

# Solutions sample hashing and binary tree questions.

1. Suppose  $T$  is an empty binary tree, then its height is  $-1$  and  $2^{-1+1} - 1 = 0$ , which is the number of nodes it contains.

(I.H.) Suppose every binary tree of height  $h$  has at most  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes.

Let  $T$  be a binary tree of height  $h+1$ . The left (right) subtree of  $T$ 's root has height  $\leq h$  and thus, by

(I.H.), at most  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes. So  $T$  has at most

$$1 + 2^{h+1} - 1 + 2^{h+1} - 1 = 2^{h+2} - 1 \text{ nodes.}$$

2. Suppose  $T$  is a binary tree with  $n=1$  node, then it contains  $n-1=0$  edges.

(I.H.) Suppose every binary tree with  $n \geq 1$  nodes has  $n-1$  edges.

Let  $T$  be a binary tree with  $n+1$  nodes. Remove any leaf from  $T$  (why does  $T$  contain a leaf?) and the edge to its parent. This creates a tree  $T'$  with

$n$  nodes and  $n-1$  edges (by I.H.) so  $T$  has  $n$  edges

(This is true of any tree.)

3. Let  $T$  be a full binary tree. Every node has 0 or 2 children so the number of nodes that have a parent is  $2 \cdot m$  (where  $m$  is the number of internal nodes in  $T$ ). Every node except the root has a parent, so the total number of nodes in  $T$  is  $2 \cdot m + 1$  which is odd.

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The first probe sequence doesn't visit all the table entries.

The second one does.

6.  $365^{23} - P(365, 23) = \text{sequences with } \geq 2 \text{ identical birthdays}$   
 $365^{23} = \text{total sequences}$

$$1 - \frac{P(365, 23)}{365^{23}} \approx 0.51 = \text{probability of } \geq 2 \text{ identical bdays.}$$