

## Tutorial 14 Solution

1.

- a) Vertex  $a$  is the root, since it is drawn at the top.
- b) The internal vertices are the vertices with children, namely  $a, b, c, d, f, h, j, q$ , and  $t$ .
- c) The leaves are the vertices without children, namely  $e, g, i, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s$ , and  $u$ .
- d) The children of  $j$  are the vertices adjacent to  $j$  and below  $j$ , namely  $q$  and  $r$ .
- e) The parent of  $h$  is the vertex adjacent to  $h$  and above  $h$ , namely  $c$ .
- f) Vertex  $o$  has only one sibling, namely  $p$ , which is the other child of  $o$ 's parent,  $h$ .
- g) The ancestors of  $m$  are all the vertices on the unique simple path from  $m$  back to the root, namely  $f, b$ , and  $a$ .
- h) The descendants of  $b$  are all the vertices that have  $b$  as an ancestor, namely  $e, f, l, m$ , and  $n$ .

2. Let  $P$  be a person sending out the letter. Then 10 people receive a letter with  $P$ 's name at the bottom of the list (in the sixth position). Later 100 people receive a letter with  $P$ 's name in the fifth position. Similarly, 1000 people receive a letter with  $P$ 's name in the fourth position, and so on, until 1,000,000 people receive the letter with  $P$ 's name in the first position. Therefore  $P$  should receive \$1,000,000. The model here is a full 10-ary tree.

3. Suppose that  $n = 2^k$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer. We want to show how to add  $n$  numbers in  $\log n$  steps using a tree-connected network of  $n - 1$  processors (recall that  $\log n$  means  $\log_2 n$ ). Let us prove this by mathematical induction on  $k$ . If  $k = 1$  there is nothing to prove, since then  $n = 2$  and  $n - 1 = 1$ , and certainly in  $\log 2 = 1$  step we can add 2 numbers with 1 processor. Assume the inductive hypothesis, that we can add  $n = 2^k$  numbers in  $\log n$  steps using a tree-connected network of  $n - 1$  processors. Suppose now that we have  $2n = 2^{k+1}$  numbers to add,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n}$ . The tree-connected network of  $2n - 1$  processors consists of the tree-connected network of  $n - 1$  processors together with two new processors as children of each leaf in the  $(n - 1)$ -processor network. In one step we can use the leaves of the larger network to add  $x_1 + x_2, x_3 + x_4, \dots, x_{2n-1} + x_{2n}$ . This gives us  $n$  numbers. By the inductive hypothesis we can now use the rest of the network to add these numbers using  $\log n$  steps. In all, then, we used  $1 + (\log n)$  steps, and, just as desired,  $\log(2n) = \log 2 + \log n = 1 + \log n$ . This completes the proof.

4. There are of course two things to prove here. First let us assume that  $G$  is a tree. We must show that  $G$  contains no simple circuits (which is immediate by definition) and that the addition of an edge connecting two nonadjacent vertices produces a graph that has exactly one simple circuit. Clearly the addition of such an edge  $e = \{u, v\}$  produces a graph with a simple circuit, namely  $u, e, v, P, u$ , where  $P$  is the unique simple path joining  $v$  to  $u$  in  $G$ . Since  $P$  is unique, moreover, this is the only simple circuit that can be formed. To prove the converse, suppose that  $G$  satisfies the given conditions; we want to prove that  $G$  is a tree, in other words, that  $G$  is connected (since one of the conditions is already that  $G$  has no simple circuits). If  $G$  is not connected, then let  $u$  and  $v$  lie in separate components of  $G$ . Then edge  $\{u, v\}$  can be added to  $G$  without the formation of any simple circuits, in contradiction to the assumed condition. Therefore,  $G$  is indeed a tree.

