

Data structures and algorithms

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Lecture 8

Tree part I

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- Tree operations
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TREE

What it is (conceptual)

Why we use it (applications)

How we implement it (implementation)

Definition [1]



Nature View



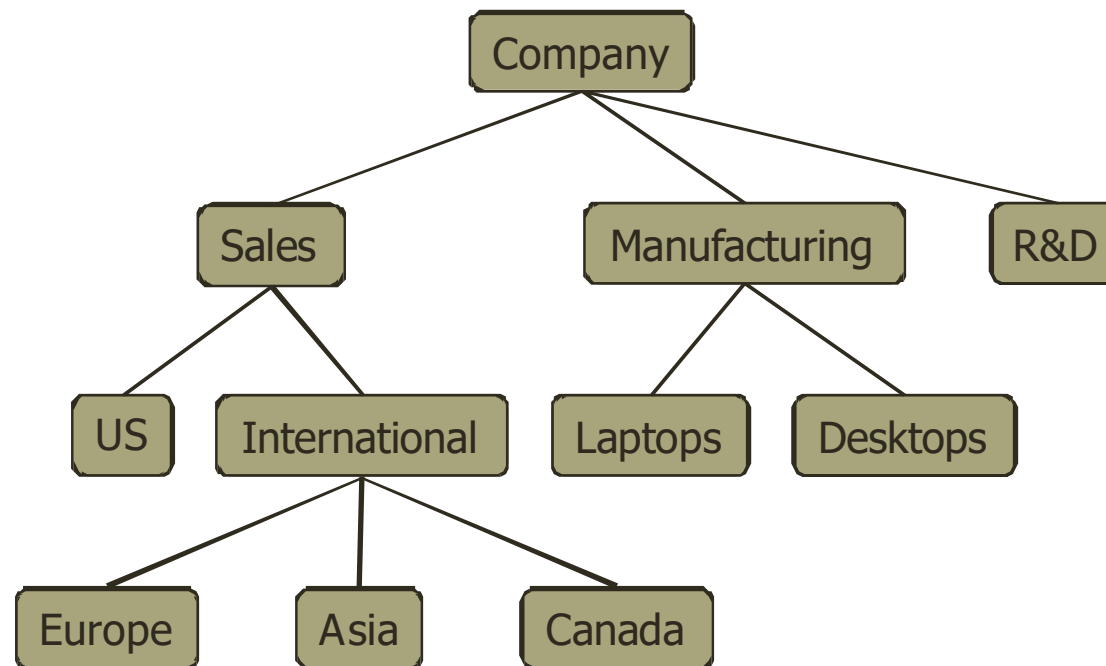
Computer Scientists View

This might seem a little simplistic - but it can be quite helpful to keep simple pictures in mind to help you work through the concepts and terminology.

Definition [2]

- **Definition**

- A tree (CS) is an abstract model of a hierarchical structure



Definition [3]

- A tree consists of **branches** and **nodes** with a **parent-child relation**
- Example:
 - Folder structures
 - Organization structure
 - Domain name structure

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Volume serial number is 3AD5-78
C:.\
├── data
│   ├── ApplicationHeader
│   │   └── images
│   ├── CommunityRating
│   ├── EnergyOptimizer
│   ├── Framework
│   ├── Integrator
│   │   ├── CommandLinks
│   │   ├── css
│   │   ├── images
│   │   │   ├── buttons
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Definition [4]

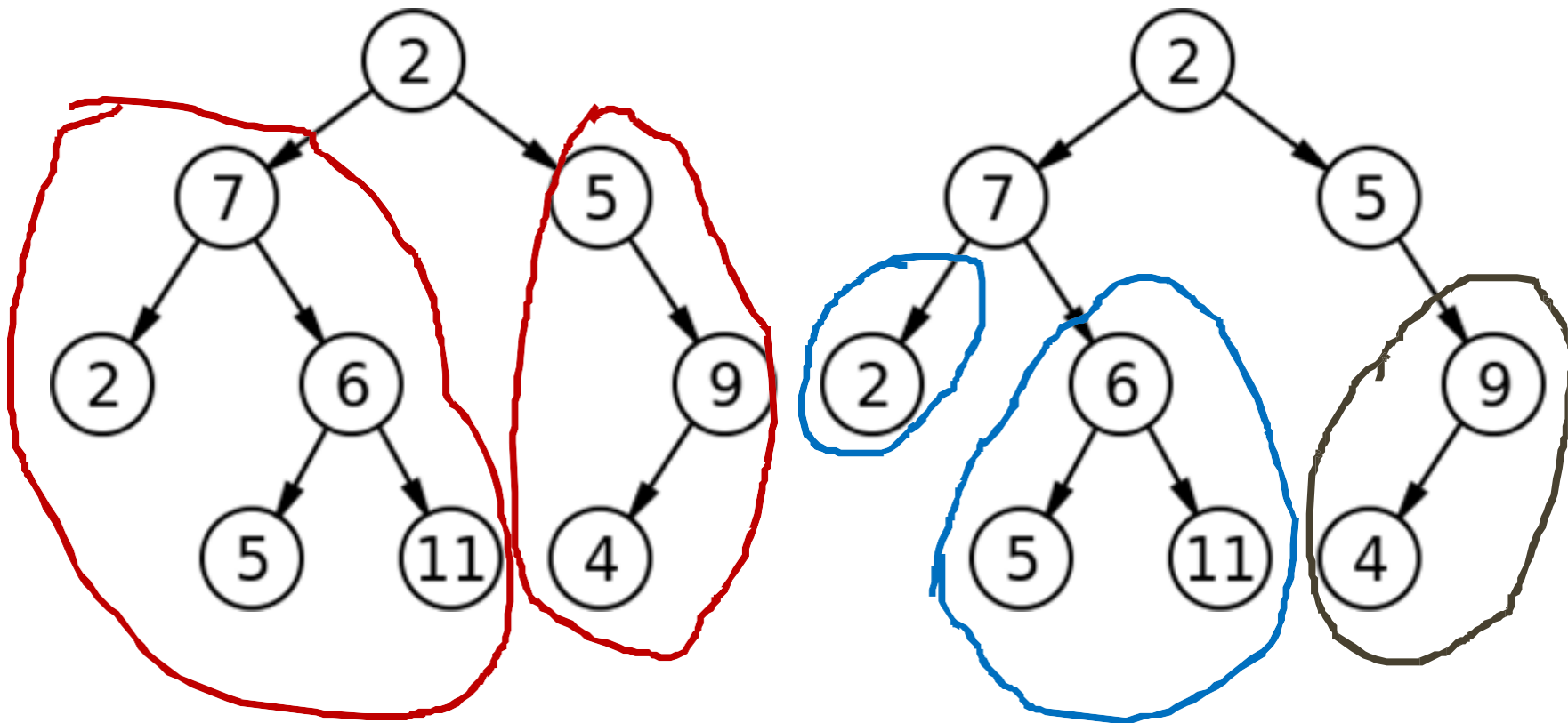
- **Recursive definition:**

Tree (T) is a finite set of **one or more nodes** such that:

- There is one specially designated node called the **root** of the tree.
- The remaining nodes (excluding the root) are partitioned into m disjoint sets **T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m** and each of these sets **in turn is a tree**.
- The trees T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m are called the **sub-trees** of the root.

Definition [5]

- Recursive definition – Tree example

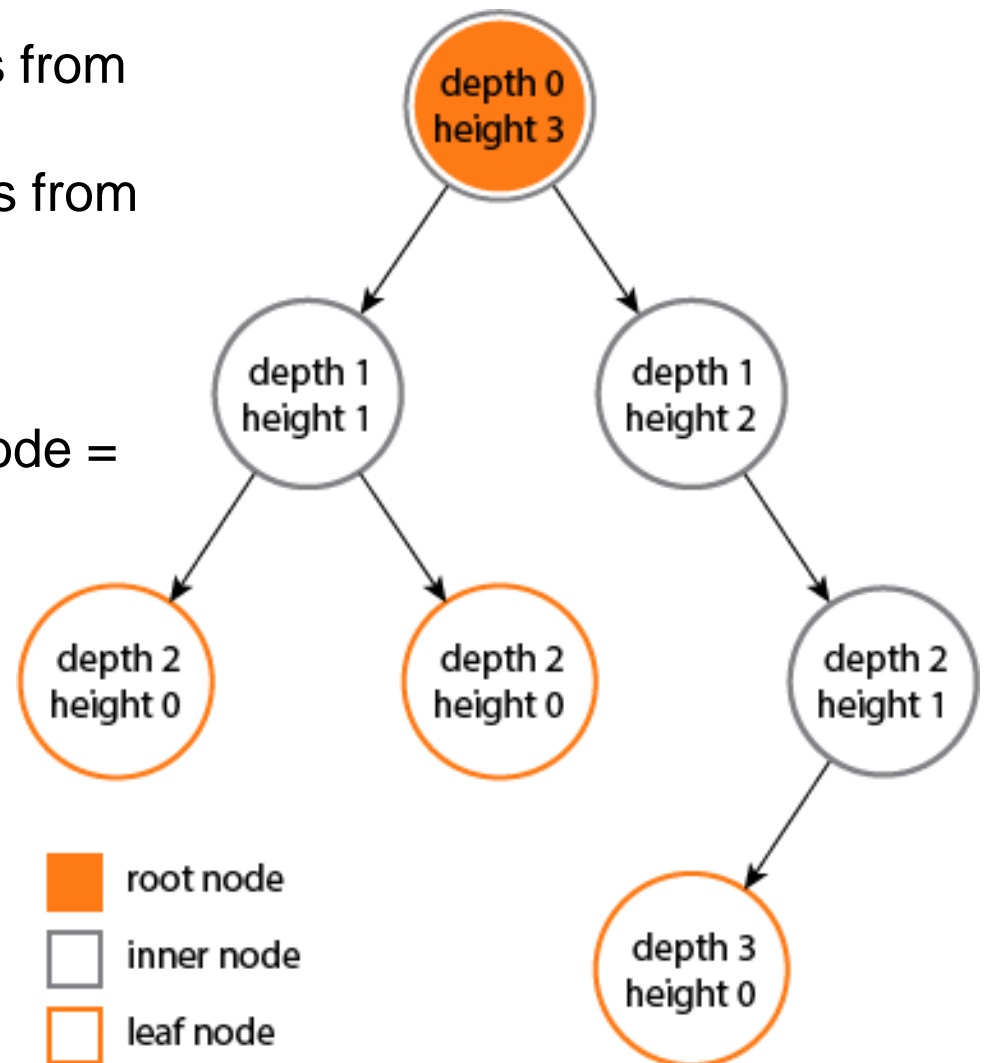


Terminologies [1]

- **Aleaf node:**
A node with no children.
- **A branch node (interior node):**
A node which is not the root node and a leaf node.
- **Level of node:**
The distance from the node to the root.
- **Depth of a tree:**
The maximum level of any leaf in the tree
- **Degree of a node:**
The number of its children

Terminologies [2]

- Depth of a node: the number of edges from the node to the tree's root node.
- Height of a node: the number of edges from the node to the deepest possible leaf.
- Height of a tree is height of root node
= Depth of a tree is depth of deepest node = maximum level of any leaf in the tree.



Terminologies [3]

- **Parent and Siblings:**

- Each root is said to be the parent of its sub-trees
- Children of the same parent are siblings.

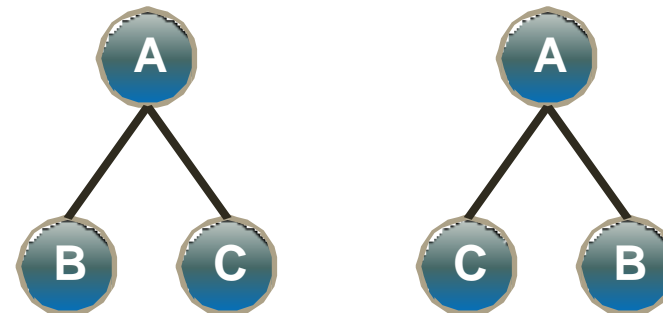
- **Ancestor and Descendant:**

- Ancestor and descendant can also be used to denote the relationship that may span several level of tree.

- **Node order**

- The order of the children nodes
- Default is from left to right

- **Node label (data)**



Terminologies [4]

Example:

Level of node :

State the levels of all the nodes:

A:____, B:____, C:____,
D:____, E:____, F:____,
G:____, H:____, I:____

Root of a tree:

Root of the tree is: _____

Depth of a tree:

Depth of the tree is: _____

Degree of a node :

State the degrees of:

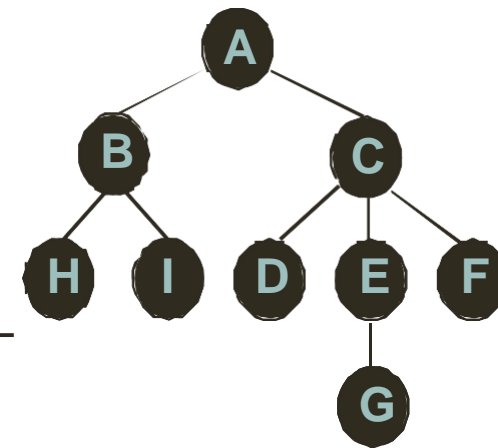
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Terminal node or leaf:

State all the leaf nodes:

Branch (interior) node:

State all the branch nodes:

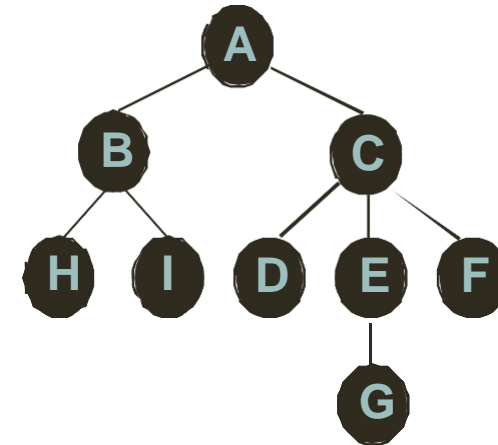


Terminologies [5]

Parent and Siblings:

State the parents of:

A:____, B:____, C:____,
D:____, E:____, F:____,
G:____, H:____, I:____



State the siblings of:

A:_____, B:_____,
C:_____, D:_____, E:_____,
F:_____, G:_____, H:_____, I:_____

Ancestor and Descendant:

State the ancestors of:

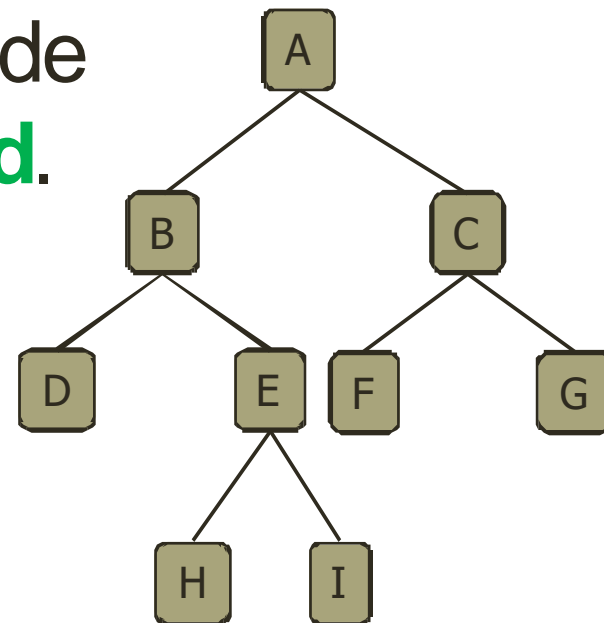
A:_____, B:_____, C:_____, D:_____,
E:_____, F:_____, G:_____,
H:_____, I:_____

State the descendants of:

A:_____,
B:_____, C:_____,
D:_____, E:_____, F:_____, G:_____, H:_____, I:_____

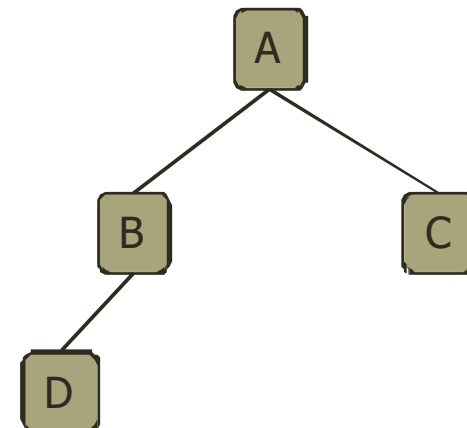
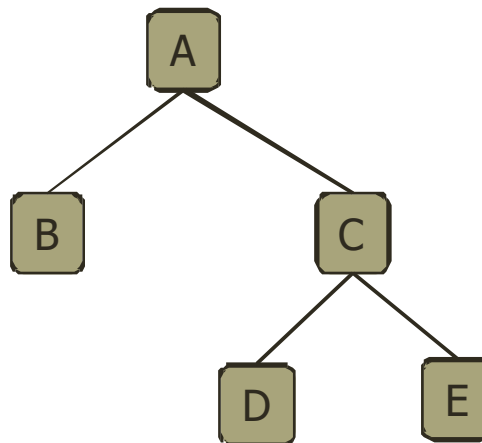
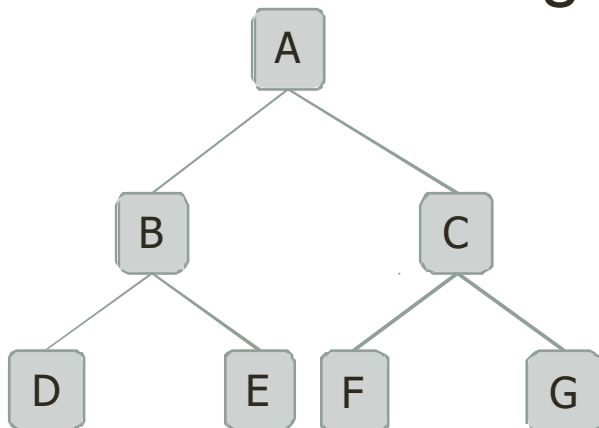
Binarytree [1]

- **Definition:** A **binary tree** is a tree that:
 - Root node and each interior node has at most two children.
 - The children of a node are an ordered pair.
- The children of an internal node called **left child** and **right child**.



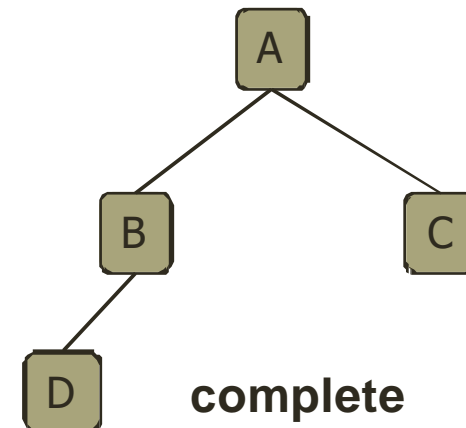
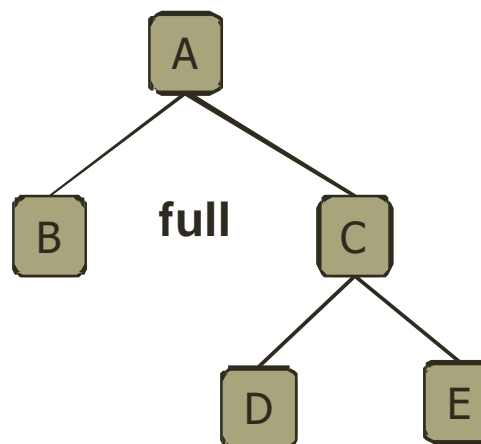
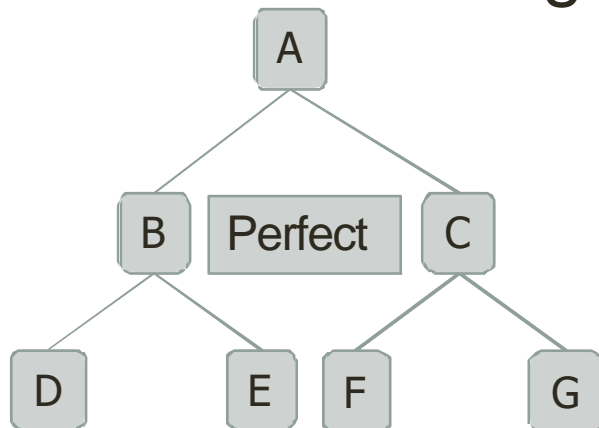
Binarytree [2]

- **Some typical types of Binary tree**
 - **Perfect Binary tree**: every level is completely filled.
 - **Full Binary tree**: each node is either a leaf or has exactly two children.
 - **Complete Binary tree**: a perfect binary tree except perhaps for the final level which is filled from left to right.



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Binarytree [3]

- **Number of nodes in a Binary tree**

- Consider a binary tree **T** with the depth **h**, **n** is the total nodes of T, **l** is the total leaves of T
- If T is a perfect binary tree, then:

$$l = 2^h \text{ and } n = 2^{h+1} - 1 = 2l - 1$$

- If T is a full binary tree, then:

$$2^h \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1$$

Tree traversal [1]

- **Definition:** A **traversal** of a tree:
 - **Start from the root of the tree**
 - **Visit every node** of the tree.
 - Each node is **visited once**.
- **Traversal order**
 - Order of visiting
- **Visit:**
 - Do something with the node
 - Print node's label
 - Perform an operation on node's data
 - **Visit a node \Leftrightarrow go to a node**

Tree traversal [2]

- **Example**

- Tree traversal to print all node's label

- **Result**

- **A, B, C, D**

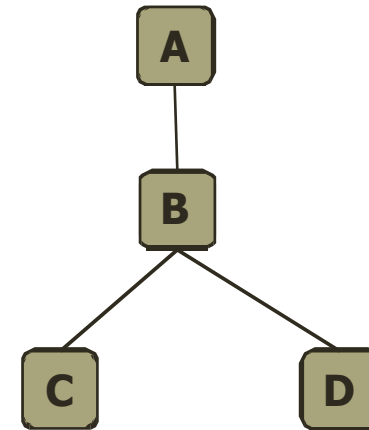
- Start from A, visit A → go to B, visit B → go to C, visit C → go to B → go to D, visit D.

- **C, D, B, A**

- Start from A → go to B → go to C, visit C → go to B → go to D, visit D → go to B, visit B → go to A, visit A.

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Tree traversal [3]

- **Level-order**

Start at root, visit root.

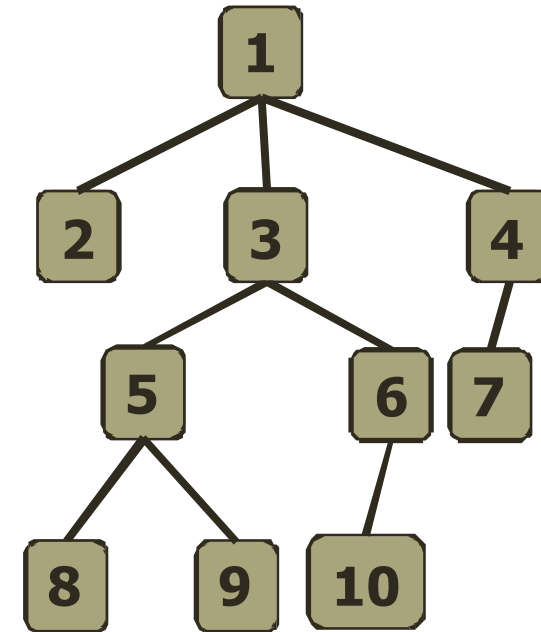
Visit the nodes at each level, from left to right.

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7
→ 8 → 9 → 10

- **Pre-order**

Visit each node, followed by its children (in pre-order) from left to right.

1 → 2 → 3 → 5 → 8 → 9 → 6 → 10 → 4
→ 7

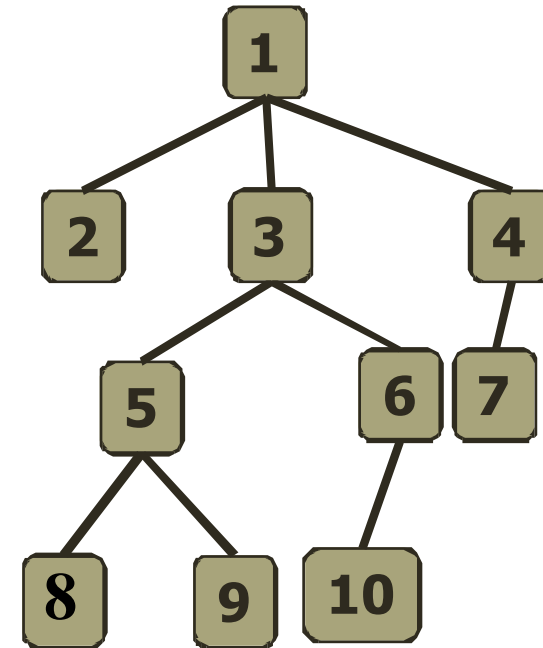


Tree traversal [4]

- In-order**

Visit the left-most child, followed by the root, followed by the remaining children from left to right.

2 → 1 → 8 → 5 → 9 → 3 → 10 → 6 → 7 → 4



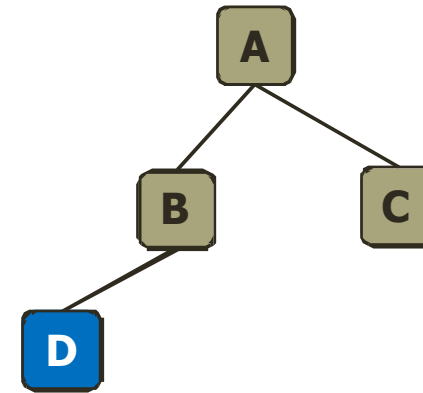
- Post-order**

Visit the left-most child, followed by the remaining children from left to right, followed by the root.

2 → 8 → 9 → 5 → 10 → 6 → 3 → 7 → 4 → 1

Tree operations[1]

- Create an empty tree
- Add a new node to the tree



- A new node is added to the tree as a child of a parent node.
- If the parent is null, new node is the root of the tree.
- Node is added from left to right.
- Example: `addNode(D,B)`

Tree operations[2]

- **Get root node of the tree**
 - Return the root node of the tree.
 - Return null if the tree is empty.
- **Get the parent node of a node in the tree**
 - Return the parent node of a node n in the tree.
 - Return null if the tree is empty or n is the root
- **Get the left most child of a node in the tree**
 - Return the left most child of a node n in the tree
 - Return null if the tree is empty or n has no child

Tree operations[3]

- **Get the nearest right sibling of a node in the tree**
 - Return the nearest right sibling of a node n in the tree.
 - Return null if the tree is empty or n has no right sibling.
- **Get/Set node's label**
 - Get/set the label of a node in the tree.
- **Check if the tree is empty**
 - Return true if the number of nodes $=0$, otherwise return false

Tree ADT

Tree

+addNode(NodeType newNode, NodeType parent):
void

+getRoot(): NodeType

+getParent(NodeType n): NodeType

+leftMostChild(NodeType n): NodeType

+rightSibling(NodeType n): NodeType

+getNodeLabel(NodeType n): LabelType

+setNodeLabel(NodeType n, LabelType label): void

+isEmpty(): boolean

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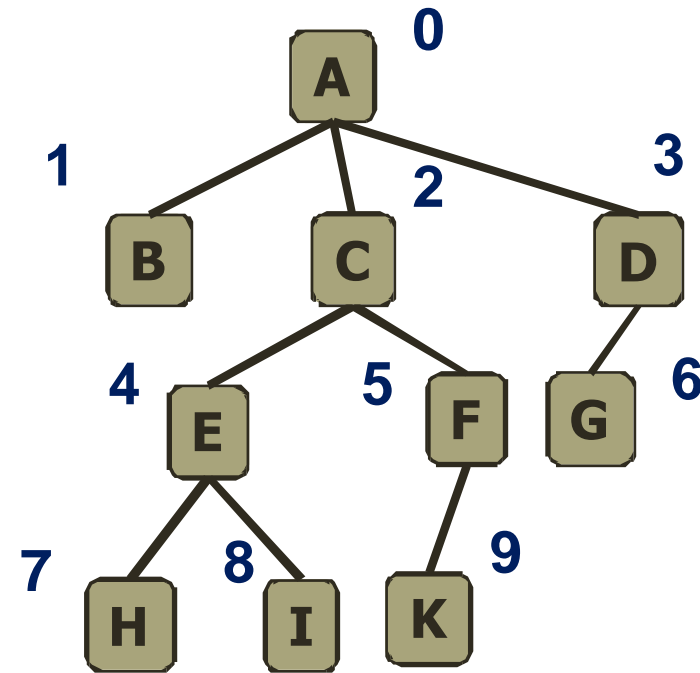
Tree Implementation

Array-based tree[1]

- **Array is used to represent a tree**
 - A tree T has N nodes, **each node is indexed by a number from 0 to $N-1$.**
 - With **node i** in the tree
 - **$L[i]$** is the label of node i
 - **$P[i]$** is the parent of node i
- **Indexing scheme:**
 - **Incremental indexing** started from root
 - **Root is 0**, parent is **smaller** than children
 - Children of the same parent are indexed from **left to right**

Array-based tree[2]

- Example



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
L:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K
P:	-1	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	4	5

Array-based tree[3]

Tree

-maxSize: int //maximum possible number of nodes
-n: int //current number of nodes in the tree
-l: String[] //Label array
-p: int[] //Parent array

+addNode(String label, int parent): void
+getParent(int node): int
+leftMostChild(int node): int
+rightSibling(int node): int
+getNodeLabel(int node): String
+setNodeLabel(int node, String label): void

...

Array-based tree[4]

- `addNode(String label, int parent)`
 - If parent is -1, then we will add a root node
`l[0]=label; p[0]=-1;`
 - If parent is different from -1
 - Must **find a correct position** for the new node
 - **Shifting the array to the right**
if it is necessary

`addNode ("G" , 3) ;`

0	1	2	3
A	B	C	D
-1	0	0	0

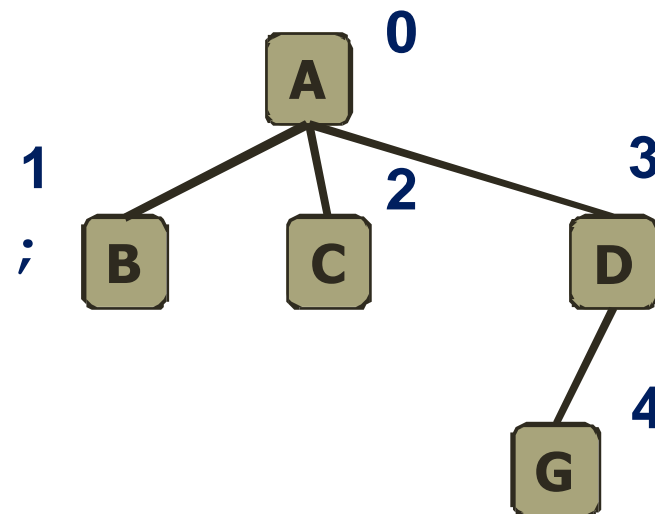
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0	1	2	3
A	B	C	D
-1	0	0	0

`addNode ("G" , 3) ;`

0	1	2	3	4
A	B	C	D	G
-1	0	0	0	3



Array-based tree[5]

- `addNode(String label, int parent)`
 - If parent is different from -1
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0	1	2	3	4
A	B	C	D	G
-1	0	0	0	3

`addNode ("E" , 2) ;`

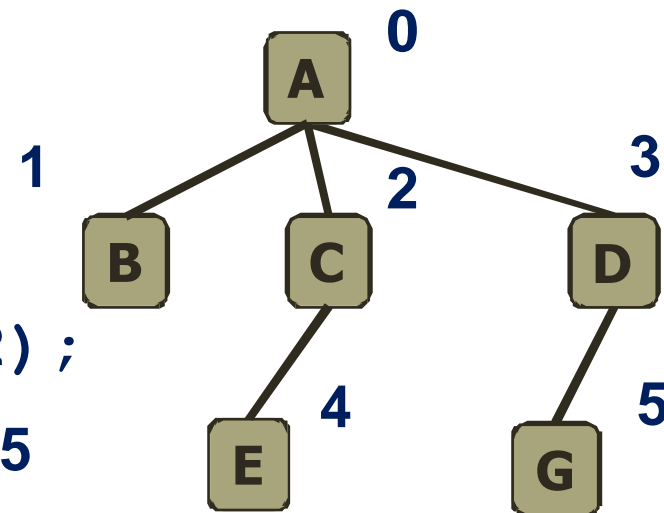
Array-based tree[5]

- addNode(String **label**, int **parent**)
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 - **Shifting the array to the right** if it is necessary

0	1	2	3	4
A	B	C	D	G
-1	0	0	0	3

addNode ("E" , 2) ;

0	1	2	3	4	5
A	B	C	D	E	G
-1	0	0	0	2	3



Array-based tree[6]

- `leftMostChild(int node)`

- Example:

`leftMostChild(0)` is 1

`leftMostChild(3)` is 4

`leftMostChild(2)` is -1

- Start from `node+1`

- Find the first node i that:

`p[i]==node`

- Return -1 if could not find i

0	1	2	3	4
A	B	C	D	G
-1	0	0	0	3

Array-based tree[6]

- `leftMostChild(int node)`

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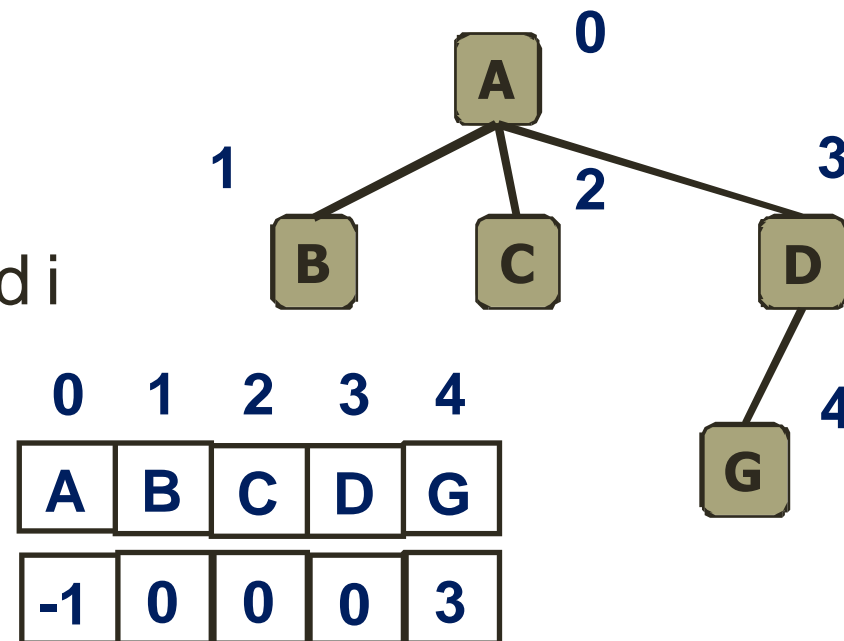
`leftMostChild(2)` is -1

- Start from `node+1`

- Find the first node i that:

`p[i]==node`

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Array-based tree[7]

- `nearestRightSibling(int node)`

- Example:

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nearestRightSibling(1) is 2
nearestRightSibling(2) is 3
nearestRightSibling(3) is -1
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- Check `node+1`

- Return `node+1` if:

`p[node+1]==p[node]`

- Return -1 otherwise

0	1	2	3	4
A	B	C	D	G
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Array-based tree[7]

- `nearestRightSibling(int node)`

- Example:

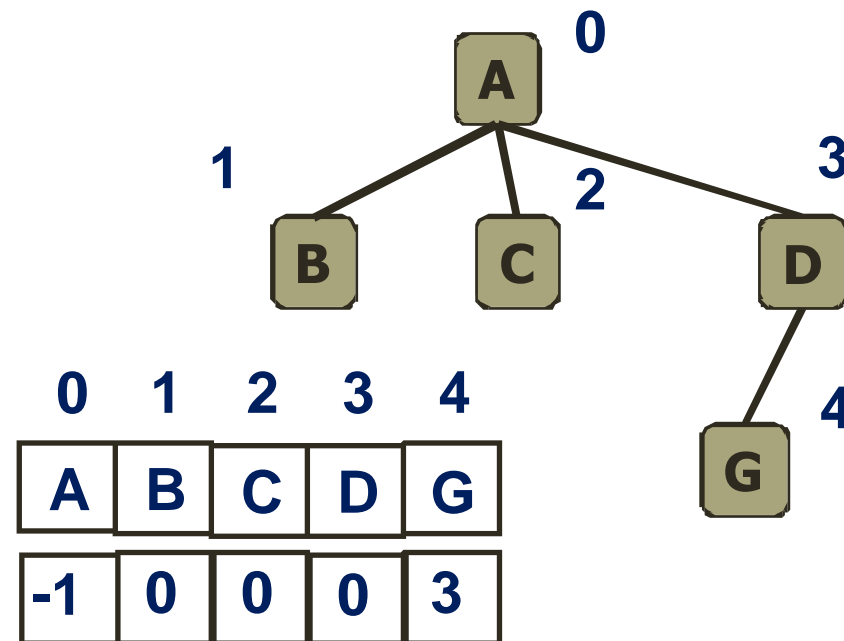
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`nearestRightSibling(3)` is -1

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- Return `node+1` if:

- `p[node+1] == p[node]`

- Return -1 otherwise



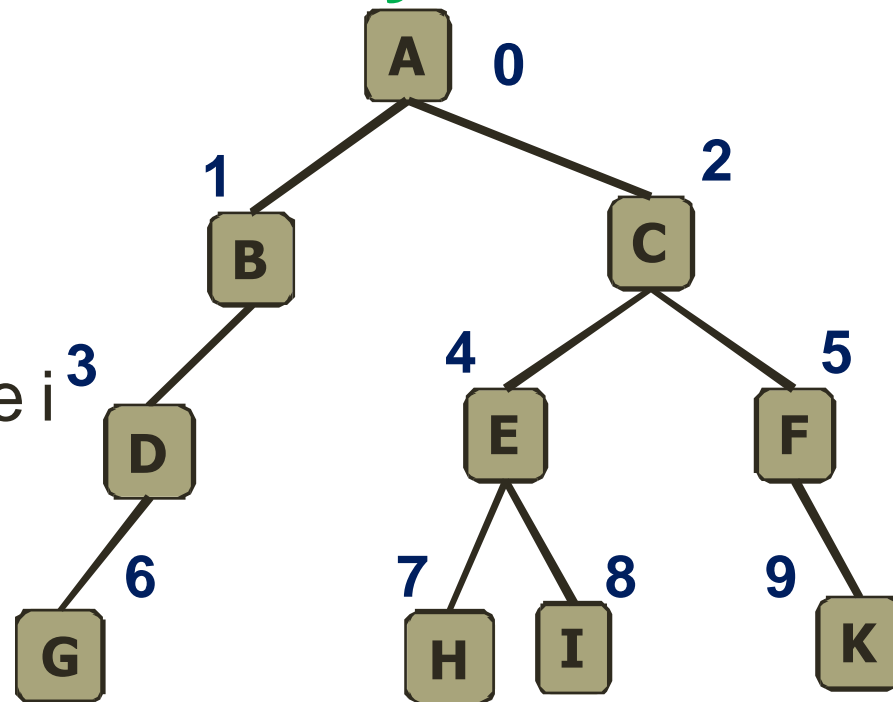
Array-based binarytree [1]

- **Array is used to represent a binary tree**

- Using the above same indexing scheme

- With **node i** in the tree

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- **P[i]** is the parent of node i



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

L:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

P:

-1	0	0	1	2	2	3	4	4	5
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Array-based binarytree [2]

- **Array is used to represent a binary tree**

- Using **perfect binary tree indexing scheme**

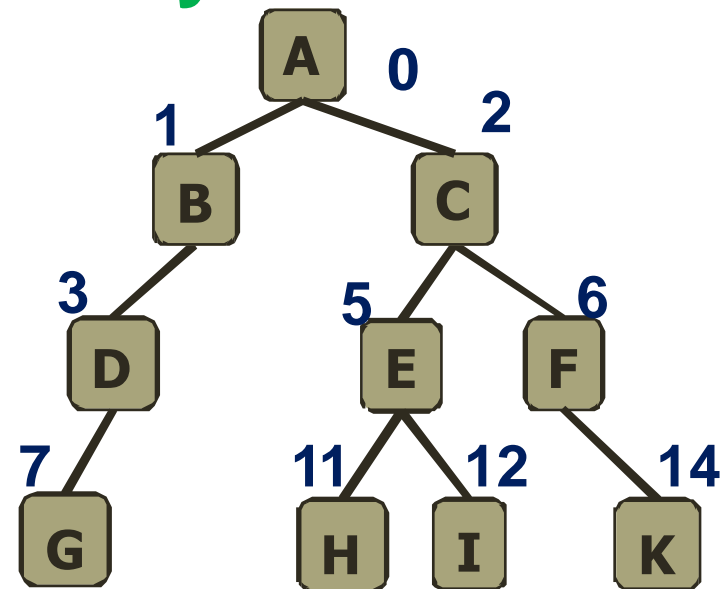
- With **node i** in the tree

- **L[i]** is the label of node i

- Left child: **$2i+1$**

- Right child: **$2i+2$**

- Parent: $\lfloor (i-1)/2 \rfloor$ $\lfloor x \rfloor$: “**Floor**” © **The greatest integer less than x**



L:

A	B	C	D	-	E	F	G	-	-	-	H	I	-	K
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Array-based binarytree [3]

BinaryTree

-maxSize: int //maximum possible number of nodes
-l: String[] //Label array
-n: int // Current number of nodes

+addRoot(String label) : void
+getLeftChild(int node) : int
+getRightChild(int node): int
+getParent(int node): int
+addLeftChild(int node): int
+addRightChild(int node): int
+getNodeLabel(int node): String
+setNodeLabel(int node, String label): void
+preOrderTravel(int node) : void

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Tutorial & next topic

- **Preparing for the tutorial:**
 - Practice with examples and exercises in Tutorial 8 Example Code
- **Preparing for next topic:**
 - Read textbook chapter 4 (4.1 – 4.3): Tree data structure.
 - Read supplementary book chapter 10 (10.4) and chapter 12