Binary Trees

Reading: Lewis & Chase 12.1, 12.3 Eck 9.4.1

Objectives

- Tree basics
- Learn the terminology used when talking about trees
- Discuss methods for traversing trees
- Discuss a possible implementation of trees with nodes
- Examine a binary tree example

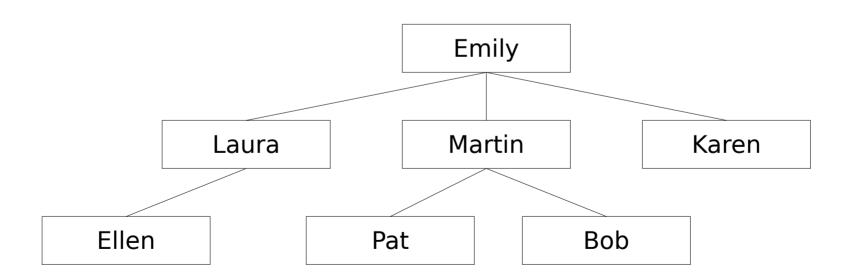
Tree Basics

- So far, all the data structures that we have encountered were <u>linear</u>. Objects in an <u>array</u>, <u>list</u>, <u>stack</u>, <u>or queue</u> are placed one after the other in a line.
- Sometimes it is useful to organize data into groups and subgroups.
- This type of organization of data is hierarchical, or non-linear, since the data appears at various levels.

前面学的dsa都是linear, 有时需要data是(sub)groups, 这种是hierarchical/非线性结构, multilevel data 生活中的例子

Hierarchical Organizations Family Trees

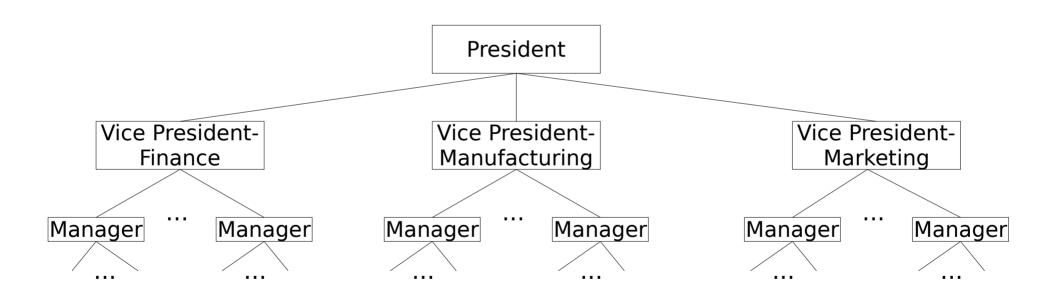
- Family trees can be arranged in various ways.
- This diagram shows Emily's children and grandchildren.



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Hierarchical Organizations Businesses

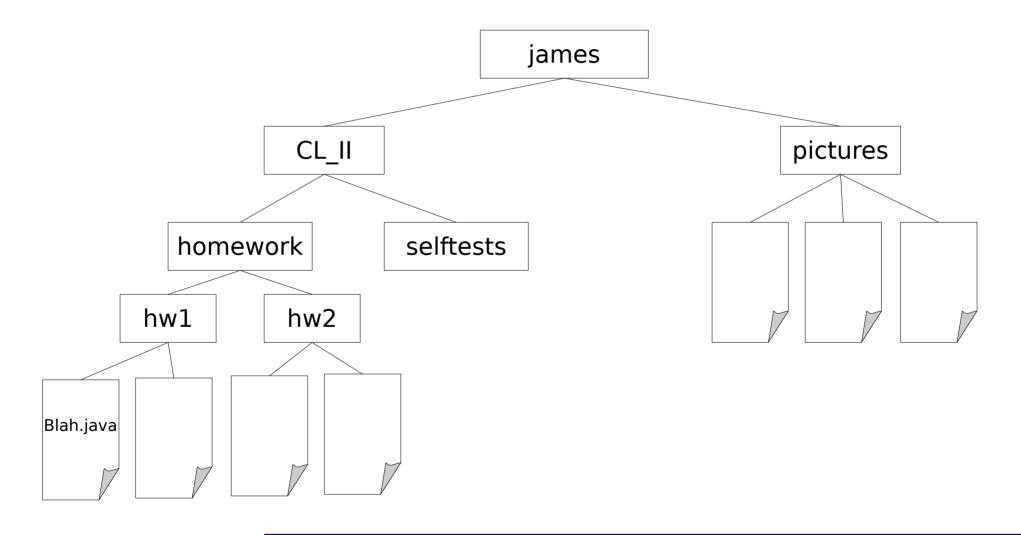
A hierarchical diagram of a business:



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Hierarchical Organizations Files and Directories

Files and directories on a computer:

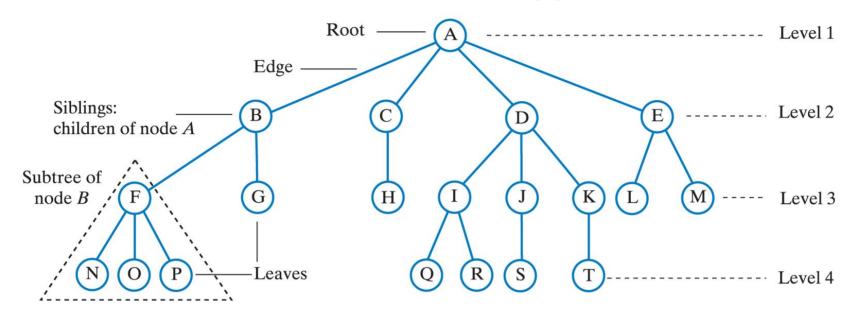




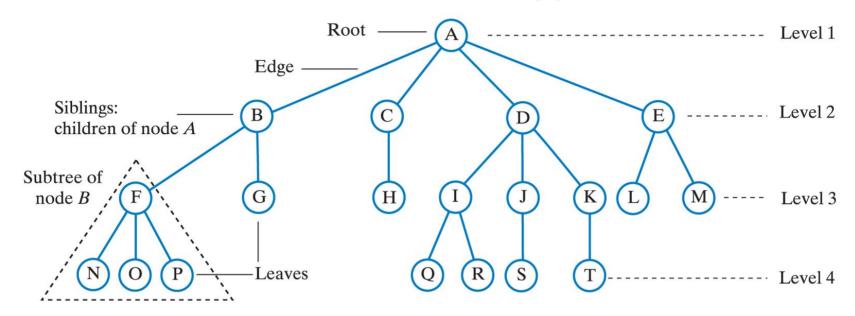
- A tree is a set of nodes connected by edges that show a relationship between the nodes.
- The nodes are arranged in levels that indicate the hierarchy of the nodes. The top level is a single node called the root.



- The **children** of a node are those **directly** below it. A has 4 children: B, C, D, E
- The parent of a node is the node directly above it. C's parent is A



- All nodes have exactly 1 parent, except the root, which has no parent. H's parent is C
- Nodes that share a parent are siblings.
 B, C, D, and E are siblings.

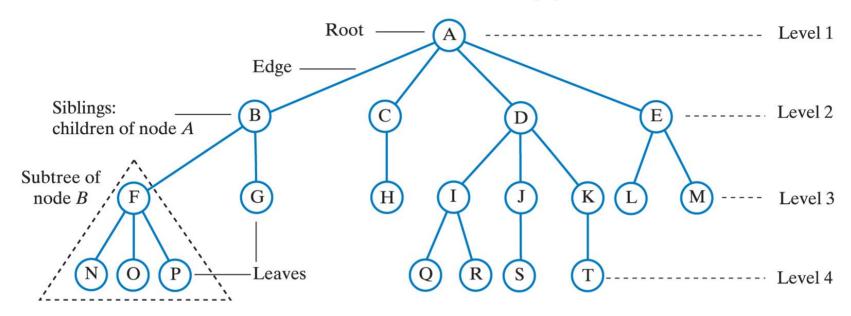


- The nodes <u>below</u> a given node (on the downward paths to the leaves) are its **descendants**. 在他之后这条路上的所有
- D's descendants are I, J, K, Q, R, S and T.



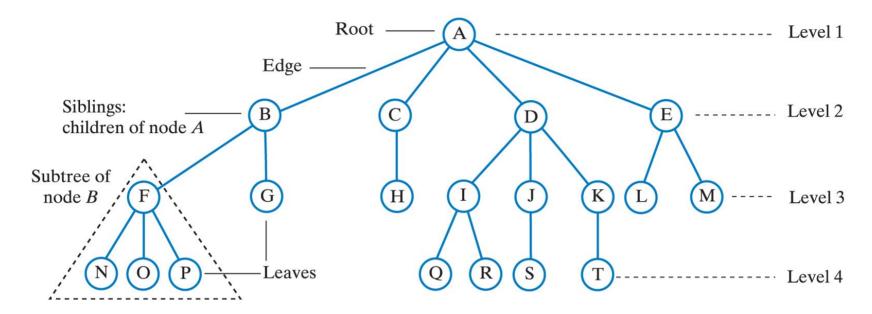
- The nodes <u>above</u> a given node (on the upward path towards the root) are its ancestors.

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- Q's ancestors are I, D, and A



- A leaf is a node that has no children.
- Any node that is <u>not a leaf</u> is an <u>interior</u> node (or non-leaf node).

Exercise



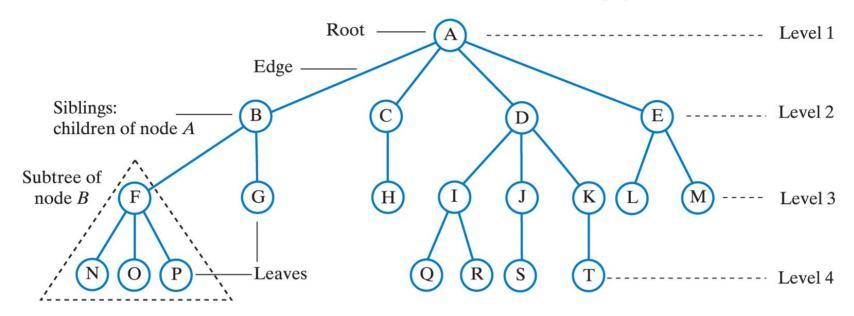
- What are the leaf nodes? N O P G H Q R S T L M
- What are the siblings of J? I K
- What are the children of E? L M
- What are the descendants of B? F G N O P
- What are the ancestors of P? F B A



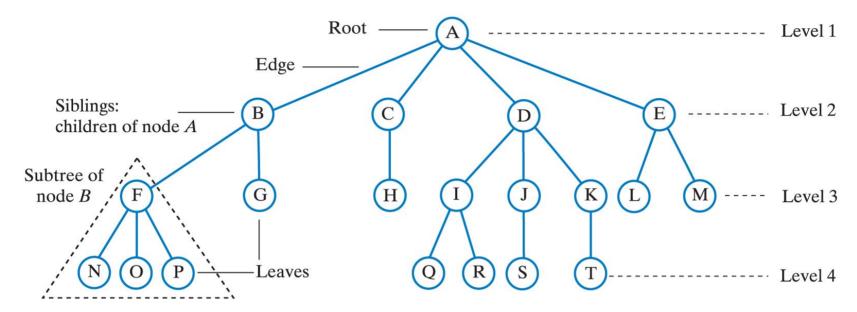
- A subtree of a node is a tree rooted at one of that node's children.
- Node B has 2 subtrees.
- Node A has 4 subtrees.



- We can reach any node in a tree by following a path that begins at the root and goes from node to node along the edges that connect them.
- The path to R is A D I R



- The length of a path is the number of edges that compose it.
- The length of the path to R is 3



- The height of a tree is the number of levels in the tree, or the number of nodes along the longest path between the root and a leaf.
- This example tree has height 4.

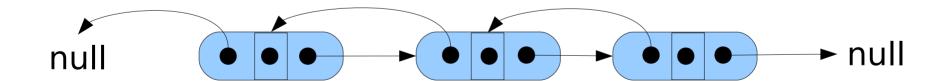


- The path between the root and any other node is unique – there is no circularity in a tree.
- A tree-like data structure that has circularity is called a graph.

- In a general tree, each node can have any number of children.
- A tree in which the nodes have <u>at most n</u> children is called an **n-ary** tree.
- In particular, a tree whose nodes have at most 2 children is called a binary tree.

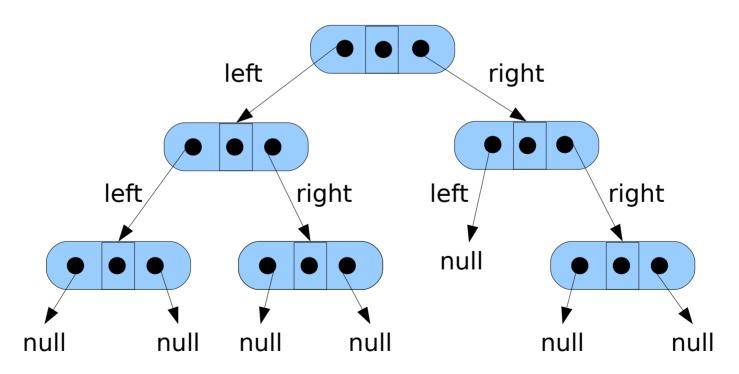
Binary Trees

- We know how to create and link nodes together to form a list.
- A doubly-linked list can be formed by using two references in the node object – one to point to the next node and one to point to the previous node in the list.



Binary Trees

- By using a similar node class with 2 references, we can form binary trees.
- Each node contains a reference to its left and its right subtree.



- When we iterate a linear data structure, such as a list, the order in which to process the data is clear.
- When we iterate a tree it is called a
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 traversal, and the order of processing
 the nodes is not unique.
 - Each node must be visited (i.e. processed in some way) exactly once.

- We know that the subtrees of the root of a binary tree are also binary trees.
- We can use the <u>recursive nature</u> of a binary tree to define its traversal.
- To visit all the nodes in a binary tree we have to
 - visit the root
 - visit all nodes in the <u>left</u> subtree
 - visit all nodes in the <u>right</u> subtree

一定是left > right, root都ok

- Visiting the left subtree before the right subtree is simply a convention.
- The root can be visited before, between, or after its two subtrees.

root
left subtree
right subtree

left subtree root right subtree

left subtree right subtree root

- The order in which the root node and its subtrees are visited allows us to define the 3 most common tree traversals
 - preorder
 - inorder
 - postorder
- The pre-, in-, and post- refer to the visitation of the root node.

pre-order
root
left subtree
right subtree

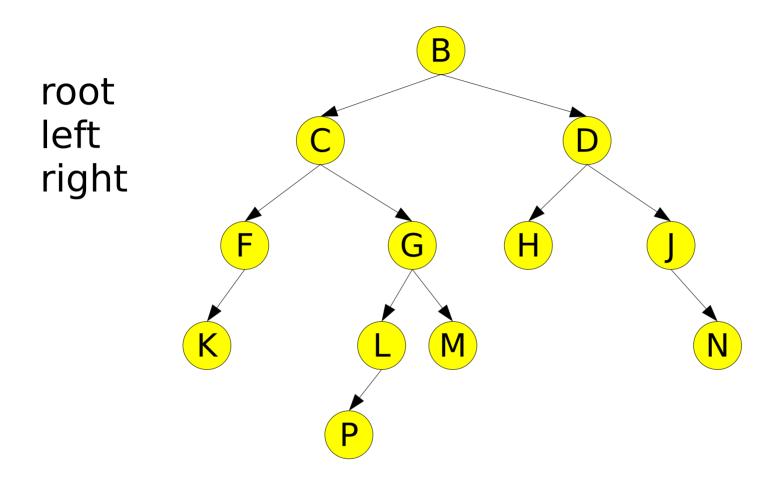
in-order
left subtree
root
right subtree

post-order
left subtree
right subtree
root

Preorder Traversal

- In a preorder traversal, the root node is visited <u>before</u> its subtrees:
 - visit the root
 - visit all nodes in the left subtree
 - visit all nodes in the right subtree

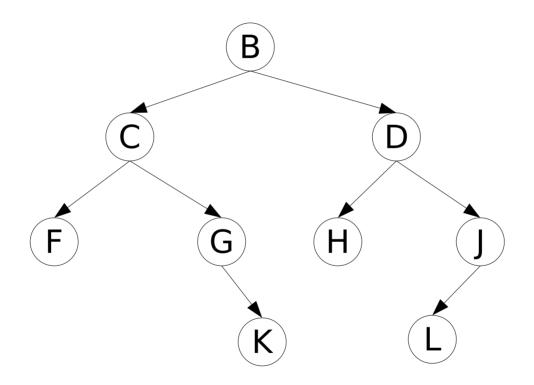
Preorder Traversal Example



BCFKGLPMDHJN

Preorder Traversal Exercise

What is the preorder traversal of this tree?



BCFGKDHJL

Inorder Traversal

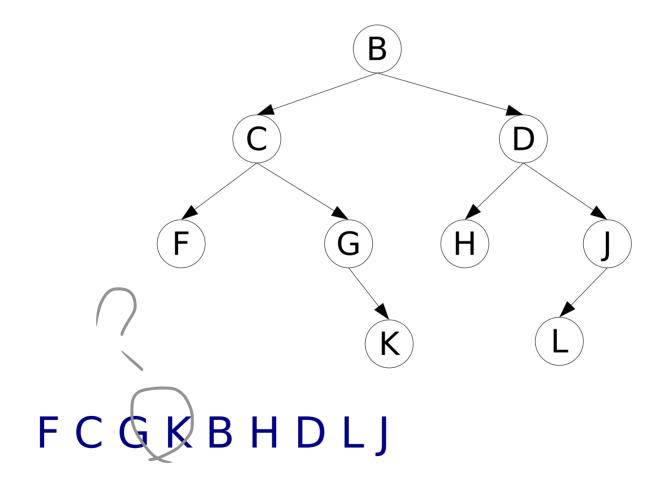
- In an inorder traversal, the root node is visited <u>between</u> its subtrees:
 - visit all nodes in the left subtree
 - visit the root
 - visit all nodes in the right subtree

Inorder Traversal Example

left root right M K F C P L G M B H D J N

Inorder Traversal Exercise

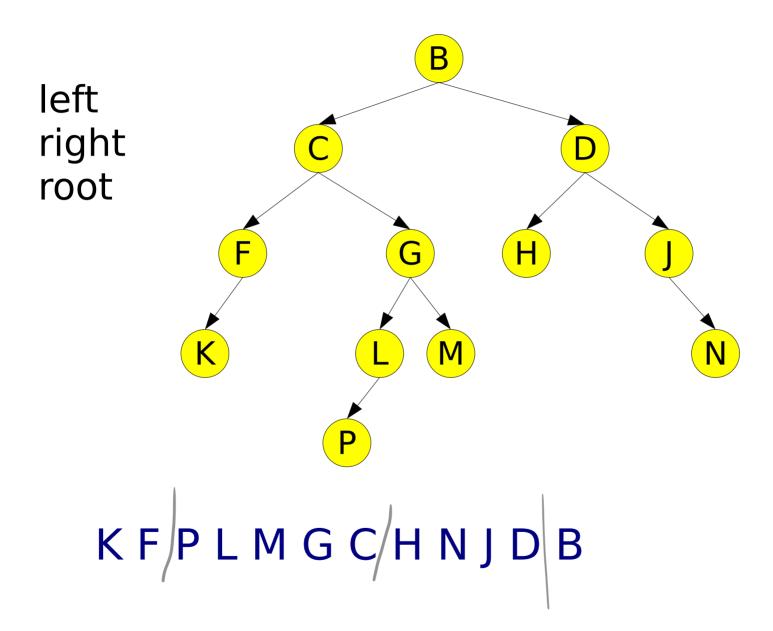
What is the inorder traversal of this tree?



Postorder Traversal

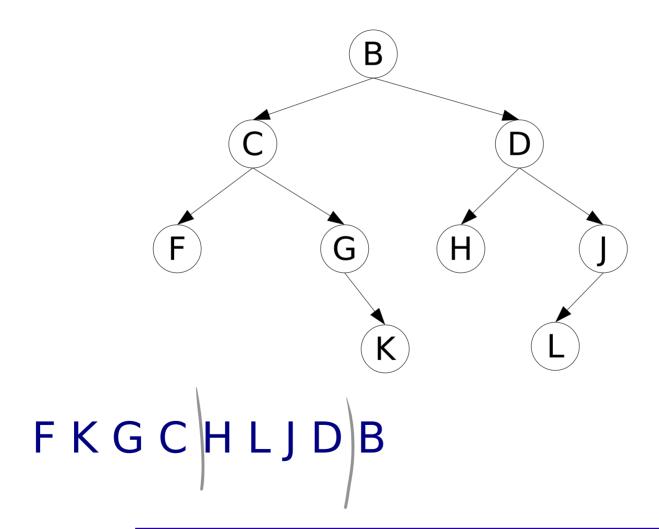
- In a postorder traversal, the root node is visited <u>after</u> its subtrees:
 - visit all nodes in the left subtree
 - visit all nodes in the right subtree
 - visit the root

Postorder Traversal Example

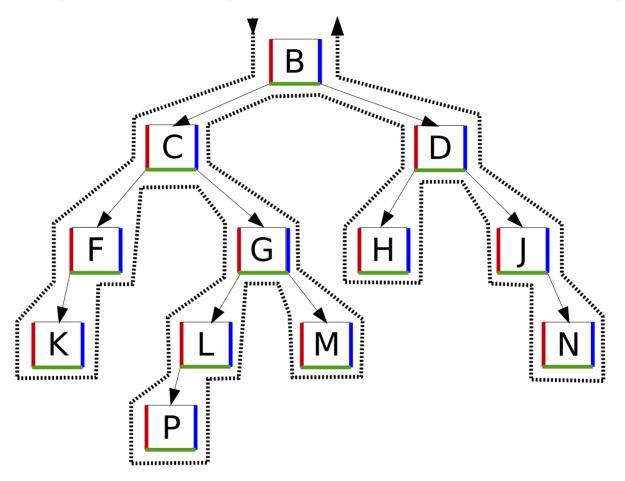


Postorder Traversal Exercise

What is the postorder traversal of this tree?



Distinguishing the Traversal Types



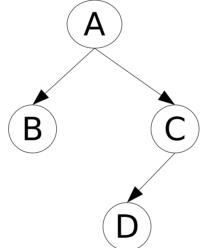
Preorder (left/red window): B C F K G L P M D H J N Inorder (bottom/green window): K F C P L G M B H D J N Postorder (right/blue window): K F P L M G C H N J D B

Building a Binary Tree

- Unlike classes that represent lists, stacks, or queues, tree classes often do not have methods to add or remove elements.
- There is no obvious place to add a new element.
- Removing a node is even less clear
 - how would you indicate which node should be removed? - can't number them like in a list
 - what happens to the children of the removed node?

Building a Binary Tree

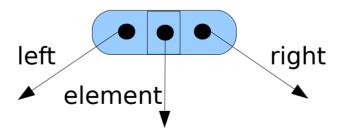
- Trees are <u>built up</u>, <u>node by node</u>.
- Let's build this tree:



```
BinaryTree<String> b = new BinaryTree<String>("B");
BinaryTree<String> d = new BinaryTree<String>("D");
BinaryTree<String> c = new BinaryTree<String>("C", d, null);
BinaryTree<String> a = new BinaryTree<String>("A", b, c);
```

BinaryTreeNode<T> Instance Variables

```
public class BinaryTreeNode<T> {
    T element;
    BinaryTreeNode<T> left;
    BinaryTreeNode<T> right;
    ...
}
```



BinaryTreeNode<T> Constructors

```
public class BinaryTreeNode<T> {
    T element;
    BinaryTreeNode<T> left;
    BinaryTreeNode<T> right;
    public BinaryTreeNode(T dataObj) {
        element = dataObj;
        left = right = null;
    public BinaryTreeNode(T dataObj,
                           BinaryTreeNode<T> 1,
                           BinaryTreeNode<T> r) {
        element = dataObj;
        left = 1;
        right = r;
```

BinaryTreeNode<T> toString

BinaryTreeNode<T> isLeaf - Exercise

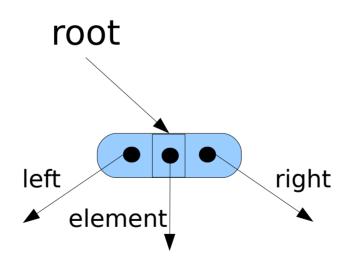
BinaryTreeNode<T> isLeaf

BinaryTree<T>

- Now that we <u>have a class to represent a</u> node in the tree, we can <u>define a class to</u> represent the tree itself.
- The only node that we need a reference to is the root node. All other nodes are accessible from the root.
- We will declare a reference to the root node as an instance variable.

BinaryTree<T> Instance Variable

```
public class BinaryTree<T> {
    BinaryTreeNode<T> root;
    ...
}
```



BinaryTree<T> Constructors

```
public class BinaryTree<T> {
    BinaryTreeNode<T> root;

public BinaryTree() {
    root = null;
  }

public BinaryTree(T element) {
    root = new BinaryTreeNode<T> (element);
  }

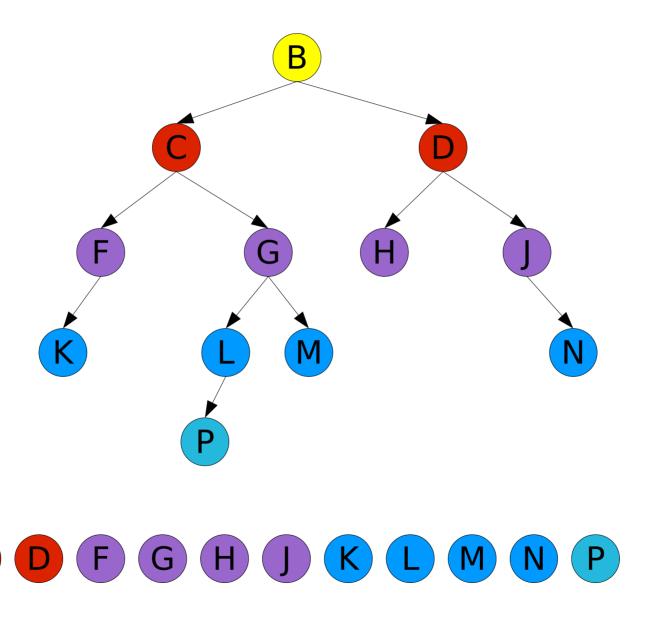
...
}
```

BinaryTree<T> Constructors, cont.

```
public class BinaryTree<T> {
   public BinaryTree(T element, BinaryTree<T> leftSubtree,
                             BinaryTree<T> rightSubtree) {
       root = new BinaryTreeNode<T> (element);
       if (leftSubtree != null) {
           root.left = leftSubtree.root;
       } else {
           root.left = null;
       if (rightSubtree != null) {
           root.right = rightSubtree.root;
       } else {
           root.right = null;
```

Levelorder traversal of a binary tree

Levelorder tree traversal

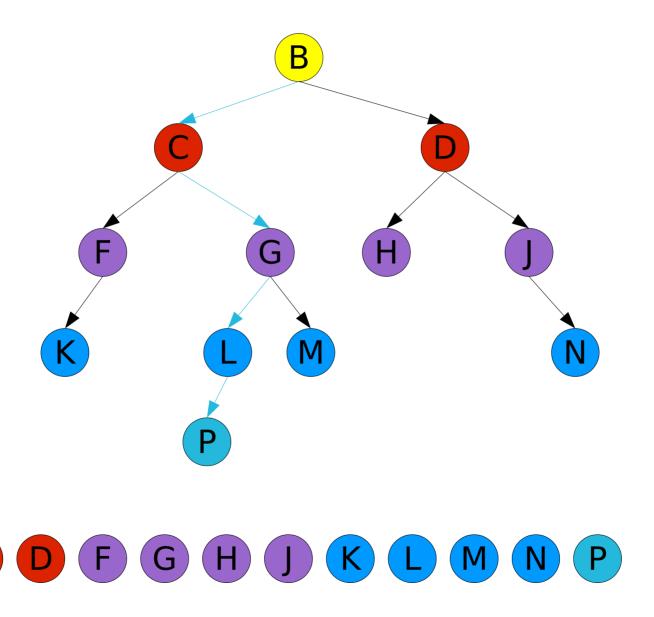


Recursive level order traversal

```
For d = 1 to height of tree
    levelorder(root node of tree, d)

levelorder(node, level)
  if node is NULL then return
  if level is 1 then
    do something with node
  else if level greater than 1 then
    levelorder(leftChild of node, level-1)
    levelorder(rightChild of node, level-1)
```

Levelorder traversal recursive



Create queue aQueue Add root node to aQueue

While aQueue is not empty

Get node from queue into aNode

Do something with aNode

If exists add left child of aNode to aQueue

If exists add right child of aNode to aQueue

