

VE281

Data Structures and Algorithms

Binary Tree Traversal

Midterm

- 10:00 am -- 11:40 am, Nov. 8th, 2012.
- Closed book and closed notes.
- Written exam.
- No electronic devices are allowed.
 - These include laptops and cell phones.
 - We will show a clock on the screen.
- Abide by the **Honor Code**!

Review

- Hash Table Size and Rehashing
 - Amortized analysis of rehashing
- Trees
 - Root, leaf, subtree, parent, child, sibling, path
 - Depth, height, level, degree of a node/tree
- Binary Trees
 - The relation between the number of nodes and the height.
 - **Proper**, **complete**, and **perfect** binary trees.
 - Numbering nodes in a perfect binary tree.
 - Representing a binary tree.

Outline

- Binary Tree Traversal

Binary Tree Traversal

- Many binary tree operations are done by performing a **traversal** of the binary tree.
- In a traversal, each node of the binary tree is visited **exactly once**.
- During the visit of a node, all actions (making a clone, displaying, evaluating the operator, etc.) with respect to this node are taken.

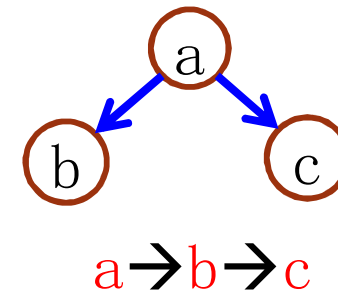
Binary Tree Traversal Methods

- Depth-first traversal
 - Pre-order
 - Post-order
 - In-order
- Level order traversal

Pre-Order Depth-First Traversal

Procedure

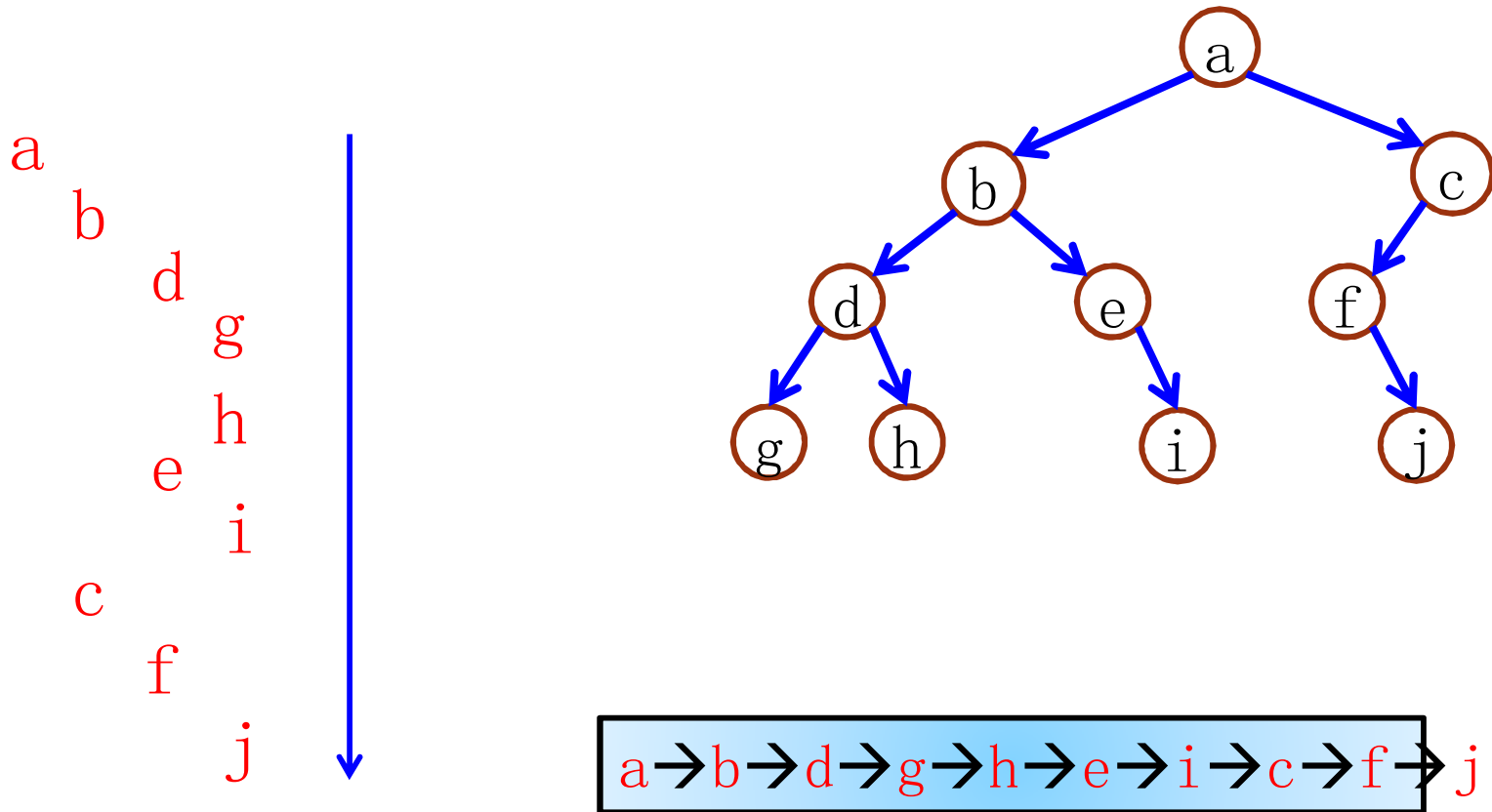
- Visit the node
- Visit its left subtree
- Visit its right subtree



```
void preOrder(node *n) {  
    if(!n) return;  
    visit(n);  
    preOrder(n->left);  
    preOrder(n->right);  
}
```

Pre-Order Depth-First Traversal

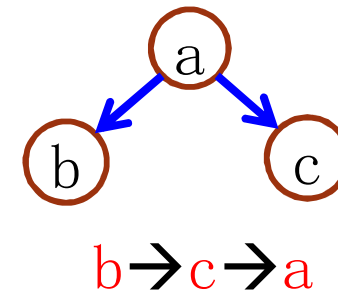
Example



Post-Order Depth-First Traversal

Procedure

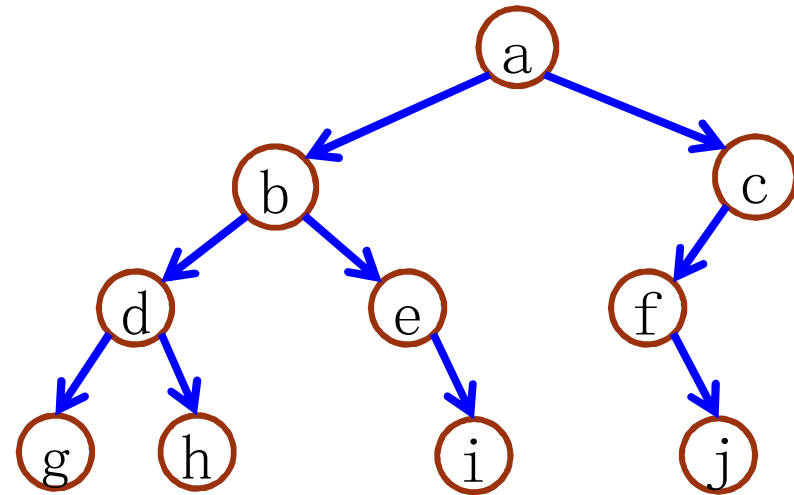
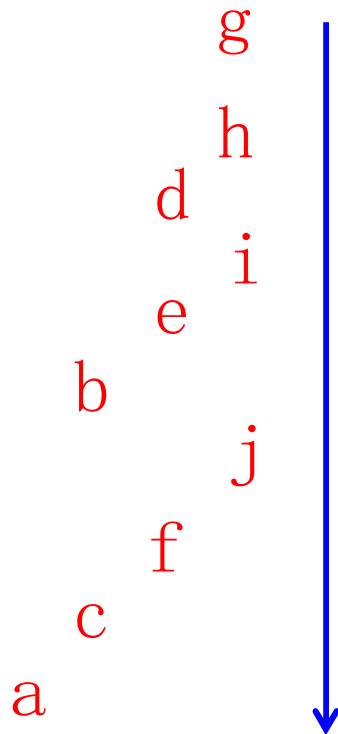
- Visit the left subtree
- Visit the right subtree
- Visit the node



```
void postOrder(node *n) {  
    if(!n) return;  
    postOrder(n->left);  
    postOrder(n->right);  
    visit(n);  
}
```

Post-Order Depth-First Traversal

Example

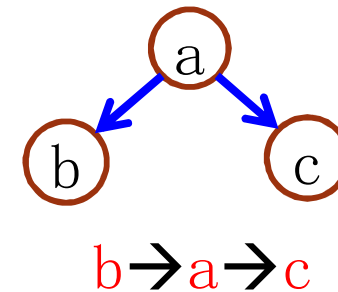


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In-Order Depth-First Traversal

Procedure

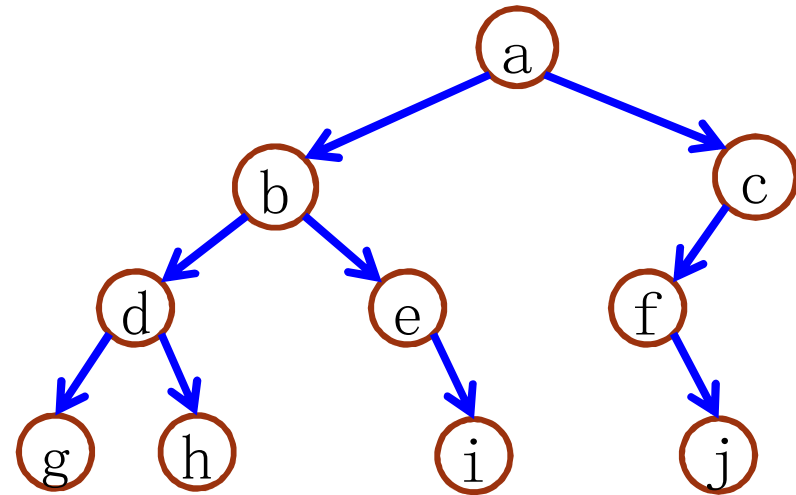
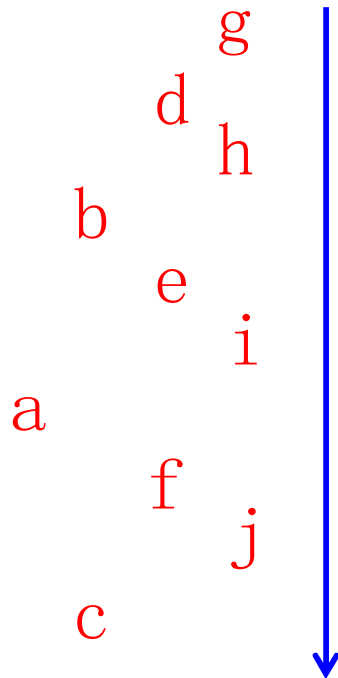
- Visit the left subtree
- Visit the node
- Visit the right subtree



```
void inOrder(node *n) {  
    if(!n) return;  
    inOrder(n->left);  
    visit(n);  
    inOrder(n->right);  
}
```

In-Order Depth-First Traversal

Example



g → d → h → b → e → i → a → f → j → c

Pre-Order Depth-First Traversal

Alternative Implementation

- Can we implement pre-order depth-first traversal without using recursion?
- Answer: use a stack.

1. Push the root node into an empty stack.

Loop → 2. While the stack is not empty, pop a node from the stack.

1. Visit the node.

2. Push its **right** child (if exists) into the stack.

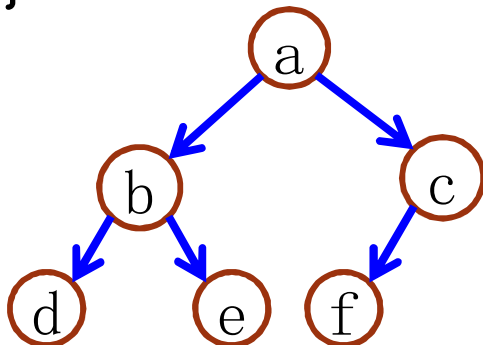
3. Push its **left** child (if exists) into the stack.

Note the order

Pre-Order Depth-First Traversal using Stack

Code and Example

```
void preOrder(node *root) {  
    stack s; // Empty stack  
    s.push(root);  
    while(!s.isEmpty()) {  
        node *n = s.pop();  
        visit(n);  
        if(n->right) s.push(n->right);  
        if(n->left) s.push(n->left);  
    }  
}
```



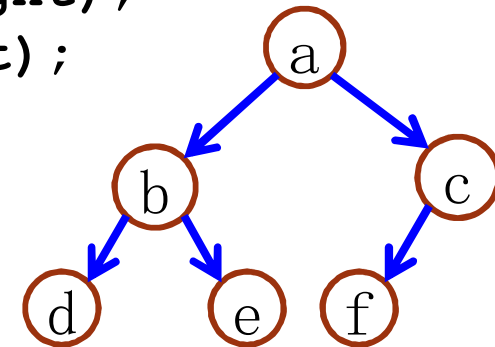
Stack: [a] [c] [b] [e] [d] [f]

Output: a b d e c f

Post-Order Depth-First Traversal using Stack

- How can you implement post-order depth-first traversal using stack?
- Will the following code work?

```
void postOrder(node *root) {  
    stack s; // Empty stack  
    s.push(root);  
    while(!s.isEmpty()) {  
        node *n = s.pop();  
        if(n->right) s.push(n->right);  
        if(n->left) s.push(n->left);  
        visit(n);  
    }  
}
```



Post-Order Depth-First Traversal using Stack

- We add an entry **visited** to the node struct:

```
struct node {  
    Item item;  
    bool visited;  
    node *left;  
    node *right;  
};
```

- Initial value of **visited** is false.
- **visited** becomes true only when all the nodes **in a tree rooted at this node** have been visited.

Pre-Order Depth-First Traversal using Stack

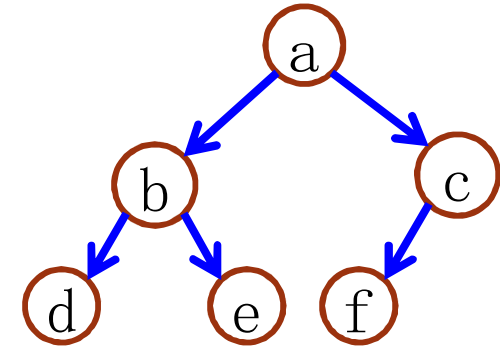
Procedure

1. Push the root node into an empty stack.
- Loop → 2. While the stack is not empty, we **examine (not POP)** the top node of the stack:
 1. If its left child exists and the **visited** entry of its left child is false, push the left child into the stack.
 2. **Otherwise**, if its right child exists and the **visited** entry of its right child is false, push the right child into the stack.
 3. **Otherwise**, print the top node, set its **visited** entry to true, and pop it from the stack.

Post-Order Depth-First Traversal using Stack

Code and Example

```
void postOrder(node *root) {  
    stack s; // Empty stack  
    s.push(root);  
    while(!s.isEmpty()) {  
        node *n = s.top();  
        if(n->left && !n->left->visited)  
            s.push(n->left);  
        else if(n->right && !n->right->visited)  
            s.push(n->right);  
        else {  
            print(n);  
            n->visited = true;  
            s.pop();  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Stack: [a] [b] [d] [e] [c] [f]

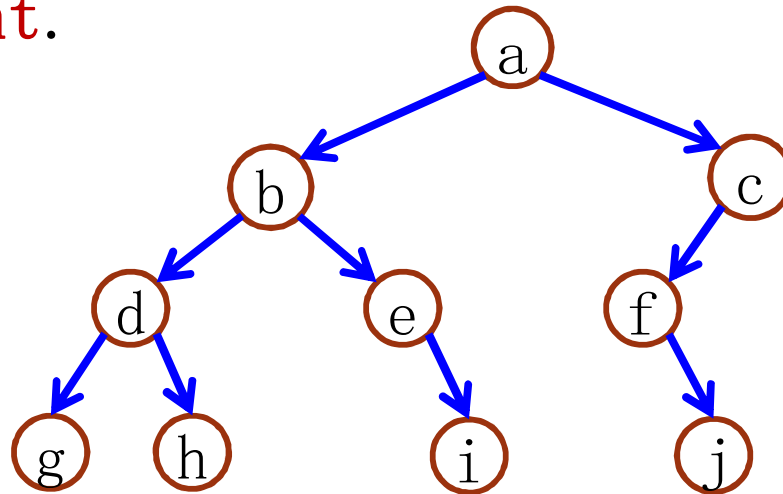
Output: d e b f c a

node: a b c d

visited: t t t t t

Level-Order Traversal

- We want to traverse the tree level by level **from top to bottom**.
- Within each level, traverse **from left to right**.



How can we
implement
this
traversal?

a→**b**→**c**→**d**→**e**→**f**→**g**→**h**→**i**→**j**

Level-Order Traversal

Procedure

- Use a queue!

1. Enqueue the root node into an empty queue.

Loop → 2. While the queue is not empty, dequeue a node from the front of the queue.

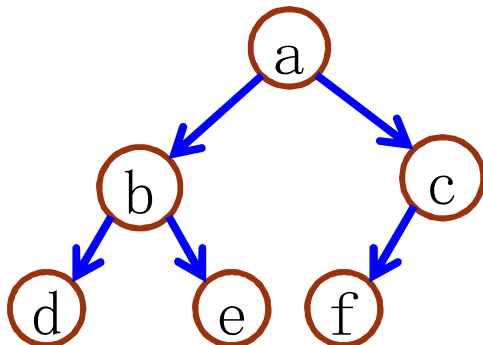
1. Visit the node.

2. Enqueue its left child (if exists) and right child (if exists) into the queue.

Level-Order Traversal

Code and Example

```
void levelOrder(node *root) {  
    queue q; // Empty queue  
    q.enqueue(root);  
    while(!q.isEmpty()) {  
        node *n = q.dequeue();  
        visit(n);  
        if(n->left) q.enqueue(n->left);  
        if(n->right) q.enqueue(n->right);  
    }  
}
```



Queue: [a] [b] [c] [d] [e] [f]

Output: a b c d e f

Binary Tree Traversal

- The expression $a/b + (c - d)e$ has been encoded as a tree T .
 - The leaves are **operands**.
 - The internal nodes are **operators**.
- How would you traverse the tree T to print out the expression?
 - In-order depth-first traversal.
- What is the expression printed out by post-order depth-first traversal?
 - $ab/cd - e * +$
 - **Reverse Polish Notation**

