

Discussion 05

Sequences, Data Abstraction, Trees

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Announcements

- Project 2: Cats is due Friday 9/30.
 - Bonus point for submitting by Thursday 9/29.
 - Project party Wednesday 9/28 5pm-7:30pm

Q1, Q2

Trees



Tree

- What are they?
 - Data structure for hierarchies of data
- What should we know
 - Recursion!
 - Every subtree is also a Tree

Tree Terminology

- Parent Node
 - A node that has branches
- Child Node
 - A node with a parent
 - Can only have one parent
- Root
 - The top node in a tree
 - There is only one root for a tree
- Label
 - The value of a node



More Tree Terminology

- Leaf
 - A node with no branches
- Branch
 - A subtree of the root
 - All branches are also trees
- Depth
 - How far away a node is from the root
- Height
 - The depth of the lowest leaf



ADT tree Implementation

```
def tree(label, branches=[]):  
    """Construct a tree with the given label value and a list of branches."""  
    return [label] + list(branches)  
  
def label(tree):  
    """Return the label value of a tree."""  
    return tree[0]  
  
def branches(tree):  
    """Return the list of branches of the given tree."""  
    return tree[1:]  
  
def is_leaf(tree):  
    """Returns True if the given tree's list of branches is empty, and False  
    otherwise.  
    """  
    return not branches(tree)
```


tree

- Initializing a Tree
 - `tree(label, branches=[])`
 - `t = tree(1, [tree(2), tree(3)])`
- Accessing branches of a tree
 - `branches(t) -> [tree(2), tree(3)]`
- Checking if a tree is a leaf
 - `is_leaf(t) -> False`
 - `is_leaf(branches(t)[0]) -> True`
- Getting label of a Tree
 - `label(t) -> 1`

Manipulating Trees

```
for b in branches(t)
```

- What is this?
 - IMPORTANT line for dealing with a `tree`
- Why use this?
 - Allows us to iterate through branches of a `tree`
 - Useful for calling recursive functions on all branches of a `tree`
- Can also be a base case
 - The for loop does not run if there are no branches to iterate over

How do I use this? (Recursion for trees)

1. Base Case
 - Smallest Input
 - Usually a leaf
2. Recursive Calls
 - Call recursive function on branches
3. Putting it together
 - Use recursive calls to solve problem
 - Can use `max`, `min`, `sum`, `any`, `all` on lists

Thank you

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