

Tree: Binary Tree

Course on C-Programming & Data Structures: GATE - 2024 & 2025

Data Structure

Tree 1

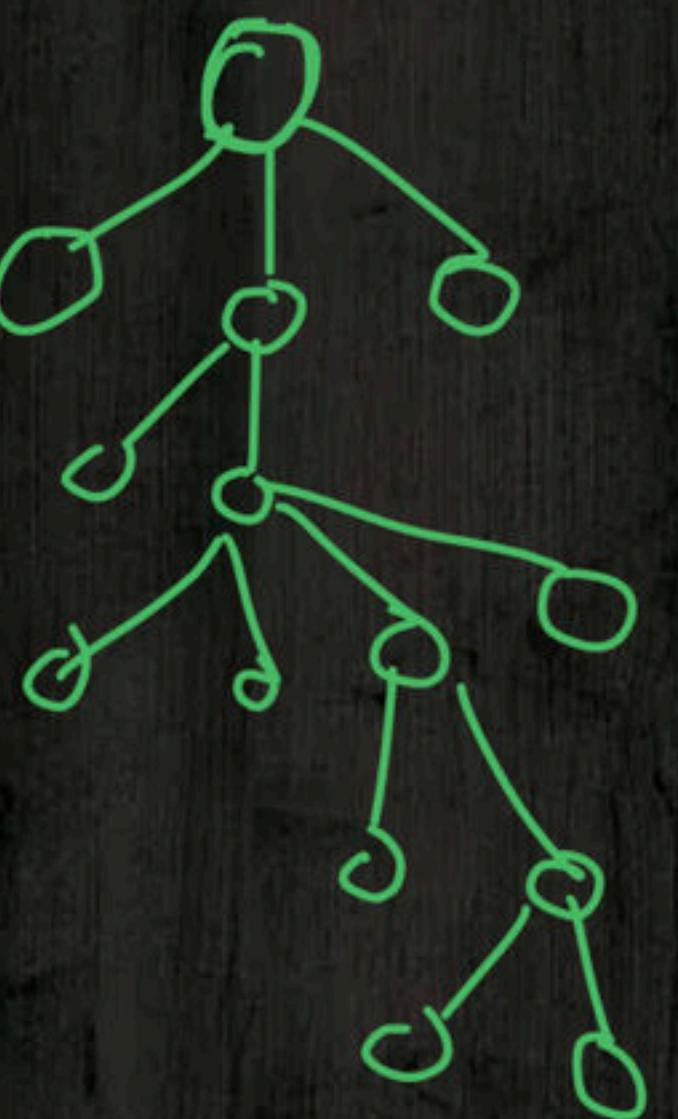
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Tree

Non-linear data structure

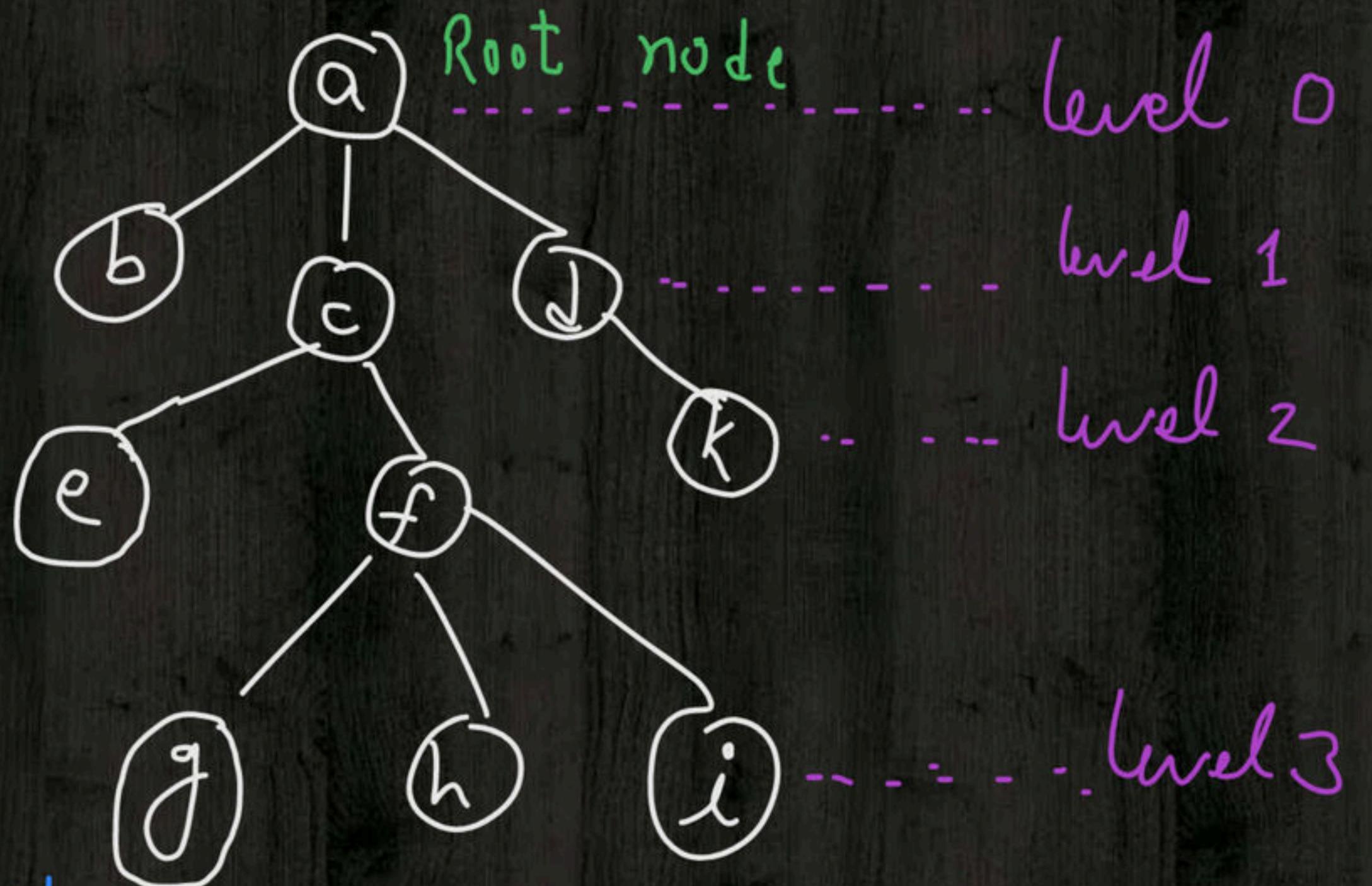
nodes

edges



Tree Terminologies

- Root
- Child
- Parent
- Sibling
- Subtree
- Internal Node \Rightarrow node having children \Rightarrow a, c, f, d
- External Node (leaf node) \Rightarrow nodes not having children \Rightarrow b, e, g, h, i, k
- Level



degree of a node \Rightarrow no. of children

total no. of nodes = total no. of internal (non-leaf) nodes (I)
 N +
total no. of external nodes (L)

$$N = I + L$$

Ans) Consider a tree which has 30 leaf nodes and 15 such nodes which have atleast one child. Total no. of nodes in the tree is ?

Ans:-

$$L = 30$$

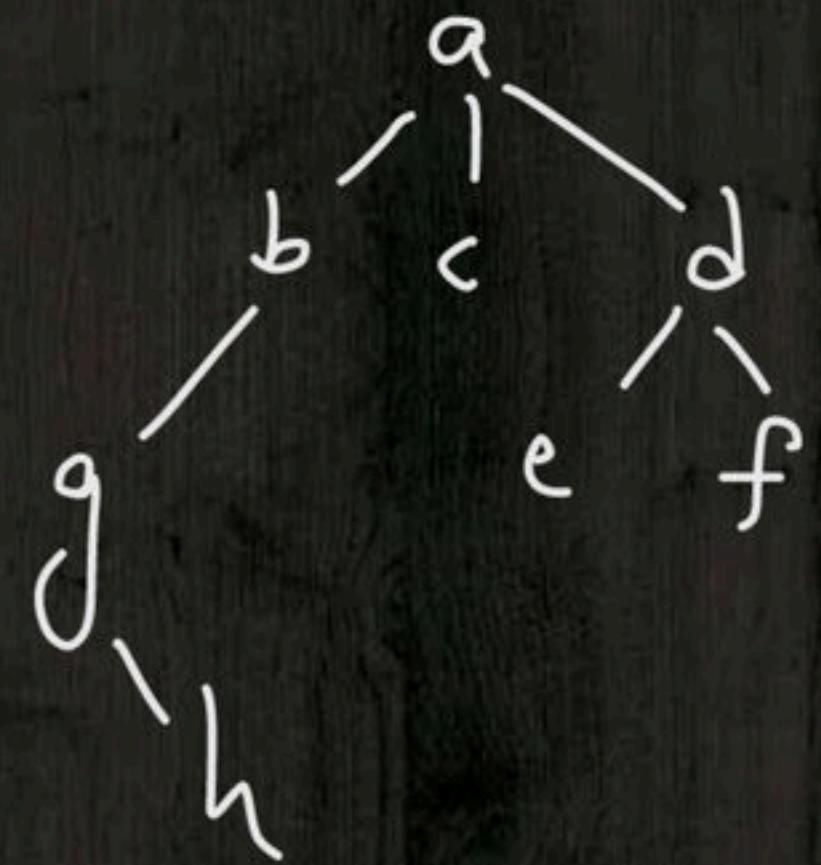
$$I = 15$$

$$N = 30 + 15$$

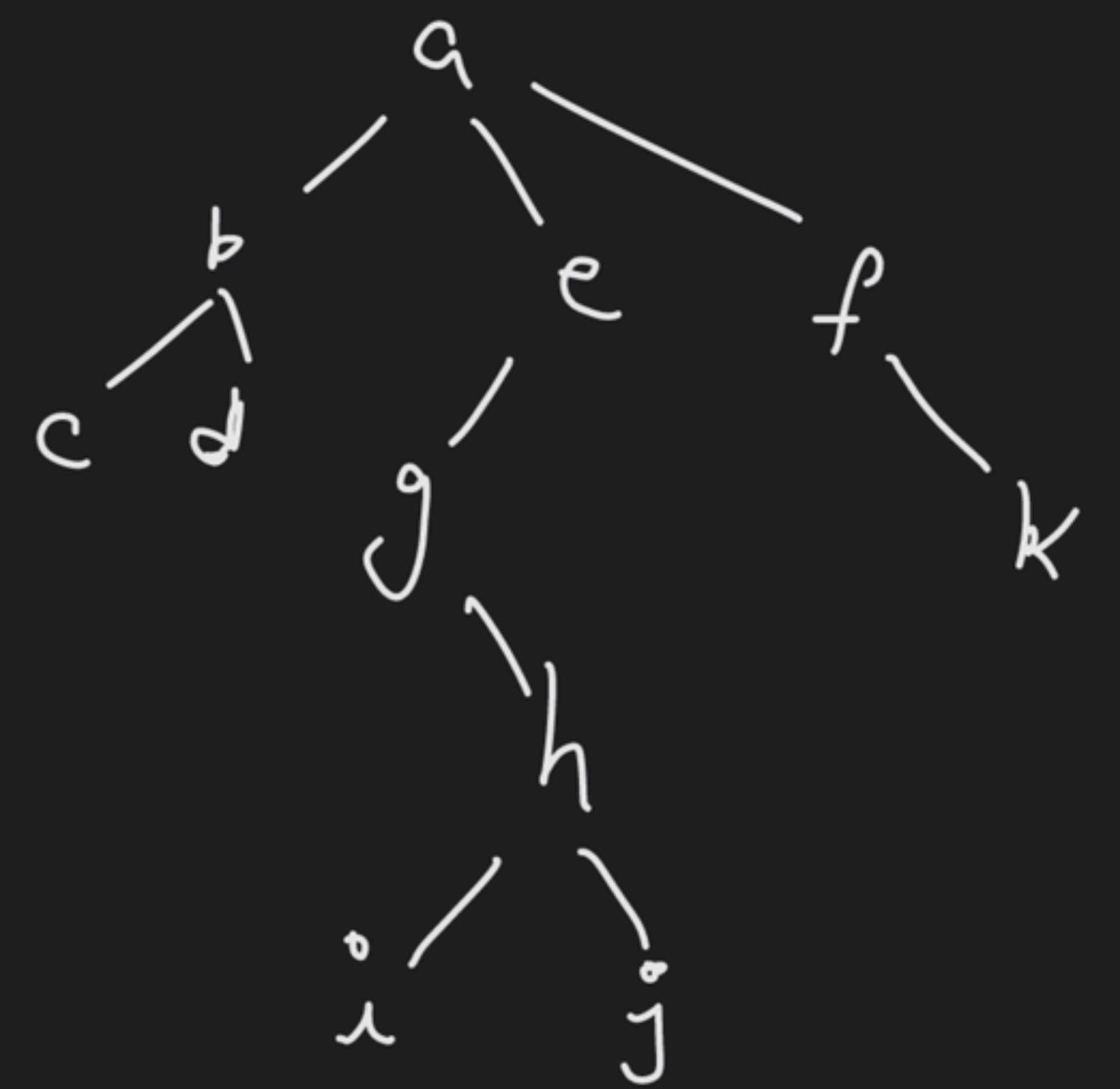
$$N = 45$$

Parenthesis Representation

Root(child₁, child₂, ... ----- , child_n)



a(b(g(h)),c,d(e,f))

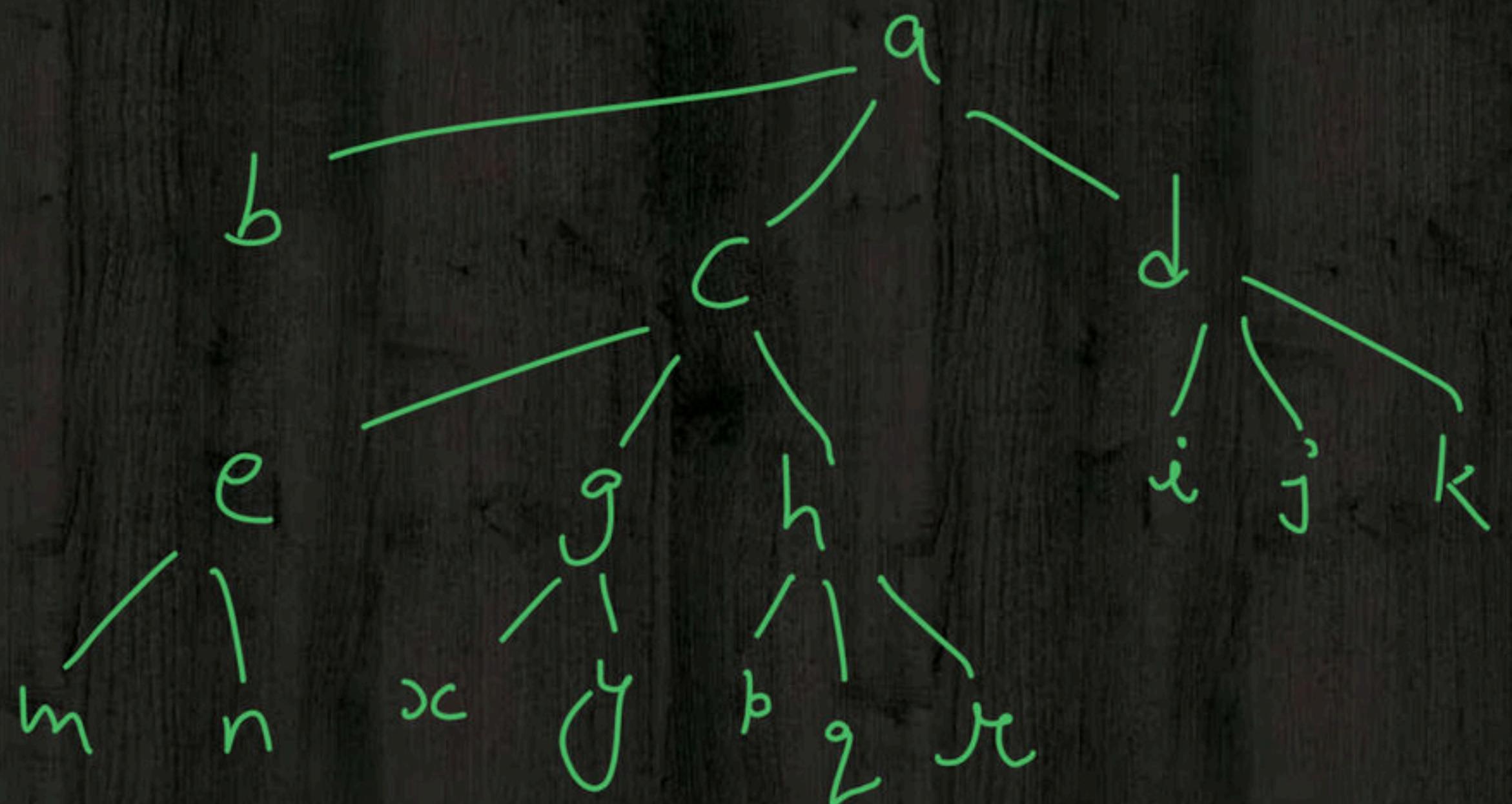


$a(b(c, d), e(g(h(i, j))), f(k))$

Question

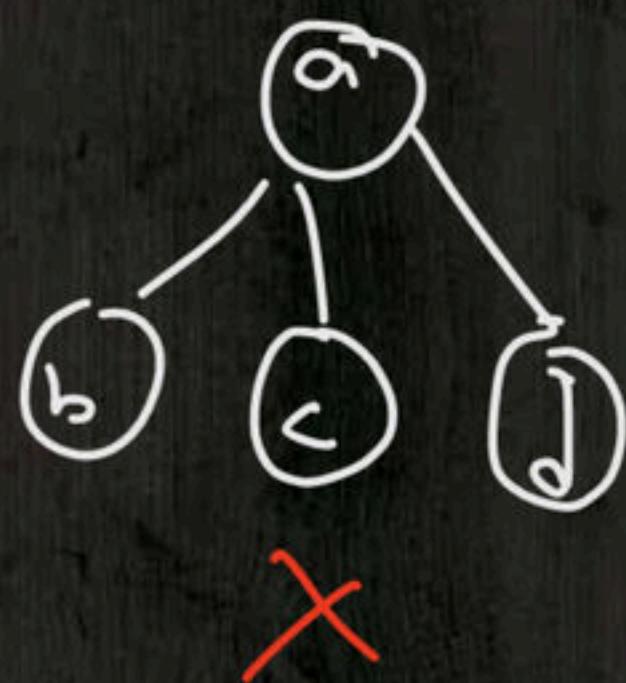
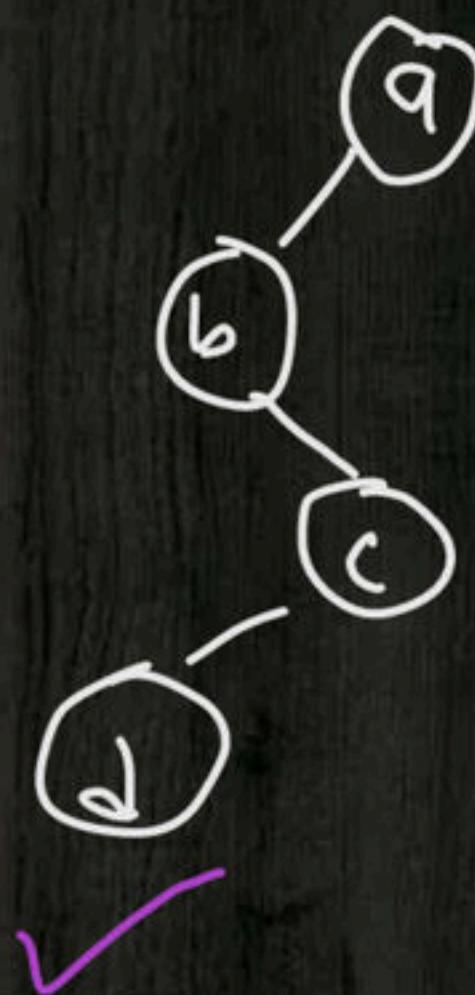
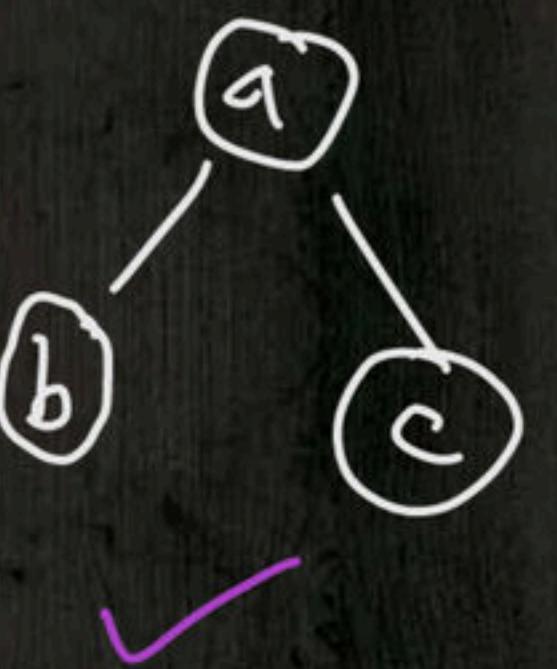
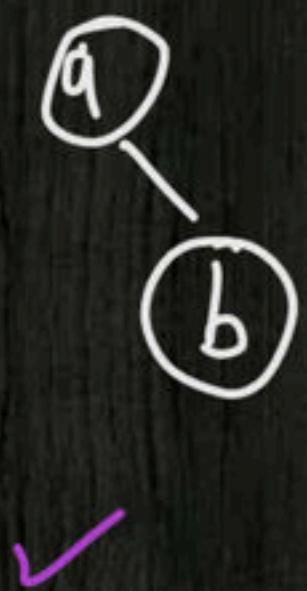
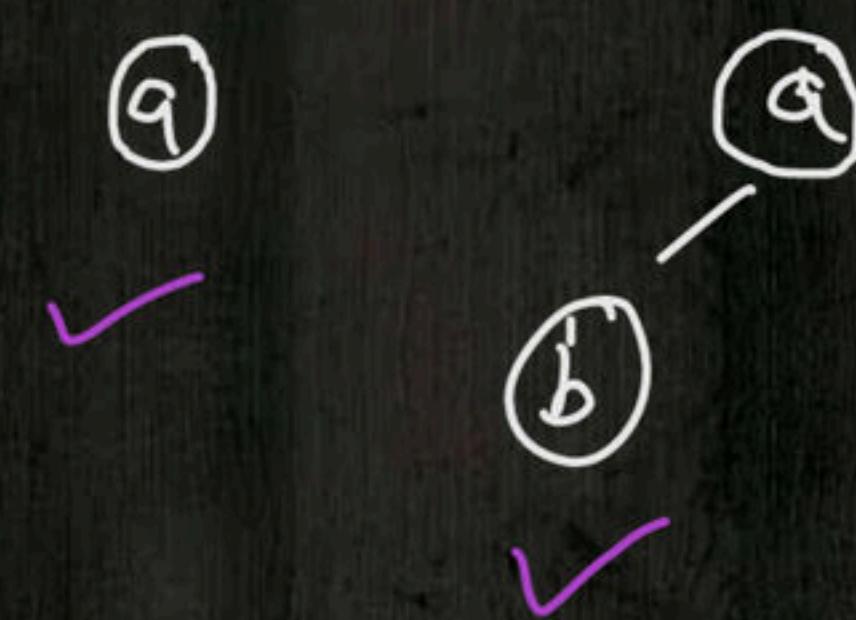
Draw the tree for:

$a(b, c(e(m, n), g(x, y), h(p, q, r)), d(i, j, k))$

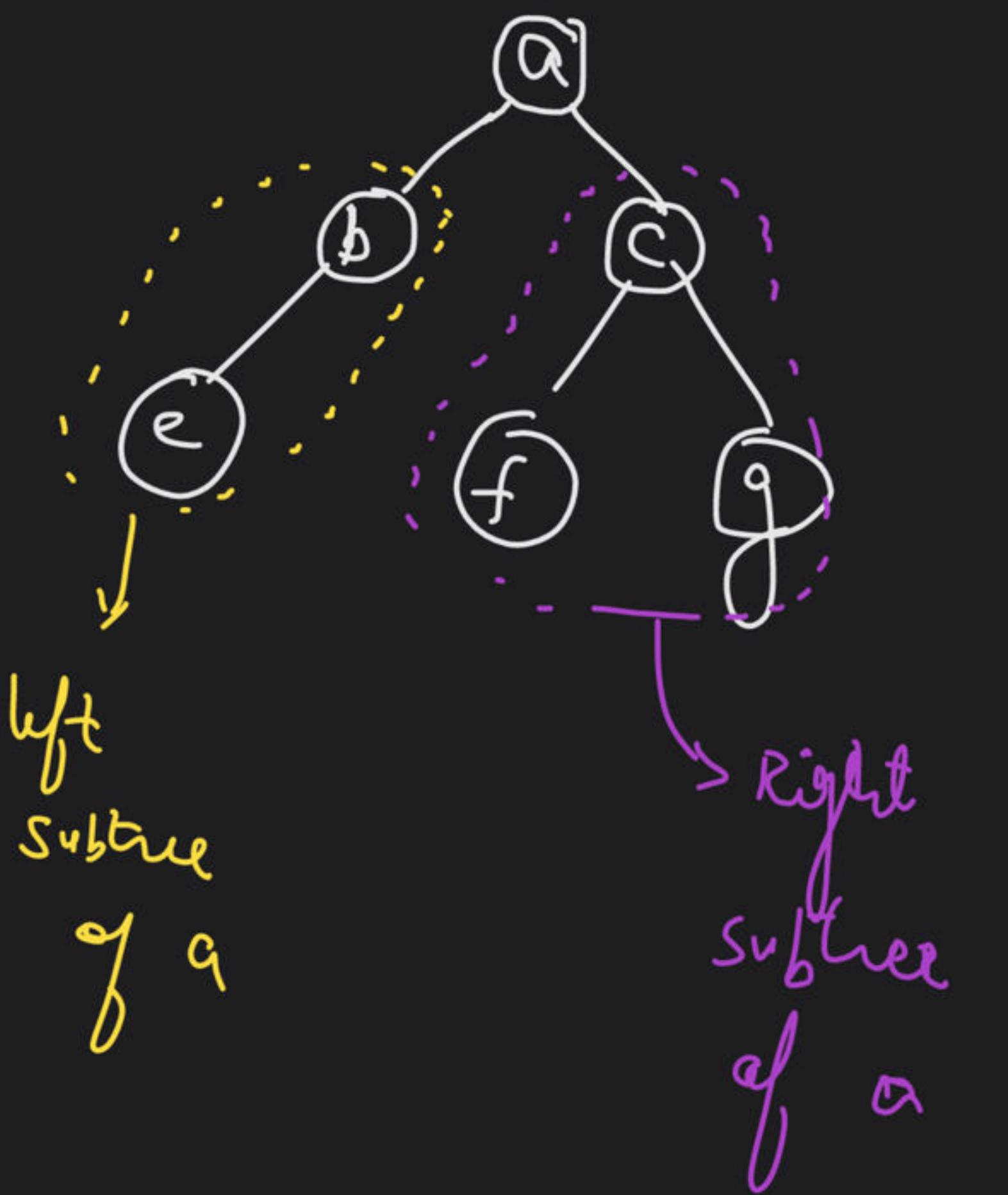


Binary Tree

A tree in which each node has max. 2 children.



valid
BT \Rightarrow Empty tree
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b is left child of q

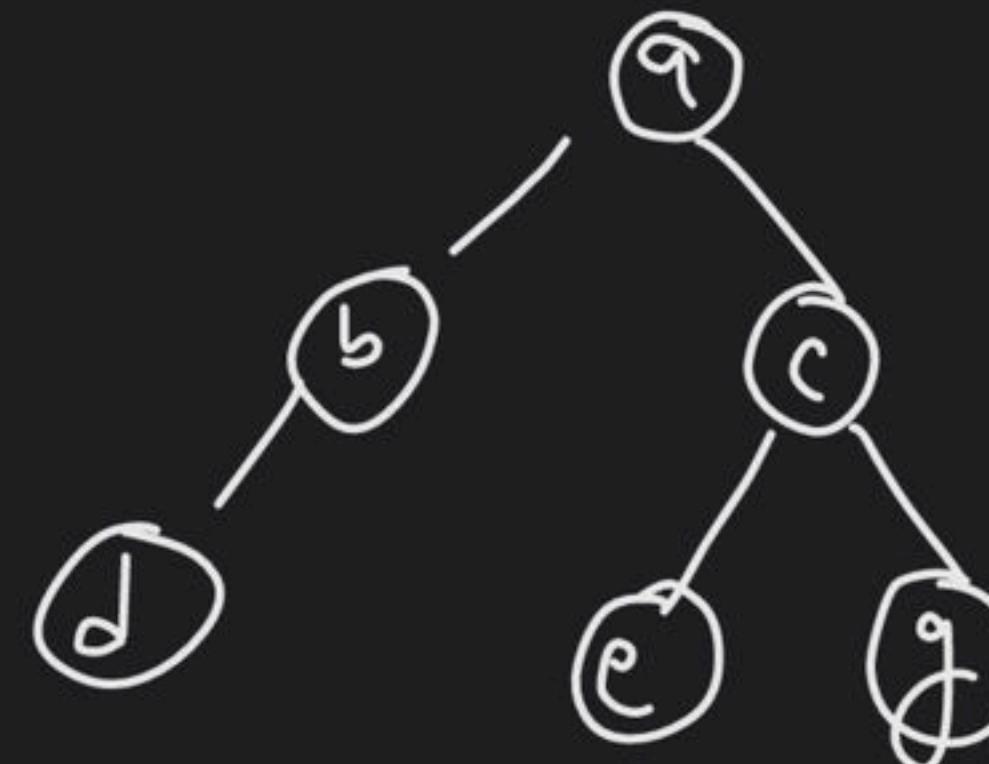
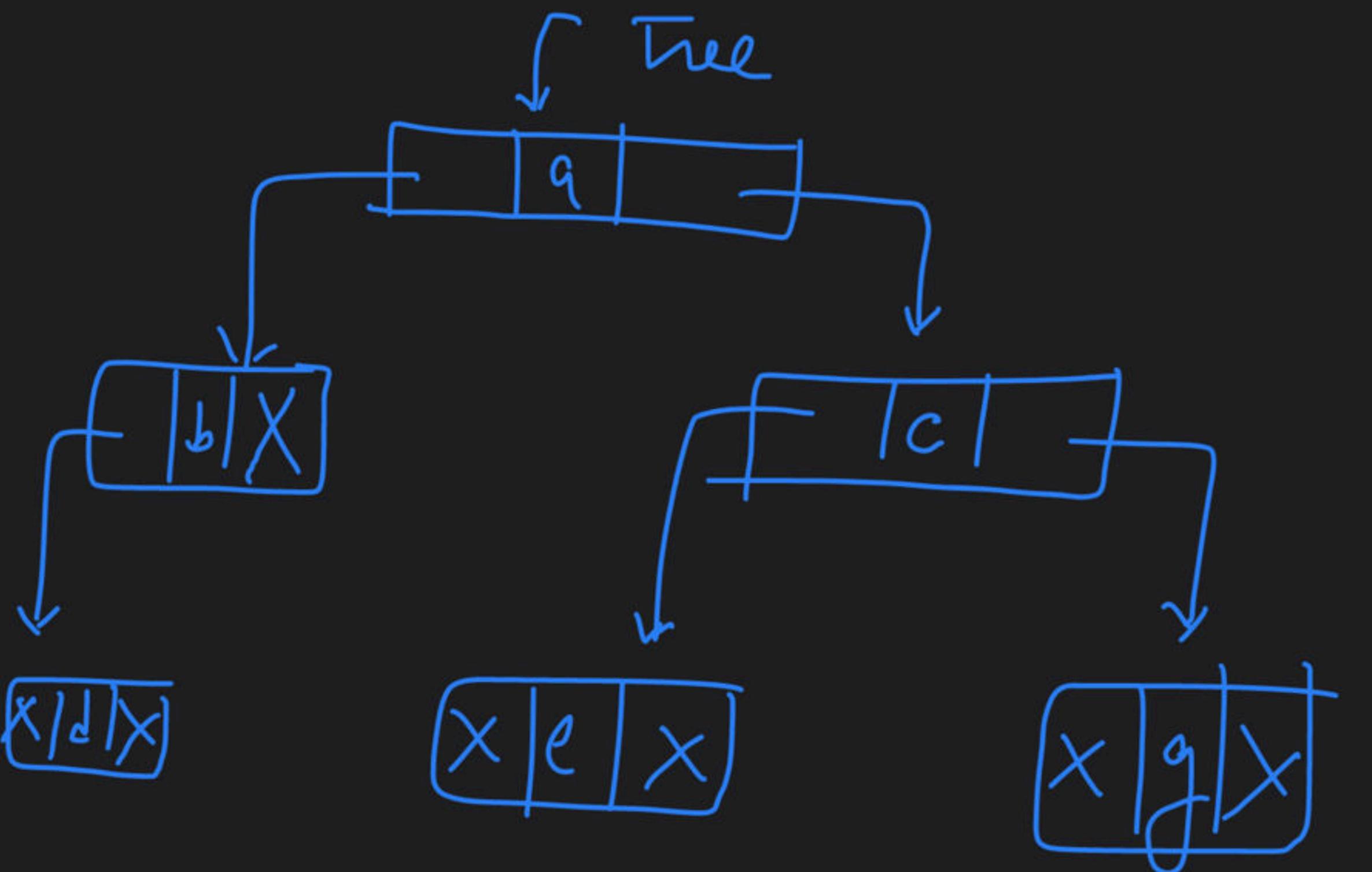
c is right child of q

Linked Representation on Binary Tree

node

Left Child	Key	Right Child
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struct BTnode
{
    char key;
    struct BTnode *Leftchild;
    struct BTnode *Rightchild;
};
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empty tree condition =>

if (tree == NULL) empty tree
 or
 if (! tree)

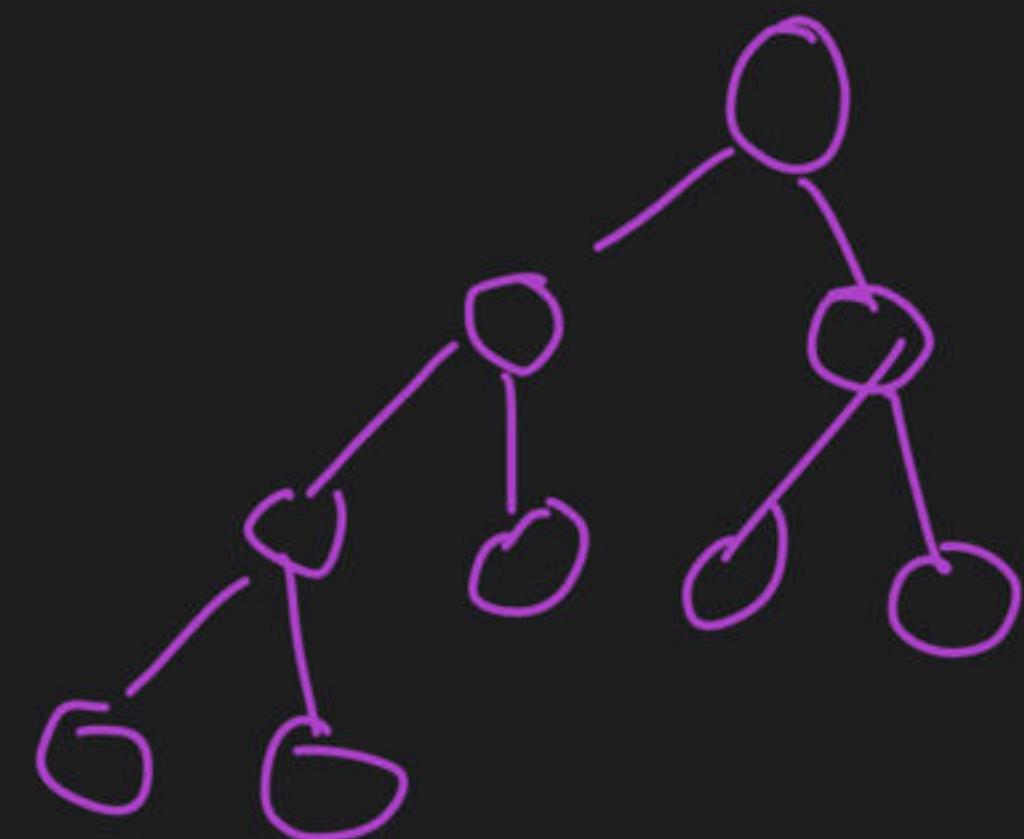
assume pointer P points to a node in Binary tree.

if ($P \rightarrow \text{leftchild} == \text{NULL}$ & $P \rightarrow \text{rightchild} == \text{NULL}$)

P points to a leaf node

Ques) consider a binary tree which has 5 leaf nodes.
No. of nodes having 2 children in the tree is ___?

Ans) 4



no. of leaf nodes
in Binary tree
(L)

= no. of nodes
with 2
children
(I₂)

$$L = I_2 + 1$$

Total internal node = no. of nodes
with 2 children + no. of nodes
with 1 child

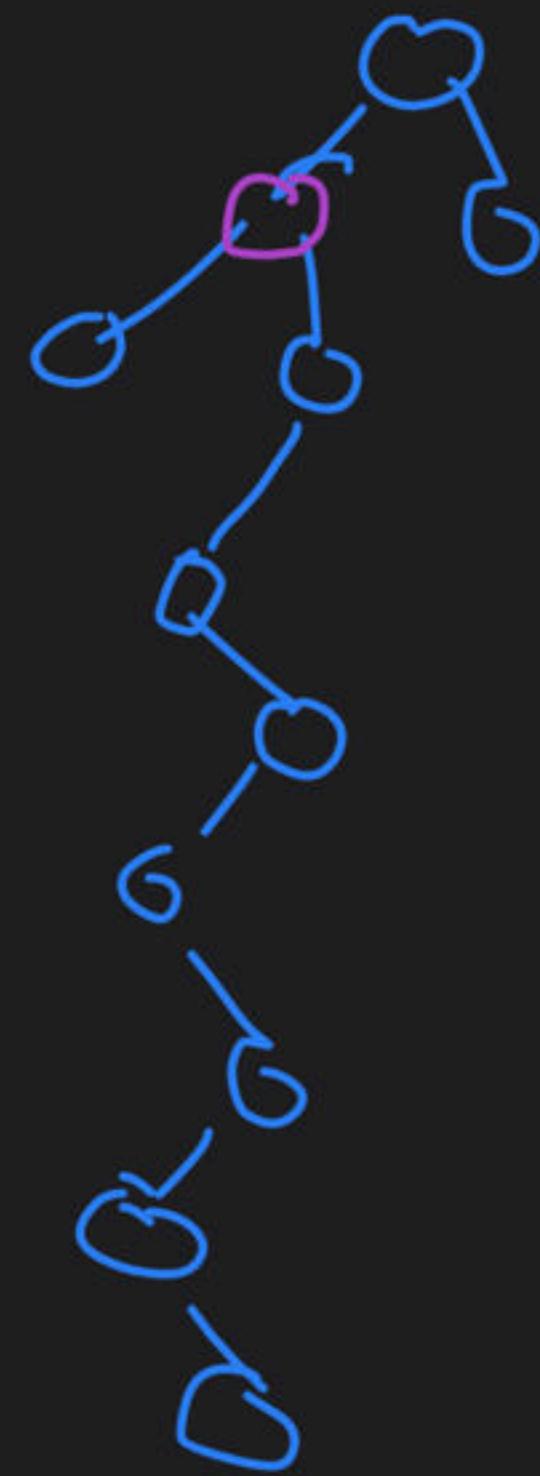
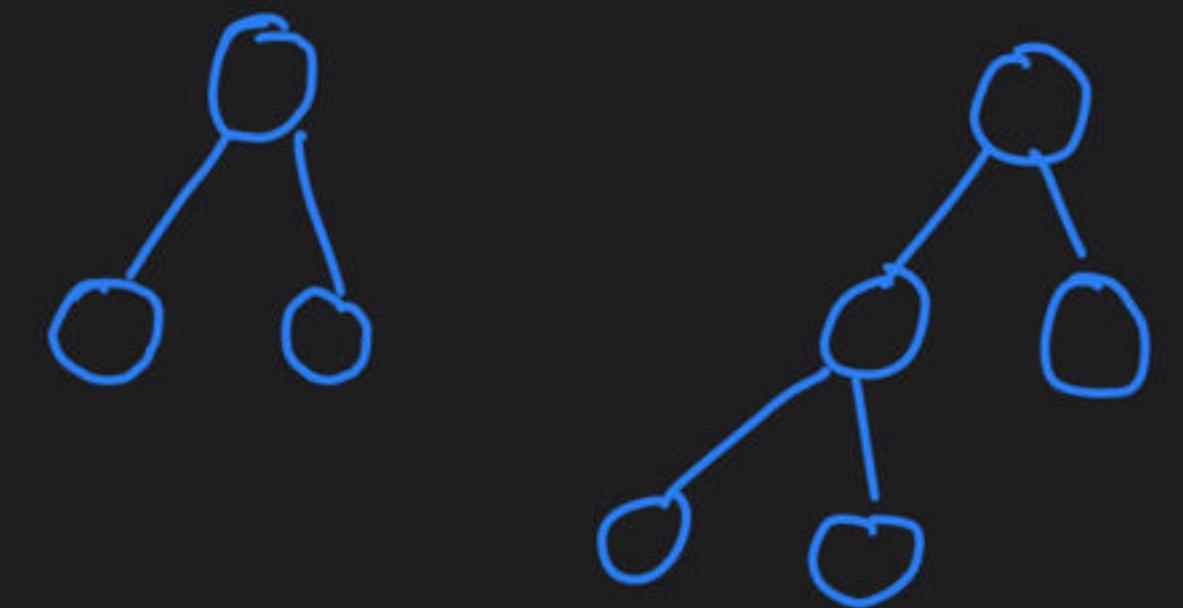
$$I = I_2 + I_1$$

$$N = L + I$$

$$N = (I_2 + 1) + (I_2 + I_1)$$

$$N = 2I_2 + I_1 + 1$$

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T_2	0	1	2	...	15
L	1	2	3		16

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Consider the following nested representation of binary trees: (X Y Z) indicates Y and Z are the left and right subtrees respectively of node X. Note that Y and Z may be NULL or further nested. Which of the following represents a valid binary tree?

- A. (1 2 (4 5 6 7))
- B. (1 ((2 3 4) 5 6) 7)
- C. (1 (2 3 4)(5 6 7))
- D. (1 (2 3 NULL)(4 5))

Question

A binary tree T has 29 leaves. The number of nodes in T having 2 children is ____ ?

Ans => 28

Ans = 39

Question

In a binary tree, the number of internal nodes of degree 1 is 8, and the number of internal nodes of degree 2 is 15. Total number of nodes in the binary tree is?

$$I_1 = 8$$

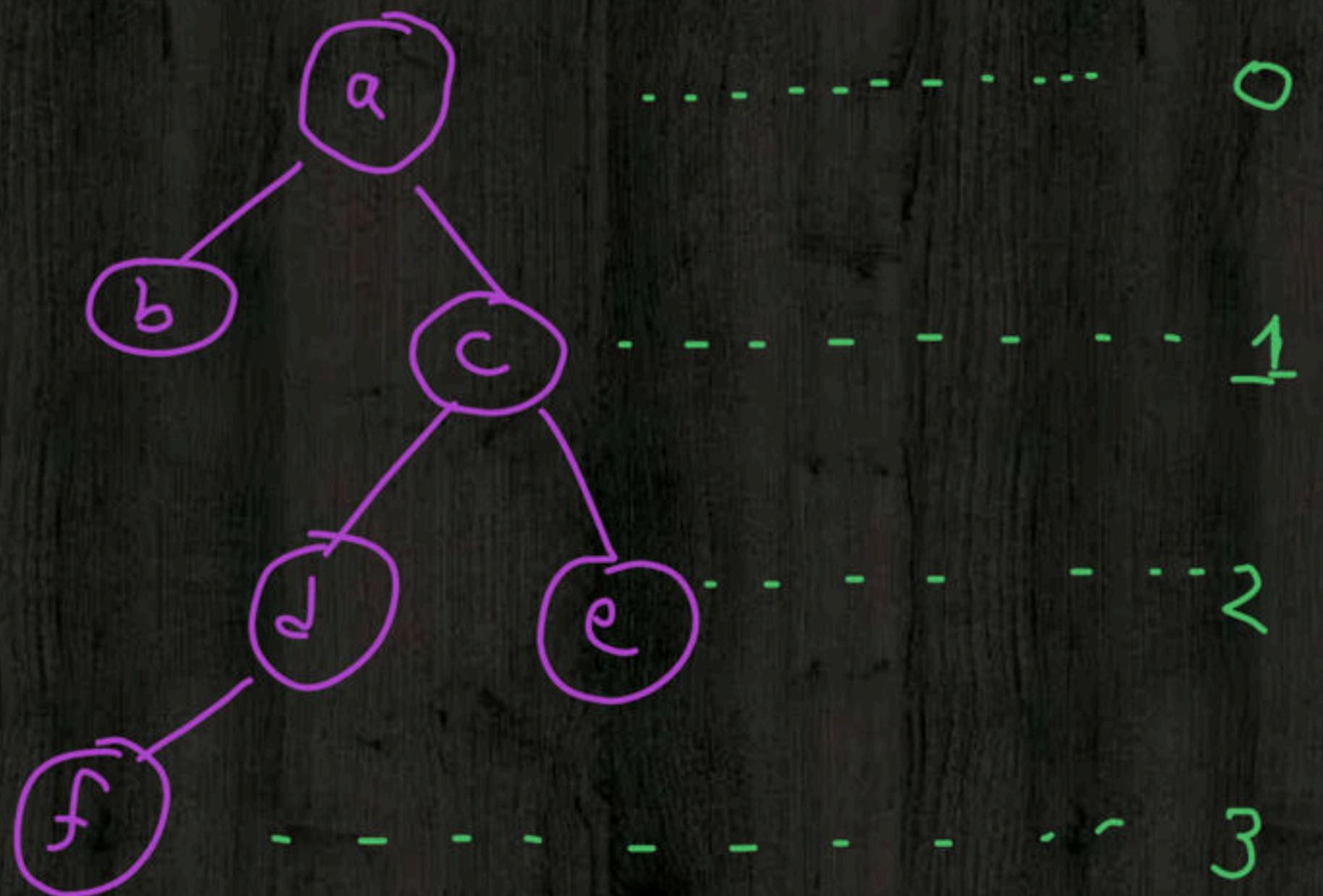
$$I_2 = 15$$

$$\begin{aligned}N &= 2I_2 + I_1 + 1 \\&= 2 \cancel{\times} 15 + 8 + 1 \\&= \underline{\underline{39}}\end{aligned}$$

$$I_1 = 8 + 15 = 23 \quad \}$$

$$L = 15 + 1 = 16 \quad }^{23 + 16} = 39$$

Height of the Tree



a
0

Height of the Tree

Def. 1

1. $H(\bar{\text{tree}}) = \max \text{ level no.}$

2. $H(\bar{\text{tree}})$ with single node is zero.

3. Height of an empty tree is -1

4. $H(\bar{\text{tree}}) = \text{Distance of farthest leaf node from root}$

5. $H(\bar{\text{tree}}) = \text{no. of edges in path from root to farthest leaf node}$

Def. 2

2. $H(\text{tree}) = \max \text{ level no.} + 1$

2. $H(\text{tree})$ with single node is 1

3. Height of an empty tree is 0

4. ————— + 1

5. $H(\text{tree}) = \text{no. of nodes in the path from root to farthest leaf node}$

Height of the Tree: Recursive Approach

The height of a binary tree is defined as the number of edges between the root node and the deepest leaf node. A recursive approach to finding the height of a binary tree involves the following steps:

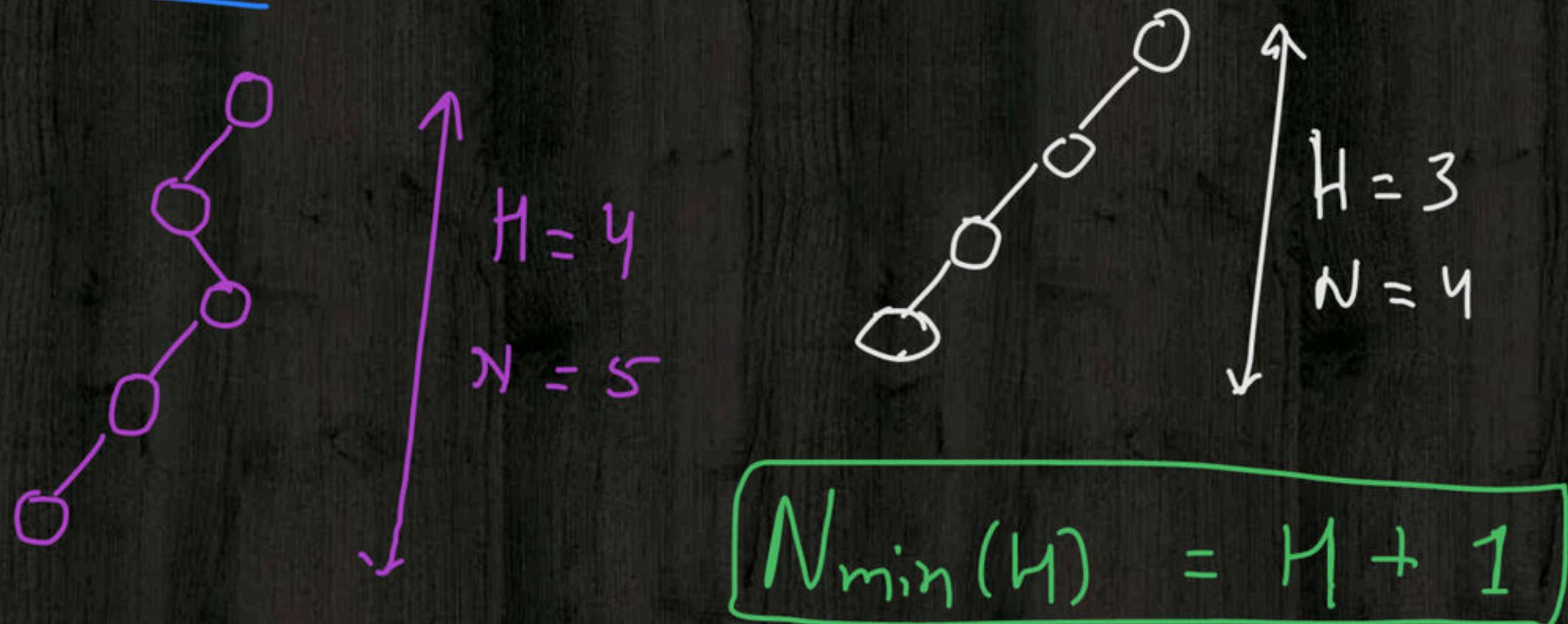
- If the tree is empty (root is null), its height is 0.
- If the tree has a root node but no children, its height is 1.
- If the tree has a root node with one child, the height is 1 plus the height of the child.
- If the tree has a root node with two children, the height is 1 plus the maximum of the heights of the left and right subtrees.

```
int height(TreeNode* root) {
    if (root == NULL) return 0;
    else if (root->left == NULL & root->right == NULL) return 1;
    else if (root->left == NULL) return 1 + height(root->right);
    else if (root->right == NULL) return 1 + height(root->left);
    else return 1 + max(height(root->left), height(root->right));
}
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Question

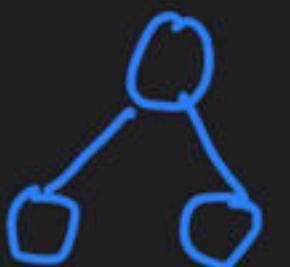
Maximum and minimum nodes in a ^{binary} tree with height H?
Note: Height of a tree with single node is 0

Minimum:-



maxi:-

0

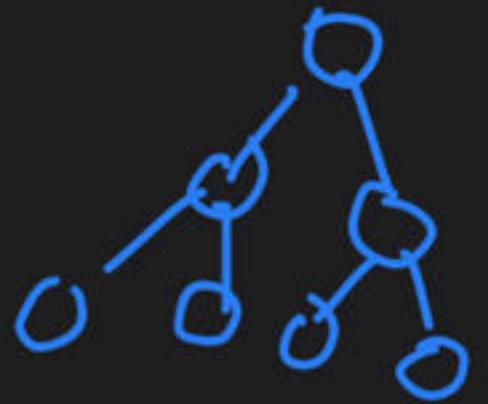


$$h = 0$$

$$N = 1$$

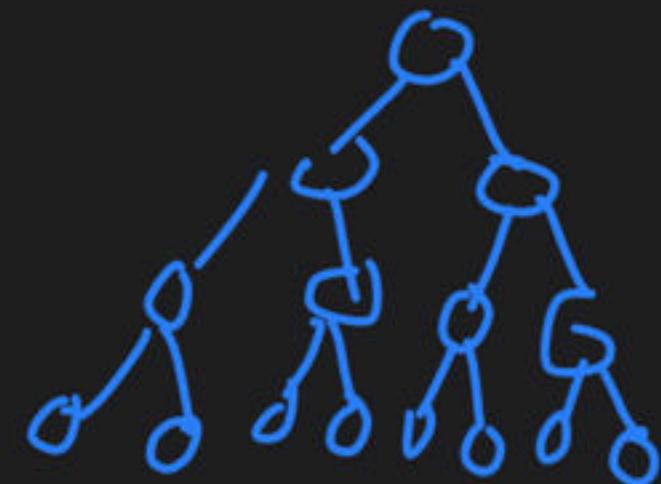
$$h = 1$$

$$N = 3$$



$$h = 2$$

$$N = 7$$



$$h = 3$$

$$N = 15$$

$$N_{\max}(h) = 2^{h+1} - 1$$

Question

How many binary tree can be constructed using 3 unlabeled nodes?

Question

How many binary tree can be constructed using 3 distinct keys?



DPP

✓Question

Draw the tree for:

- I. $A(B, C(E, F), D(G, H, K))$
- II. $A(C(B, F), D, E(X, Y(P, Q), Z))$
- III. $a(b, c(e, g(x, y, z), h(p, q, r)), d(i, j, k), f)$
- IV. $1(2, 3(7, 8, 9), 4, 5(10, 11, 12, 13, 14), 6(21, 23, 34, 35))$

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Calculate following for above all tree in previous question:

1. Get the height of the trees
2. Total number of leaf nodes
3. Total number of non-leaf nodes

Question

Maximum and minimum nodes in a tree at a level L?

Question

Consider a binary tree with n nodes. If it has L leaf nodes then:

1. Calculate number of internal nodes with 2 children L_2 ?
2. Calculate total number of internal nodes?

Question

Consider a binary tree which has 50 nodes with degree 1 and total 80 leaf nodes. Calculate:

1. Number of internal nodes with 2 children L2
2. Total number of internal nodes?
3. Total number of nodes in tree?

~~Question~~

Minimum and maximum possible height of a tree with n nodes?

Note: $H(\text{tree})$ with single node is 0

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