Trees

Lecture 7
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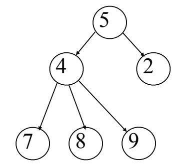
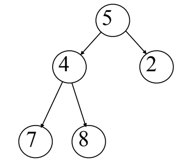
Tree Overview

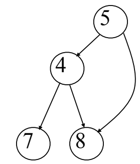
- *Tree*: recursive data structure (similar to list)
  - Each cell may have two or more *successors* (or *children*)
  - Each cell has at most one *predecessor* (or *parent*)
    - Distinguished cell called *root* has no parent
  - All cells reachable from *root*
- *Binary tree*: tree in which each cell can have at most two children: a left child and a right child



General tree



Binary tree



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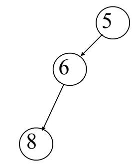
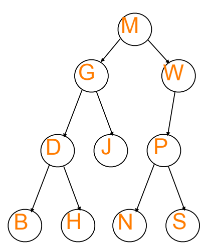


List-like tree

Tree Terminology

- M is the *root* of this tree
- G is the *root* of the *left subtree* of M
- B, H, J, N, and S are *leaves*
- N is the *left child* of P; S is the *right child*
- P is the *parent* of N
- M and G are *ancestors* of D
- P, N, and S are *descendants* of W
- Node J is at *depth* 2 (i.e., *depth* = length of path from root = number of edges)
- Node W is at *height* 2 (i.e., *height* = length of longest path to a leaf)
- A collection of several trees is called a ...?



Class for Binary Tree Cells

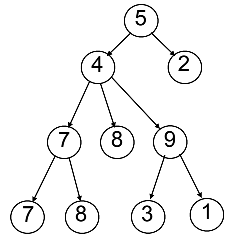
```
class TreeCell<T> {
   private T datum;
   private TreeCell<T> left, right;

   public TreeCell(T x) { datum = x; }
   public TreeCell(T x, TreeCell<T> l,
                        TreeCell<T> r) {
      datum = x;
      left = l;
      right = r;
   }
   more methods: getDatum, setDatum,
   getLeft, setLeft, getRight, setRight
}
```

```
... new TreeCell<String>("hello") ...
```

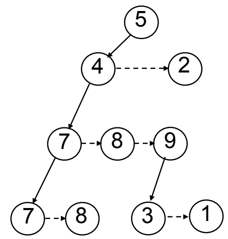
Class for General Trees

```
class GTreeCell {
   private Object datum;
   private GTreeCell left;
   private GTreeCell sibling;
   appropriate getter and
   setter methods
}
```

- Parent node points directly only to its leftmost child
- Leftmost child has pointer to next sibling, which points to next sibling, etc



General tree



Tree represented using GTreeCell

Applications of Trees

- Most languages (natural and computer) have a recursive, hierarchical structure
- This structure is *implicit* in ordinary textual representation
- Recursive structure can be made *explicit* by representing sentences in the language as trees: Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs)
- ASTs are easier to optimize, generate code from, etc. than textual representation
- A parser converts textual representations to AST

Example

- Expression grammar:
  - E → integer
  - E → (E + E)
- In textual representation
  - Parentheses show hierarchical structure
- In tree representation
  - Hierarchy is explicit in the structure of the tree

Text | AST Representation

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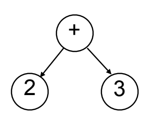
(2 + 3)



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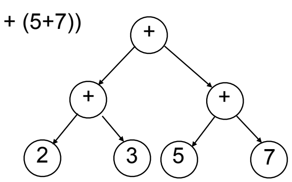


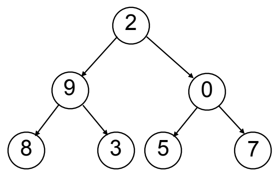
Recursion on Trees

- Recursive methods can be written to operate on trees in an obvious way
- Base case
  - empty tree
  - leaf node
- Recursive case
  - solve problem on left and right subtrees
  - put solutions together to get solution for full tree

Searching in a Binary Tree

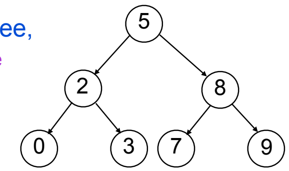
```
public static boolean treeSearch(Object x,
                                 TreeCell node) {
   if (node == null) return false;
   if (node.datum.equals(x)) return true;
   return treeSearch(x, node.left) ||
          treeSearch(x, node.right);
}
```

- Analog of linear search in lists: given tree and an object, find out if object is stored in tree
- Easy to write recursively, harder to write iteratively



Binary Search Tree (BST)

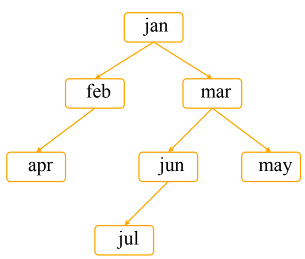
- If the tree data are *ordered* – in any subtree,
  - All *left* descendents of node come *before* node
  - All *right* descendents of node come *after* node
- This makes it *much* faster to search




```
public static boolean treeSearch (Object x, TreeCell node) {
   if (node == null) return false;
   if (node.datum.equals(x)) return true;
   if (node.datum.compareTo(x) > 0)
       return treeSearch(x, node.left);
   else return treeSearch(x, node.right);
}
```

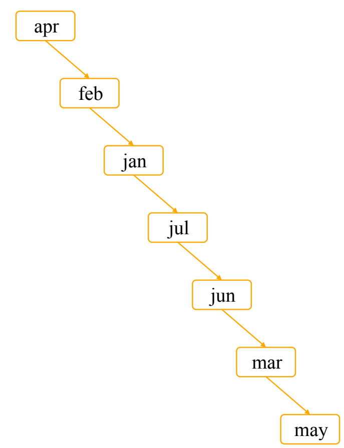

Building a BST

- To insert a new item
  - Pretend to look for the item
  - Put the new node in the place where you fall off the tree
- This can be done using either recursion or iteration
- Example
  - Tree uses *alphabetical order*
  - Months appear for insertion in *calendar order*



What Can Go Wrong?

- A BST makes searches very fast, *unless…*
  - Nodes are inserted in alphabetical order
  - In this case, we're basically building a linked list (with some extra wasted space for the `left` fields that aren't being used)
- BST works great if data arrives in random order



Printing Contents of BST

- Because of the ordering rules for a BST, it is easy to print the items in alphabetical order
  - Recursively print everything in the left subtree
  - Print the node
  - Recursively print everything in the right subtree

```java
/**
 * Show the contents of the BST in
 * alphabetical order
 */
public void show() {
    show(root);
    System.out.println();
}

private static void show(TreeNode node) {
    if (node == null) return;
    show(node.lchild);
    System.out.print(node.datum + " ");
    show(node.rchild);
}
```


Tree Traversals

- “Walking” over the whole tree is a *tree traversal*
  - This is done often enough that there are standard names
  - The previous example is an *inorder traversal*
    - Process left subtree
    - Process node
    - Process right subtree
- Note: we’re using this for printing, but any kind of processing can be done

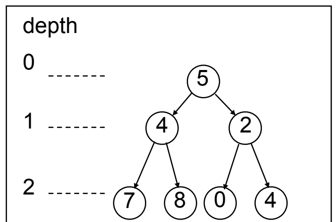
- There are other standard kinds of traversals
  - Preorder traversal
    - Process node
    - Process left subtree
    - Process right subtree
  - Postorder traversal
    - Process left subtree
    - Process right subtree
    - Process node
  - Level-order traversal
    - Not recursive
    - Uses a queue

Some Useful Methods

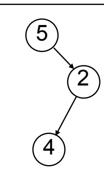
```java
//determine if a node is a leaf
public static boolean isLeaf(TreeCell node) {
   return (node != null) && (node.left == null)
                         && (node.right == null);
}

//compute height of tree using postorder traversal
public static int height(TreeCell node) {
   if (node == null) return -1; //empty tree
   if (isLeaf(node)) return 0;
   return 1 + Math.max(height(node.left),
                       height(node.right));
}

//compute number of nodes using postorder traversal
public static int nNodes(TreeCell node) {
   if (node == null) return 0;
   return 1 + nNodes(node.left) + nNodes(node.right);
}
```


Useful Facts about Binary Trees

- 2^d = maximum number of nodes at depth d
- If height of tree is h
  - Minimum number of nodes in tree = h + 1
  - Maximum number of nodes in tree = $2^0 + 2^1 + \ldots + 2^h = 2^{h+1} - 1$
- Complete binary tree
  - All levels of tree down to a certain depth are completely filled



Height 2,
maximum number of nodes



Height 2,
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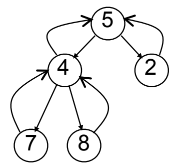
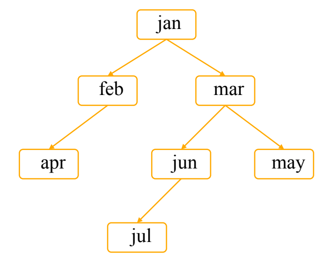
Tree with Parent Pointers

- In some applications, it is useful to have trees in which nodes can reference their parents
- Analog of doubly-linked lists



Things to Think About

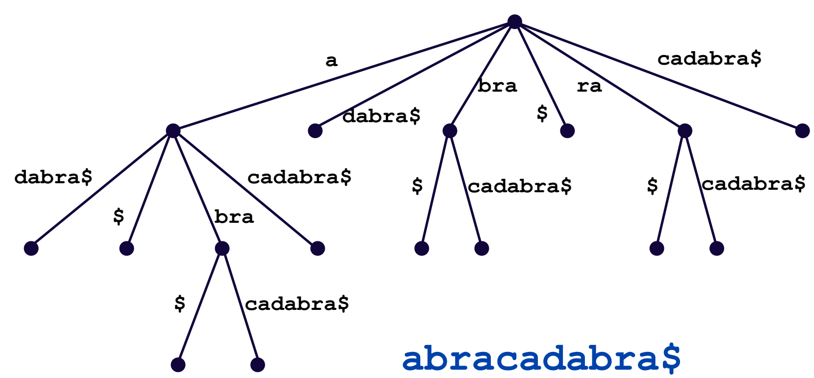
- What if we want to *delete* data from a BST?
- A BST works great as long as it's *balanced*
  - How can we keep it balanced?



Suffix Trees

- Given a string s, a suffix tree for s is a tree such that
  - each edge has a unique label, which is a nonnull substring of s
  - any two edges out of the same node have labels beginning with different characters
  - the labels along any path from the root to a leaf concatenate together to give a suffix of s
  - all suffixes are represented by some path
  - the leaf of the path is labeled with the index of the first character of the suffix in s
- Suffix trees can be constructed in linear time

Suffix Trees



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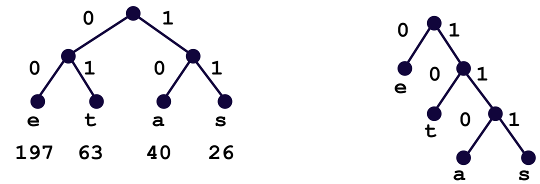
Suffix Trees

- Useful in string matching algorithms (e.g., longest common substring of 2 strings)
- Most algorithms linear time
- Used in genomics (human genome is ~4GB)

Huffman Trees



Fixed length encoding
197*2 + 63*2 + 40*2 + 26*2 = 652

Huffman encoding
197*1 + 63*2 + 40*3 + 26*3 = 521

Huffman Compression of “Ulysses”

' '	242125	00100000	3	110
'e'	139496	01100101	3	000
't'	95660	01110100	4	1010
'a'	89651	01100001	4	1000
'o'	88884	01101111	4	0111
'n'	78465	01101110	4	0101
'i'	76505	01101001	4	0100
's'	73186	01110011	4	0011
'h'	68625	01101000	5	11111
'r'	68320	01110010	5	11110
'l'	52657	01101100	5	10111
'u'	32942	01110101	6	111011
'g'	26201	01100111	6	101101
'f'	25248	01100110	6	101100
'.'	21361	00101110	6	011010
'p'	20661	01110000	6	011001
...				
'7'	68	00110111	15	111010101001111
'/'	58	00101111	15	111010101001110
'X'	19	01011000	16	0110000000100011
'&'	3	00100110	18	011000000010001010
'%'	3	00100101	19	0110000000100010111
'+'	2	00101011	19	0110000000100010110

BSP Trees

- BSP = Binary Space Partition
- Used to render 3D images composed of polygons
- Each node n has one polygon p as data
- Left subtree of n contains all polygons on one side of p
- Right subtree of n contains all polygons on the other side of p
- Order of traversal determines occlusion!

Tree Summary

- A *tree* is a recursive data structure
  - Each cell has 0 or more successors (*children*)
  - Each cell except the *root* has at exactly one predecessor (*parent*)
  - All cells are reachable from the *root*
  - A cell with no children is called a *leaf*
- Special case: *binary tree*
  - Binary tree cells have a left and a right child
  - Either or both children can be null
- Trees are useful for exposing the recursive structure of natural language and computer programs