### Lecture 9: Trees

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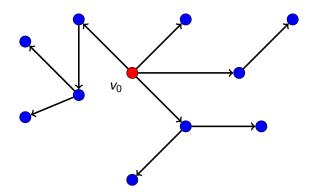
- Finite Boolean Algebra
  - Boolean algebra: a special type of lattice
  - Substitution rule for Boolean algebra
- 2 Logical Design
  - Boolean expressions
  - Circuit Design

### Overview

- Rooted Trees
  - Basic properties of rooted tree
  - Labeled tree and its representation
  - Tree searching
- 2 Undirected Trees
  - Undirected graph: as a symmetric closure
  - Basic properties of undirected tree
  - Minimal spanning tree and its algorithm

#### Rooted Tree

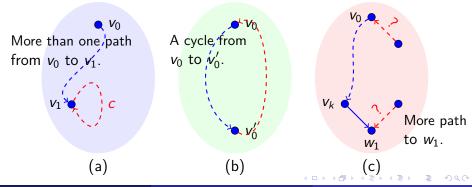
Let A be a set, and let T be a relation on A. T is a **rooted tree** if there is a vertex  $v_0$  in A with the property that there exists a unique path in T from  $v_0$  to every other vertex in A, but no path from  $v_0$  to  $v_0$ .



## Properties of Rooted Tree

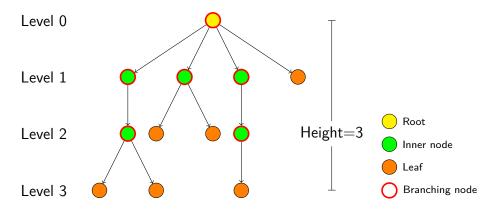
Let  $(T, v_0)$  be a rooted tree. Then

- (a) There are no cycle in T.
- (b)  $v_0$  is the only root of T.
- (c) Each vertex other than the root has in-degree one, and the root has in-degree 0



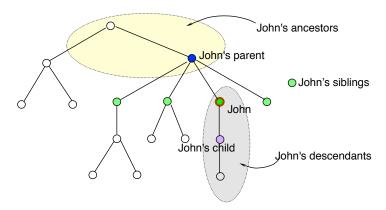
### Drawing a Rooted Tree by Levels

#### All edges downward



### Rooted Tree and Family Relations

It is easy to describe the family relations, and on the other hand, terms about family relations are used in rooted trees.



### Some Terms about Rooted Tree

Ordered tree: the ordering is assumed on vertices in each level;

*n*-tree: every vertex has at most *n* offspring;

Complete n-tree: every vertex, other than leaves, has exactly n

offspring;

Binary tree: 2-tree.

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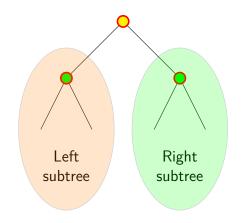
#### Proof.

- There is a path from v to any other vertex in T(v) since they are all the descendants of v;
- There cannot be more than one path from v to any other vertex w in T(v), otherwise, in  $(T, v_0)$ , there are more than one path from  $v_0$  to w, both through v;
- There cannot be any cycle in T(v), since any cycle in T(v) is also in  $(T, v_0)$

## Subtrees of Binary Tree

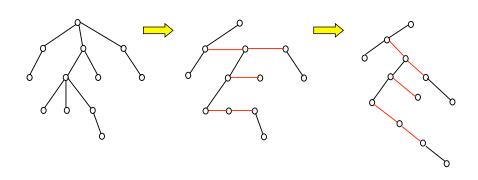
In a ordered binary tree, a subtree is a left subtree or a right subtree.

Even if a vertex has only one offspring, its subtree can be identified as left or right by its location in the digraph.



### Ordered Binary Tree

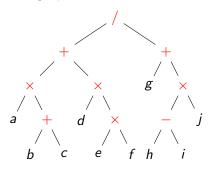
Any ordered tree can be converted into a ordered binary tree.



### Labeled Tree: an Example

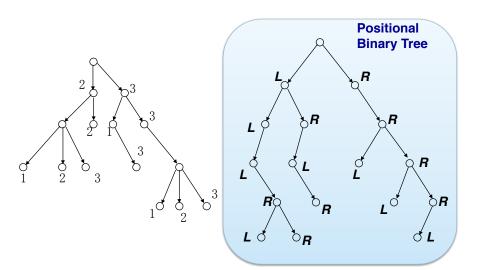
Using rooted tree to represent a arithmetic expressions:

- branching vertices corresponding operators
- leaves corresponding operands

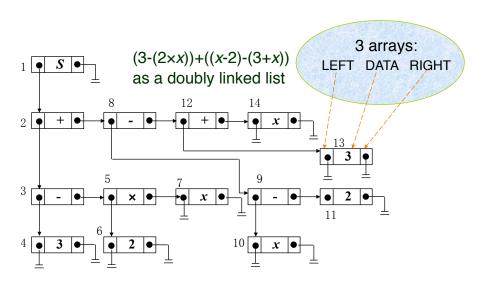


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### Positional Trees



### Computer Representation



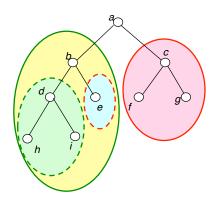
## Tree Searching

Tree recursive algorithm to search all vertices:

• Inorder: left, root, right

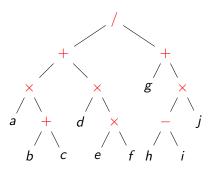
• Preorder: root, left, right

Post order: left, right, root



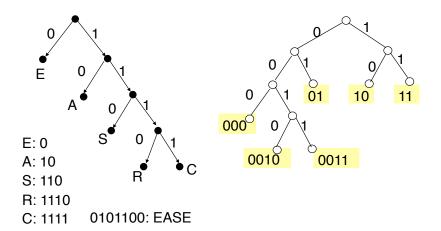
#### Reverse Polish Notation

Example: 
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Searching in postorder:  $abc + \times def \times \times + ghi - j \times + /$ It is called **reverse Polish notation**. (*No parenthesis are needed!*)

### Huffman Code Tree

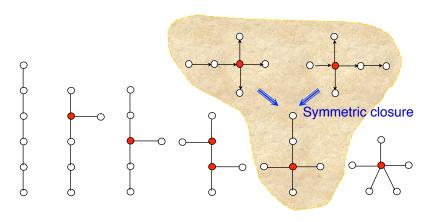


### **Undirected Tree**

- An undirected tree is the symmetric closure of a tree.
- An undirected tree is represented by its graph, which has a single line without arrows connecting vertices a and b.
- The set  $\{a, b\}$ , where (a, b) and (b, a) are in T, is called an **undirected edge**, and a and b are called adjacent vertices.

## Undirected Tree: Examples

Different undirected trees with six vertices:



## Path and Cycle in a Tree

- Let  $p: v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be path in a symmetric relation R, then p is **simple** if no two edges of p correspond to the same undirected edge.
- In above, if  $v_1$  is equal to  $v_n$ , then p is a **simple** cycle.
- A symmetric relation *R* is **acyclic** if it contains no simple cycles.
- A symmetric relation R is **connected** if there is a path in R from any vertex to any other vertex.

### Properties of an Undirected Tree

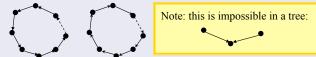
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#### Proof.

- $\Rightarrow$  Let R is the symmetric closure of some tree T.
  - Suppose that R has a simple cycle  $p: v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_1$ . Then there is a figure of edges as the following in T. However, all possible orientation of the edges results in a



- cycle in T.
- Let v is the root of T. For any vertices u and w, there must be vu-path and vw-path in T, so, there are uv-path and vw-path in R. So, there is a uv-path in R.

## Properties of an Undirected Tree (cont.)

#### Proof.

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- Suppose that R is a symmetric relation on a set A, and it is connected and acyclic
  - Let v is any vertex in A. Since R is connected, there is a path from v to any other vertices, but not to v itself.
  - Suppose that there are two paths from v to some w. There
    must be two vertices v', w', on both paths such that there
    are no common vertices on two different v'w'-path, since R
    is symmetric, one v'w'-path and the reverse of another
    v'w'-path form a cycle in R, contradiction.

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#### Proof.

We know that T is connected, so, there is at least one uv-path in T. Suppose that there are two different uv-paths P,Q in T. Without loss of generality, there exists an edge e=(x,y) satisfying  $e\in P$ , and x is nearer to u on P than y, but  $e\not\in Q$ . Let  $T^*=T-\{e\}$ , then  $T^*$  contains Q. Note that xu-segment on P+Q+vy-segment on P is an xy-path in  $T^*$ . However, this path plus e is a cycle in T. Contradiction.

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We have know that for any vertices v, w, there is a unique vw-path. Let e = (x, y), then e is the unique path between x and y. So, there is no xy-path in  $T - \{e\}$ , which means that  $T - \{e\}$  is no longer connected.

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In fact, we can prove that there is only one cycle in  $T + \{(u, v)\}$ .

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#### Proof.

- There are at least n-1 edges to connect n vertices.
- Suppose that there are more than n-1 edges. So, the sum of in-degree of all vertices must be more than n-1. However, the in-degree of the root is zero, and in-degree of any of the other n-1 vertices is 1, which mean the sum is n-1. Contradiction.

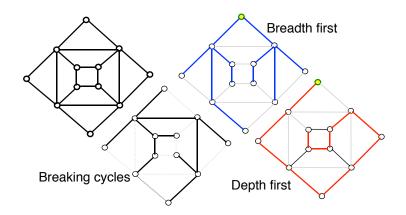


## Spanning Tree

- If R is a symmetric, connected relation on A, a tree T on A is a spanning tree of R if T is a tree with exactly the same vertices as R.
- An undirected spanning tree is the symmetric closure of a spanning tree.
- Note that an undirected spanning tree can always obtained by remove some edges from a symmetric, connected relation *R*.

### Spanning Tree: Examples

Different spanning tree are obtained from a symmetric, connected relation:



### Generic Algorithm for MST Problem

Input: G: a connected, undirected graph w: a function from  $E_G$  to the set of real number

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Generic-MST(G,w)

1 A \leftarrow 0

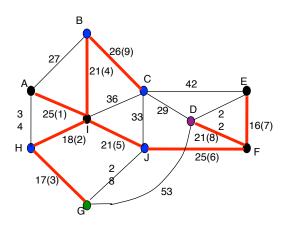
2 while A does not form a spanning tree

3 do find an edge (u,v) that is safe for A

4 A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u,v)\}

5 return A
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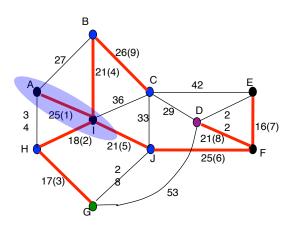
Output: a minimal spanning tree of G



Step 1: 
$$V = \{A\}, E = \{\}$$

Step 2: Select the nearest neighbour of V, u, add the edge connecting u and some vertex in V into E

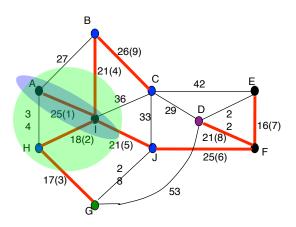
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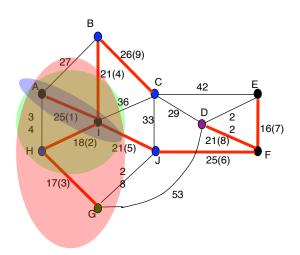
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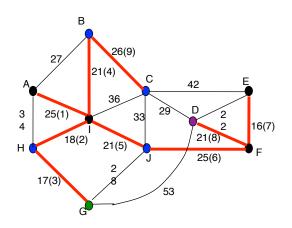
## Correctness of Prim's Algorithm

Let T be the output of Prim's algorithm, and T contains edge  $t_1t_2\cdots t_{n-1}$ , as the order they are selected.  $T_i=\{t_1,t_2,\cdots,t_i\}$  for  $1\leq i\leq n-1$ , and  $T_0=\emptyset$ . It can be proved that each  $T_i$  is contained in a MST:

- Assume that  $T_k$  is contained in a MST T', then  $\{t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_i\} \subseteq T'$ .
- If  $t_{k+1} \not\in T'$  then  $T' \cup \{t_{k+1}\}$  contains a cycle, which cannot wholly be in  $T_k$ . (let the circle be  $s_1s_2\cdots s_rt_{k+1}$ .)

  Let  $s_l$  be the edge with smallest index l that is not in  $T_k$ . Exactly one of the vertices of  $s_l$  must be in  $T_k$ , which means that when  $t_{k+1}$  was chosen,  $s_l$  available as well. So,  $t_{k+1}$  has no larger weight than  $s_l$ . So,  $(T' \{s_l\}) \cup \{t_{k+1}\}$  is a MST containing  $T_{k+1}$ .

## Kruskal's Algorithm for MST



Step 1: 
$$E = \{\}$$

Step 2: Select the edge with the least weight, and not making a cycle with members of E

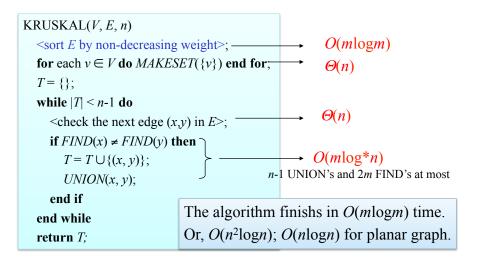
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### Proof of Kruskal Algorithm

Obviously, T is an undirected tree.

Suppose that T is not minimal. According to the ordering of adding edges in T, T contains edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k-1}, e_k, \dots, e_{n-1}$ . Let T' is a minimal spanning tree which has most consecutive common edges from the beginning with T. And let  $e_{k}$  is the first edge not in T'. So.  $T' + e_k$  contains a cycle, let  $e_{k'}$  is on the cycle, but not in T, then  $T^* = T' - \{e_{k'}\} \cup e_k$  is also a spanning tree, and we have  $w(T^*) = w(T') - w(e_{k'}) + w(e_k)$ . According to the criteria to select the edges,  $w(e_{k'}) > w(e_k)$ ,  $w(T^*) < w(T')$ , which means that  $T^*$ is also a minimal spanning tree, and with more common consecutive edges with T. Contradiction.

## Kruskal Algorithm – Implementation



## Home Assignments

#### To be checked

Ex.7.1: 18-22, 24,29, 32-34

Ex.7.2: 7, 13,18, 25-27

Ex.7.3: 10, 15, 19-22, 25, 33, 37-38

Ex.7.4: 16-17, 19, 21, 26

Ex.7.5: 6, 9, 11, 14, 18, 23

# The End