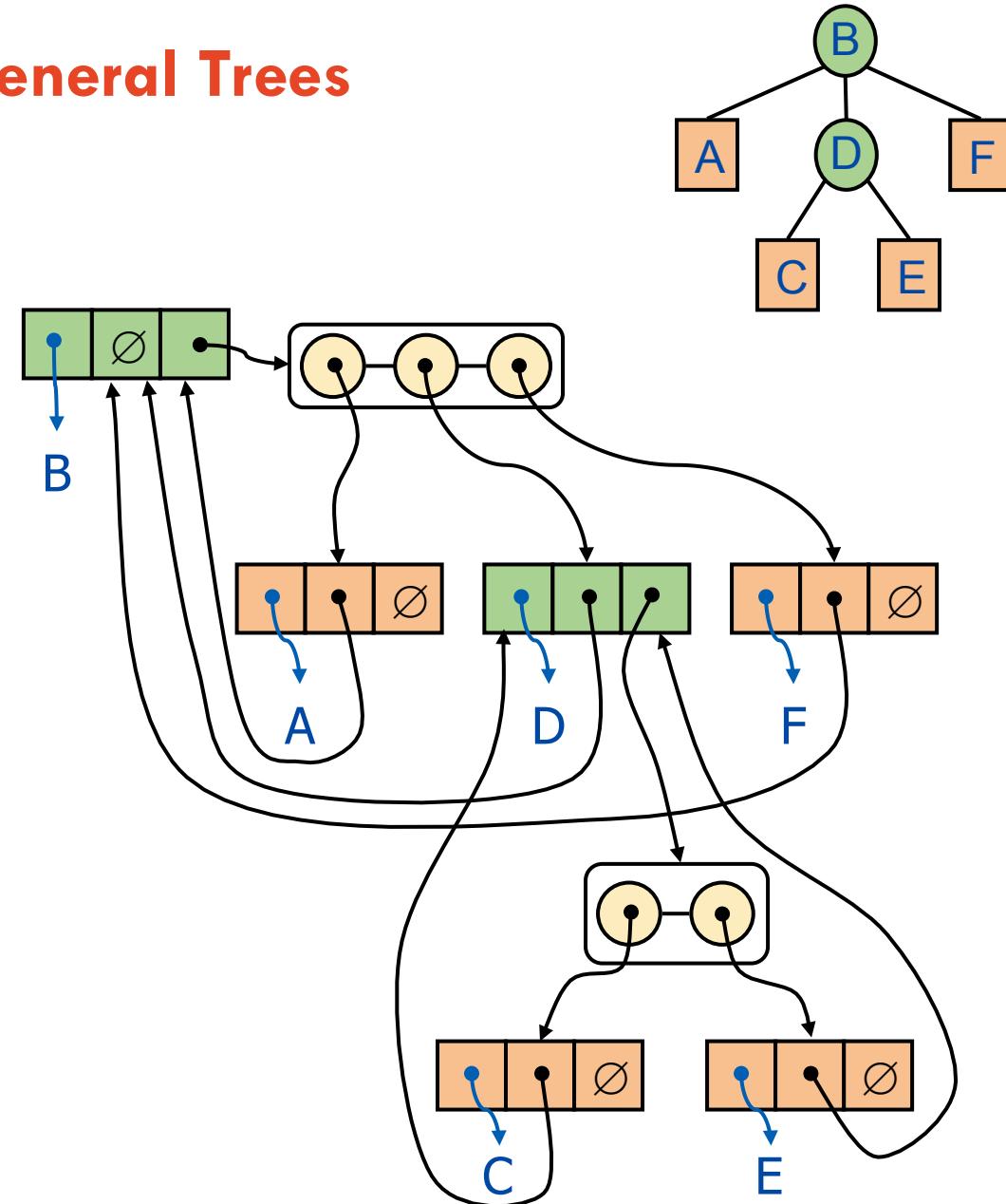
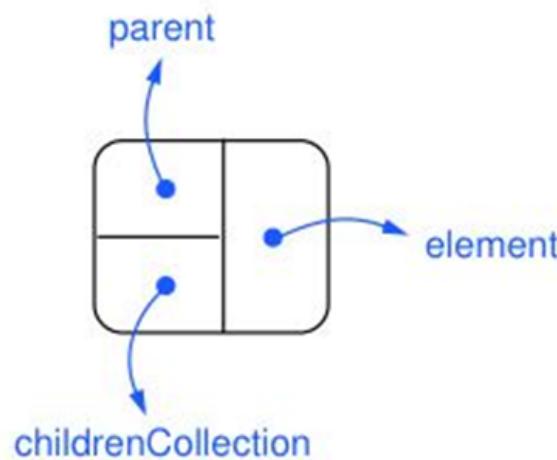
# Linked Structure for Binary Trees

- A node is represented by an object storing
  - Element
  - Parent node
  - Left child node
  - Right child node
- Node objects implement the Position ADT



## Linked Structure for general Trees

- A **node** is represented by an object storing
  - Element
  - Parent node
  - Sequence of children nodes
- Node objects implement the Position ADT



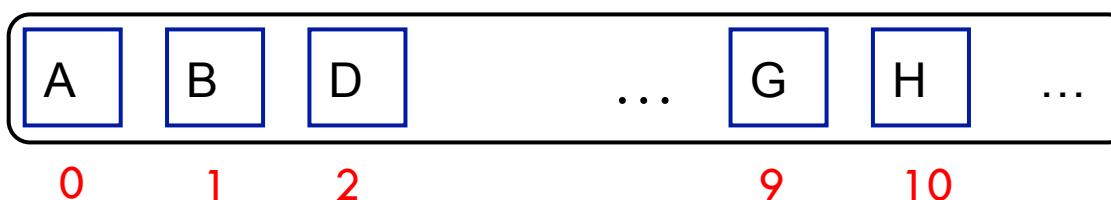
# Space requirements and running times for LinkedList-based representation

Space requirement :  $O(n)$

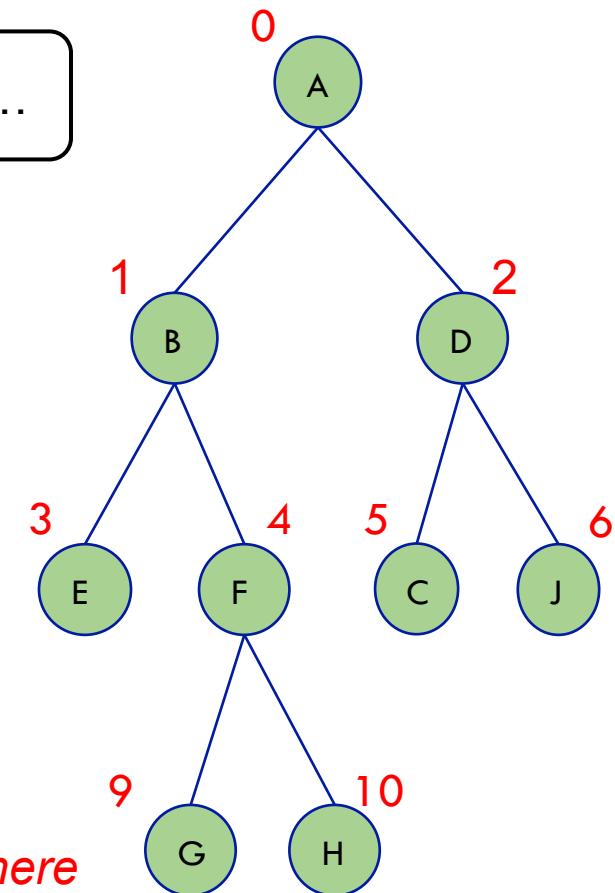
<b>Method</b>	<b>Running Time</b>
size, isEmpty	$O(1)$
root, parent, left, right, sibling, children, numChildren	$O(1)$
isInternal, isExternal, isRoot	$O(1)$
addRoot, addLeft, addRight, set, attach, remove	$O(1)$
depth( $p$ )	$O(d_p + 1)$
height	$O(n)$

# Array-Based Representation of Binary Trees

- Nodes are stored in an array A

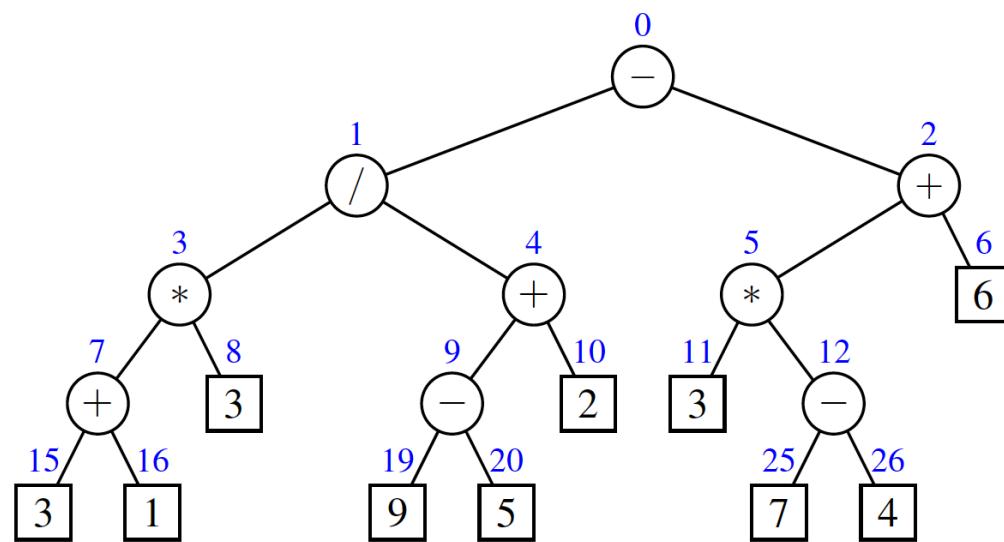
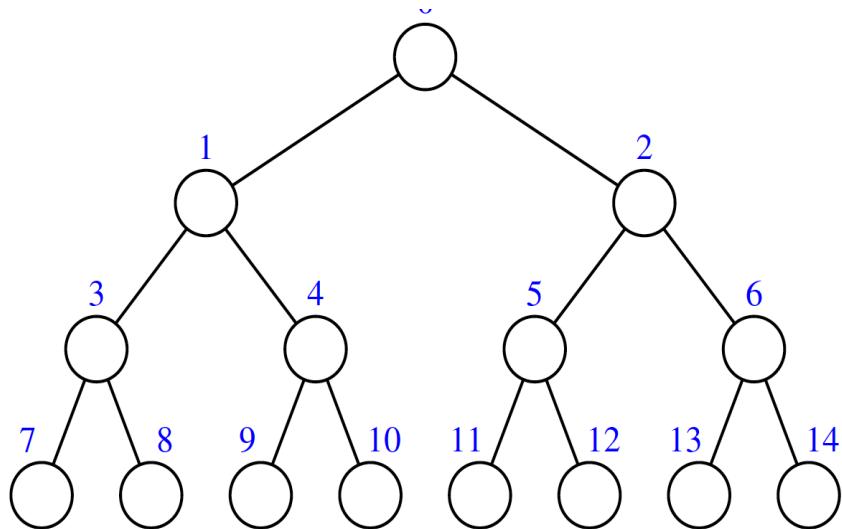


- ▶ Node  $v$  is stored at  $A[\text{rank}(v)]$ 
  - ▶  $\text{rank}(\text{root}) = 0$
  - ▶ if node is the left child of  $\text{parent}(\text{node})$ ,  
 $\text{rank}(\text{node}) = 2 \times \text{rank}(\text{parent}(\text{node})) + 1$
  - ▶ if node is the right child of  $\text{parent}(\text{node})$ ,  
 $\text{rank}(\text{node}) = 2 \times \text{rank}(\text{parent}(\text{node})) + 2$

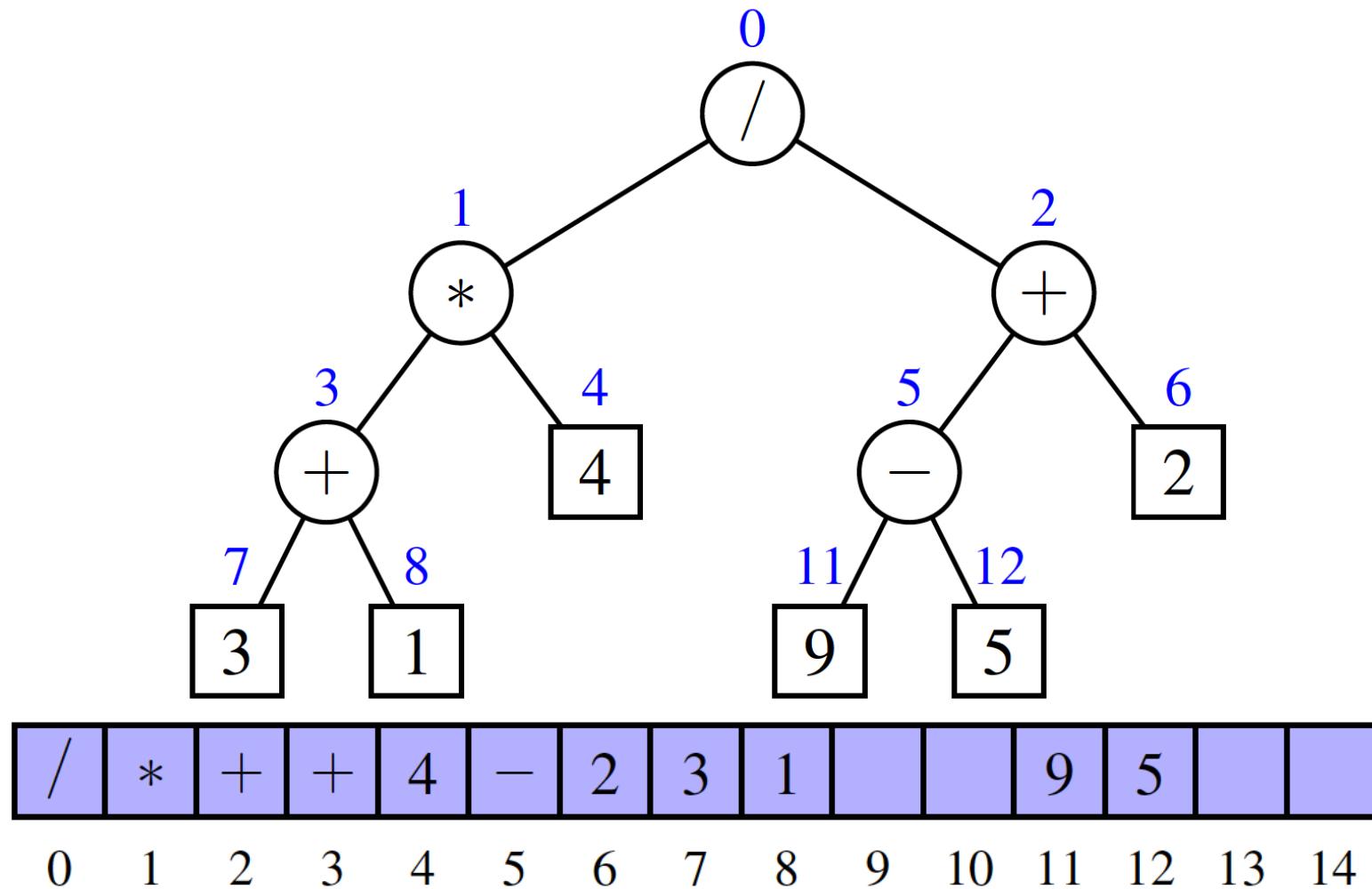


*Warning: there can be gaps in the array, where no node is stored.*

## Level numbering for binary trees



## Array representation of a binary tree



## Space requirements for array representation

- Good for balanced trees
- May require too much space for a general binary tree, due to many gaps
  - What is the worst case scenario?
    - what type of Binary tree will lead to great waste of memory?
    - For a tree of  $n$  nodes, how large an array might be needed?
      - Answer: array size is  $2^h + 1$
      - $h$  is between  $\log_2(n+1) - 1$  and  $n-1$
      - So worst case array size is  $O(2^n)$

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## Examples of recursive code on trees

- Calculating depth
- Calculating height
- Java implementations of a recursive height( ) method

## Depth of a node

```
Algorithm depth( $T, v$ ):  
    if  $v$  is the root of  $T$  then  
        return 0  
    else  
        return 1 + depth( $T, w$ ), where  $w$  is the parent of  $v$  in  $T$ 
```

Worst case running time:  $O(h)$   
where  $h$  is height of  $T$   
Scaling with  $n$ , worst case is  
 $O(n)$  for a tree that is arranged  
as a long chain

Method depth in the java AbstractTree class:

```
/* Returns the number of edges separating Position p from  
the root */  
public int depth (<Position<E> p) {  
    if isRoot(p)  
        return 0;  
    else  
        return 1+depth(parent(p));  
}
```

## Height of a tree (naïve method)

**Algorithm** heightBad( T):

```
h ← 0
for each node x in T do
    if x is external then
        h ← max(h, depth (T, x))
return h
```

*direct expression of the definition:  
height is maximum depth  
of any node in the tree*

Works correctly but is very inefficient:  
loop over n nodes x  
for each x, call depth, which costs O(n)  
so total cost is O( $n^2$ )

## A better height method

Recursive method

Let's first give a formula for the height of a node:

if n is a leaf,  $\text{height}(n) = 0$   
otherwise  $\text{height}(n) = 1 +$   
max of heights of n's children

```
Algorithm height( T, n):
  if n is external then
    return 0
  h ← 0
  for each child w of n in T do
    h ← max(h, height2(T, w))
  return 1+h
```

Method height in the java AbstractTree class:

```
/* Returns the height of the subtree rooted at Position p */
public int height(<Position<E> p) {
    int h = 0;
    for (Position<E> c : children(p))
        h = Math.max(h, 1+height2(c));
    }
    return h;
}
```

## Running time for improved height

- The recursive method will be called once for every node
- For every node, it will take  $(A*c_p + B)$  where  $c_p$  is the number of children of node p, A is time to get each child, B is time for other work associated with the node
- Total running time:
  - $\sum_p A*c_p + B$
  - $= A(\sum_p c_p) + Bn$ 
    - Each node, except for the root, is the child of another node, thus will appear once in  $\sum_p c_p$   
Thus  $\sum_p c_p = n-1$
  - so running time is  $A(n-1)+Bn$ , that is  $O(n)$

## Cost of recursive code on trees

- Sometimes, the method may call itself on all children
  - In worst case, do a call on every node
  - If the work done, excluding the recursion, is constant per call, then the total cost is **linear in the number of nodes**
- Sometimes, the method calls itself on at most one child
  - In worst case, do one call at each level of the tree
  - If the work done, excluding the recursion, is constant per call, then the total cost is **linear in the height of the tree**
- If the work done, excluding the recursion, is more than constant per call, see later in the term!

# Summary

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