

# Tree and Binary Tree- part III

## Tree Traversal:

3 possible traversing approaches: inorder, postorder and preorder.

## Inorder Traversal

- To print a Binary Search Tree in sorted order

Print the left subtree.

Print the root data.

Print the right subtree.

- This called an inorder traversal.

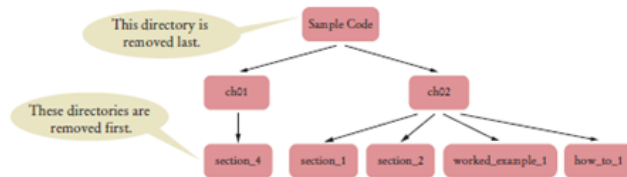
- Recursive helper method for printing the tree.

```
private static void print(Node parent)
{
    if (parent == null) { return; }
    print(parent.left);
    System.out.print(parent.data + " ");
    print(parent.right);
}
```

- Public print method starts the recursive process at the root:

```
public void print()
{
    print(root);
}
```

- **Preorder**
  - Visit the root
  - Visit left subtree
  - Visit the right subtree
- **Postorder**
  - Visit left subtree
  - Visit the right subtree
  - Visit the root
- A postorder traversal of an expression tree results in an expression in **reverse Polish notation**.
- Use postorder traversal to **remove all directories** from a directory tree.
  - A directory **must be empty** before you can remove it



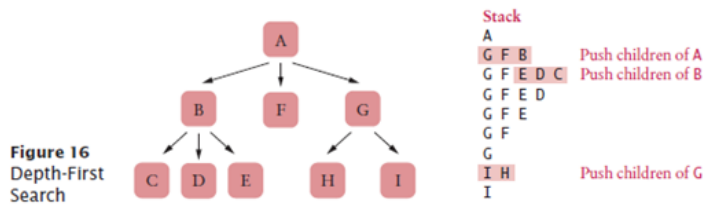
- Use preorder traversal to **copy a directory tree**.



- Can have **pre- and post-order** traversal for any **tree**.
- Only a **binary tree** has an **inorder traversal**.

## Depth-first search

- Iterative traversal can stop when a goal has been met.  
**Depth-first** search uses a stack to track the nodes that it still needs to visit.
- Algorithm:
  - Push the **root** node on a **stack**.
  - While the **stack is not empty**
  - Pop** the stack; let  $n$  be the popped node.
  - Process**  $n$ .
  - Push the **children** of  $n$  on the stack, starting with the last one.



## Breadth-first search

- Breadth-first** search first visits all nodes **on the same level** before visiting the children.
- Breadth-first search uses **a queue**.