Trees (I)

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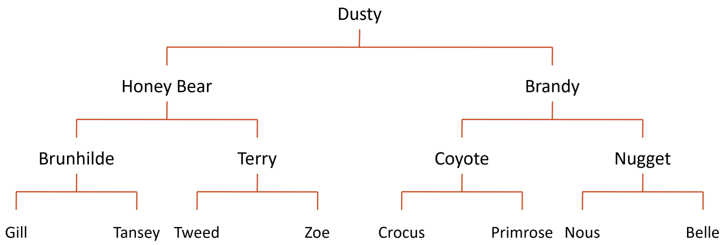
Introduction

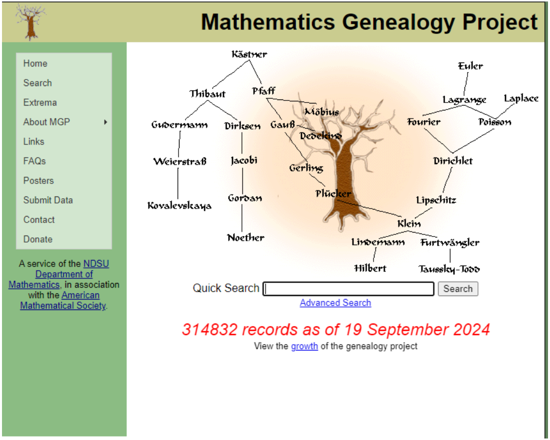
- Intuitively, a tree structure organized data in a hierarchical manner.

Example: Pedigree Chart



Example: Mathematical Genealogy Project

Figure reference: https://www.mathgenealogy.org/



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Tree

- A tree is a finite set of one or more nodes such that:
  - There is a specially designated node called root.
  - The remaining nodes are partitioned into $n \geq 0$ disjoint sets, $T_1, \ldots, T_n$, where each of these sets is a tree.
  - $T_1, \ldots, T_n$: subtrees of the root.

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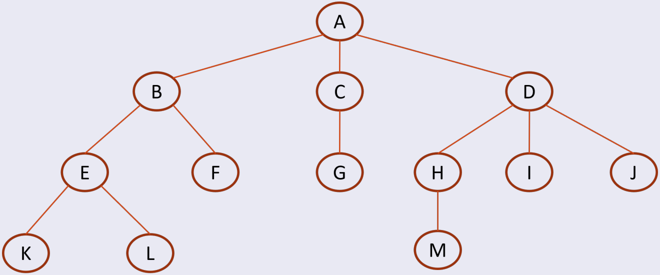
Node

- A node stands for the item of information plus the branches to other nodes.



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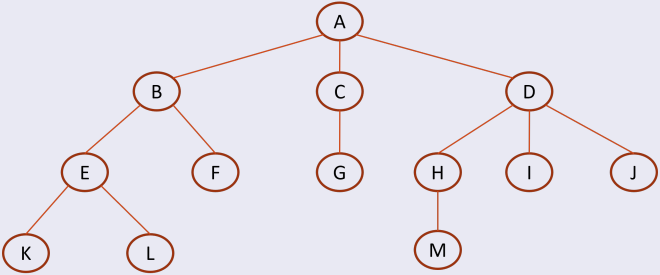

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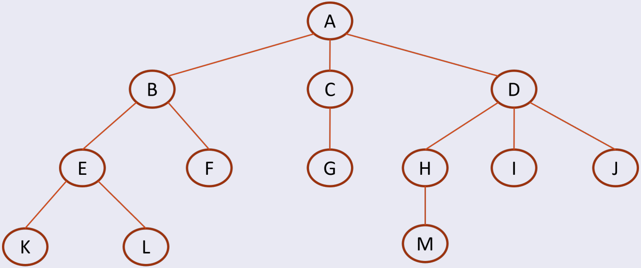

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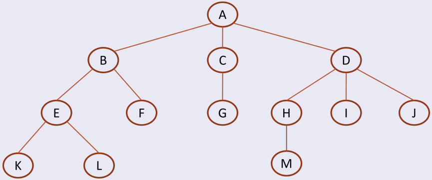
Siblings, degree, ancestors

- Children of the same parent are said to be siblings.
  - Example: H, I and J are siblings; B, C and D are siblings.
- The degree of a tree is the **maximum** of the degree of the nodes in the tree.
  - The tree in this example has degree 3.
- The ancestors of a node are all the nodes along the path from the root to that node.
  - The ancestors of M are A, D, and H.



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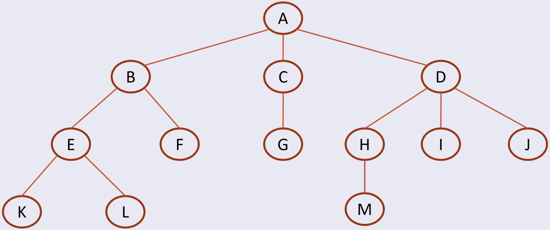
Level, height or depth

- The level of a node:
  - the root: 1.
  - if a node is at level k, then its children are at level $k+1$.
  - Example: level$(A) = 1$, level$(H) = 3$, level$(L) = 4$.
- The height or depth of a tree is defined to be the maximum level of any node in the tree.
  - The depth of the tree in this example is 4.

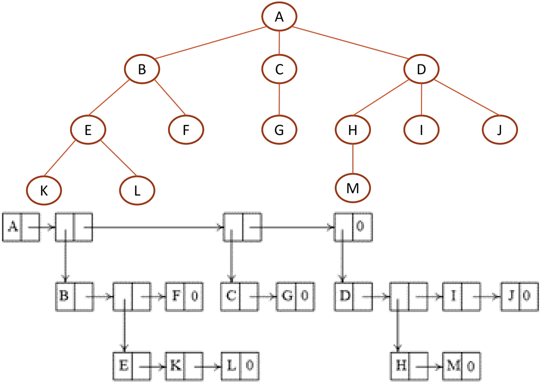


Representation of Trees

- The tree in the example can be written as

$$(A(B(E(K, L), F), C(G), D(H(M), I, J))).$$

- **Rule:** root node $\to$ list of its subtrees.



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- Then, how to choose such a fixed size?

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  - Thus, the number of zero fields is $nk-(n-1)=n(k-1)+1$.

Left Child-Right Sibling Representation

- Every node has ≤ 1 leftmost child and ≤ 1 closest right sibling.
- The **left child field** of each node points to its leftmost child (if any)
- The **right sibling field** points to its closest right sibling (if any).

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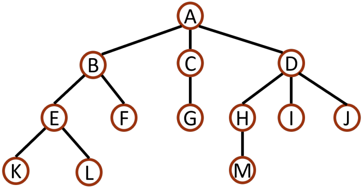
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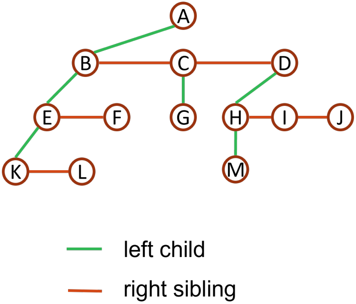
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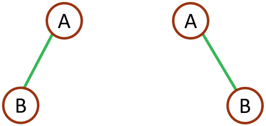
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- consists of a root
- two disjoint binary trees: the left subtree and the right subtree.

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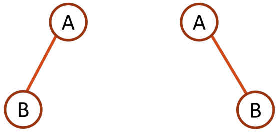
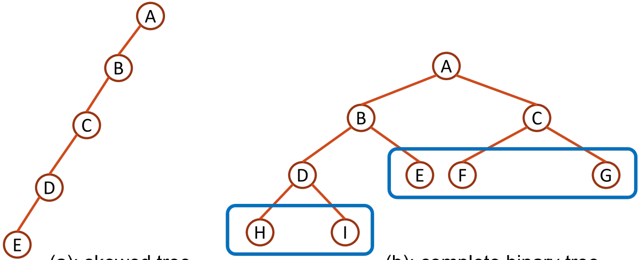


Skew Binary Trees & Complete Binary Trees

- skew: only left (or right) subtrees for each node
- complete: all leaf nodes of these trees are on two adjacent levels.



(a): skewed tree

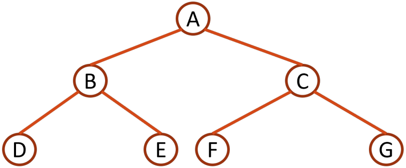
(b): complete binary tree

Properties of Binary Trees

Lemma 5.2 [Maximum Number of Nodes]

- The maximum number of nodes on level i of a binary tree is 2^{i-1}, for $i \geq 1$.
- The maximum number of nodes in a binary tree of depth k is $2^k - 1$, for $k \geq 1$.

- On level 2: 2 nodes; on level 3: 4 nodes.
- Totally $2^3 - 1 = 7$ nodes in the binary tree.



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- The maximum number of nodes in a binary tree of depth k is

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^{k-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} 2^{i-1} = 2^k - 1.$$

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