

CS271Project5

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1. Proof: Hypothesis: A complete binary tree with height h contains $2^{h+1} - 1$ total nodes.

Base Case: When a complete binary tree with height 0, it is simply contain only one node, which is the root. And, $2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$. Therefore, the base case holds true.

Inductive Step: We suppose the hypothesis holds for the complete binary tree with height h , for $1 \leq h$ and prove that it also holds for $h + 1$. We will consider node x with height $h + 1$. Each of children of node x has height h . Then, we know the subtree rooted at the child of node x , with height h contains $2^{h+1} - 1$ total nodes. (by Inductive Hypothesis) And we know the fact that the total number of a complete binary tree rooted at node x is equal to the total number of nodes in left subtree adds the total number of nodes in right subtree and plus one. Then, the number of a complete binary tree with height h

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2^{h+1} - 1 + 2^{h+1} - 1 + 1 \\ &= 2^{h+1} - 1 + 2^{h+1} \\ &= 2 * 2^{h+1} - 1 \\ &= 2^{h+2} - 1 \\ &= 2^{h+1+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the hypothesis holds for $h + 1$. Therefore, a complete binary tree with height h contains $2^{h+1} - 1$ total nodes.

2. Proof: Hypothesis: A complete binary tree with n nodes has $(n - 1)/2$ internal nodes.

Base Case: When a complete binary tree with 1 node, it will have zero internal nodes. Since the number of nodes in binary tree is 1, $(1 - 1)/2 = 0$. Therefore, the base case holds.

Inductive Step: We assume the hypothesis holds for complete binary tree with k nodes, for $k \geq 1$. Then, we need to consider a complete binary tree rooted at node x with $k + 2$ nodes. Suppose the subtree rooted at left child of node x with y nodes and the subtree rooted at right child of node x with z nodes. And we know that in that they are the children of node x , then $y, z \leq k$ and $y + z = k + 2 - 1 = k + 1$ because the sum of the number of nodes of left subtree and right subtree is equal to the total nodes minus 1. The subtree rooted at left child of node x has $(y - 1)/2$ internal nodes (by

Induction Hypothesis). The subtree rooted at right child of node x has $(z - 1)/2$ internal nodes (by Induction Hypothesis). Since we have known that the number of internal nodes of a complete binary tree rooted at node x is equal to the number of internal nodes of subtree rooted at the left child of node x add the number of internal nodes of subtree rooted at the right child of node x and plus one. Then, we know that the number of internal nodes of a complete binary tree rooted at node x with $k + 2$ nodes

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (y - 1)/2 + (z - 1)/2 + 1 \\
&= (y - 1 + z - 1 + 2)/2 \\
&= (k + 1)/2 \\
&= (k + 2 - 1)/2
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the hypothesis holds true for $k + 2$. Therefore, a complete binary tree with n nodes has $(n - 1)/2$ internal nodes.