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CE1107/CZ1107: DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS

Binary Trees

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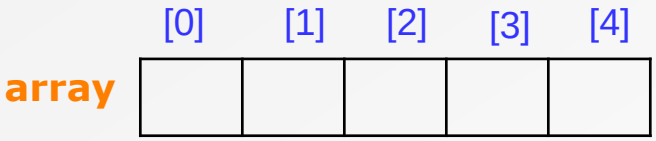
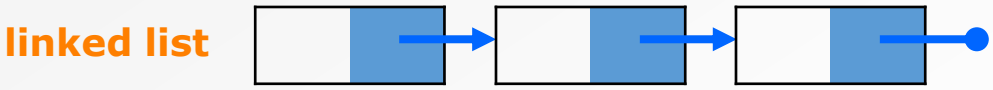
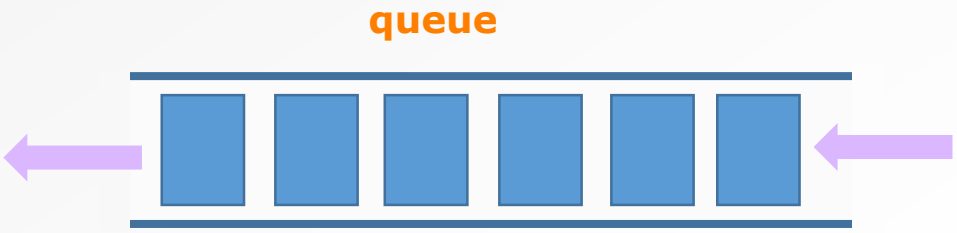
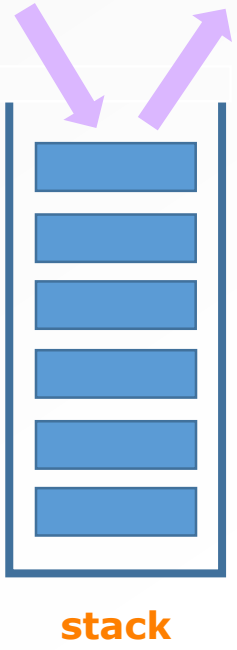
LINEAR DATA STRUCTURE

- Array, linked list, queue, stack









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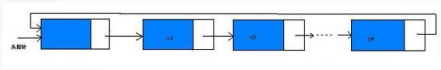
DATA STRUCTURES SO FAR...

- Linear
  - Items all arranged one after another
  - Random access
    - Arrays
  - Sequential access
    - Linked list
  - Limited-access sequential
    - Stacks
    - Queues



- Used them to store lists of numbers, lists of people, lists of moves, etc
  - Linear data

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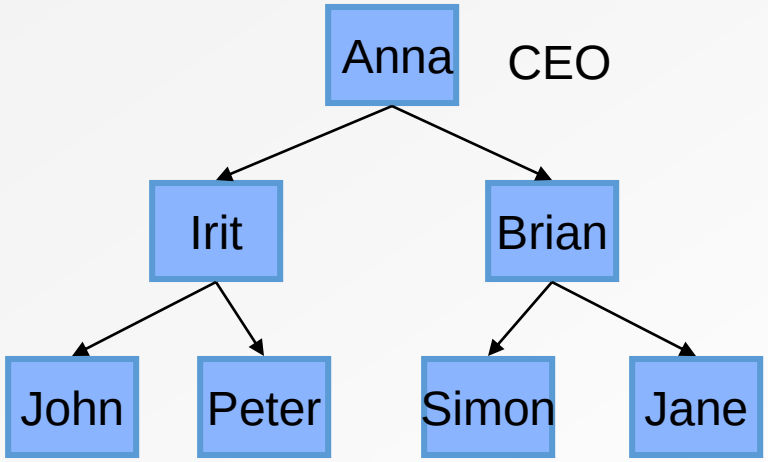
NON-LINEAR DATA STRUCTURE

- Suppose you have a set of names



Tree

- Company organization

  Not good to use linear data structure to store hierarchical relationships

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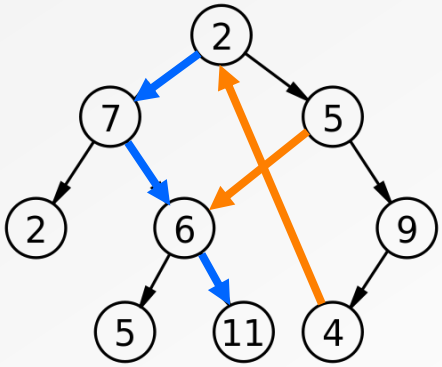
TREE DATA STRUCTURE

- Still using nodes + links representation
- New idea:
  - Each node can have links to more than one other node
  - No loop



Observe that:

- **If we follow one path of a tree, we get a linked list**

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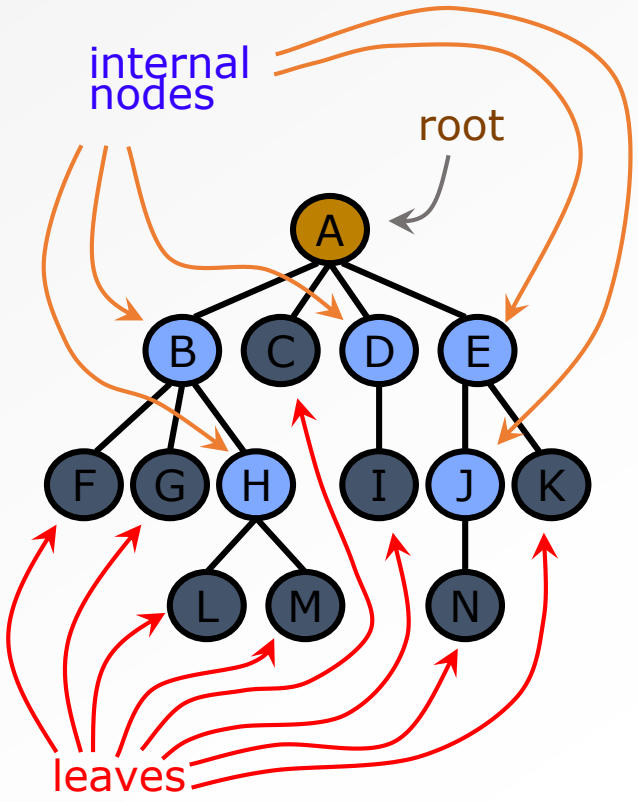
TREE DATA STRUCTURE

- A tree is composed of nodes
- Each node contains a value
- Types of nodes
  - **Root**: only one in a tree, has no parent.
  - Internal (non-leaf):
    Nodes with children are called **internal nodes**
  - Leaf:
    nodes without children are called **leaves**



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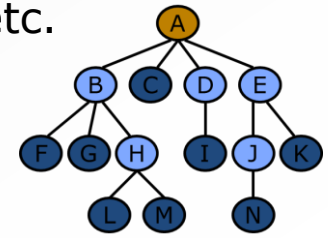
WHY TREES?

- Model layouts with hierarchical relationships between items
  - Chain of command in the army
  - Personnel structure in a company
  - (Binary tree structure is limited because each node can have **at most two children**)
- Tree structures also allow us to
  - Some problems require a tree structure: some games, most optimization problems, etc.
  - Allow us to do the following very quickly: (we'll see that in the following lectures)
    - **Search for a node with a given value**
    - **Add a given value to a list**
    - **Delete a given value from a list**



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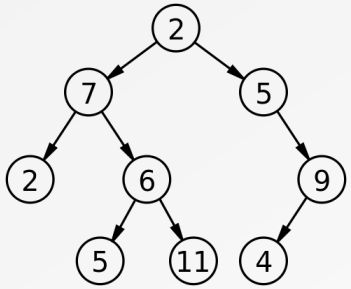
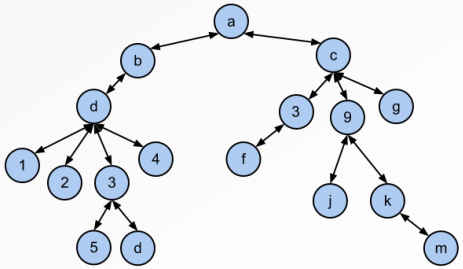
TREE DATA STRUCTURE

- Tree data structure looks like… a tree:
  - Only one root node (no nodes points to it)
  - Each node branches out to some number of nodes
  - Each node has only one "parent" node – the node pointing to it (except the root node)



Binary tree



General tree

- General tree
  - Each node can have links to any number of other nodes
- **Binary tree (we'll work with this in our course)**
  - **Each node can have links to at most two other nodes**

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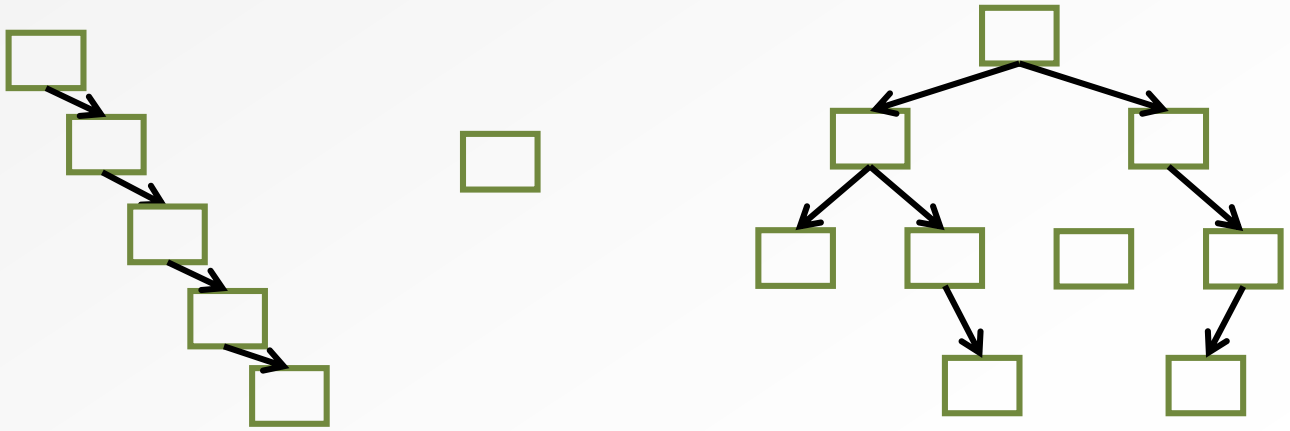
POSSIBLE TREE CONFIGURATIONS

- We'll see later why not all trees configurations are desirable/useful
- Has to do with balance of a tree



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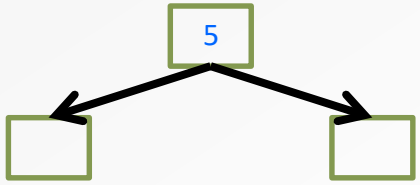
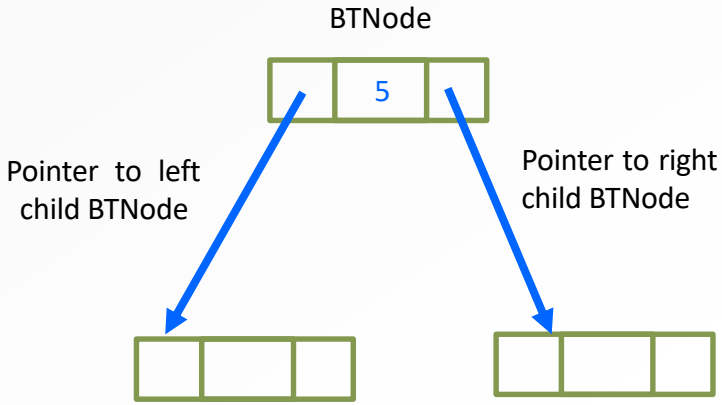
IMPLEMENTATION

- Recall implementation of LinkedList
  - Node has link to **at most <u>one</u>** other node
  - Defined a ListNode with one **`next`** pointer and a data **`item`**

```
typedef struct _listnode{
   int item;
   struct _listnode *next;
}ListNode;
```

- BinaryTree
  - Node has link to **at most <u>TWO</u>** other nodes
  - Define a BTNode with
    - Two pointers
    - A data item





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BTNode

- Start with a simple BTNode that stores an integer
  - The type of item can be character, string, or structure, etc.

```
typedef struct _btnode{
    int item;
    struct _btnode *left;
    struct _btnode *right;
} BTNode;
```

```
typedef struct _listnode{
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}ListNode;
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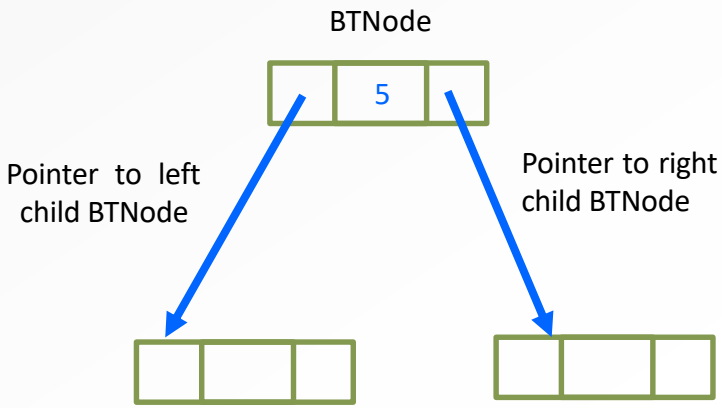

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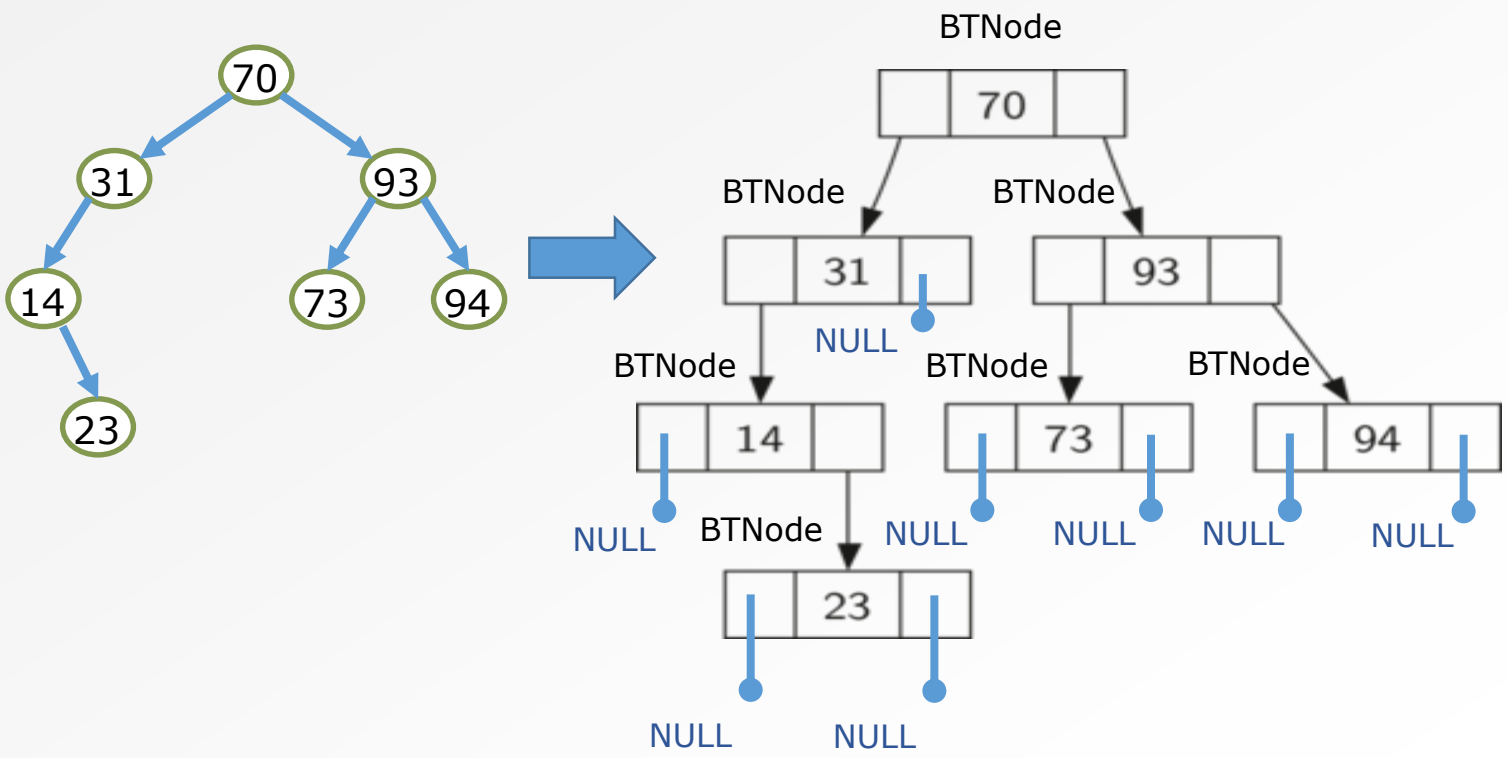
EXAMPLE BINARY TREE



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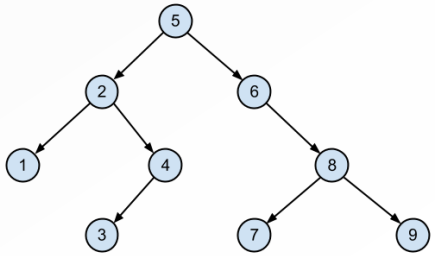
TREE TRAVERSAL

- Given a linear data structure and a particular item, very obvious what the "next" item is
  - Each node has an obvious "previous" and "next" node
- Trees are non-linear structures
  - How to extract data from a binary tree?
  - What is the traversal sequence?
    left/left/left, then left/left/right, then…?
- Need a systematic way to visit every node in the tree
  - Clearly defined steps
  - No repeated visits to nodes



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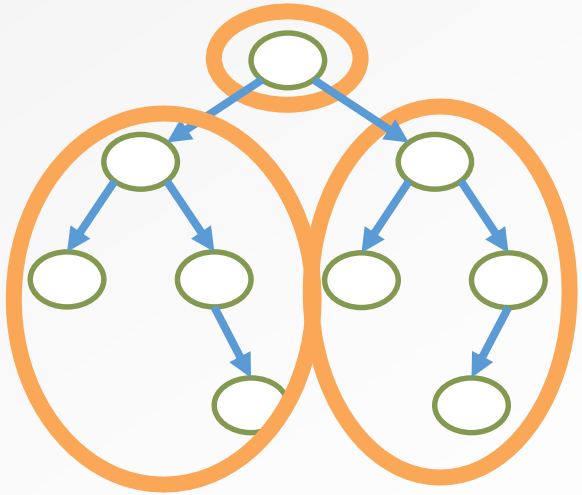
TREE TRAVERSAL

- Why is this important?
  - Tree traversal is foundation for many functions
- Very common function template:

  Traverse tree
  - At each node, perform some operation



- Example task: count # of nodes in a tree

  At every node N, size of that subtree
  = size of N's left subtree
  + size of N's right subtree
  + N itself

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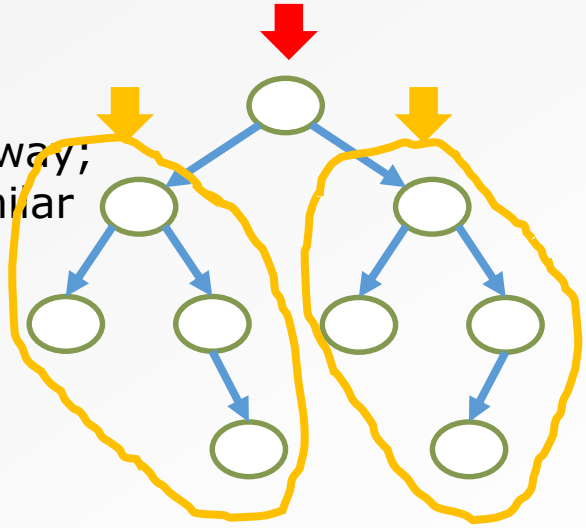
TREE TRAVERSAL

- Tree traversal is recursive
  - Recursion: is the process of repeating items in a self-similar way; divide a problem into several similar sub-problems.
  - At each node
    - Visit the node and both children
- Initial case + repeating case
  - (Visit root) + (visit children)
- When combined, guarantees that all nodes will be visited once and only once



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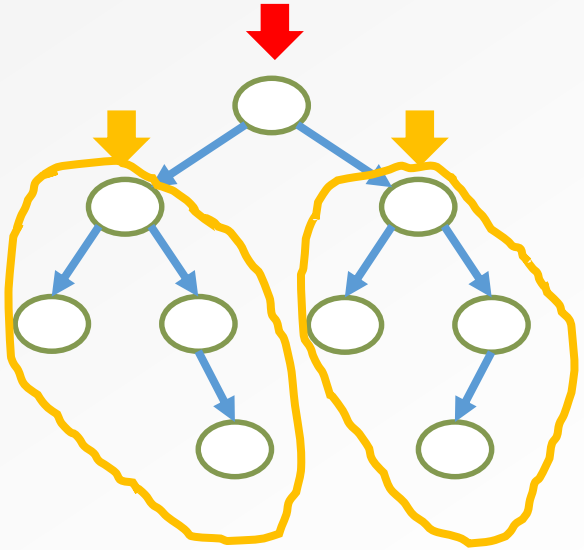
TREE TRAVERSAL PROCESS

```
TreeTraversal(Node N):
    Visit N;
    If (N has left child)
        TreeTraversal(LeftChild);
    If (N has right child)
        TreeTraversal(RightChild);
    Return; // return to parent
```



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TREE TRAVERSAL TEMPLATE #1

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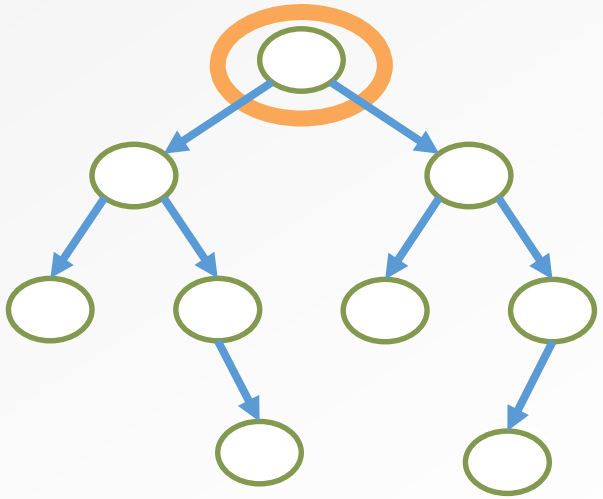

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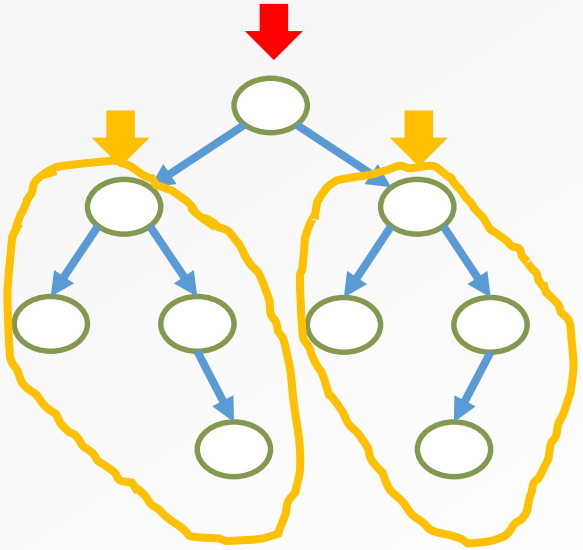
TREE TRAVERSAL TEMPLATE #2

- Current function:
  - Need to check for existence of left and right children before following them



- New version:
  - Always follow links to children
  - Then check if the link is NULL
  - In other words, not actually pointing at a BTNode

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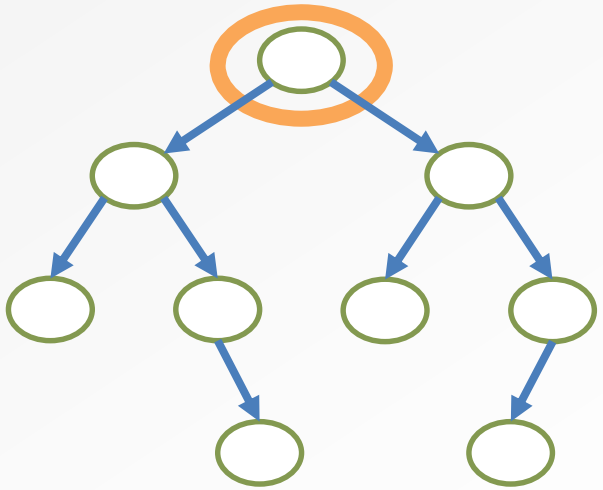
TREE TRAVERSAL TEMPLATE #2

Pseudocode

```
TreeTraversal2(Node N):

    If N==NULL return;
    Visit N;
    TreeTraversal2(LeftChild);
    TreeTraversal2(RightChild);
    Return; // return to parent
```



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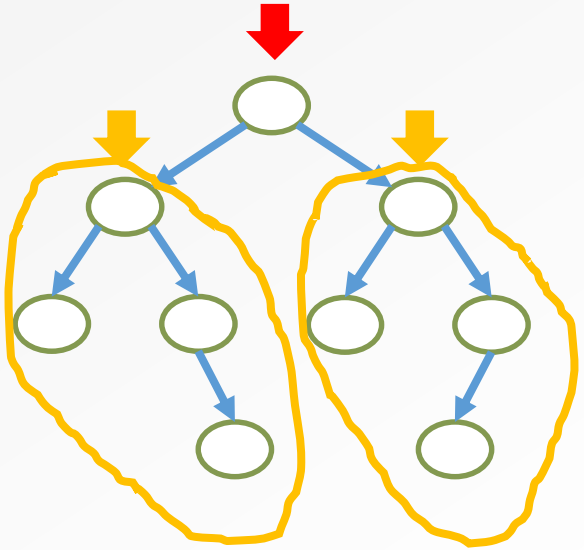
TreeTraversal2() IMPLEMENTATION

```
Void TreeTraversal2(BTNode *cur){
    If (cur == NULL) return;
    PrintNode(cur); // visit cur
    TreeTraversal2(cur->left);
    TreeTraversal2(cur->right);
}
```



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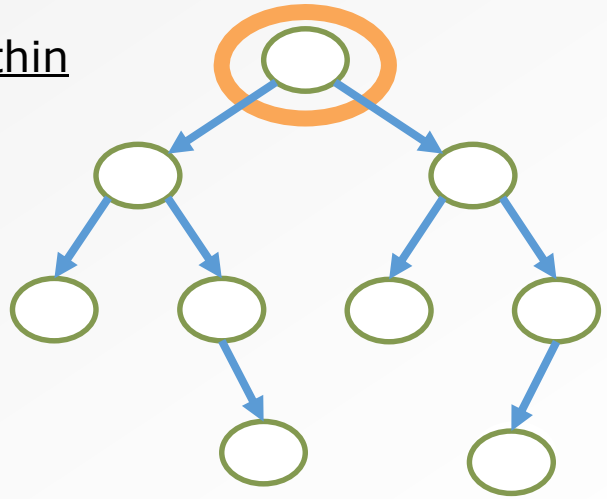
TREETRAVERSAL() FEATURES

- Recursive
  - TreeTraversal() is called from within its own body
  - initial call TreeTraversal(root)



- Depth-first
  - The traversal goes as deep as possible before backtracking and going sideways
  - Not level-by-level! (that is called breadth-first)

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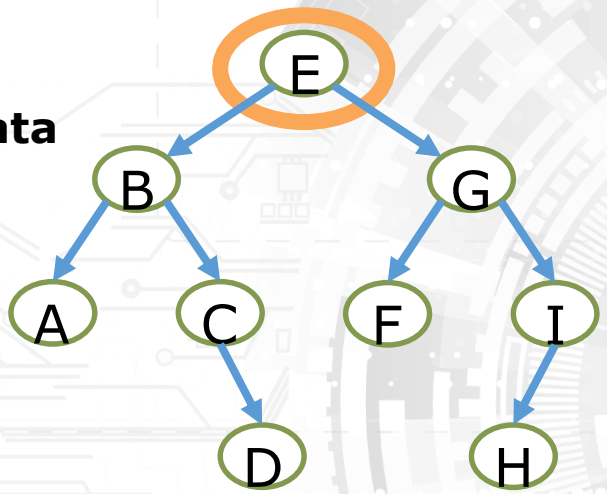

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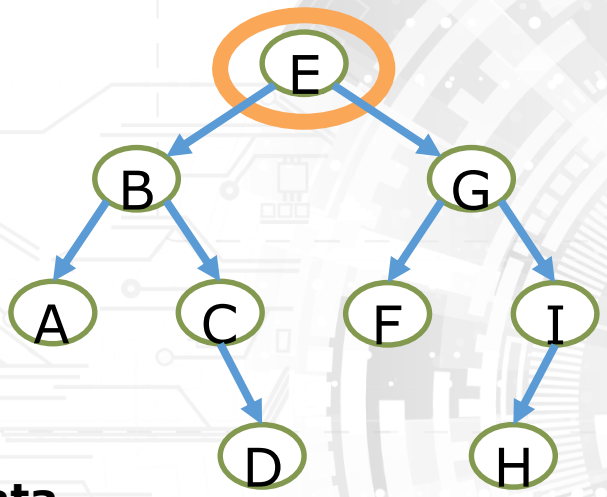

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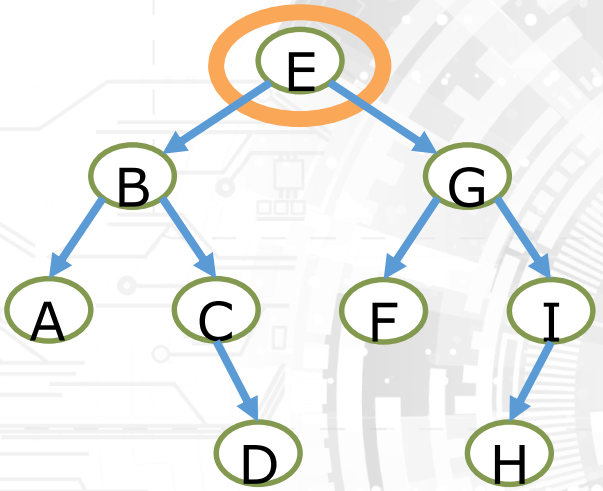
  - **Visit the right child subtree**
  - **Process the current node's data**



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TREE TRAVERSAL - PRINT

- Recall the TreeTraversal() template (TT) – **Pre-order** :
  - Simple task at each node: print out data in that node

```
void TreeTraversal(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
        return;

    // Do something with the current node's data

    TreeTraversal(cur->left); //Visit the left child node
    TreeTraversal(cur->right);//Visit the right child node
}
```

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void TreeTraversal(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
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    printf("%c",cur->item);

    TreeTraversal(cur->left); //Visit the left child node
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}
```

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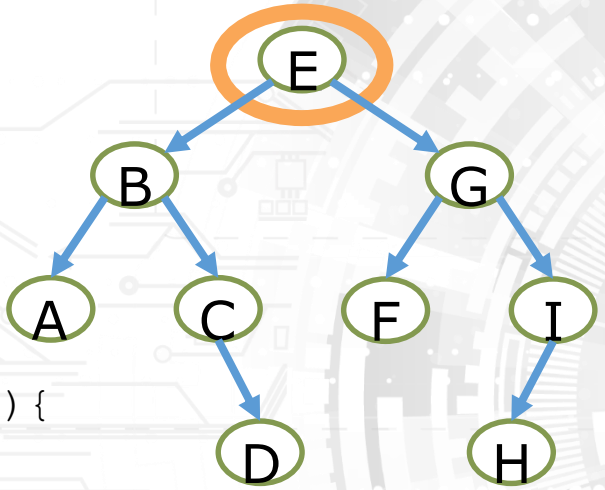
TREE TRAVERSAL PRE-ORDER: PRINT

Output:

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




```
void TreeTraversal_pre(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
        return;

    printf("%c  ",cur->item);

    TreeTraversal_pre(cur->left); //Visit the left child node
    TreeTraversal_pre(cur->right);//Visit the right child node
}
```

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TREE TRAVERSAL IN-ORDER: PRINT

Output:

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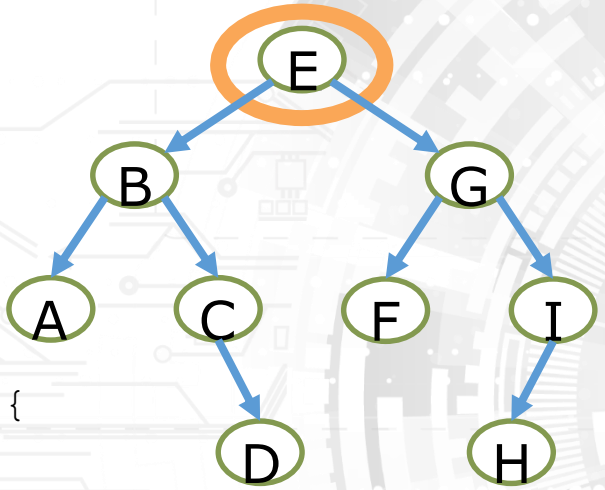


```
void TreeTraversal_in(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
        return;

    TreeTraversal_in(cur->left); //Visit the left child node
    printf("%c  ",cur->item);
    TreeTraversal_in(cur->right);//Visit the right child node
}
```

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TREE TRAVERSAL POST-ORDER: PRINT

Output:

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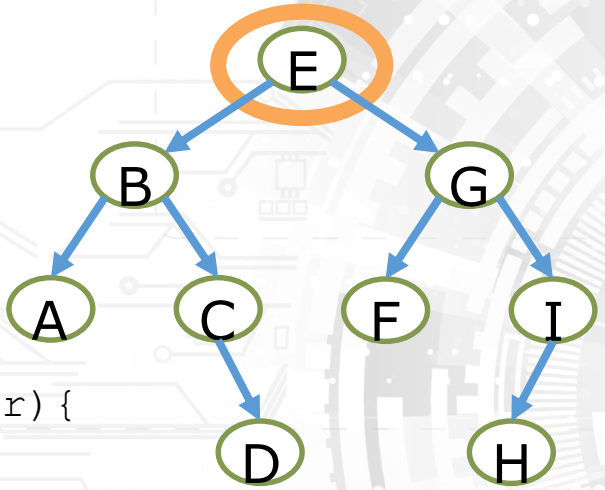


```
void TreeTraversal_post(BTNode *cur){
     if (cur == NULL)
         return;

    TreeTraversal_post(cur->left); //Visit the left child node
    TreeTraversal_post(cur->right);//Visit the right child node
    printf("%c  ",cur->item);
}
```

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PRE-ORDER, IN-ORDER AND POST-ORDER

Pre-Order Traversal

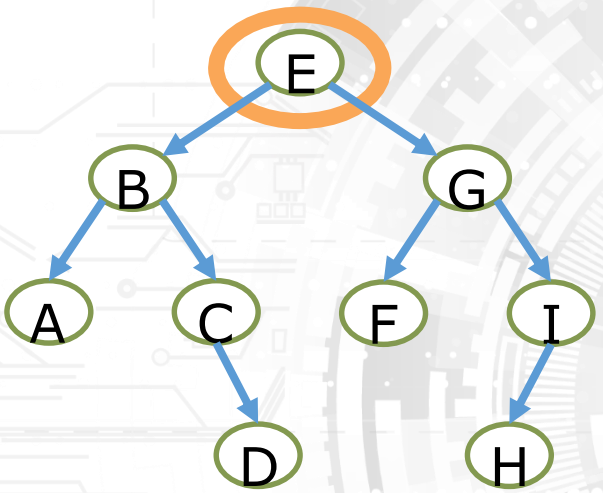
E B A C D G F I H

In-Order Traversal

A B C D E F G H I

Post-Order Traversal

A D C B F H I G E



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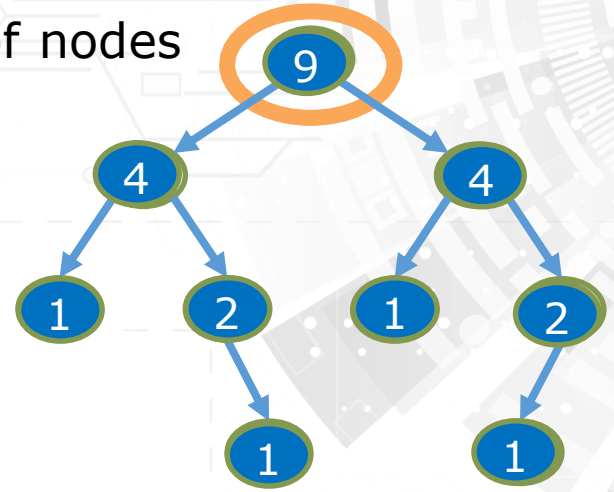
COUNT NODES IN A BINARY TREE

- Recursive definition:
  - Number of nodes in a tree
    = 1
    + number of nodes in left subtree
    + number of nodes in right subtree
- Each node returns the number of nodes in its subtree



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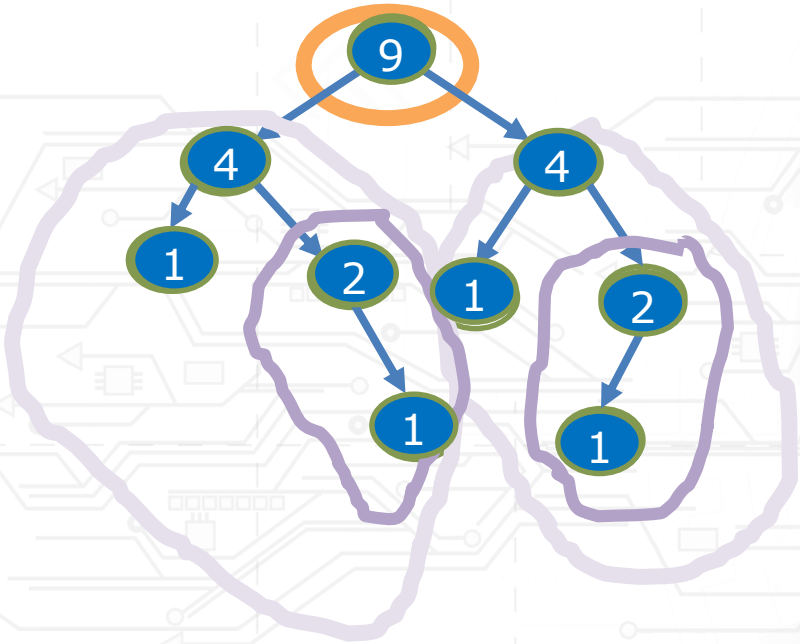

- Each node returns the number of nodes in its own subtree
- Leaf nodes return 1
  Information **propagates upwards** as TreeTraversal returns from visiting leaf nodes
- Which is the first/last count to be returned?

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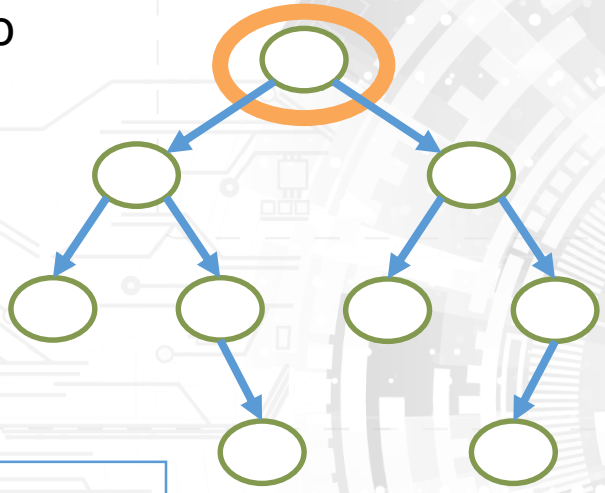
countNode()

- Return the size of your subtree to your parent node
- Leaf nodes must return 1 to parent node
- Root node returns size of entire tree



```
void TreeTraversal(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
       return;
    //may do something with cur;
    TreeTraversal(cur->left);
    TreeTraversal(cur->right);
    //may do something with cur;
}
```

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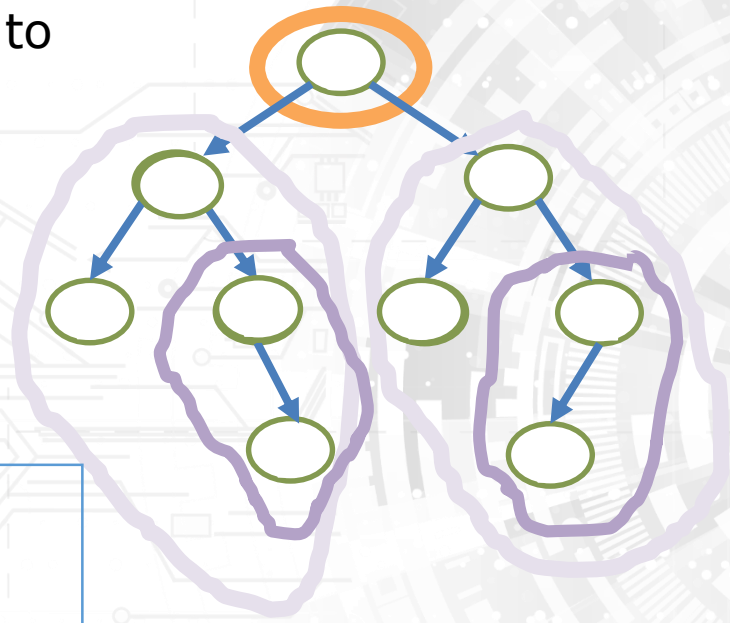

```
int countNode(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
        return ???;

    countNode(cur->left);
    countNode(cur->right);
    ??? //sum and get total;
}
```

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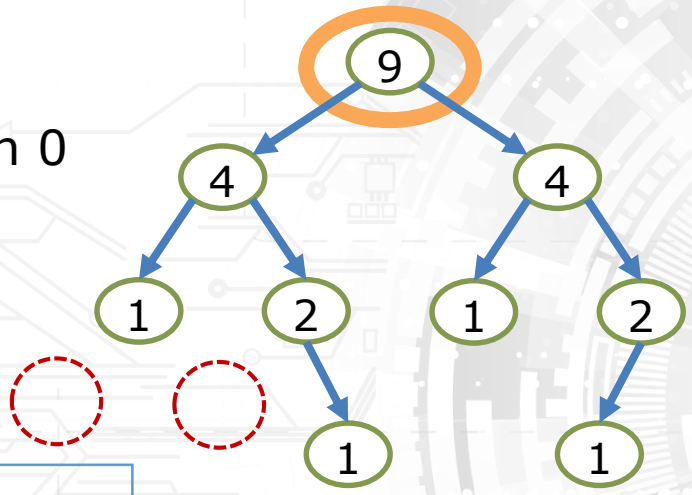
countNode()

- Leaf nodes must return 1
  - "Null" nodes should return 0
- Leaf node returns 1 + 0 + 0

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int countNode(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
        return 0;

 l = countNode(cur->left);
 r = countNode(cur->right);
    return l+r+1;
}
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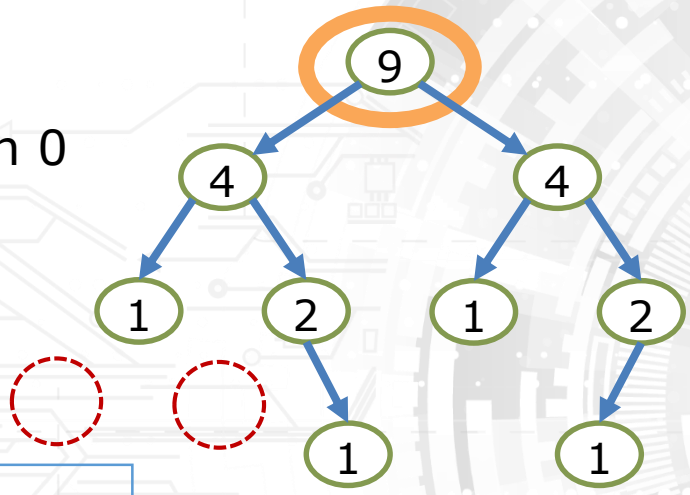


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int countNode(BTNode *cur){
    if (cur == NULL)
       return 0;

    return (countNode(cur->left)
          + countNode(cur->right)
          + 1);
}
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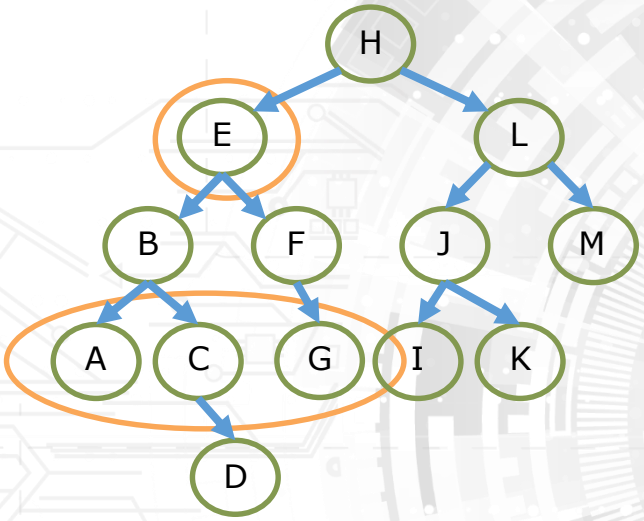
FIND GRANDCHILDREN

- Given a node X, find all the nodes that are X's grandchildren
- Given node E, we should return grandchild nodes A, C, and G
- What if we want to find k-level grandchildren?
  - **Need a way to keep track of how many levels down we've gone**



X->left->left
X->left->right
X->right->left
X->right->right

2-level grandchildren

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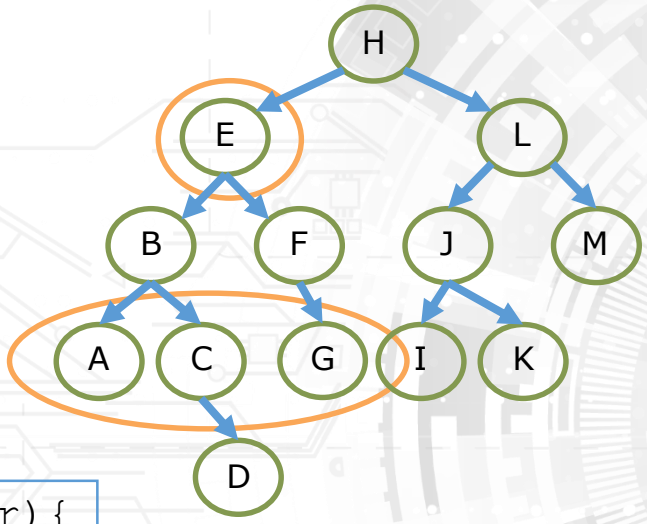
FIND GRANDCHILDREN

- We want to go down k "levels"
- Use a counter to track how far down we've gone
- At each TreeTraversal(child), increment counter




```
void TreeTraversal(BTNode *cur){

    if (cur == NULL)
        return;

    // check counter

    TreeTraversal(cur->left);
    TreeTraversal(cur->right);
}
```

Do something with the current node's data

Visit the left child node

Visit the right child node

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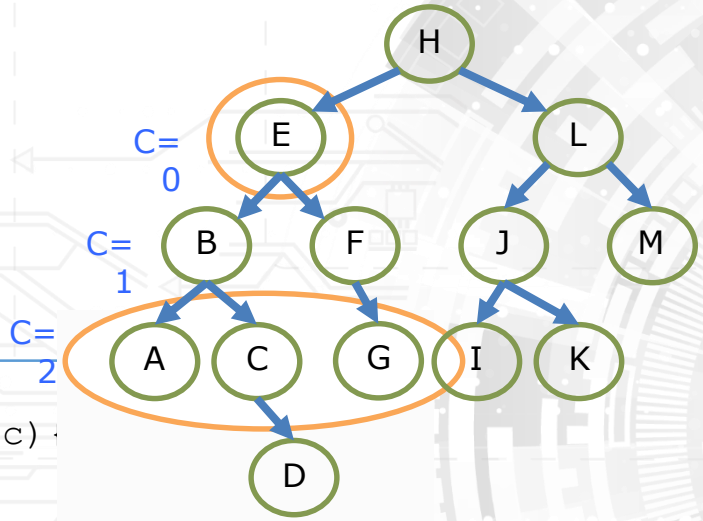
FIND GRANDCHILDREN

```
void main( ){ …
    if (X = null)return;
    findgrandchildren(X,0);
}
```




```
1.  void findgrandchildren(
                BTNode *cur, int c){
2.      if (cur == NULL) return;

3.      if (c == k){
4.         printf("%d ", cur->item);
5.         return;
6.      }
7.      if (c < k){
8.         findgrandchildren(cur->left, c+1);
9.         findgrandchildren(cur->right, c+1);
10.}
```

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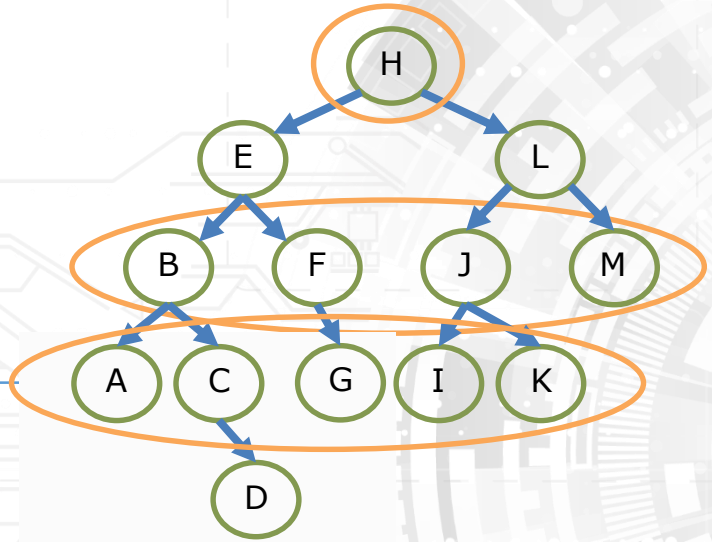


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}
```

if k=2, we call findgrandchildren(H,0), what is the output?

How about k=3?

How about findgrandchildren(H,1)?

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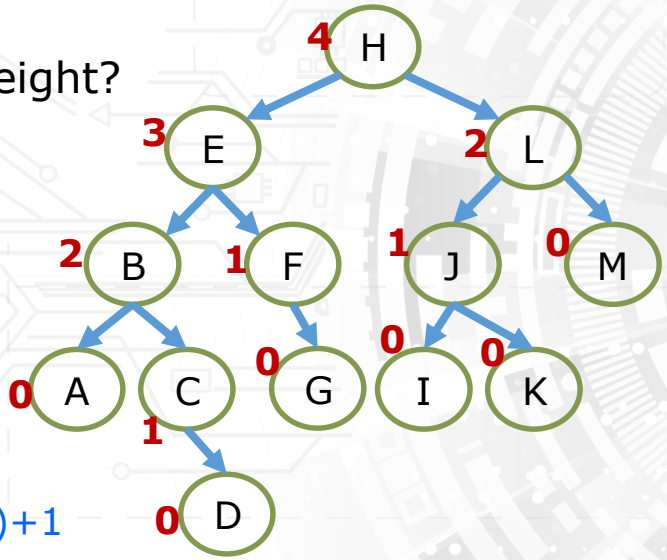
CALCULATE HEIGHT OF EVERY NODE

- Height of a node = number of links from that node to the deepest leaf node
- How does each node calculate its height?
  - What is the height of node D, C, H?
- We found:
  - leaf.height= 0
  - Non-leaf node X

X.height=max(X.left.height, X.right.height)+1



- Does information propagate upwards or downwards?

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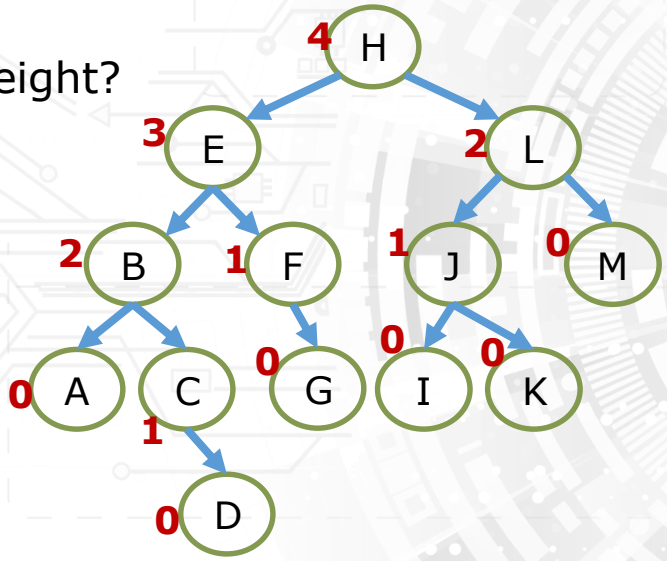
- Go through entire tree: calculate and store height of each node in the item field



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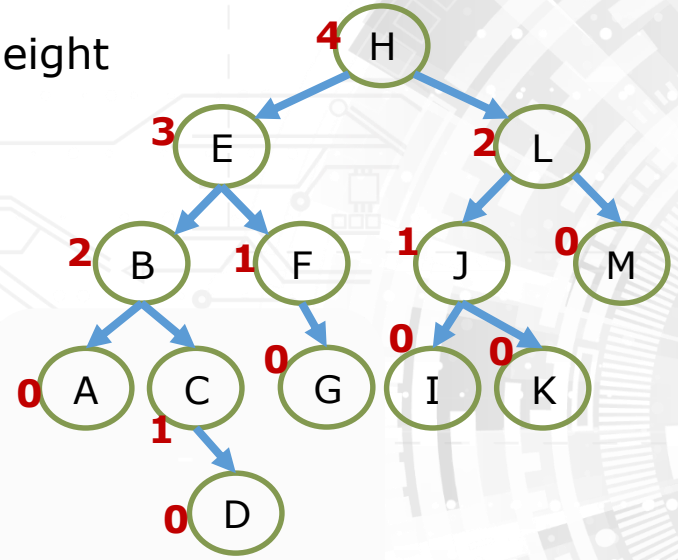


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    int l = TreeTraversal(cur->left);
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    // do something here. Max( left, right)?

    return  ;

}
```

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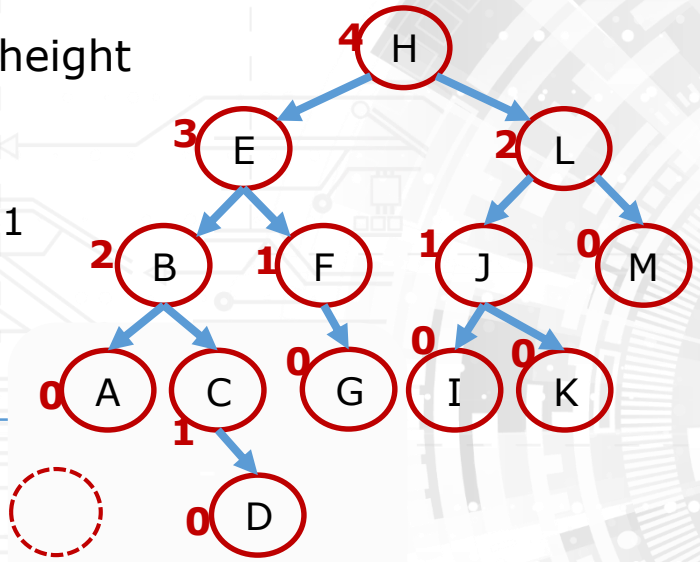


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    int c = max (l, r) + 1;

    return c;

}
```

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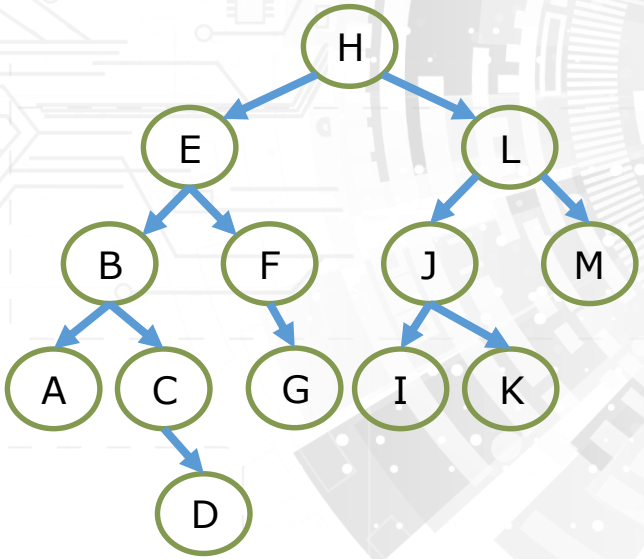

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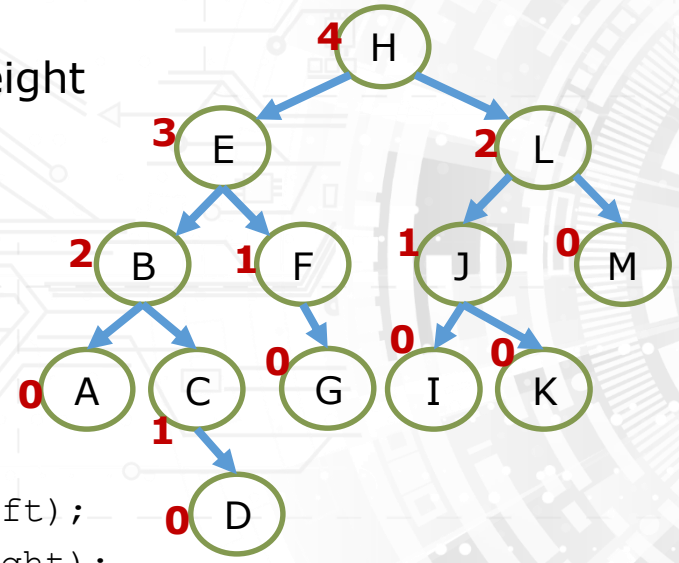

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```
void TreeTraversal(BTNode *cur, int d){

    if(cur == NULL)
       return;

    //print cur->item and d;

    TreeTraversal(cur->left, d+1);
    TreeTraversal(cur->right, d+1);

    return ;

}
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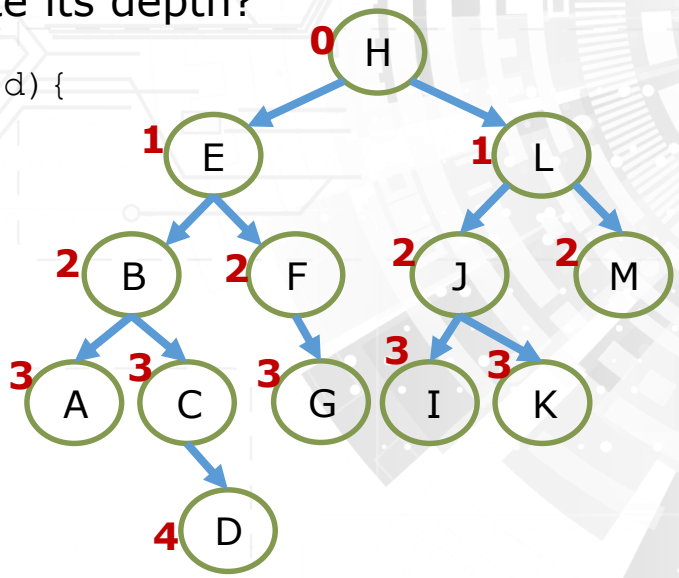

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LEVEL-BY-LEVEL: BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH

Depth-first search

begins at the root and explores as far as possible along each branch before backtracking

E.g. the post-order traversal

Breadth-first search

begins at a root node and inspects all its children nodes. Then for each of those children nodes in turn, it inspects their children nodes, and so on.

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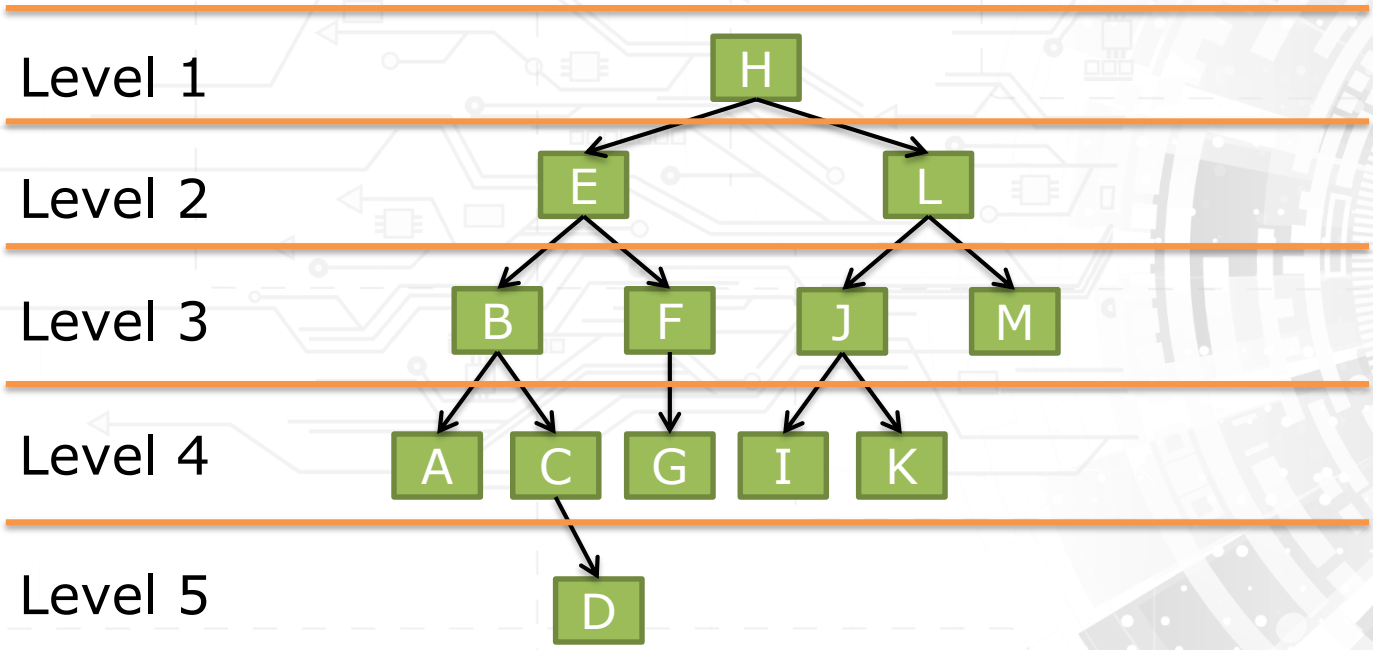
LEVEL-BY-LEVEL TREE TRAVERSAL



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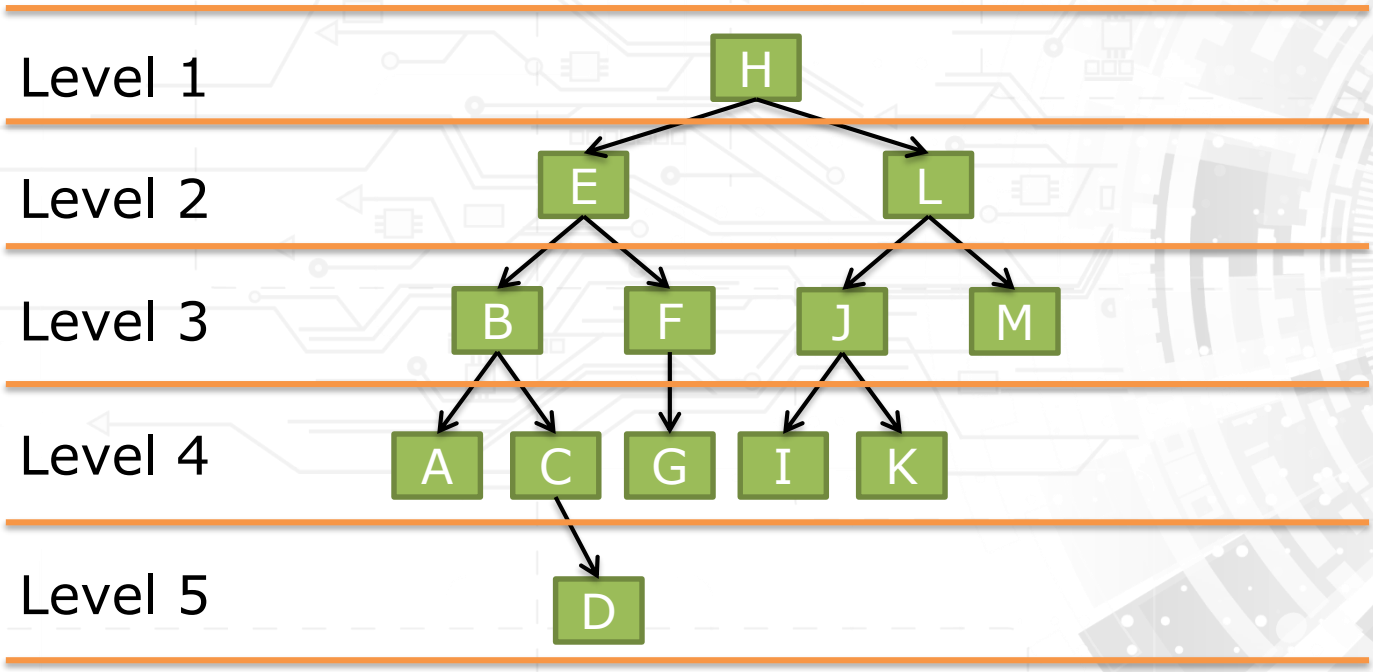
- Hint: Make use of another data structure



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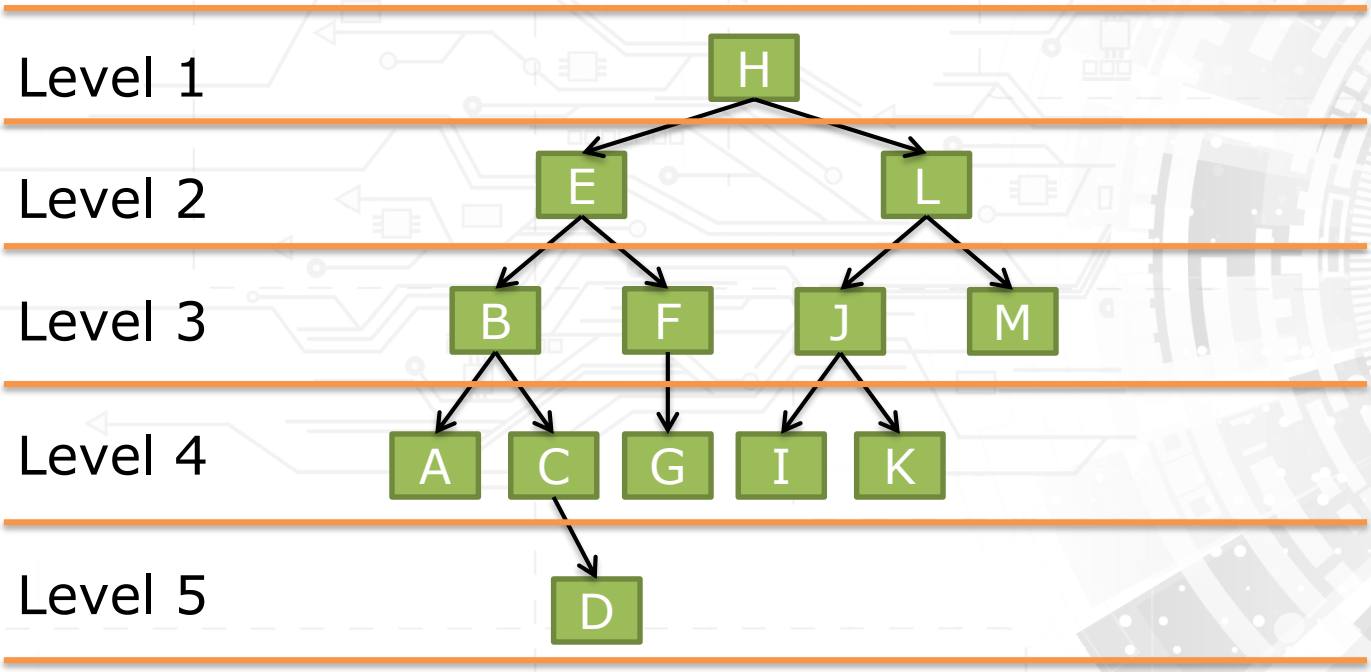
LEVEL-BY-LEVEL TREE TRAVERSAL

- Use a queue! Root node should be first



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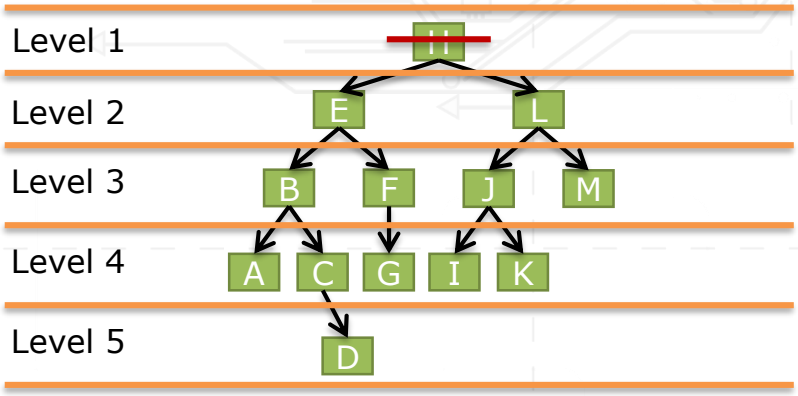
- Enqueue the root, H



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- Enqueue the root, H
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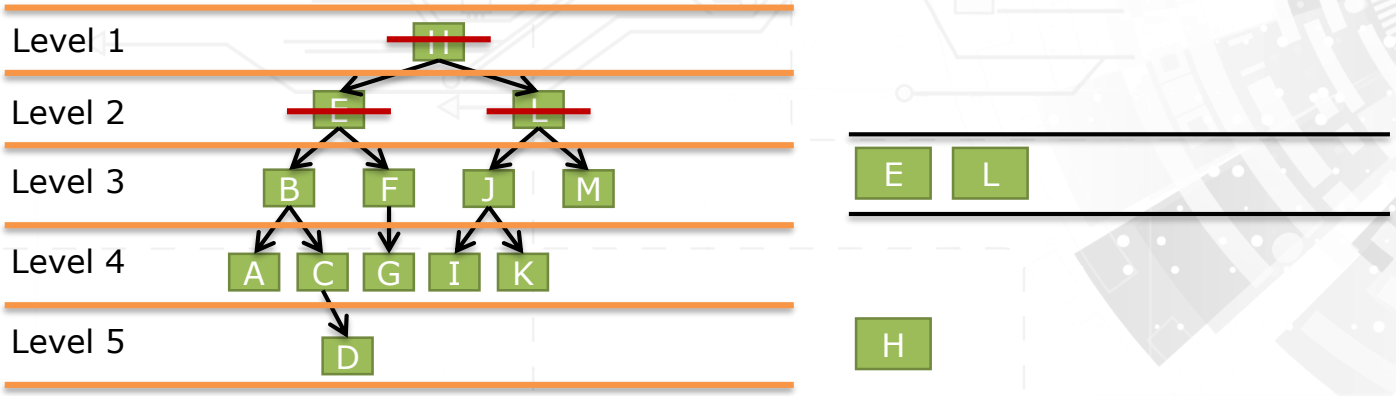

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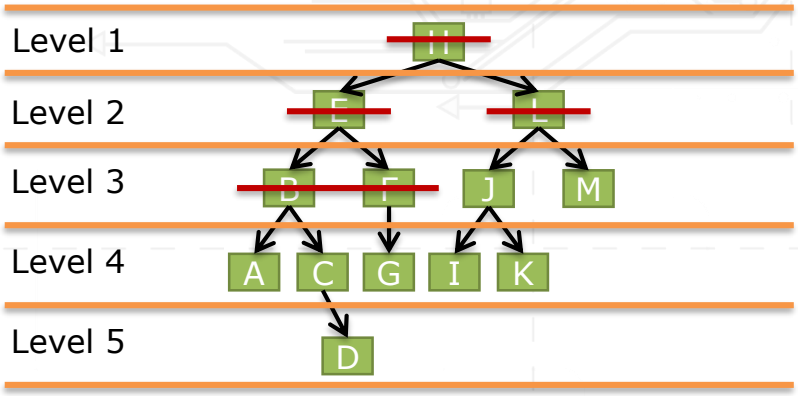

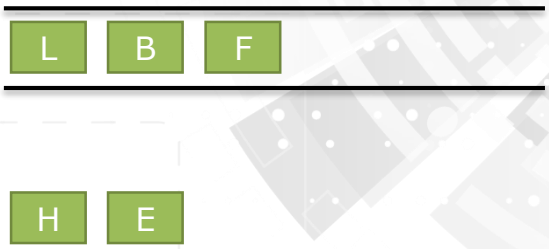

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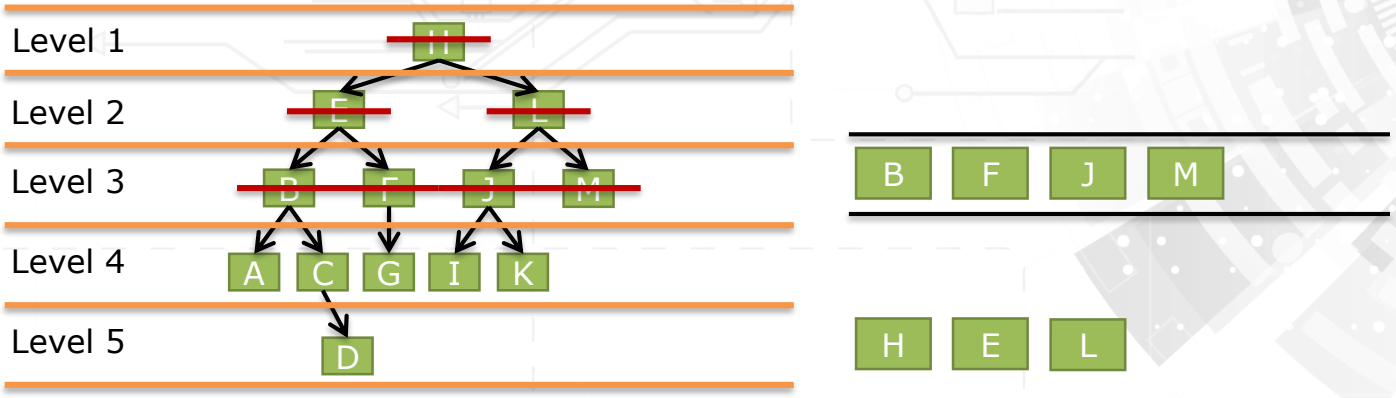

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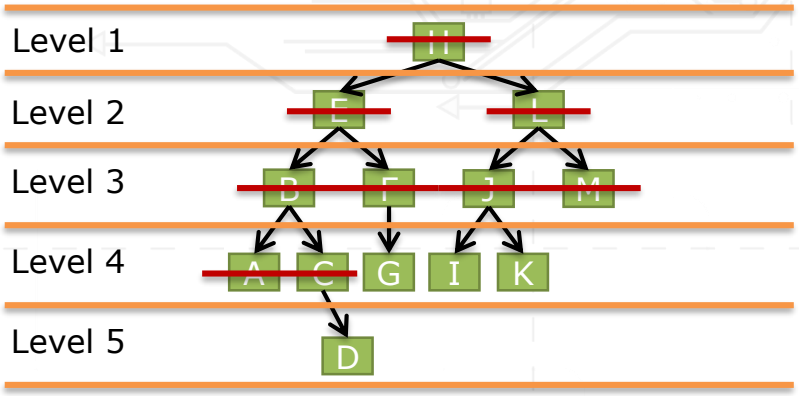
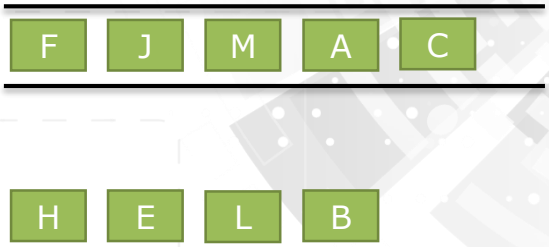
- Dequeue B, and enqueue B's children





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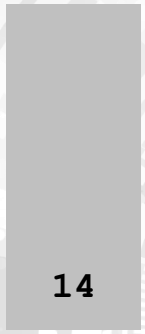

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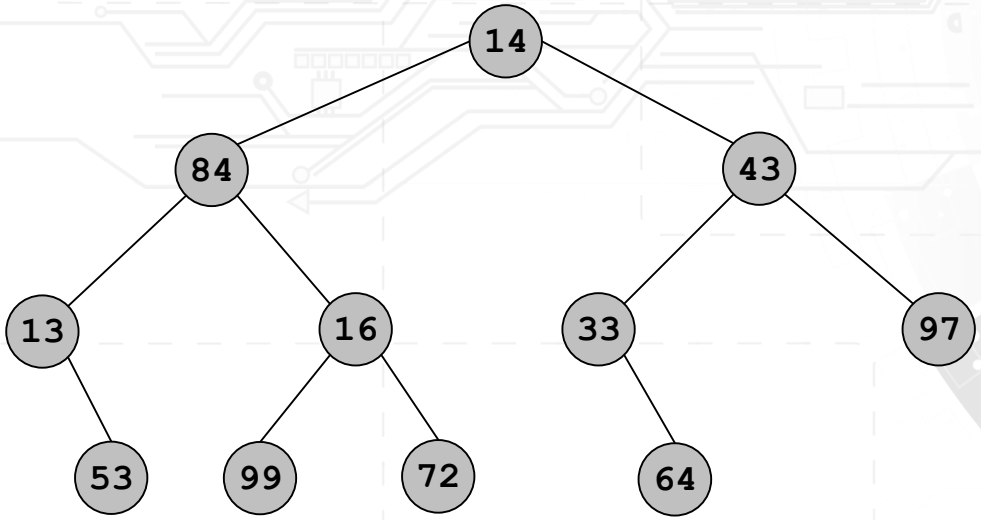

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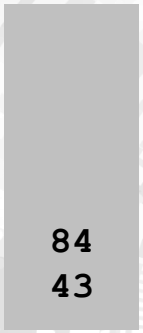

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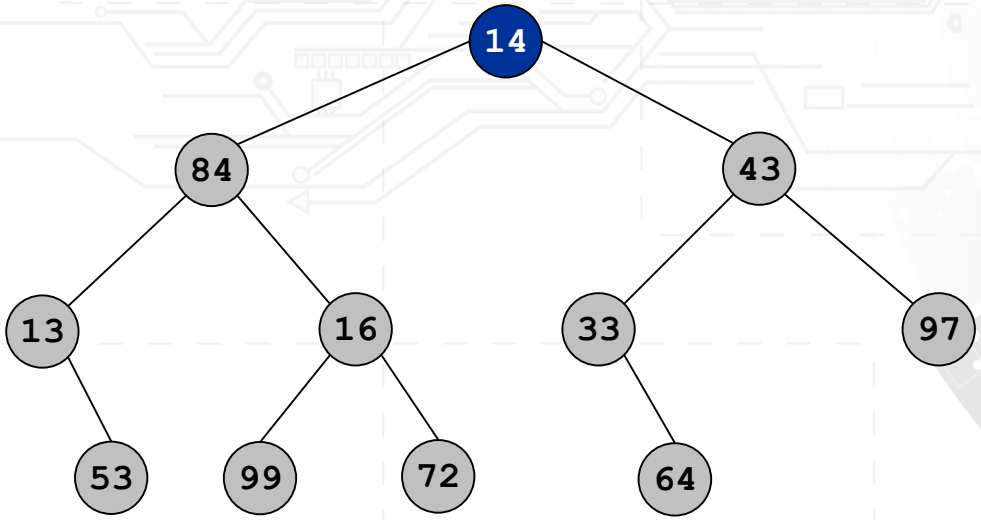

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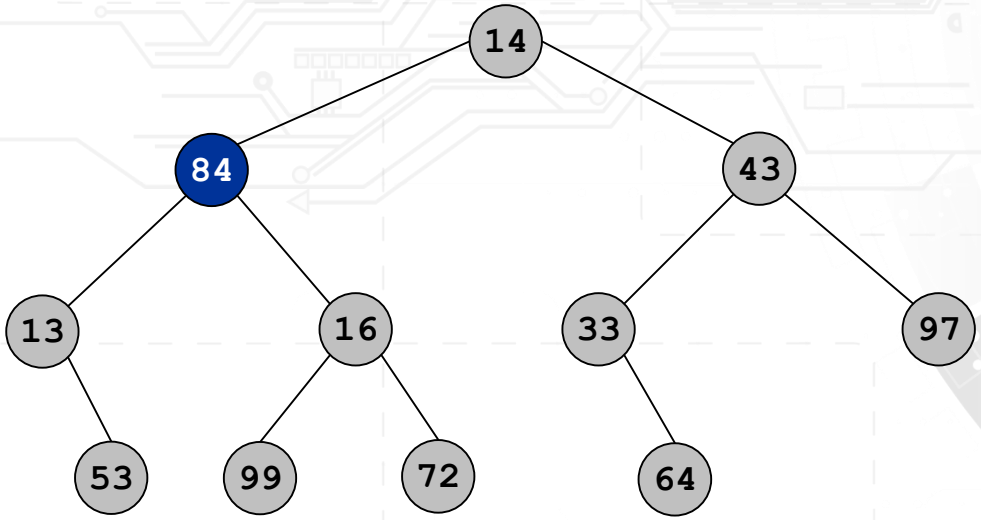

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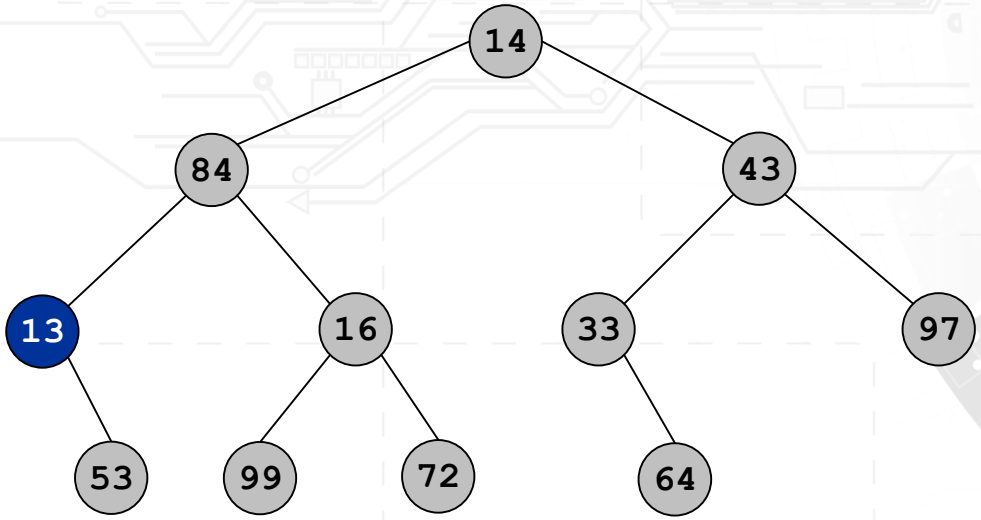

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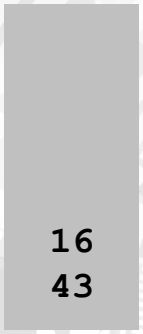

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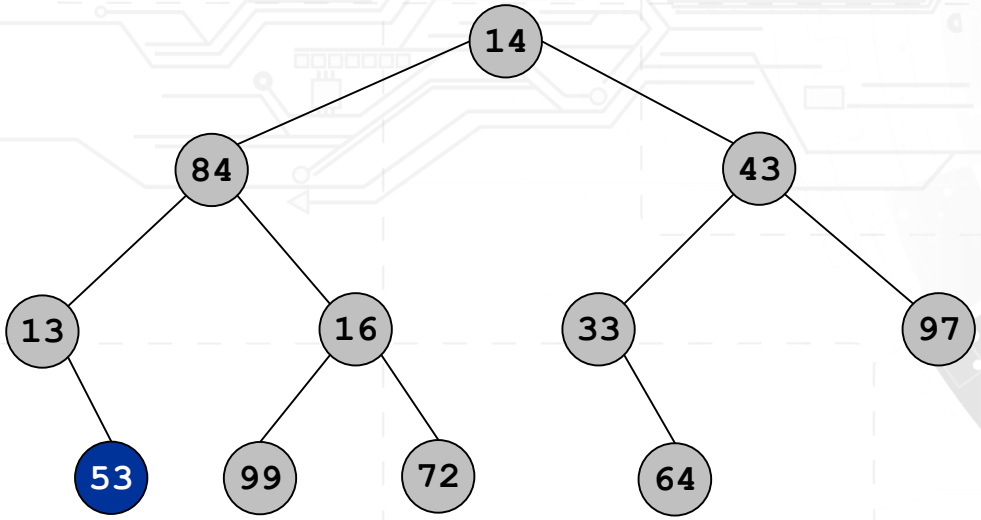

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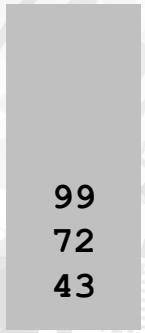

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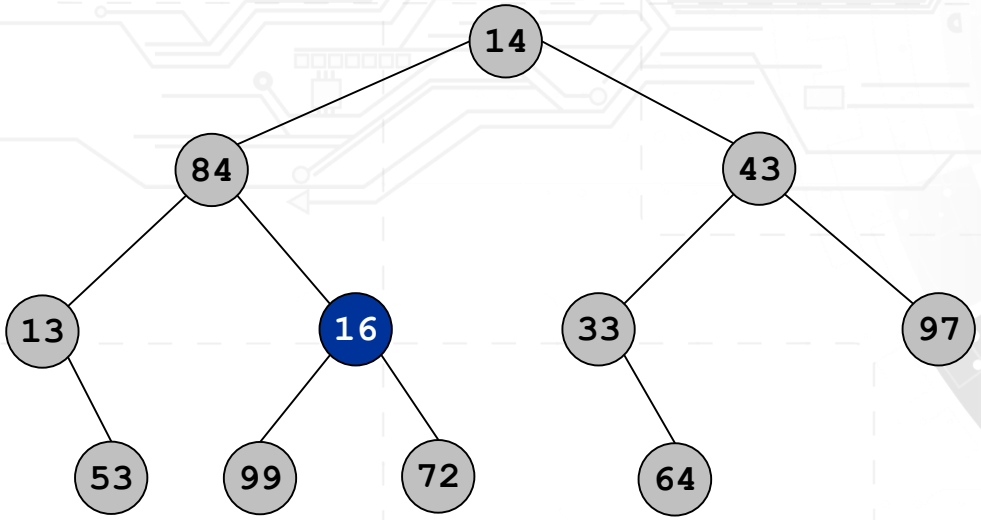

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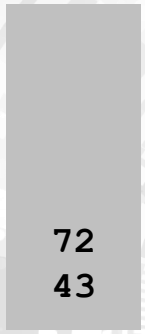

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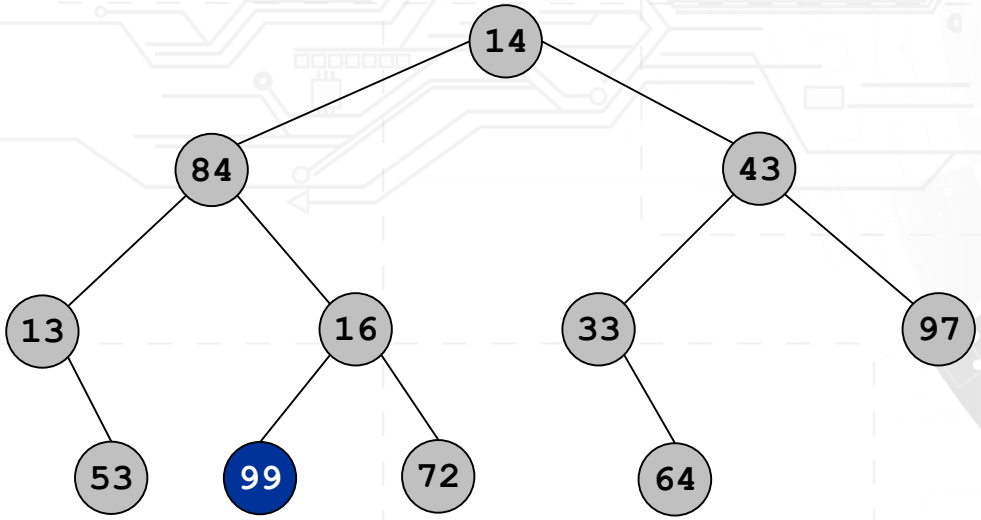

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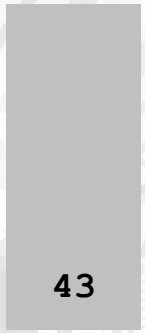

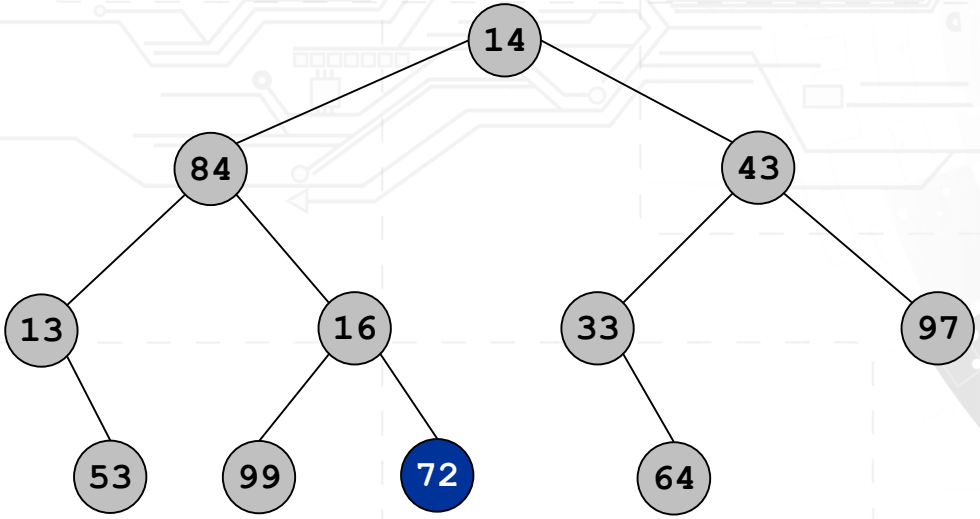

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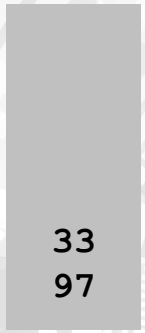

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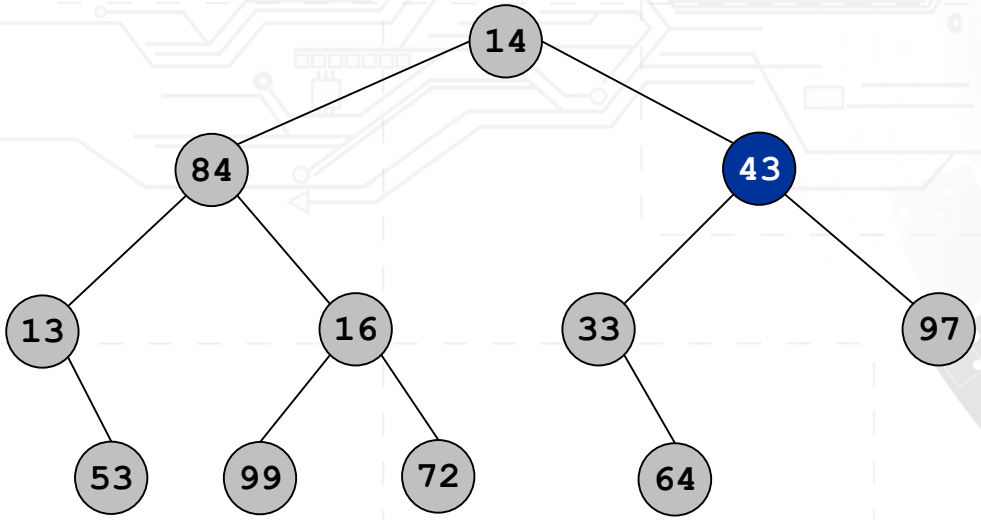

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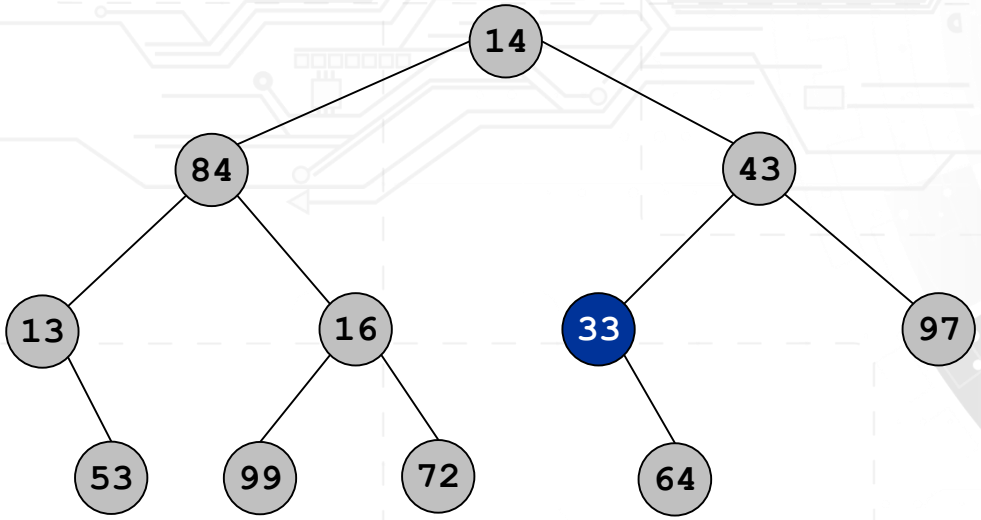

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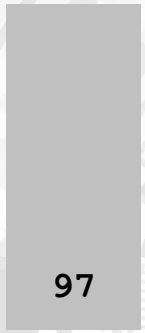

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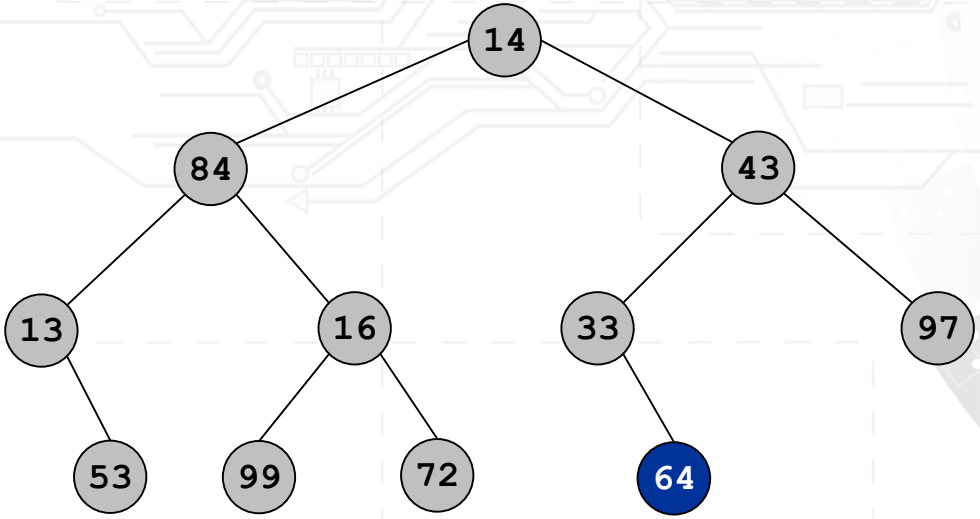

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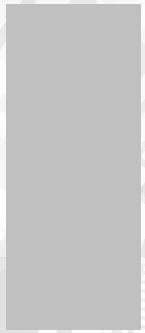

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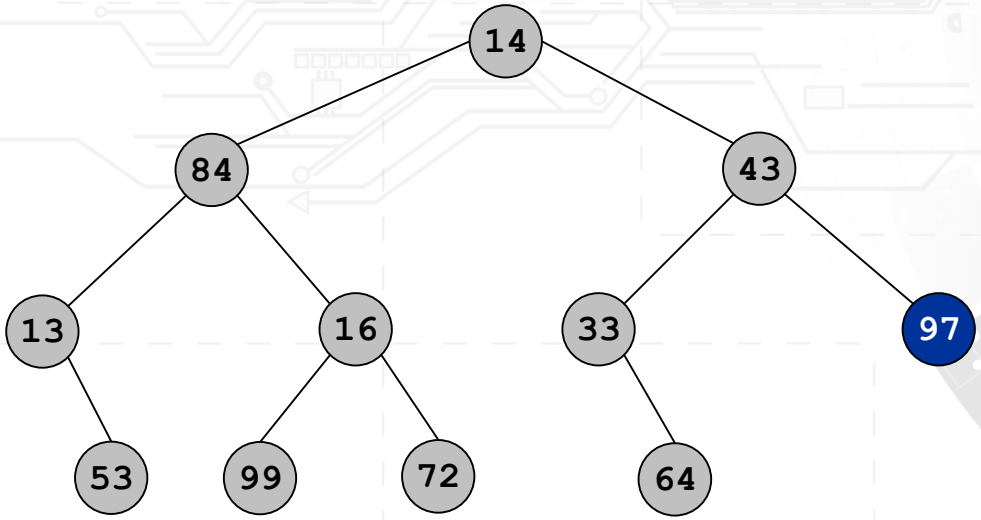

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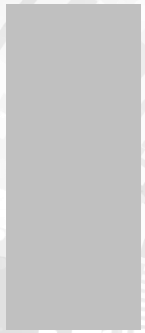

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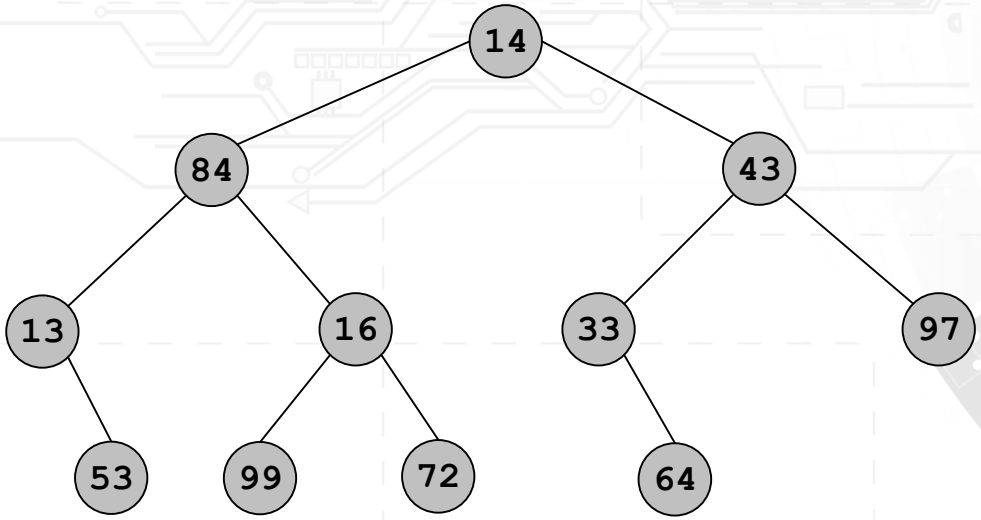

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YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO

- Binary tree Traverse:
  - Pre-order
  - In-order
  - Post-order
- Write recursive binary tree functions using the TreeTraversal template as a starting point
- Based on the traversal of the binary tree, do a lot of things: print, count numbers, count height/depth, find grandchildren,…, etc.

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