

2. Trees :: Binary Trees :: Introduction and Definitions

A **binary tree** is an ordered tree where each node has 0, 1 or 2 child nodes. The first child (if it exists) is called the **left child** and the second child (if it exists) is called the **right child**. A right child may exist without a left child and a left child may exist without a right child.

The subtree rooted at the left child of a node N is called the **left subtree** of N and the subtree rooted at the right child of N is called the **right subtree** of N .

A binary tree of height h is **balanced** if all leaf nodes are either at level h or level $h - 1$.

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A **full binary tree** is one in which each node is either a leaf (has 0 children) or has 2 children (in the case of interior nodes).

Recursively defined, a full binary tree is one in which subtree is a full binary tree:

Method *isFull*(In: Node *pRoot*) Returns Boolean

 If *pRoot* is a leaf Then Return true

 If *pRoot* has a left child Then *leftFull* \leftarrow *isFull*(*pRoot.leftChild*)

 Else *leftFull* \leftarrow false

 If *pRoot* has a right child Then *rightFull* \leftarrow *isFull*(*pRoot.rightChild*)

 Else *rightFull* \leftarrow false

 Return *leftFull* AND *rightFull*

End Method *isFull*

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A binary tree of height h is a **complete binary tree** if all levels are completely full, except possibly the last which if not full, has all of its nodes to the left side.