

# Trees

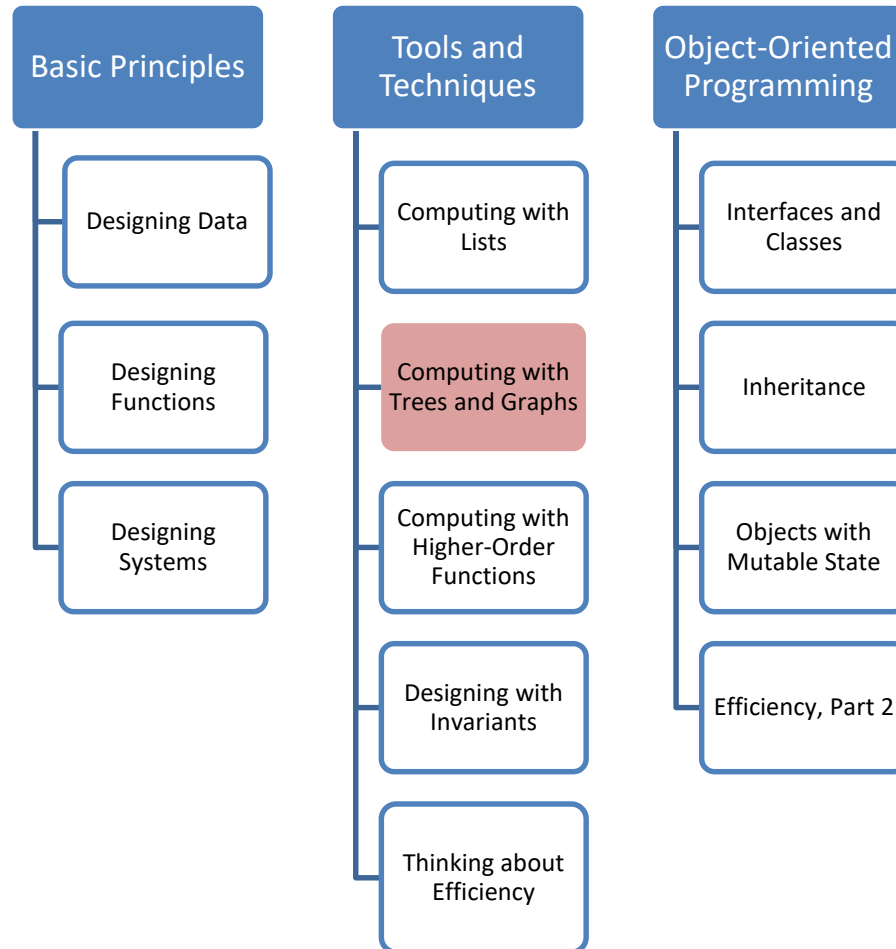
CS 5010 Program Design Paradigms  
“Bootcamp”  
Lesson 5.1



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# Module 05



# Module Introduction

- In this module we will learn about two related topics:
  - branching structures, such as trees
  - mutually recursive data structures



**Needs updating**

# Module Outline

- Lesson 6.1 begins by considering alternative representations for sequence information
  - This is a warm-up for Lessons 6.2-6.3
- Lessons 6.2 and 6.3 show how to represent information that has a naturally branching structure, such as trees
- Lesson 6.4 introduces mutually recursive data definitions
- Lesson 6.5 applies the previous ideas to S-expressions
  - S-expressions are new
  - These are the basis for XML and other tree-like structures
- Lesson 6.6 combines all these ideas into a case study
- Lesson 6.7 shows how to write recursive measures for tree-like structures.

# Lesson Introduction

- Many examples of information have a natural structure which is not a sequence, but is rather a tree, which you should have learned about in your data structures course.
- In this lesson, we'll study how to apply the Design Recipe to trees.

# Learning Objectives

- At the end of this lesson you should be able to:
  - Write a data definition for tree-structured information
  - Write functions that manipulate that data, using the observer template

# Binary Trees: Data Definition

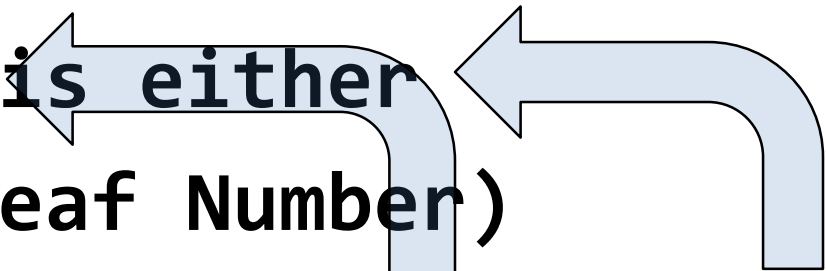
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;; A Binary Tree is represented as a BinTree, which is either:  
;; (make-leaf datum)  
;; (make-node lson rson)  
  
;; INTERPRETATION:  
;; datum      : Real      some real data  
;; lson, rson : BinTree   the left and right sons of this node  
  
;; IMPLEMENTATION:  
(define-struct leaf (datum))  
(define-struct node (lson rson))  
  
;; CONSTRUCTOR TEMPLATES:  
;; -- (make-leaf Number)  
;; -- (make-node BinTree BinTree)
```

There are many ways to define binary trees. We choose this one because it is clear and simple.

Observer Template to follow...

This definition is self-referential  
(recursive)

```
;; A BinTree is either  
;; -- (make-leaf Number)  
;; -- (make-node BinTree BinTree)
```

The diagram consists of two light blue arrows. The first arrow starts from the word 'BinTree' in the recursive case '(make-node BinTree BinTree)' and points back to the word 'BinTree' in the phrase 'A BinTree is either'. The second arrow starts from the word 'BinTree' in the same recursive case and points back to the word 'BinTree' in the phrase '(make-leaf Number)', indicating that the number can also be a BinTree.



# Observer Template

**tree-fn** : BinTree -> ???

(define (**tree-fn** t)

(cond

[(leaf? t) (... (leaf-datum t))]

[else (...

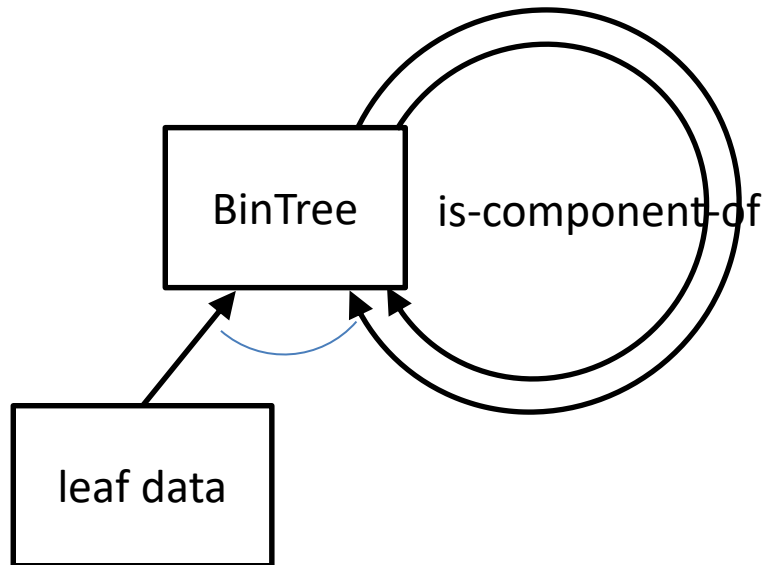
(**tree-fn** (node-lson t))

(**tree-fn** (node-rson t))))]

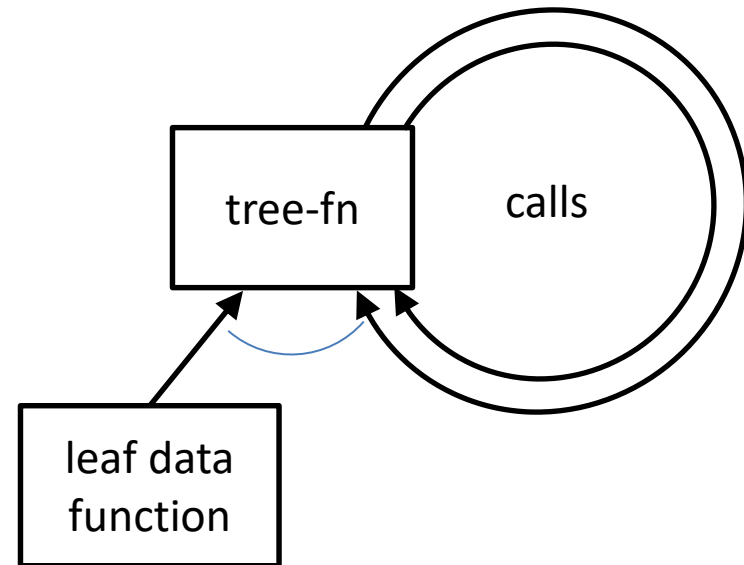
Here's the template for this data definition. Observe that we have two self-references in the template, corresponding to the two self-references in the data definition.

*Self-reference in the data definition leads to self-reference in the template; Self-reference in the template leads to self-reference in the code.*

# Remember: The Shape of the Program Follows the Shape of the Data



Data Hierarchy (a **BinTree** is either leaf data or has two components which are **BinTrees**)



Call Tree (**tree-fn** either calls a function on the leaf data, or it calls itself twice.)

# The template questions

```
tree-fn : Tree -> ???  
(define (tree-fn t)  
  (cond  
    [(leaf? t) (... (leaf-datum t))]  
    [else (...  
              (tree-fn (node-lson t))  
              (tree-fn (node-rson t) )])]))
```

What's the answer  
for a leaf?

If you knew the answers for the 2  
sons, how could you find the answer  
for the whole tree?

And here are the template  
questions. When we write a  
function using the template,  
we fill in the template with the  
answers to these questions.

Let's see how the template questions help us define some functions that observe binary trees.

# leaf-sum

What's the answer for a leaf?

**leaf-sum** : Tree -> Number

```
(define (leaf-sum t)
  (cond
    [(leaf? t) (leaf-datum t)]
    [else (+
            (leaf-sum (node-lson t))
            (leaf-sum (node-rson t)))])])
```

If you knew the answers for the 2 sons, how could you find the answer for the whole tree?

# leaf-max

What's the answer  
for a leaf?

**leaf-max** : Tree -> Number

```
(define (leaf-max t)
  (cond
    [(leaf? t) (leaf-datum t)]
    [else (max
              (leaf-max (node-lson t))
              (leaf-max (node-rson t)))])])
```

If you knew the answers for the 2  
sons, how could you find the answer  
for the whole tree?

# leaf-min

What's the answer  
for a leaf?

**leaf-min** : Tree -> Number

```
(define (leaf-min t)
  (cond
    [(leaf? t) (leaf-datum t)]
    [else (min
              (leaf-min (node-lson t))
              (leaf-min (node-rson t)))])])
```

If you knew the answers for the 2  
sons, how could you find the answer  
for the whole tree?

# Summary

- You should now be able to:
  - Write a data definition for tree-structured information
  - Write a template for tree-structured information
  - Write functions that manipulate that data, using the template

# Next Steps

- Study the file 05-1-trees.rkt in the Examples folder.
- If you have questions about this lesson, ask them on the Discussion Board
- Do Guided Practice 5.1
- Go on to the next lesson