

# Basic Data Structures II

- Rooted Trees
- Structural Induction

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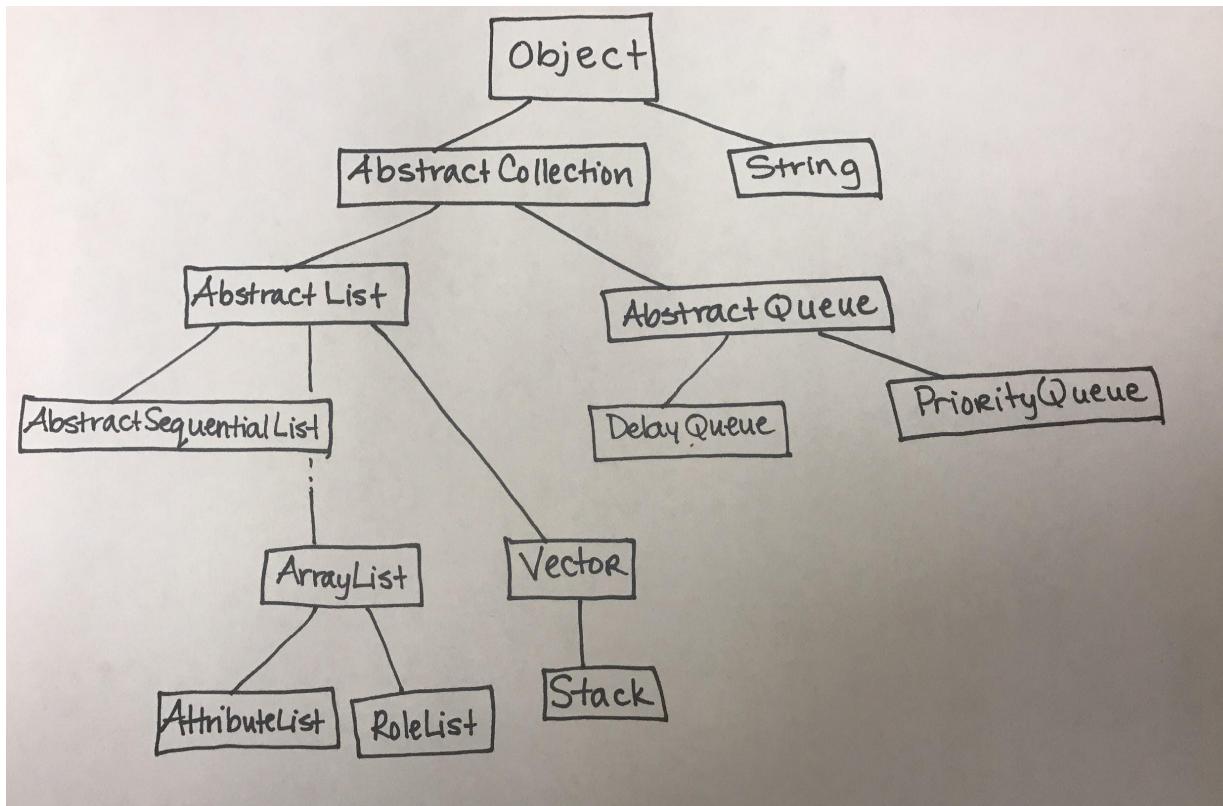


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- An abstract data structure (ADT) that models a hierarchical structure
- Terminology: node, root, parent, child, sibling, internal/external node, leaf, ancestors, descendants, depth, height, subtree, etc.

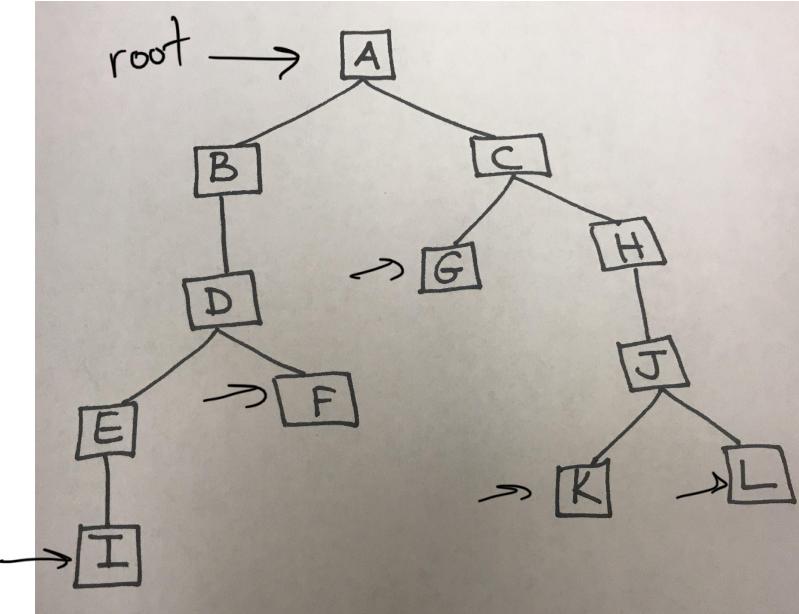


# Example: Java classes and inheritance



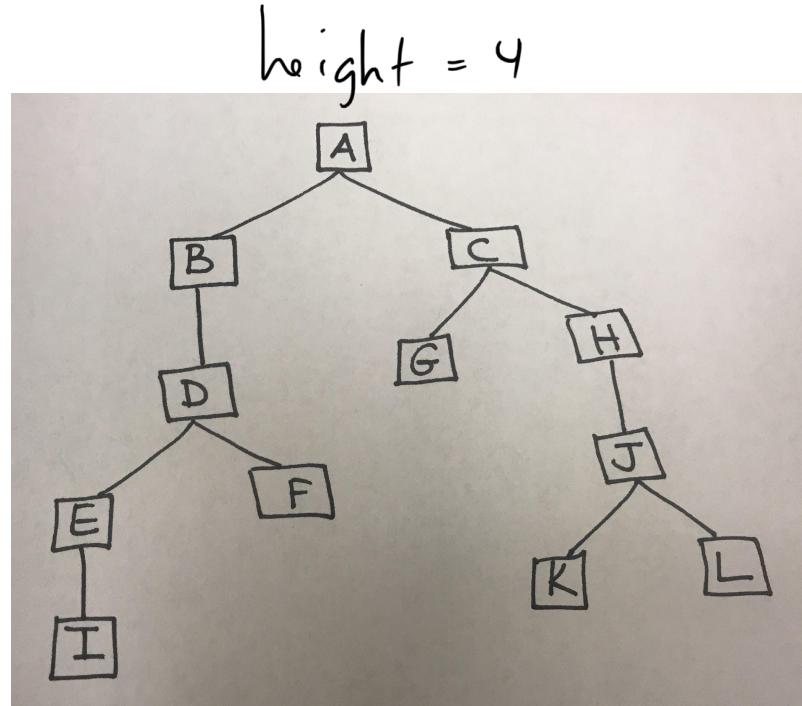
# Some terminology

- **size:** # of nodes
- **root:** node at the top
- **parent:** the node directly above another node
- **child:** a node directly below another node
- **internal node:** a node w/ at least one child
- **external node/leaf:** a node w/ no children



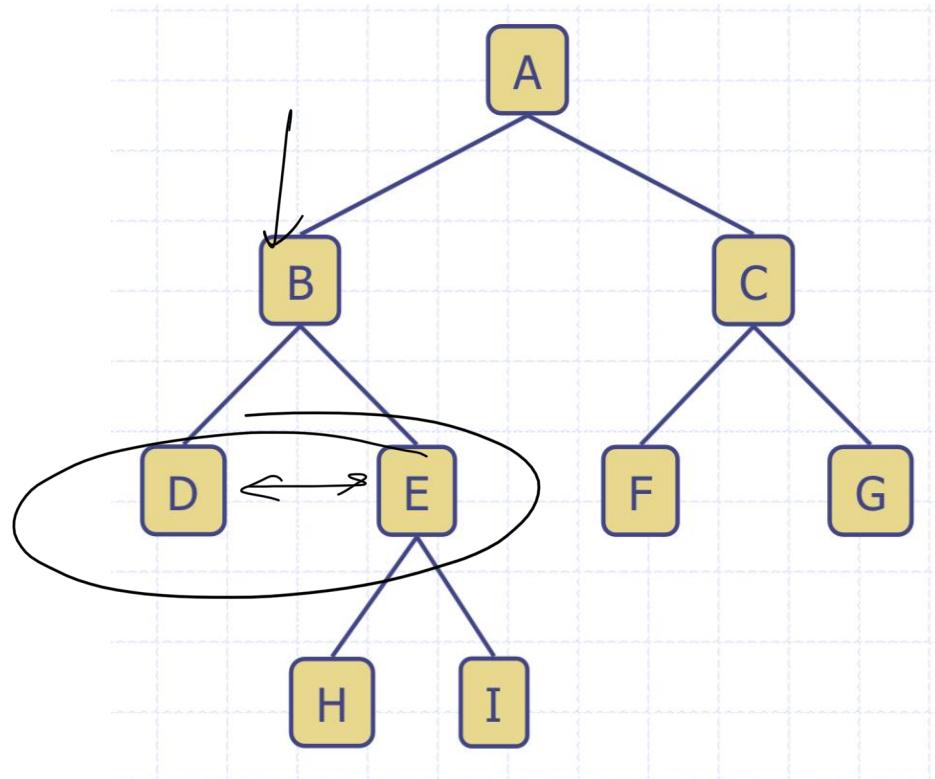
# Some terminology

- *height of a node*: the longest distance from the node to a leaf
- *height of the tree*: height of root
- (*level*)  
• *depth of a node*: the distance from the node to the root



# Binary Tree

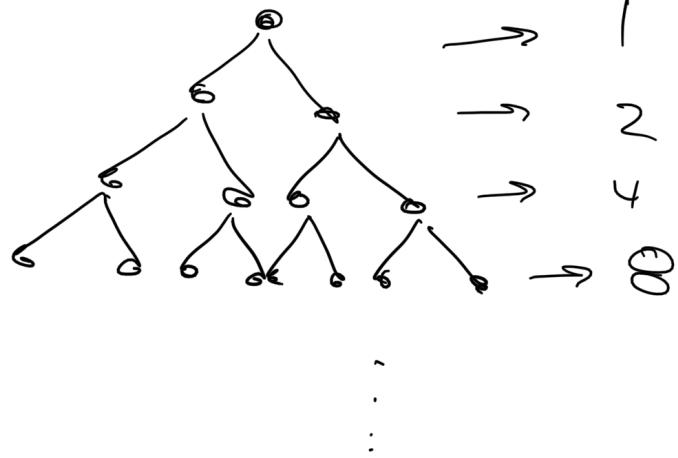
- Every node has at most two children
- New terminology: *leftChild*, *rightChild*, *sibling*



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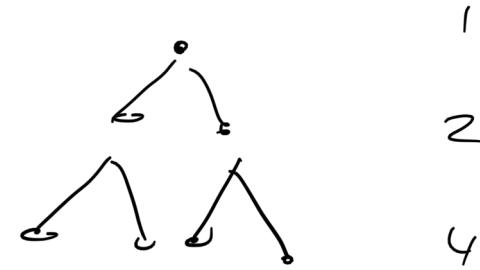
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leaves it can have?

$$2^h$$



# Binary Tree

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1  
2  
4  
8  
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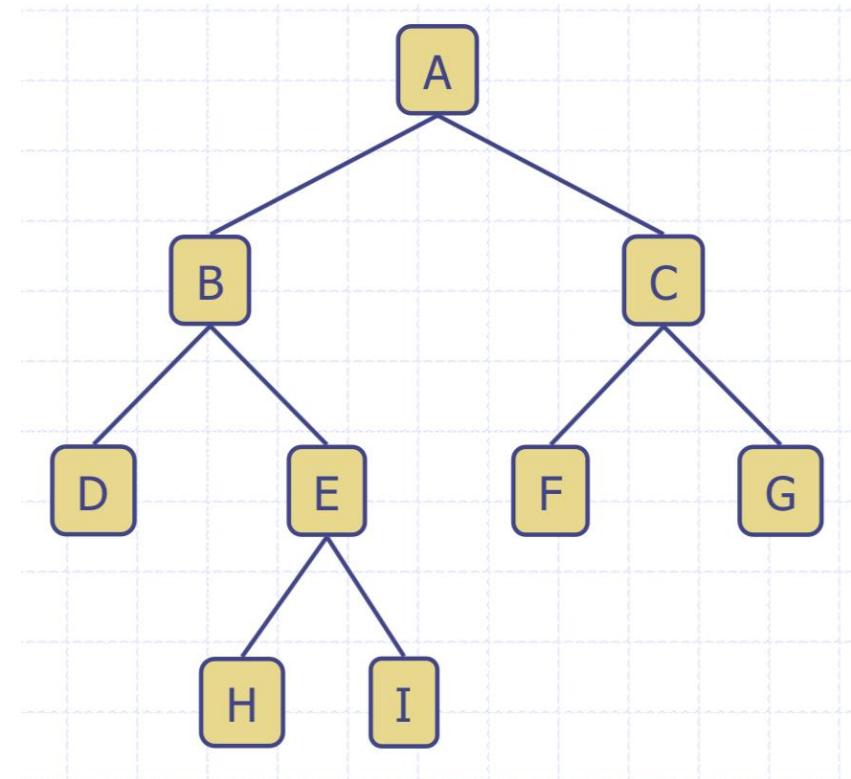
$$\sum_{k=0}^h 2^k = \boxed{2^{h+1} - 1}$$

$2^h$

# Full Binary Tree

- Every internal node has two children.
- Is this a full binary tree?

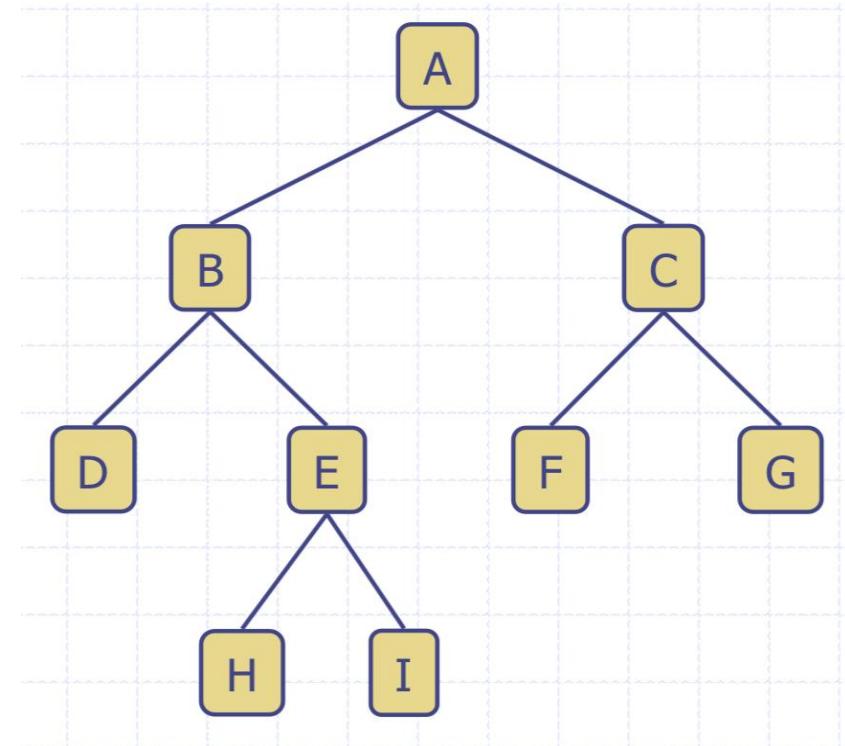
YES



# Properties of a full binary tree...

Given  $e$  external nodes,  $i$  internal nodes,  $n$  total nodes, and  $h$  the height of the tree:

- $e = i + 1$
- $e \leq 2^h$
- $n = 2e - 1$
- $h \leq i$
- $h \leq (n-1)/2$
- $h \geq \log_2 e$
- $h \geq \log_2(n + 1) - 1$



# Structural Induction

# Recursive Definitions of Structures

- Base Case: Consider the smallest instance of the structure.
- Inductive Step: Consider how to build a new instance from existing smaller instances.

Definition of Full Binary Tree:

Basis Step. A tree w/ just the root is a FBT.

Inductive Step. Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be FBTs.

Then  $T_3 = \overline{T_1} \cdot \overline{T_2}$ . ( $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are joined together with a  $\overline{\text{new}} \quad \overline{\text{new}}$ ) is a FBT.

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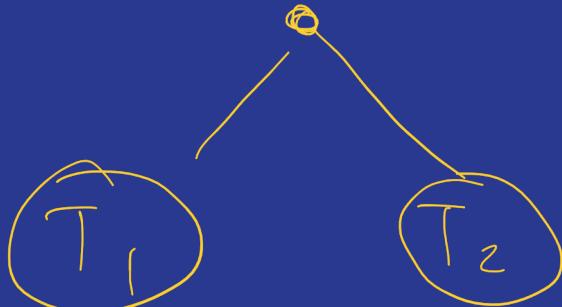
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Then  $h(T_3) = \max \{h(T_1), h(T_2)\} + 1$ .



**Proof.** Prove by structural induction that a full binary tree with  $e$  external nodes has  $2e-1$  total nodes.

$$n(T) = \frac{2e}{2} - 1$$

Basis Step. Let  $T$  be a FBT with just one node.

$$e(T) = 1 \text{ and } n(T) = 1,$$

$$\text{so } n(T) = 2e(T) - 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} n(T_3) &= n(T_1) + n(T_2) + 1 \\ &= 2e(T_1) - 1 + 2e(T_2) - 1 + 1 \quad \text{by the IH} \\ &= 2(e(T_1) + e(T_2)) - 1 = \boxed{2e(T_3) - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$2^{x+1} + 2^{y+1} \leq 2^{\max(x, y) + 1}$$

**Proof.** Prove by structural induction that if  $T$  is a full binary tree, then  $n(T) \leq 2^{h(T)+1} - 1$ .

Basis Step. Let  $T$  be a FBT w/ just one node.

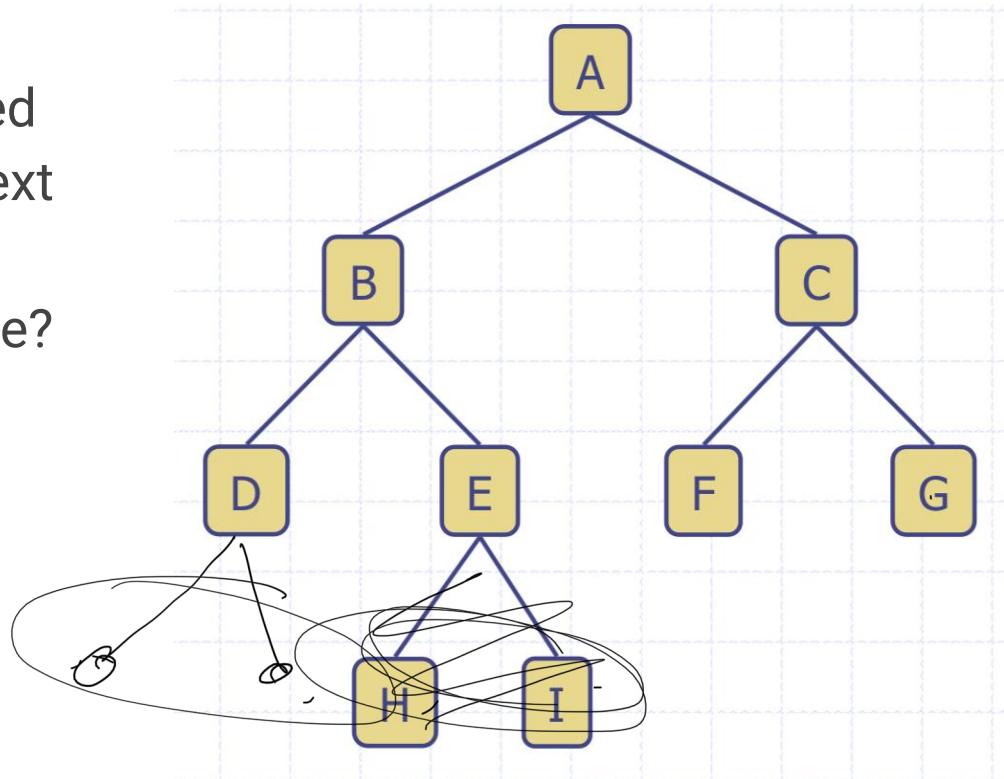
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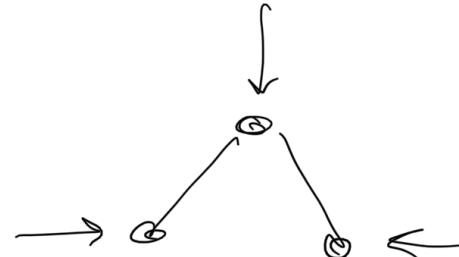
# Complete Binary Tree

- Each level is completely filled up before going on to the next level.
- Is this a complete binary tree?



# Basic Tree Traversals

- Preorder/DFS: parents before children – a node is visited before its descendants
- Postorder: children before parents – a node is visited after its descendants
- Inorder: A node is visited after its left subtree and before its right subtree.
- BFS: Level by level.



# Preorder Traversal

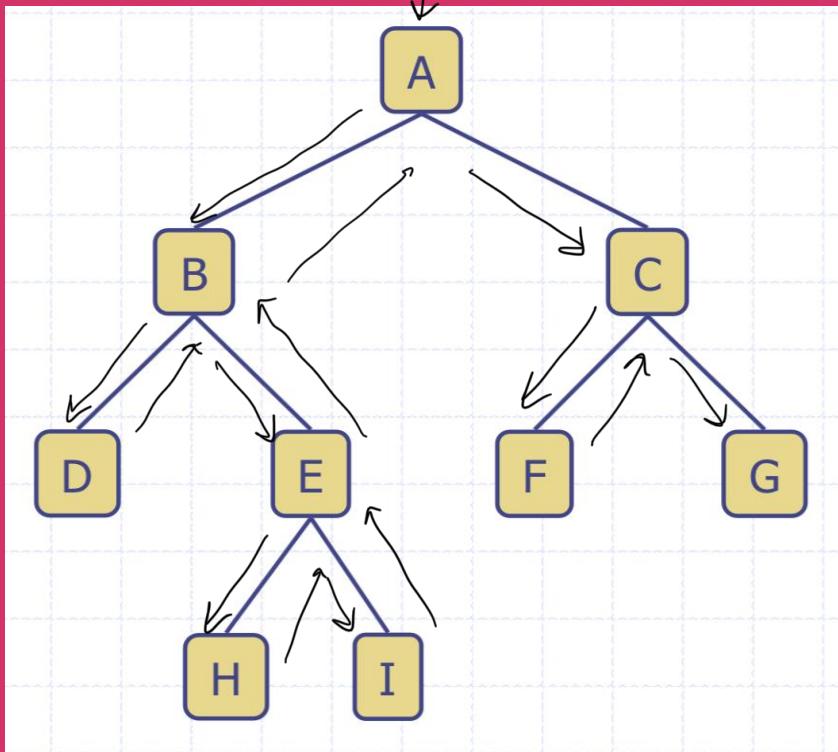
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→ ***visit(v)***

**for each child *w* of *v***

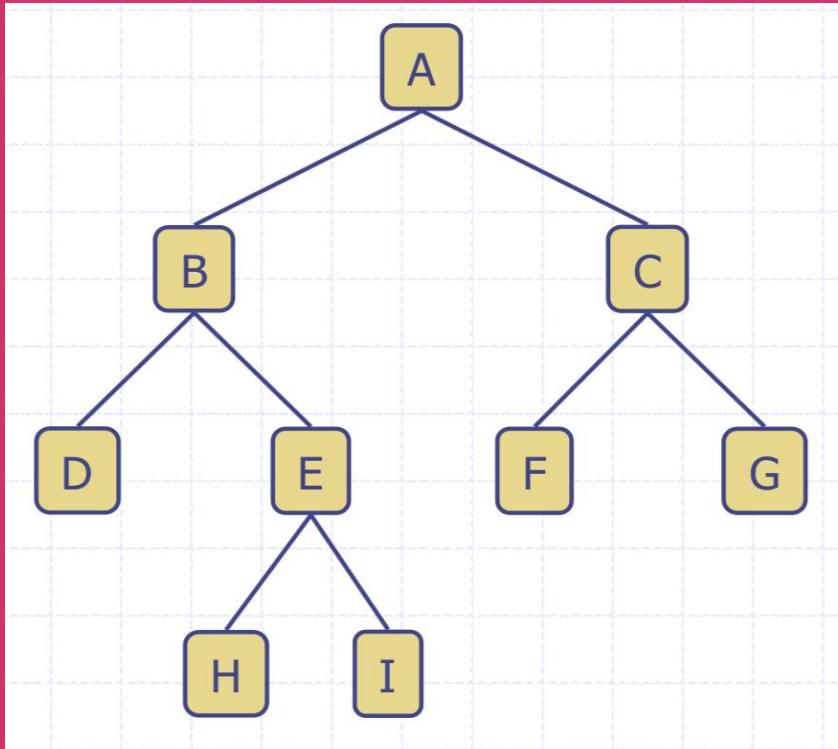
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# Example: What's the pre-order traversal of this tree?



A - B - D - E - H - I - C -  
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# Postorder Traversal

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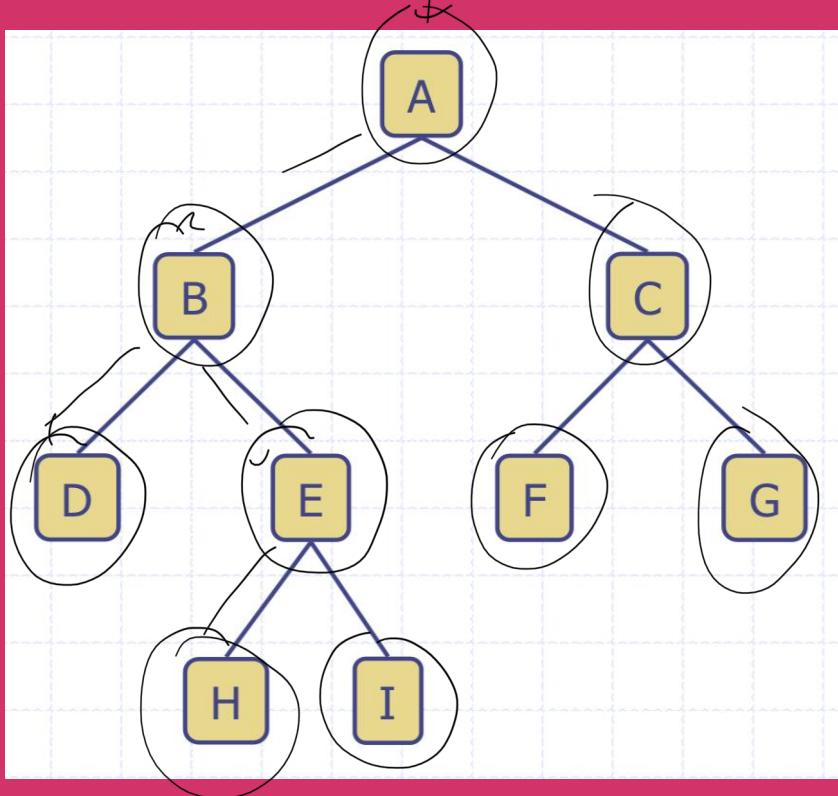
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***postOrder(w)***

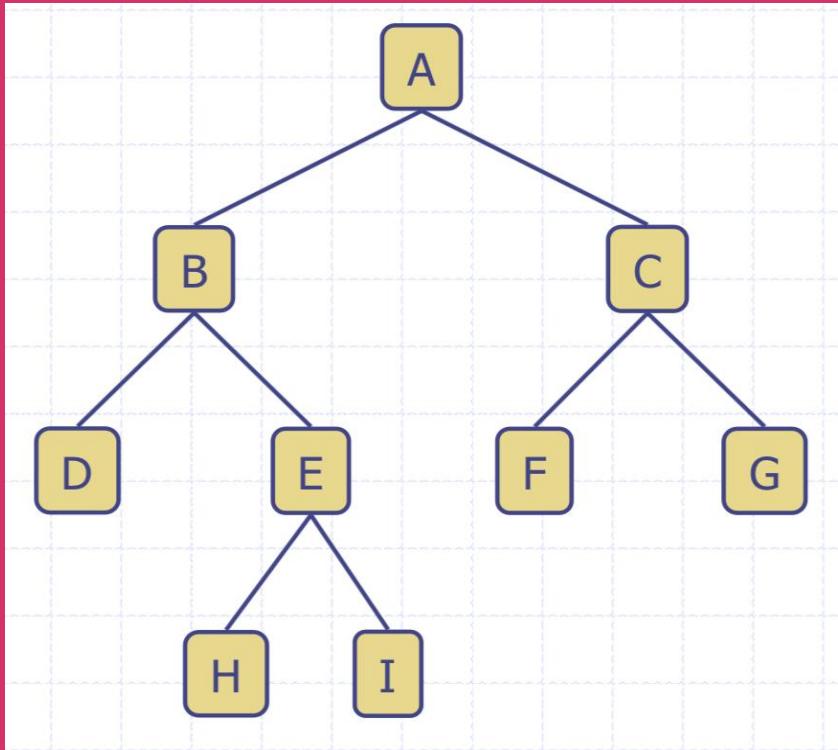
***visit(v)***



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

# Inorder Traversal

**Algorithm *inOrder(v)***

**if *isInternal* ( $v$ )**

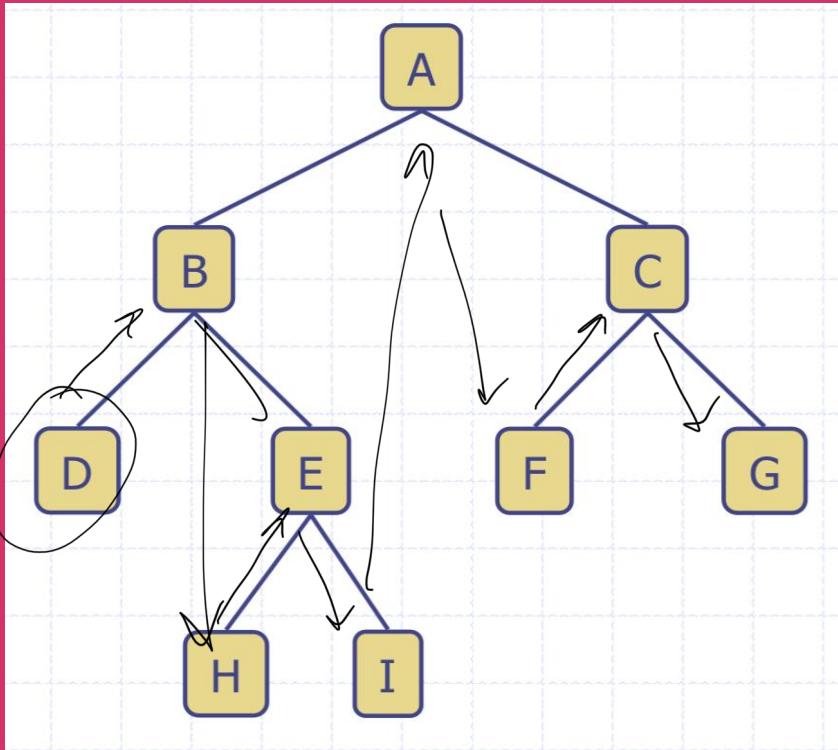
    → ***inOrder (leftChild (v))***

    → ***visit(v)***

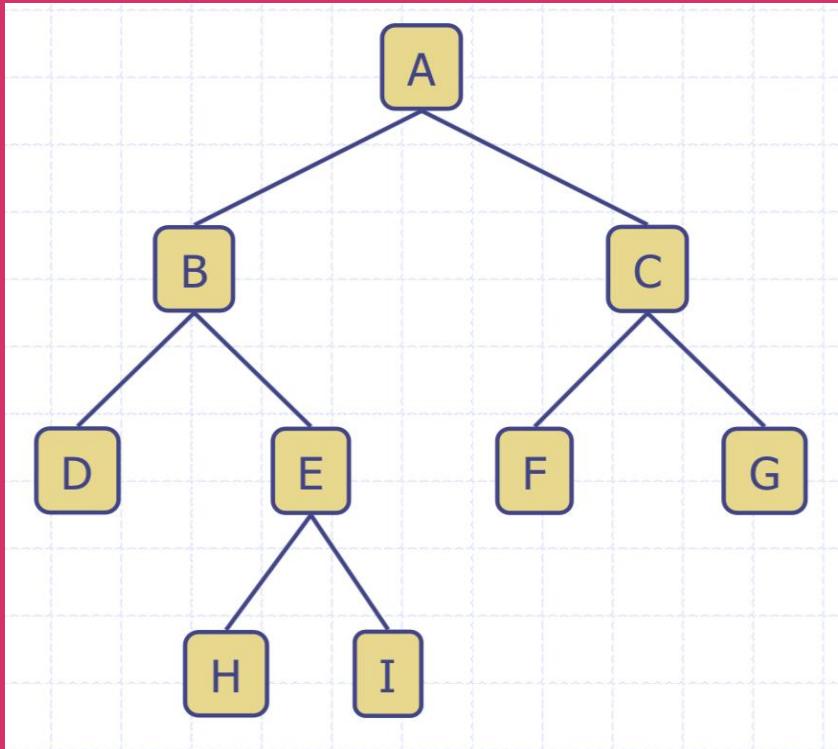
**if *isInternal* ( $v$ )**

        → ***inOrder (rightChild (v))***

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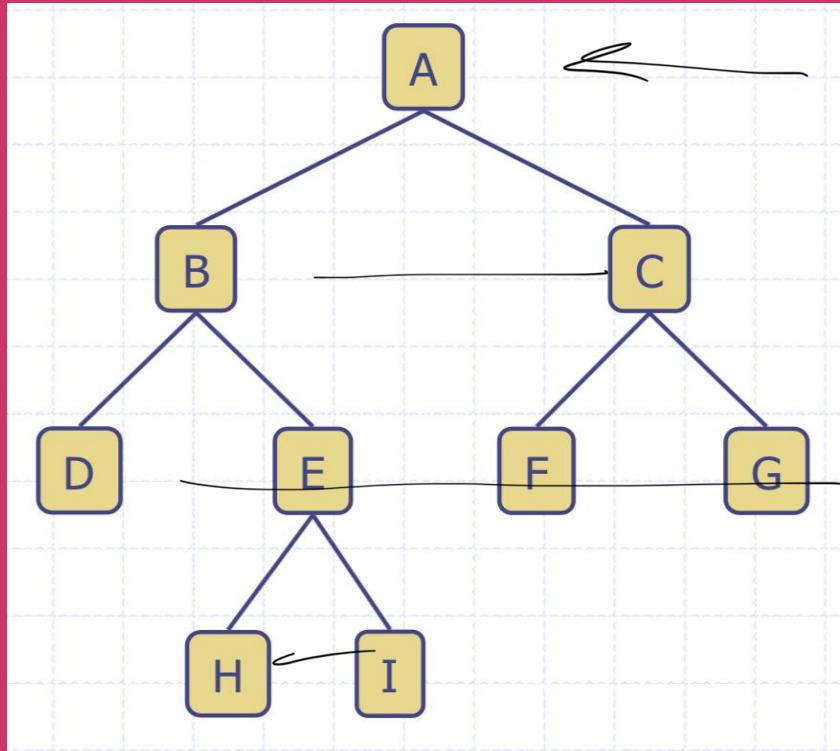


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D-B-H-E-I-A-F-C-G

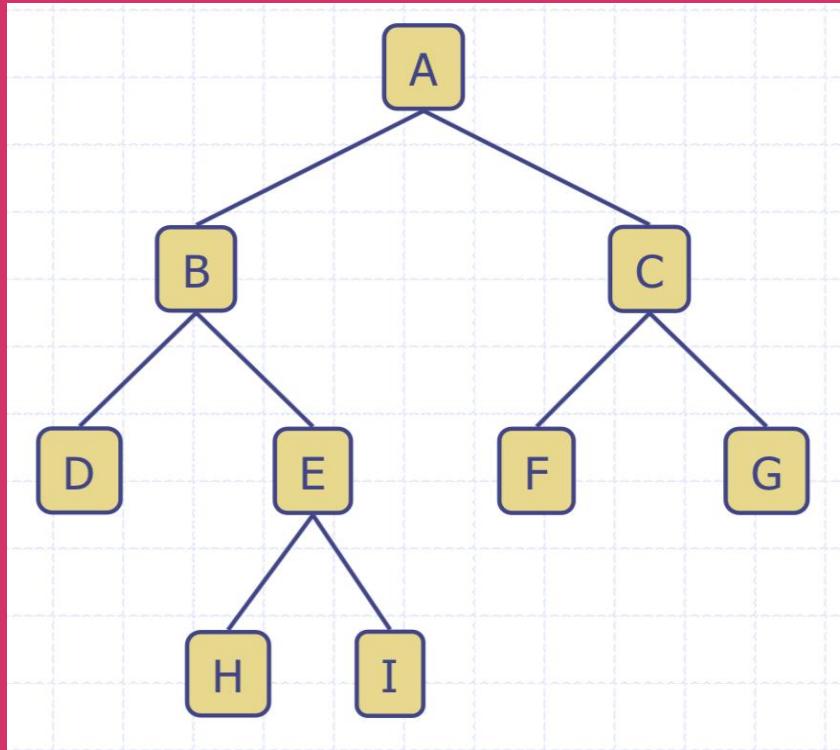
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A B C D E F G H I

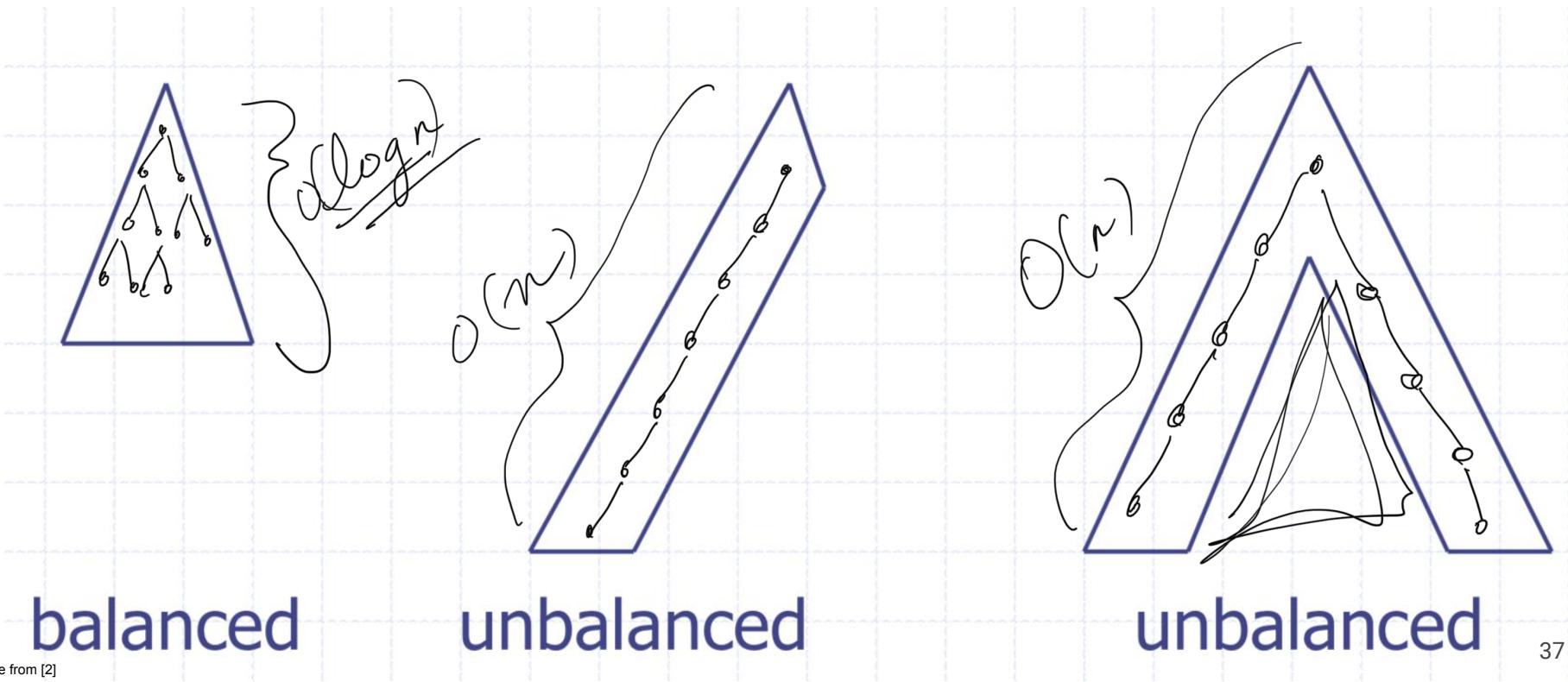
Q: A B C D E  
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A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I

# The Importance of Balance: How tall are these trees given $n$ nodes?

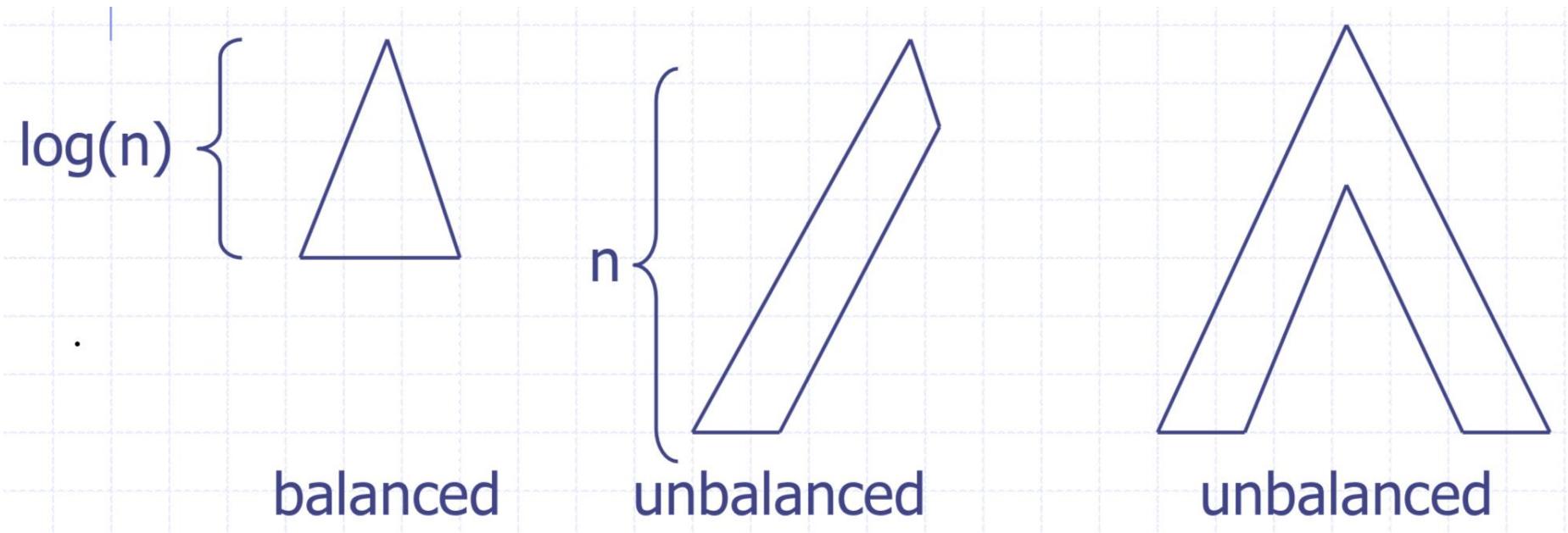


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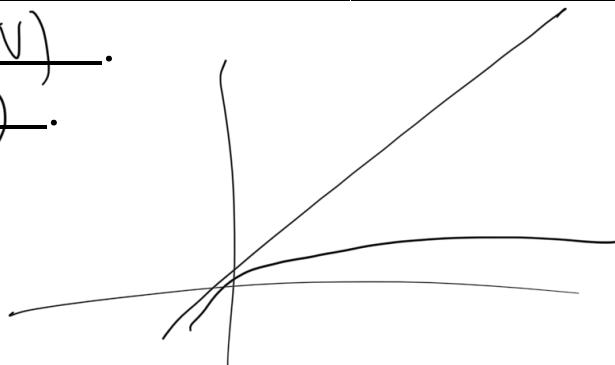
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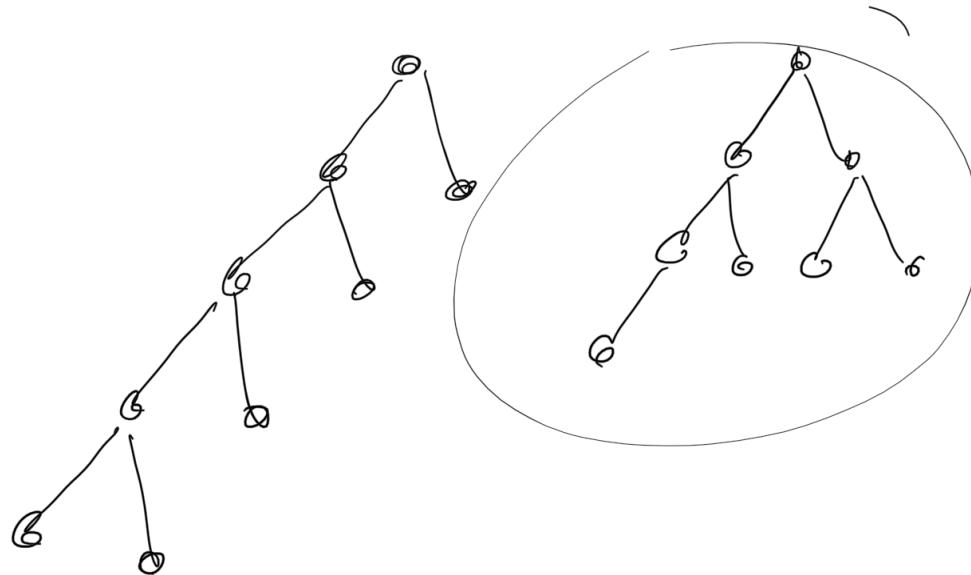
# The Importance of Balance: Why does it matter?

- The operations associated with tree data structures often depend on the height of tree (the longest path from root to node).
- If that is the case, then the runtime of such an operation will be proportional to path length, and the maximum possible time for that would be proportional to height of the tree.
- If the tree is unbalanced, that may be  $O(N)$ .
- If the tree is balanced, that is only  $O(\log N)$ .



# Which tree specification that we've discussed guarantees balance?

- A. binary
- B. full
- C. complete



# References

- [1] *Algorithms, Fourth Edition*; Robert Sedgewick and Kevin Wayne (and associated slides)
- [2] *Data Structures & Algorithms in Java*, Goodrich & Tamassia (and associated slides)