

CSSE 230 Day 11

Size vs height in a Binary Tree

After today, you should be able to...

- ... use the relationship between the size and height of a tree to find the maximum and minimum number of nodes a binary tree can have
- ...understand the idea of mathematical induction as a proof technique

Term project starts Day 13

Preferences for partners for the term project (groups of 3) Partner preference survey on Moodle - Day 11

- Preferences balanced with experience level + work ethic
 - If course grades are close, I'll honor "prearranged teammate" preferences
 - If no "prearranged teammate", best to list several potential members
 - If you don't want to work with someone, that preference will be honored
 - Historical evidence indicates working with others in a similar current CSSE230 grade attainment level often pans out best

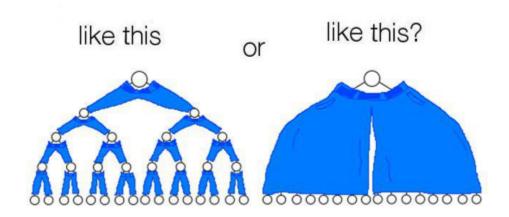
Some questions you might consider asking potential programming partners:

- What final grade range are you aiming for in CSSE230?
- Do you like to get it done early or to procrastinate?
- Do you prefer to work daytime, evening, late night?
- Do you normally get a lot of help on the homework?Survey is due 24 December – do it as soon as you can

Some meme humor



If a binary tree wore pants, would it wear them



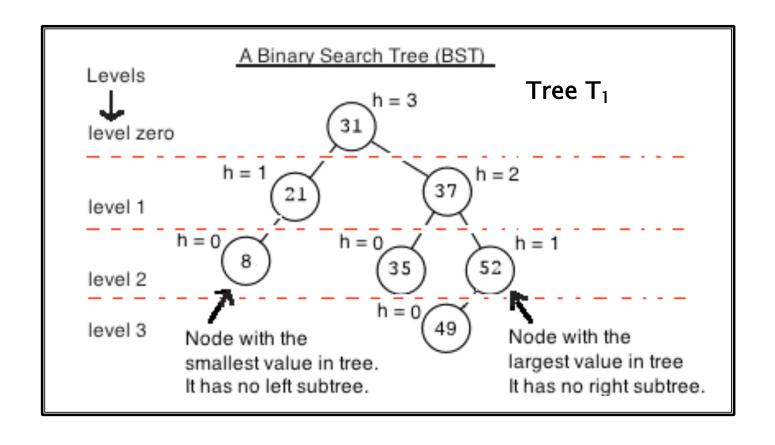
Other announcements

- Today:
 - Size vs height of trees: patterns and proofs
- Wrapping up the BST assignment, and worktime.

Tree Review

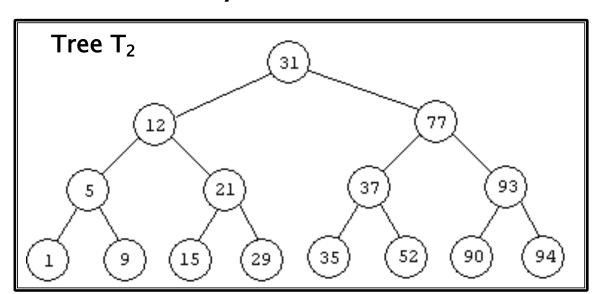
- N(T) = # nodes in tree T
- h(T) = height of tree T

- $N(T_1) = 7$
- $h(T_1) = 3$



Extreme Trees

- A tree with the maximum number of nodes for its height is a *full* binary tree.
- full binary tree each node is either a leaf or has exactly two children

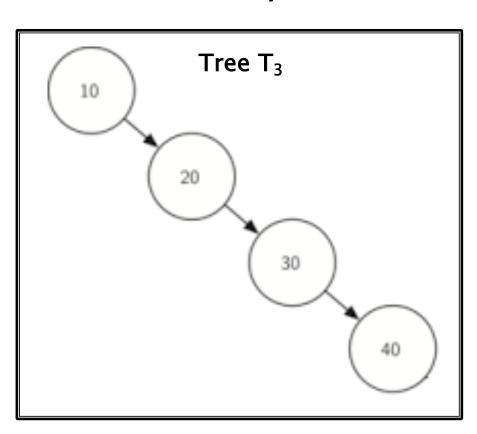


- $N(T_2) = 15$ $h(T_2) = 3$

Now, write N(T) in terms of h(T): N(T) = ???

Extreme Trees

 A degenerate binary tree with the minimum number of nodes for its height is essentially a _____



- $N(T_3) = 4$
- $h(T_3) = 3$

BST Algorithms

- Height matters!
 - BST algorithms: insertion, deletion, and search
 - Performance of all 3 is height dependent: O(h(T))
 - What is Big-O for each when
 - Tree T is degenerate?
 - Tree T is full?

Mathematical Induction

To prove that P(n) is true for all $n \ge n_0$:

- Basis step: Prove that P(n₀) is true (base case), and
- Induction step: Prove that if P(k) is true for any $k \ge n_0$, then P(k+1) is also true.

[This part of the proof must work for all such k!]

P(n) – propositional function, i.e., a declarative statement parameterized by *n* that is either true or false

$$(P(1) \land \forall k(P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))) \rightarrow \forall nP(n)$$

DIRECT MATHEMATICAL PROOFS

def: A *direct proof* is a mathematical argument where one starts with the premises and reasons to the conclusion by using rules of inference.

Direct proofs and implication

- \circ In this case we're trying to prove p -> q
- We need only show that if p is true, that q cannot be false
- The direct proof assumes p to be true and then shows that q cannot be false
- We don't have to show that p is true, because if p is false, then the implication is true no matter if q is true or false

p	q	p -> q
T	T	T
T	F	F
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To prove recursive properties (on trees), we use a technique called mathematical induction

Actually, we use a variant called strong induction:



The former governor of California

Strong Induction

- To prove that p(n) is true for all $n \ge n_0$:
 - Prove that $p(n_0)$ is true (base case), and
 - For all $k > n_0$, prove that if we assume p(j) is true for $n_0 \le j < k$, then p(k) is also true
- An analogy:
 - Regular induction uses the previous domino to knock down the next
 - Strong induction uses all the previous dominos to knock down the next!
- Warmup: prove the arithmetic series formula
- Actual: prove the formula for N(T)