# Why did the programmer quit their job?

A never got arrays!

CMPT 225

Lecture 12 – Introduction to Trees

# Learning Outcomes

- At the end of the next few lectures, a student will be able to:
  - Define the following data collections:
    - Binary search tree
    - Balanced binary search tree (AVL)
    - Binary heap

as well as demonstrate and hand-trace their operations

- Implement the operations of binary search tree and binary heap
- Implement and analyze sorting algorithms: tree sort and heap sort
- Write recursive solutions to non-trivial problems, such as binary search tree traversals

#### Last Lecture

- We saw how to ...
  - Describe how quick sort works
  - Analyze the time efficiency of quick sort
  - Improve quick sort's time efficiency
  - Analyze its space efficiency
  - Improve quick sort's space efficiency
  - Describe how merge sort works
  - Analyze the time efficiency of merge sort
  - Analyze its space efficiency

## Today's menu

- Let's introduce another way of organizing our data
  - Another category of data organization
    - ► Hierarchical -> tree
- Defining some tree-related terms and concepts

## Way back in lecture 3, we introduced ...

#### Categories of data organizations

#### **■** Linear

 Data organization in which each element has a unique predecessor (except for the first element, which has none) and a unique successor (except for the last element, which has none)

#### ■ Non-Linear

 Data organization in which there is no first element, no last element and for each element, there is no concept of a predecessor and a successor

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Categories of data organizations – cont'd

#### **■** Hierarchical

Data organization in which each element has only one predecessor -> its parent (except for the first element, which has none) and up to many successors (except for the last element(s), which has none)

#### Graph

Data organization in which each element can have many predecessors and many successors

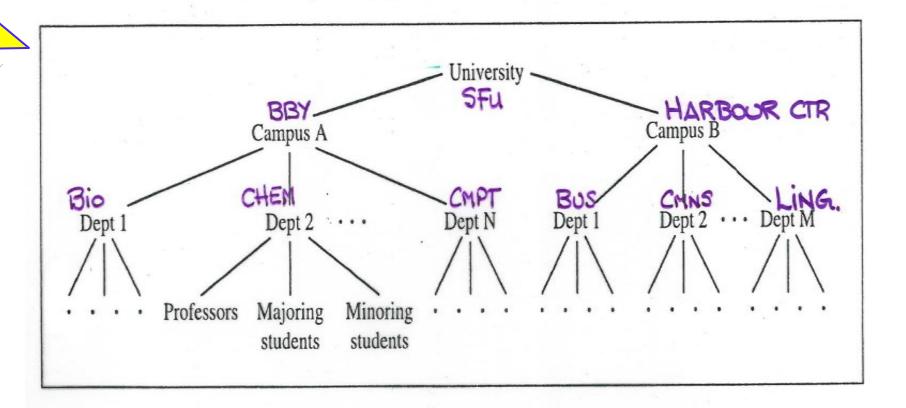
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#### in the real world!

# Example of data represented as hierarchical data organizations -> tree

Textbook:
We use Trees
to represent
relationships.

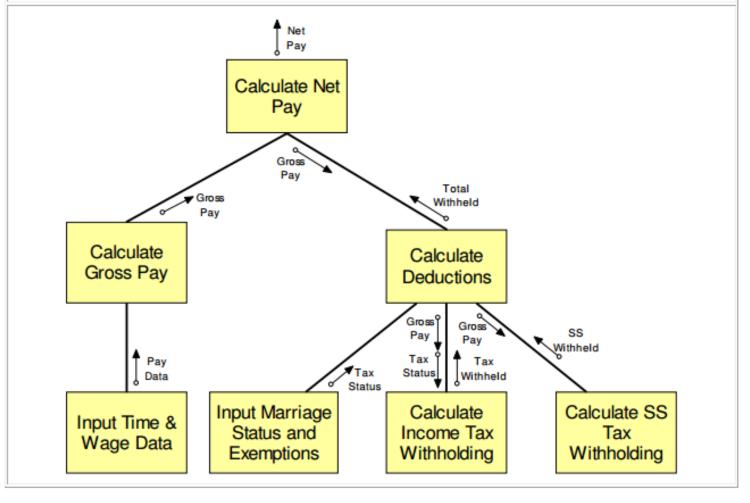
FIGURE 6.2 Hierarchical structure of a university shown as a tree.



#### in the software world!

#### Example

This structure chart shows the hierarchical relationship between the methods within a computer program. Here the line symbol represents a method call and the data arrows represent arguments and return values. For instance, it shows that the program has a method to *Calculate Deductions* that receives the *Gross Pay* as an argument and returns the *Total Withheld*.



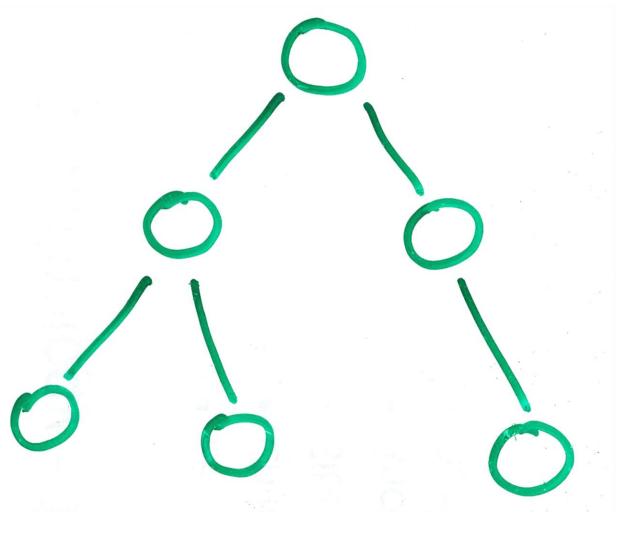
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# What is a (rooted) Tree?

- Definition:
  - A set of zero or more nodes partitioned into a root node and subtrees (of the root)
  - Root node is the access point into tree
  - Subtree is a node together with its descendants
  - A tree must be connected and have no cycle (acyclical)
- NOTE: node != object of class Node (with which we use to build linked lists)

# Tree terminology

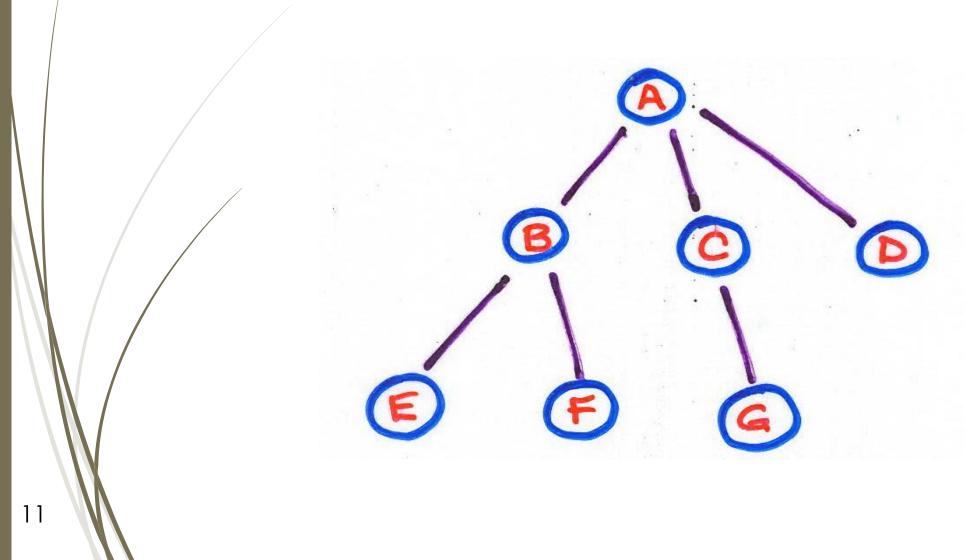
- Root
- Node (vertex)
- Edge
- Leaf
- Parent
- Child
- Sibling
- Ancestor
- Descendant
- Adjacent nodes
- Subtree



# Definition of tree terminology

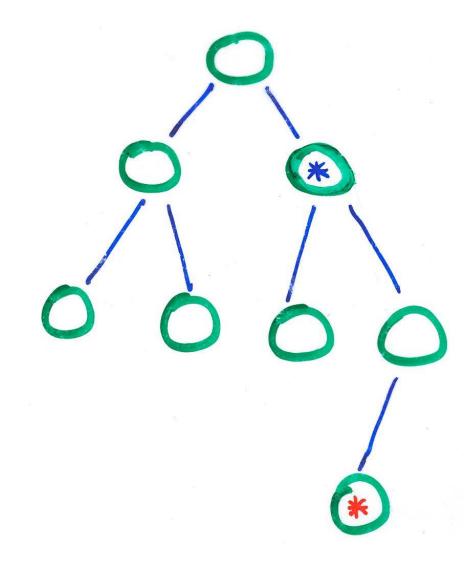
- Parent: The predecessor of a node
- Child: Any successor of a node
- Siblings: Any pair of nodes that have the same parent
- Ancestor: The predecessor of a node together with all the ancestors of the predecessor of a node. The root node has no ancestors
- Descendant: The children of a node together with all the descendants of the children of a node. A leaf node has no descendants
  - If there is a path from node a to node b, and a is "above"
     b, then a is called an ancestor of b and b is called a descendant of a

#### Recursive nature of tree and subtrees



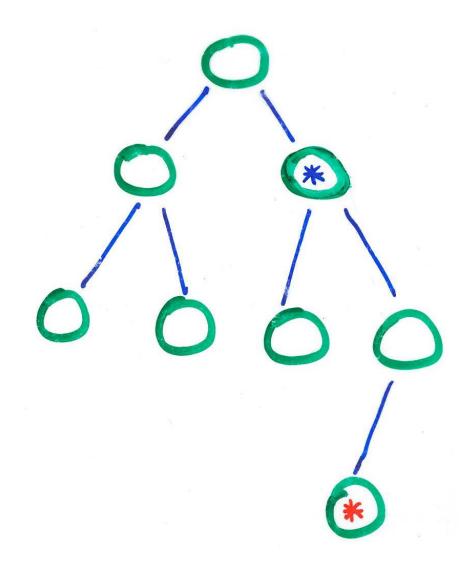
# Path and Path Length

- A path is a sequence of nodes  $\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_m$  where  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is a parent of  $\mathbf{v}_{i+1}$  ( $1 \le i \le m-1$ )
- The path length is the number of nodes in a path
  - From node v<sub>1</sub> to another node v<sub>k</sub>: path length is k
- Property of tree: unique path from root node to any other node



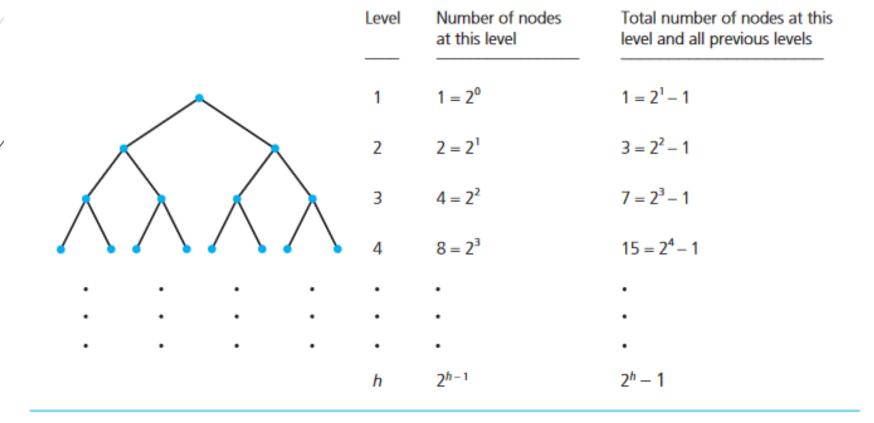
# Height

- <u>Textbook</u>: The **height** of a tree T is the number of nodes on the longest path from the root to a leaf
- The height of a node v is the length of longest path from node v to a leaf
- The height of a tree T is the height of T's root



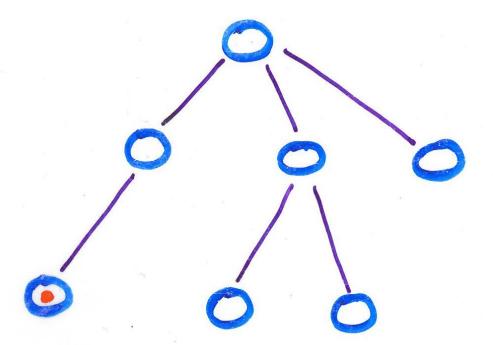
#### From our Textbook:

FIGURE 15-9 Counting the nodes in a full binary tree of height h



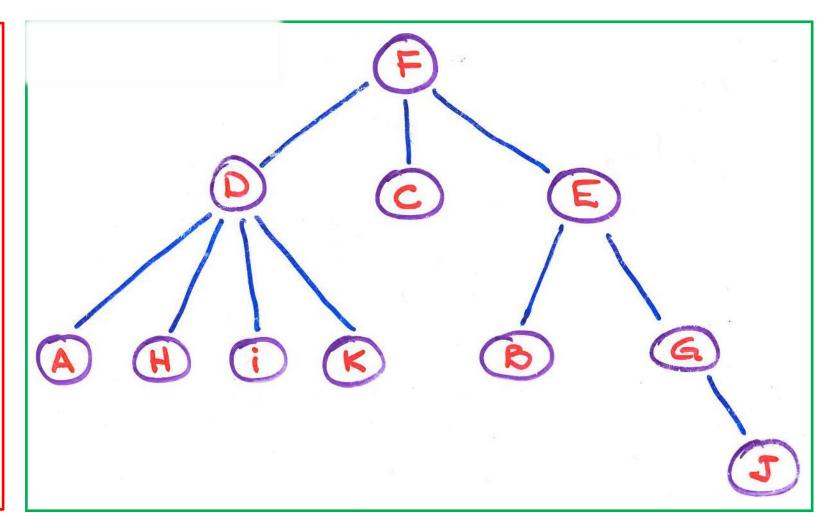
# Degree of a node

- Number of edges that touch a node v
- Internal node has a degree > 1
- **External node** has a degree == 1 or == 0



## Activity

- Parent of C?
- Parent of H?
- Children of E?
- Children of C?
- Root?
- Path length F to J?
- Ancestors of G?
- Descendants of E?
- Siblings of D?
- Adjacent node of E?
- Height of tree?
- Number of levels in tree?



#### Tree Classification

- We classify trees by the maximum number of children (or subtrees) a node of the tree can have:
  - N-ary tree

 $\underline{\mathsf{Textbook}}$ : An *n*-ary tree is a set *T* of nodes that is either empty or partitioned into disjoint subsets:

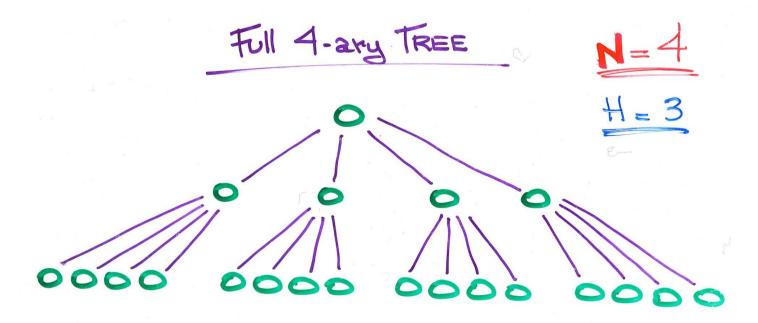
- A single node r, the root
- n possibly empty sets that are n-ary subtrees of r

Each node can have no more than *n* children.

Examples:

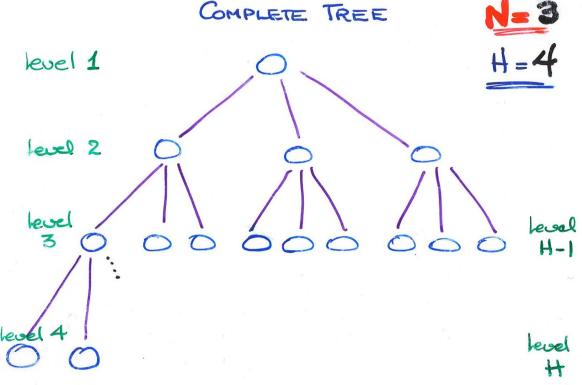
# Full tree of height H

- ► Full tree of height H is a tree in which all nodes at level < H have max number of children</p>
- Nodes @ level H have 0 children (they are leaves)



# Complete tree of height H

Complete tree of height H is a tree that is full all the way down to level H-1 with level H filled in from left to right without any gap



# Examples of complete trees

#### **Balanced tree**

■ A N-ary tree is height balanced, or simply balanced, if the height of any node's right subtree differs from the height of the node's left subtree by at most 1.

# √ Learning Check

- We can now ...
  - Define some tree-related terms and concepts

#### Next Lecture

- Describe binary tree and its properties
- Describe binary search tree and its properties
- Given a binary search tree, perform some operations such as:
  - Insert an element (a node containing an element)
  - Retrieve (get) an element
  - Remove an element