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# CSC3100 Data Structures

## Lecture 13: Tree, binary tree

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# Outline

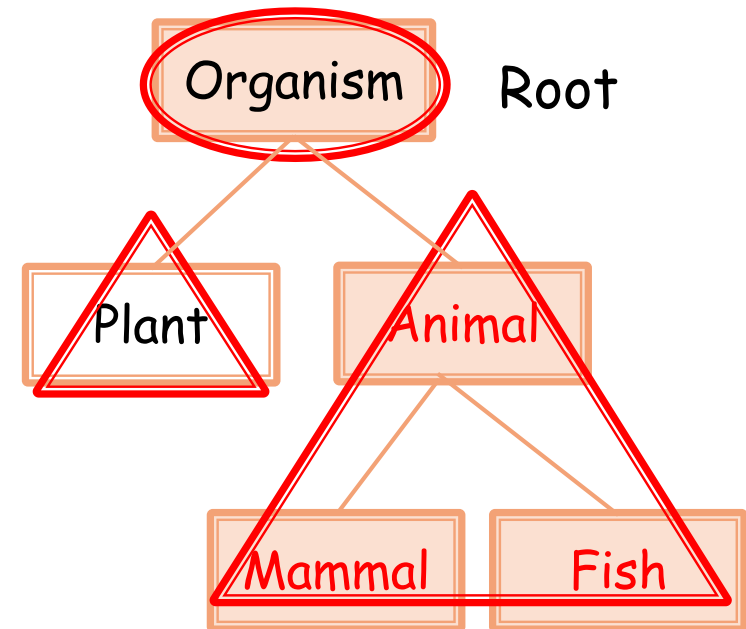
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- ▶ In this lecture, we will learn
  - Basic concept of trees
  - Binary tree ADT
  - Traversal of binary trees
  - Reconstruction of binary trees



# Tree definition

- ▶ A tree is a finite set of one or more nodes such that
  - Each node stores an element
  - There is a specially node called the *root*
  - The remaining nodes are partitioned into  $n \geq 0$  disjoint sets  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  where each of these sets is a tree
  - We call  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  the *subtrees* of the root
- A tree with  $N$  nodes has one root, and  $N-1$  edges
- Every node in the tree is the root of some subtree (*recursive definition*)





# Definitions

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## ▶ Parent

- Node  $A$  is the parent of node  $B$  if  $B$  is the root of the left or right sub-tree of  $A$

## ▶ Left (Right) Child

- Node  $B$  is the left (right) child of node  $A$  if  $A$  is the parent of  $B$

## ▶ Sibling

- Node  $B$  and node  $C$  are siblings if they have the same parent

## ▶ Leaf

- A node is called a leaf if it has no children



# Definitions

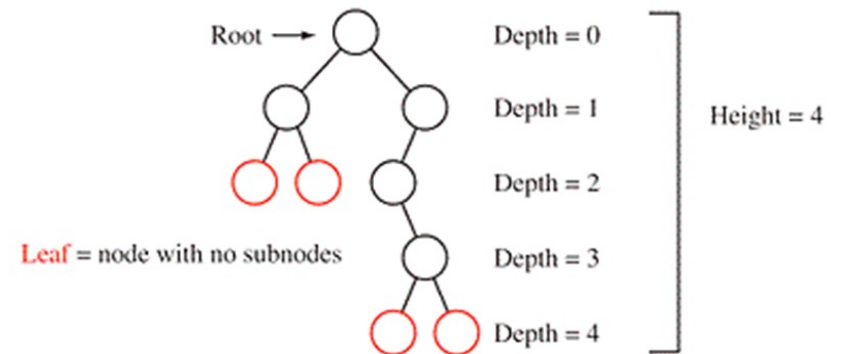
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- ▶ A path from node  $n_1$  to  $n_k$ 
  - A sequence of nodes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  such that  $n_i$  is the parent of  $n_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i < k$
- ▶ Length of a path
  - The length of this path is the number of edges on the path, namely  $k-1$
  - Notice that in a tree, there is exactly one path from the root to each node



# Definitions

- ▶ Depth of a node  $n_i$ 
  - is the length of the unique path from the root to  $n_i$
  - The root is at depth 0
- ▶ Height of a node  $n_i$ 
  - is the length of the longest path from  $n_i$  to a leaf
  - All leaves are at height 0

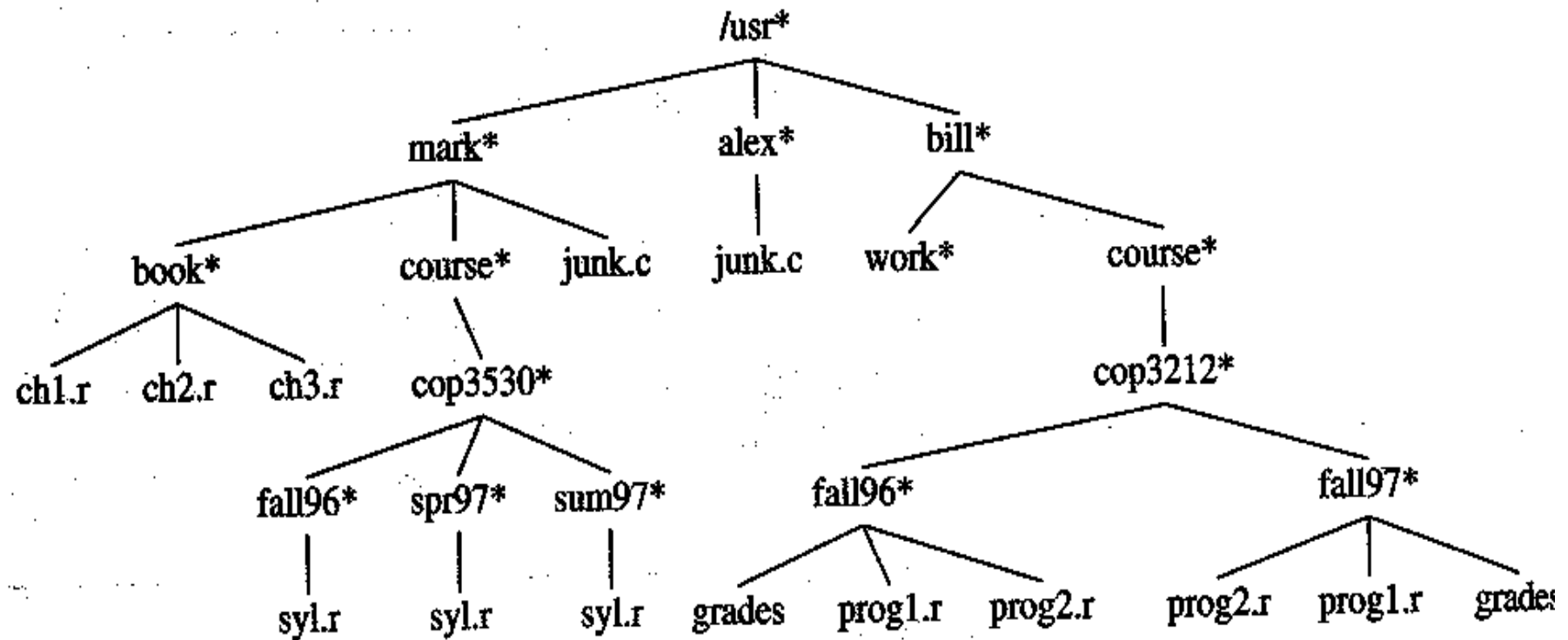


Note 1: The height of a tree is equal to the height of the root

Note 2: The depth of a tree = the depth of the deepest leaf



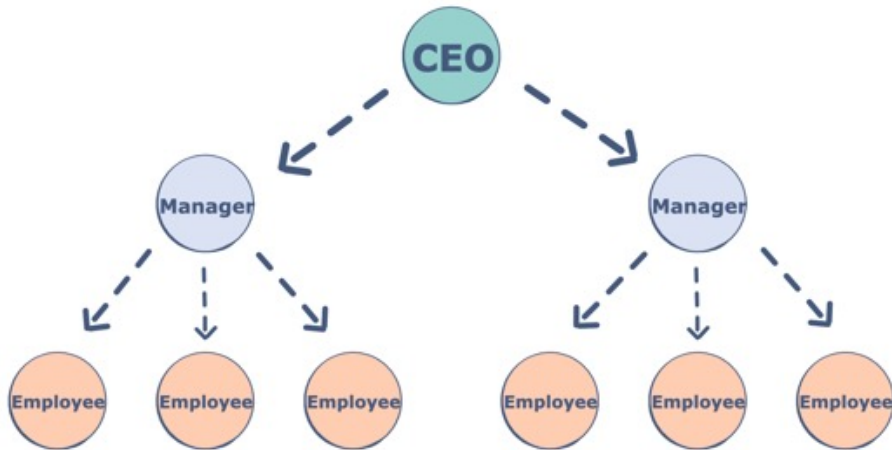
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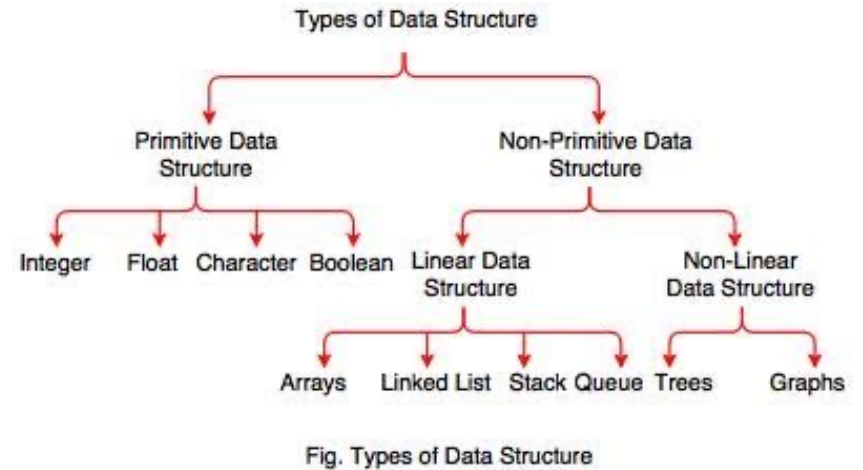


# More applications

## ► HR system



## ► Java data types



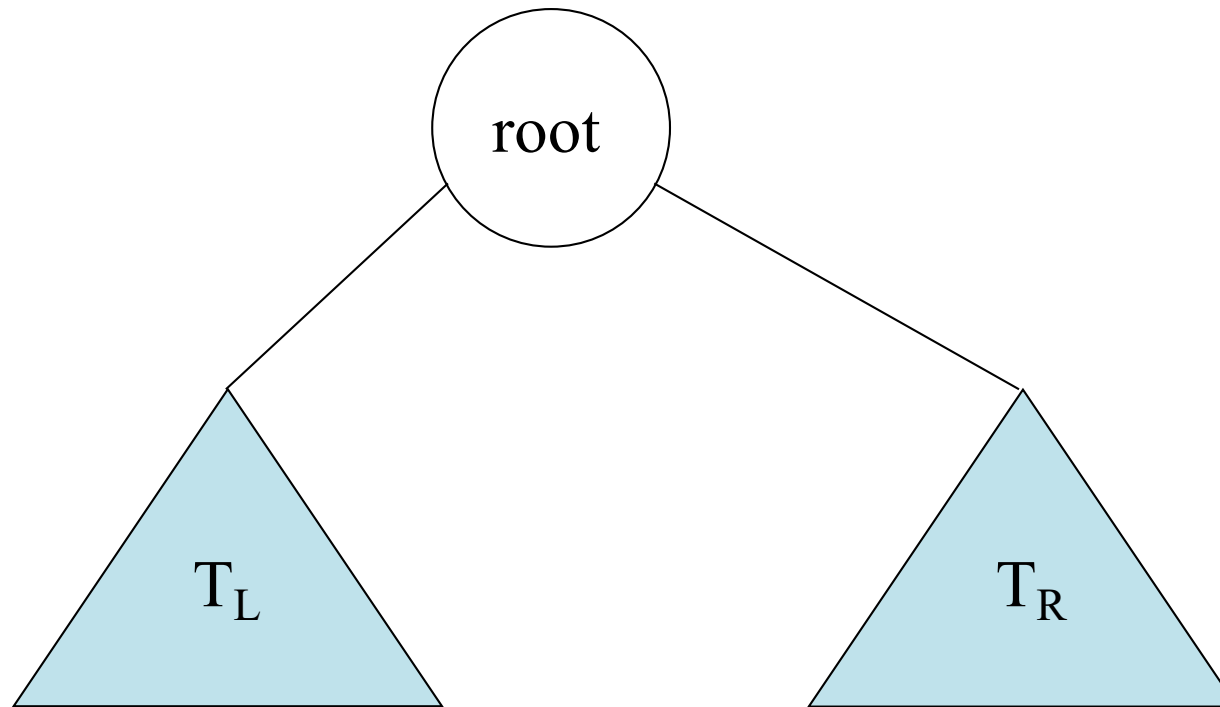




# Binary tree

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- ▶ A binary tree is a tree, in which
  - no node can have more than two children (subtrees):  $T_L$  and  $T_R$ , both of which could possibly be empty





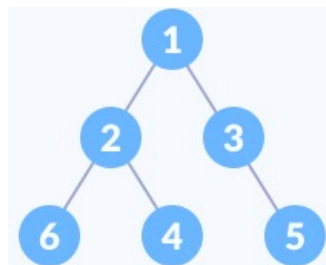
# Binary tree

## ► Full binary tree

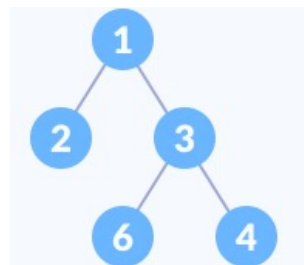
- A binary tree where all the nodes have either **two or no** children

## ► Complete binary tree

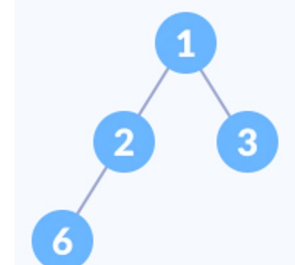
- A binary tree where **all the levels are completely filled** except possibly the lowest one, which is filled from **the left**



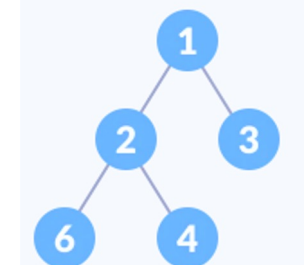
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# Binary tree ADT

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## ► Operations:

- **Create(bintree)**: creates an empty binary tree
- **Boolean IsEmpty(bintree)**: if **bintree** is empty return TRUE else FALSE
- **MakeBT(bintree1,element,bintree2)**: return a binary tree whose left subtree is **bintree1** and right subtree is **bintree2**, and whose root node contains the data **element**
- **Lchild(bintree)**: if **bintree** is empty return error else return the left subtree of **bintree**
- **Rchild(bintree)**: if **bintree** is empty return error else return the right subtree of **bintree**
- **Data(bintree)**: if **bintree** is empty return error else return the **element** data stored in the root node of **bintree**



# Binary tree design

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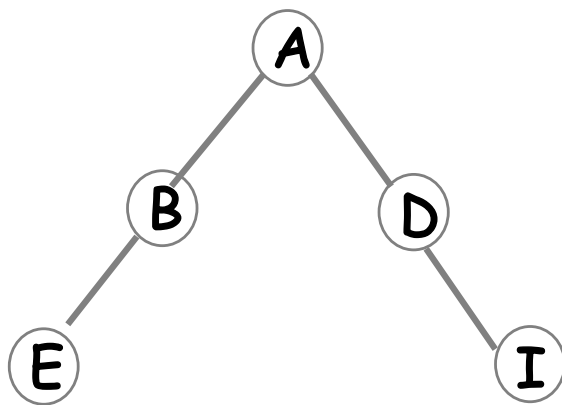
- ▶ Two solutions
  - Using pointers
    - More intuitive solution
    - We will see the pseudo-codes
  - Using array
    - Need more complicated design, and cannot efficiently handle all operations (thus will omit its implementations for each operation)
    - Will be used for heap, a special type of complete binary tree



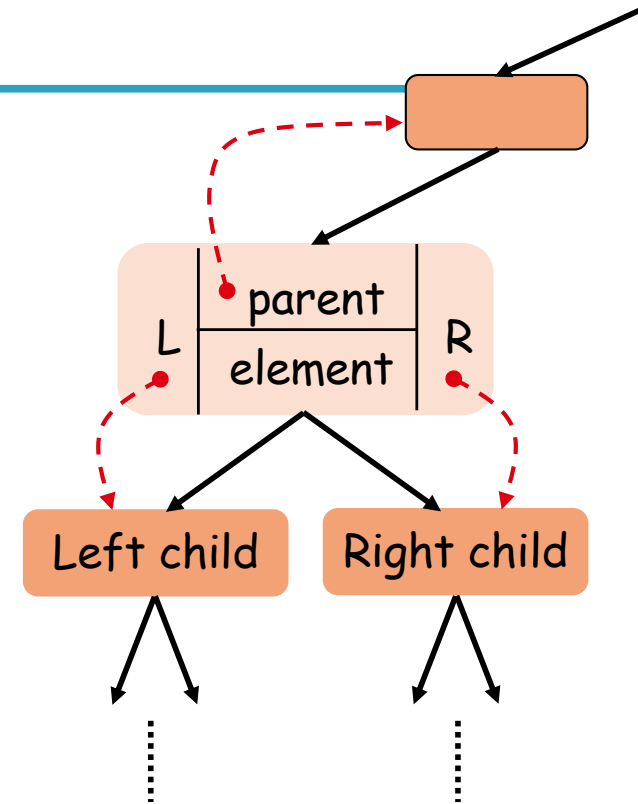
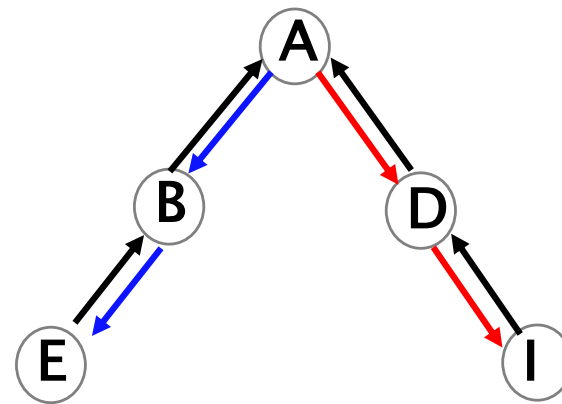
# Binary tree design

## ► Using pointers

- For each node **node**, we maintain
  - node.parent**: store the address its parent,
  - node.leftchild**: store the address of its left child,
  - node.rightchild**: store the address of its right child
  - node.element**: store the values



→ parent  
→ leftchild  
→ rightchild  
(Omitted links points to NULL)





# Binary tree: pointer implementation

- ▶ Create(bintree)

Algorithm: *create(bintree)*

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1 bintree = NULL
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- ▶ isEmpty(bintree)

Algorithm: *isEmpty(bintree)*

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1 return bintree == NULL
```

- ▶ MakeBT(bintree1, element, bintree2)

Algorithm: *MakeBT(bintree1, element, bintree2)*

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1 rootNode <- allocate new memory
2 rootNode.element = element
3 rootNode.parent = NULL
4 rootNode.leftchild = bintree1
5 rootNode.rightchild = bintree2
6 if bintree1 != NULL
7     bintree1.parent = rootNode
8 if bintree2 != NULL
9     bintree2.parent = rootNode
10 return rootNode
```



# Binary tree: pointer implementation

## ▶ Lchild(bintree)

Algorithm: *Lchild(bintree)*

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1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.leftchild
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## ▶ Rchild(bintree)

Algorithm: *Rchild(bintree)*

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1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.rightchild
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## ▶ Data(bintree)

Algorithm: *Data(bintree)*

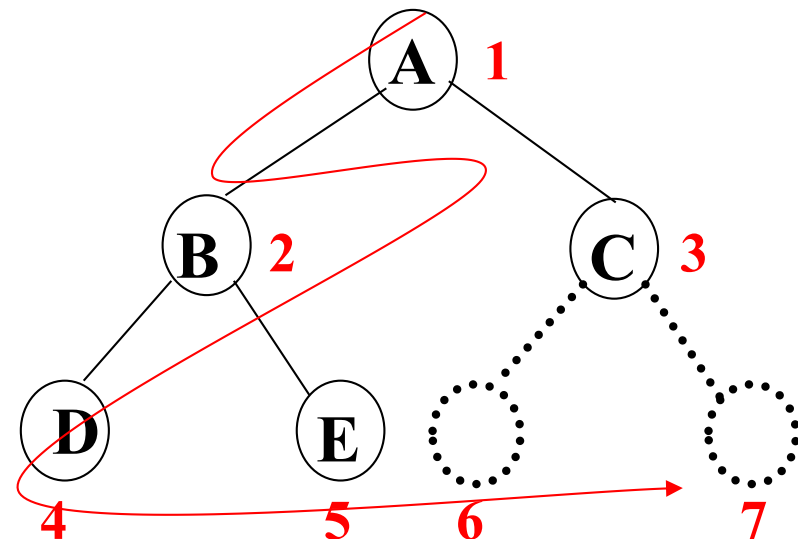
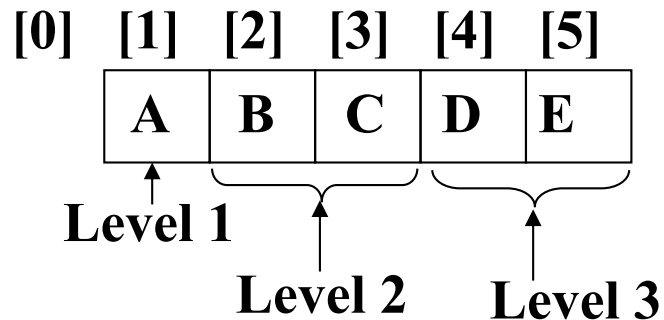
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1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.element
```



# Binary tree design (ii)

## ► An array representation

- Given a complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes, for any  $i$ -th node,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,
  - parent( $i$ ) is  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$
  - leftChild( $i$ ) is at  $2i$  if  $2i \leq n$ . Otherwise,  $i$  has no left child
  - rightChild( $i$ ) is at  $2i + 1$  if  $2i + 1 \leq n$ ; otherwise,  $i$  has no right child



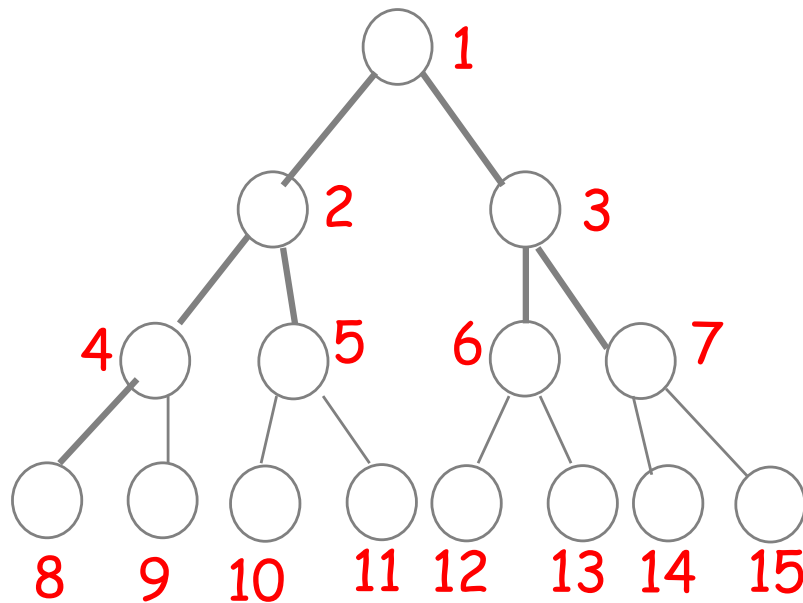




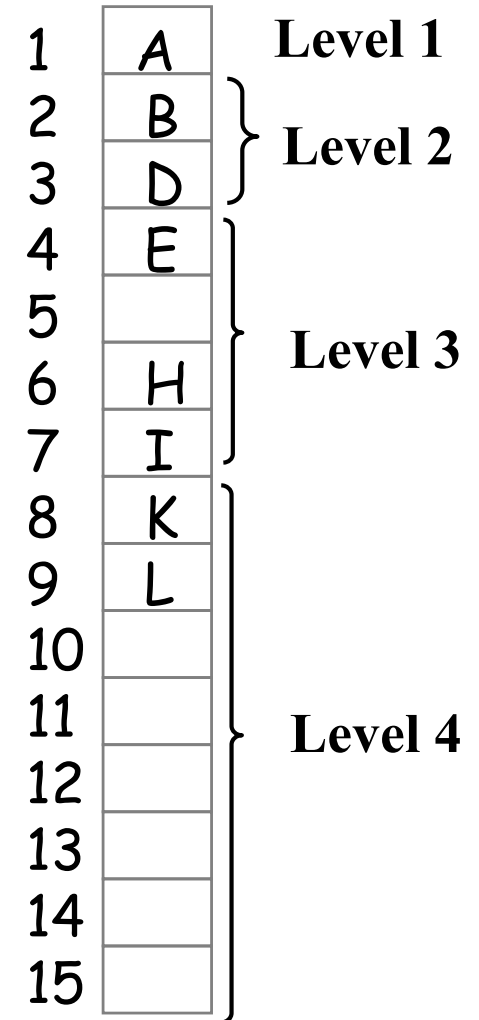
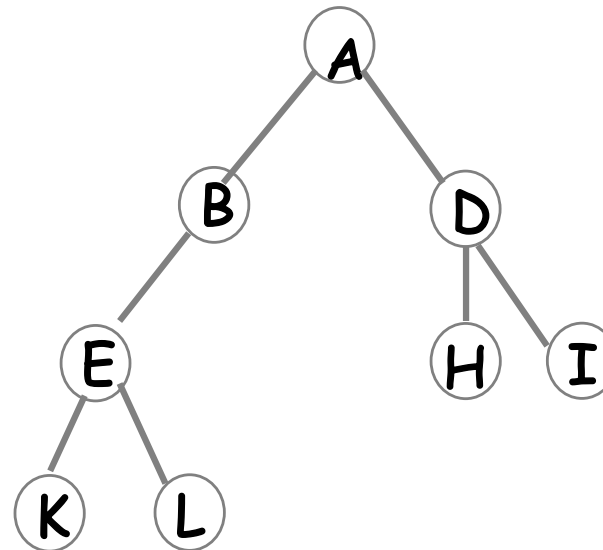
# Binary tree design (ii)

## ► An array representation

- Generalize to all binary trees
- Efficient for complete binary trees
- But inefficient for skewed binary trees
- Inefficient to implement the ADT



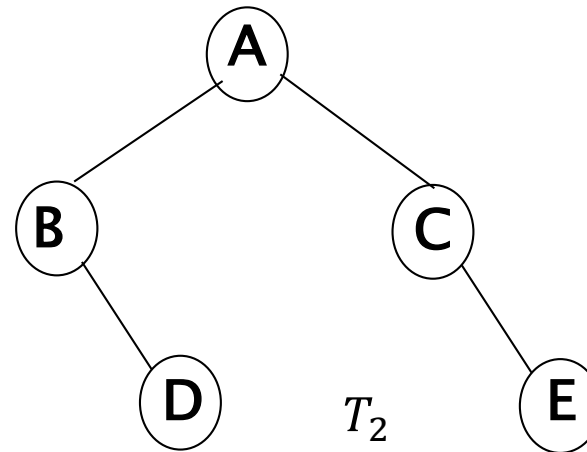
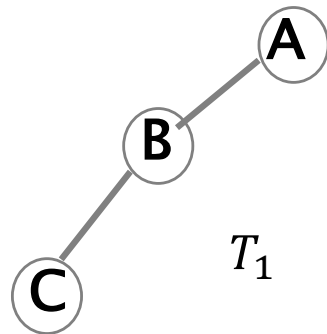
full binary tree





# Practice

- ▶ What are the array representation of the following binary trees?
  - Show the content in the array
  - Hint: first obtain the ID for each node



*arr*

[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]



# Traversing strategy

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- ▶ Preorder (depth-first)
  - Visit the node
  - Traverse the left subtree in preorder
  - Traverse the right subtree in preorder
  
- ▶ Inorder
  - Traverse the left subtree in inorder
  - Visit the node
  - Traverse the right subtree in inorder
  
- ▶ Postorder
  - Traverse the left subtree in postorder
  - Traverse the right subtree in postorder
  - Visit the node



# Traversing binary tree

When the binary tree is empty, it is "traversed" by doing nothing, otherwise:

## preorder traversal

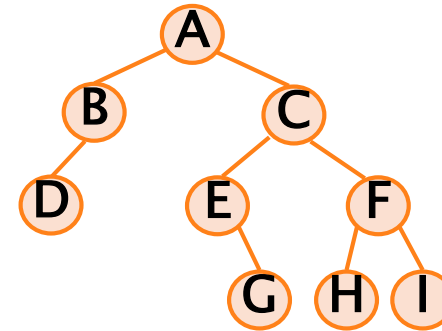
Visit the root

Traverse the left subtree

Traverse the right subtree

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

Example:



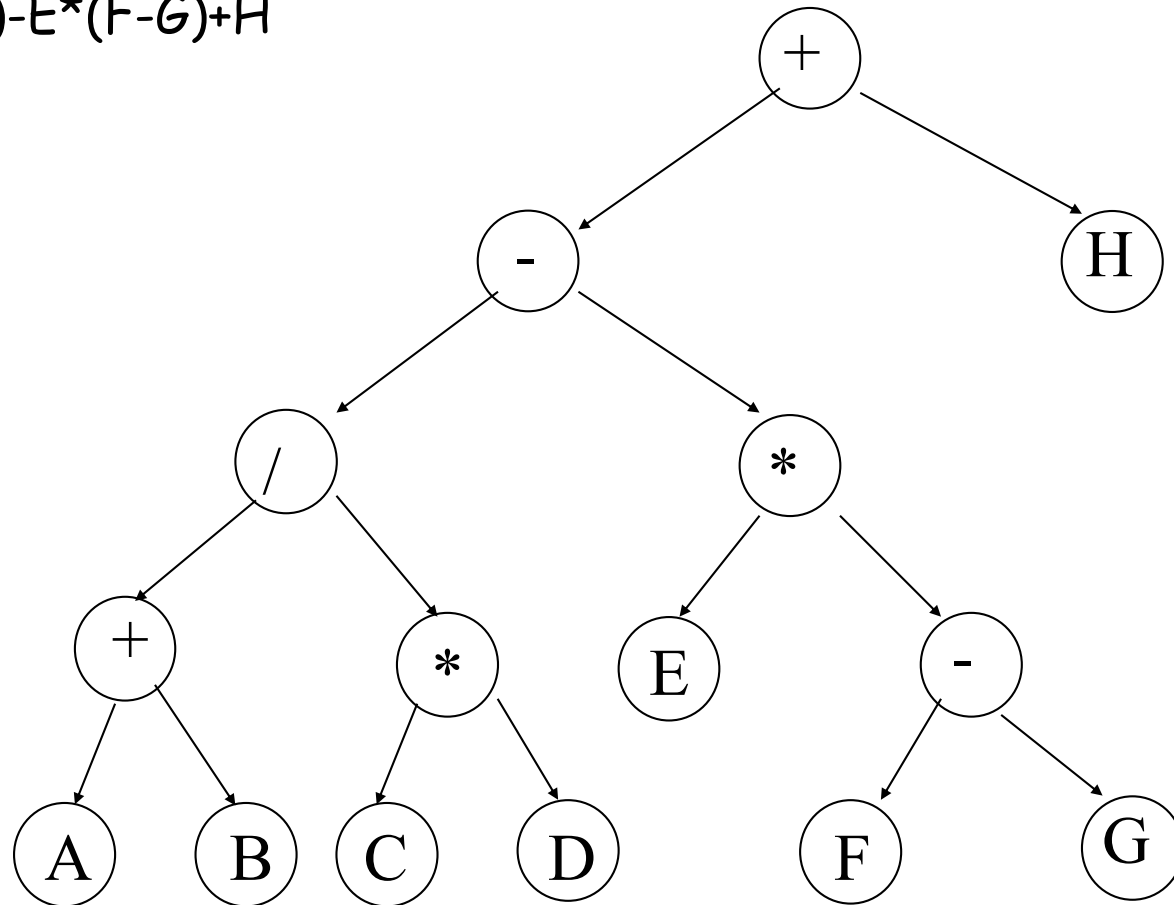
Result:

= A (A's left) (A's right)  
= A B (B's left) (B's right = NULL) (A's right)  
= A B (B's left) (A's right)  
= A B D (D's left=NULL) (D's right = NULL) (A's right)  
= A B D (A's right)  
= A B D C (C's left) (C's right)  
= A B D C E (E's left=NULL) (E's right) (C's right)  
= A B D C E (E's right) (C's right)  
= A B D C E G (G's left=NULL) (G's right = NULL) (C's right)  
= A B D C E G (C's right)  
= A B D C E G F (F's left) (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H (H's left=NULL) (H's right = NULL) (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H I (I's left=NULL) (I's right = NULL)  
= A B D C E G F H I



# Example

$$(A+B)/(C*D)-E*(F-G)+H$$





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Preorder:

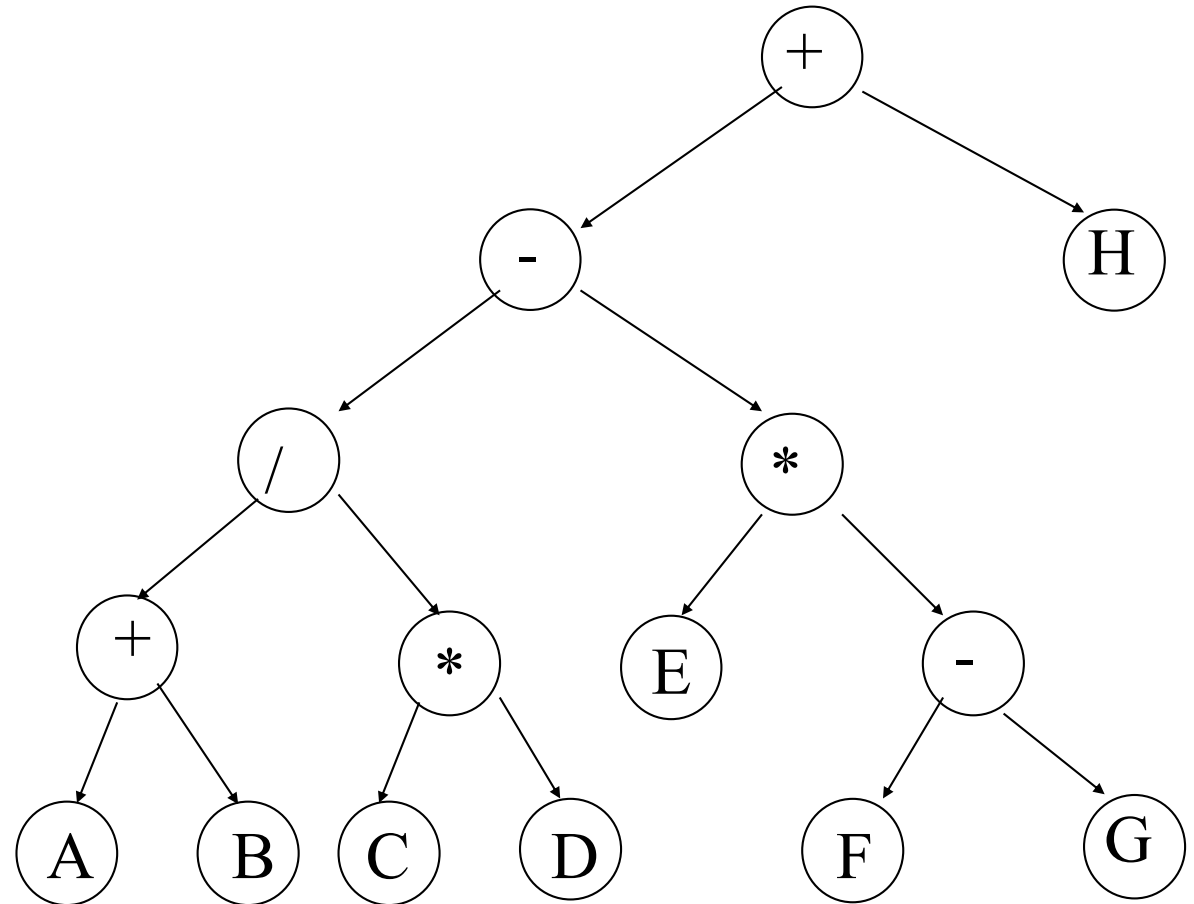
$+ - / + A B * C D * E - F G H$

Inorder :

$A + B / C * D - E * F - G + H$

Postorder:

$A B + C D * / E F G - * - H +$



Given an expression, what is the relationship between its postfix and postorder?

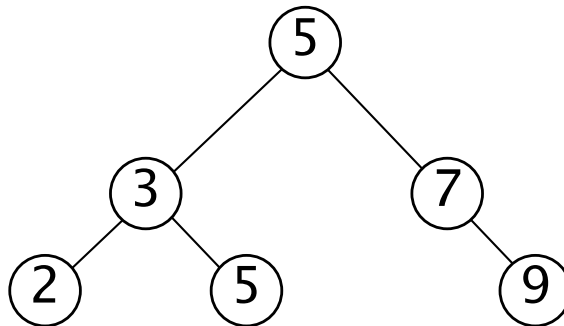


# Implementation

## INORDER-TREE-WALK(x)

1. if  $x \neq \text{NIL}$
2.   then INORDER-TREE-WALK ( left [x] )
3.       print key [x]
4.       INORDER-TREE-WALK ( right [x] )

E.g.:



Output: 2 3 5 5 7 9

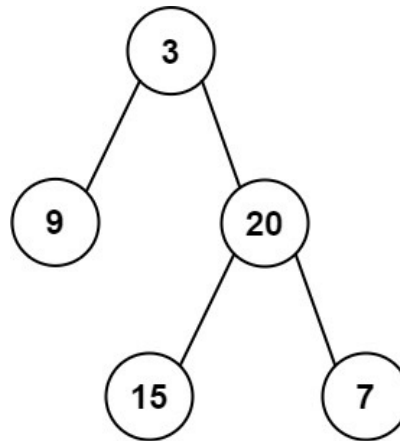
- ▶ Running time:
  - $\Theta(n)$ , where  $n$  is the size of the tree rooted at  $x$



# Exercise

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- ▶ Given a binary tree, show its preorder, inorder, and postorder



- preorder=[3, 9, 20, 15, 7]
- inorder=[9, 3, 15, 20, 7]
- postorder=[9, 15, 7, 20, 3]





# Binary tree reconstruction

Reconstruction of  
Binary Tree from  
its preorder and  
Inorder sequences

Example: Given the following sequences, find  
the corresponding binary tree:

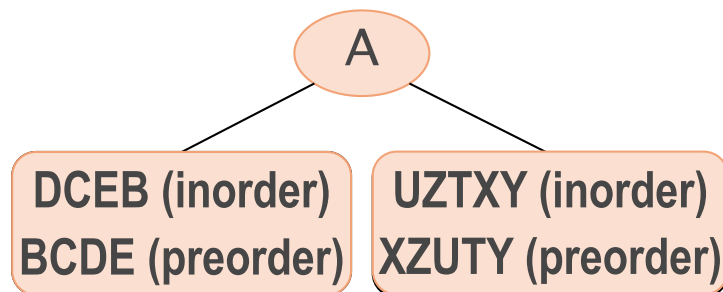
inorder : DCEBAUZXTY

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

Looking at the whole tree:

- ▶ "preorder : ABCDEXZUTY"  
==> A is the root
- ▶ Then, "inorder : DCEBAUZXTY"

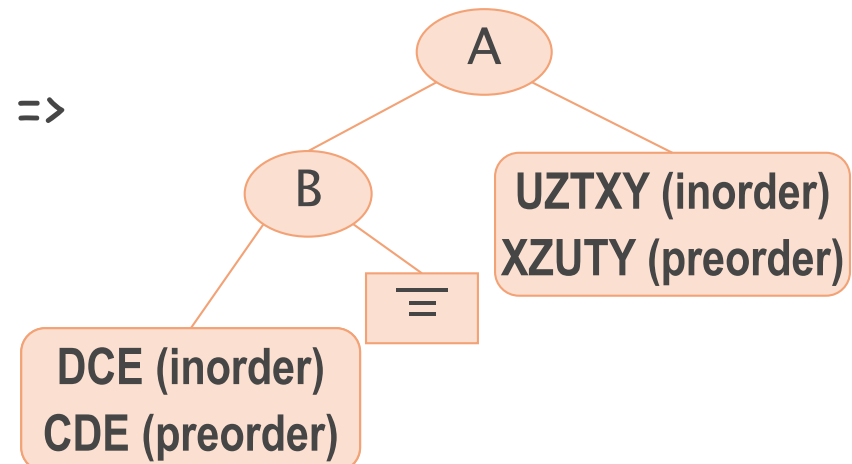
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Looking at the left subtree of A:

- "preorder : BCDE"  
==> B is the root
- Then, "inorder: DCEB"

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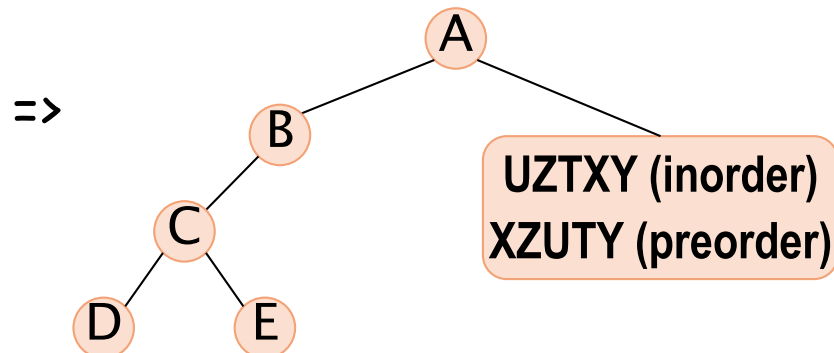
Example: Given the following sequences, find  
the corresponding binary tree:

inorder : DCEBAUZTX~~Y~~

preorder : ABCDEXZUT~~Y~~

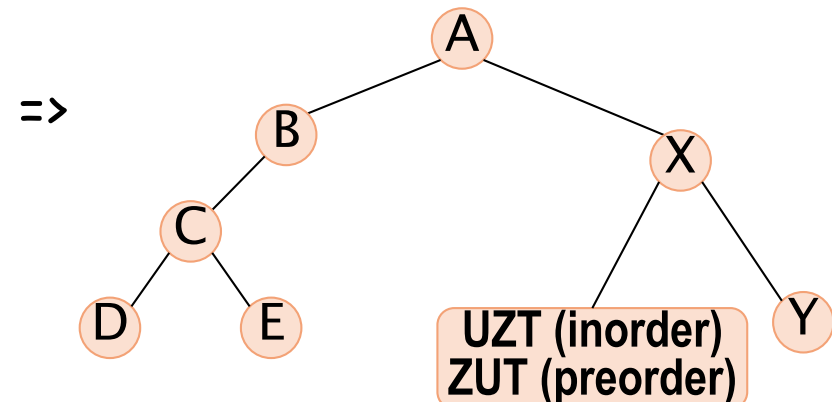
Looking at the left subtree of B:

- "preorder : CDE"  
==> C is the root
- Then, "inorder: DCE"



Looking at the right subtree of A:

- "preorder : XZUT~~Y~~"  
==> X is the root
- Then, "inorder: UZTX~~Y~~"





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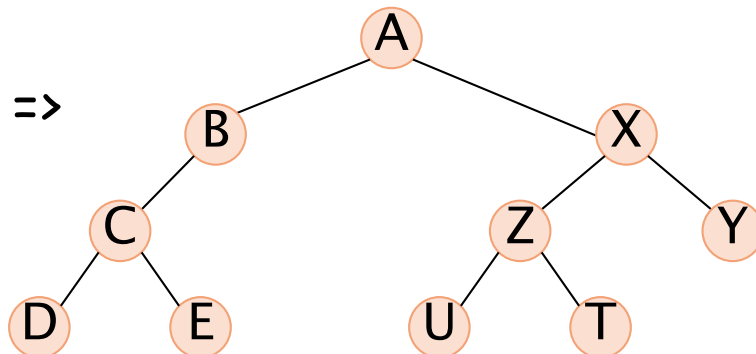
Example: Given the following sequences, find  
the corresponding binary tree:

inorder : DCEBAUZTX~~Y~~

preorder : ABCDEXZUT~~Y~~

Looking at the left subtree of X:

- "preorder : ZUT"  
==> Z is the root
- Then, "inorder: UZT"





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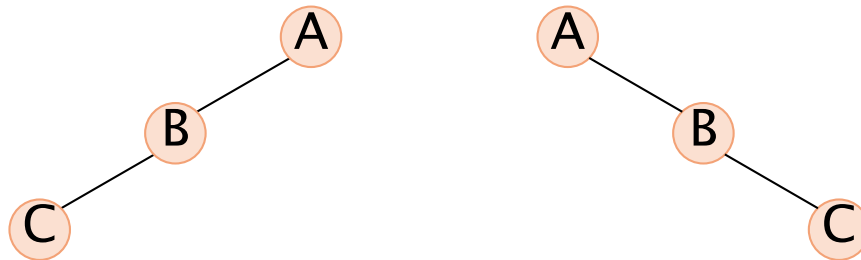
**But:** A binary tree may not be uniquely defined by its preorder and postorder sequences.

**Example:**

**Preorder sequence: ABC**

**Postorder sequence: CBA**

We can construct 2 different binary trees:

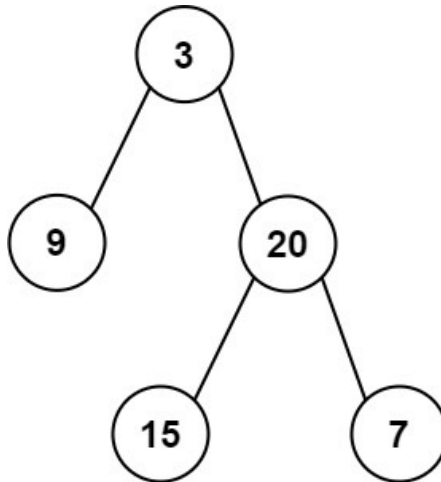




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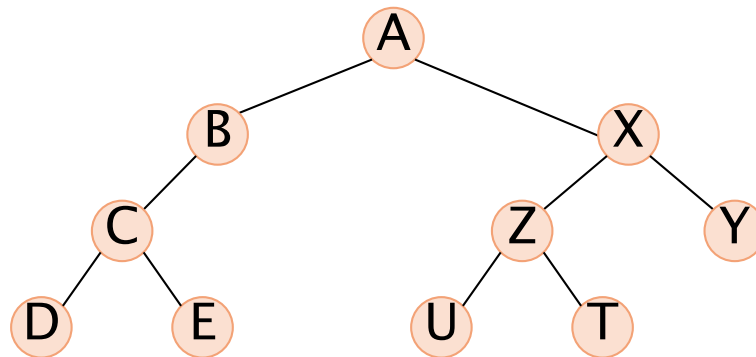
- ▶ Construct a binary tree such that
  - preorder=[3,9,20,15,7]
  - inorder=[9,3,15,20,7]





# Exercise

- ▶ Construct a binary tree such that
  - preorder=[A, B, C, D, E, X, Z, U, T, Y]
  - postorder=[D, E, C, B, U, T, Z, Y, X, A]





# Recommended reading

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- ▶ Reading this week
  - Chapter 12, textbook
- ▶ Next lecture
  - Binary search trees: chapter 12