

# ENG 346 Data Structures and Algorithms for Artificial Intelligence Trees

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## Agenda



• Basic Concepts

#### What is a Tree?

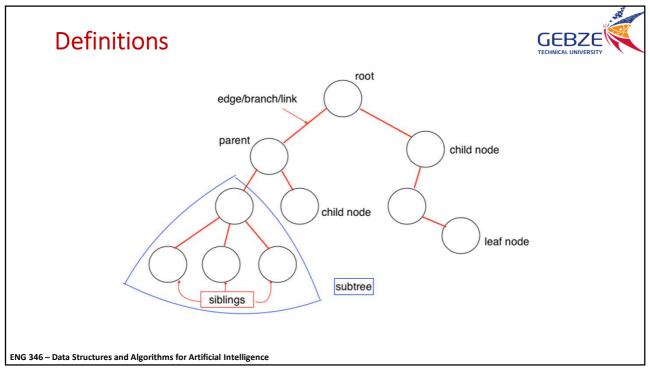
 A tree is a hierarchical data structure consisting of nodes connected by edges, with a designated root node and branches that form a directed acyclic graph.



HIERARCHICAL TREE STRUCTURE

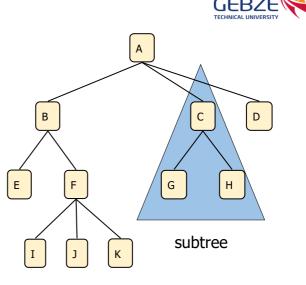
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# Tree Terminology

- Root: node without parent (A)
- Internal node: node with at least one child (A, B, C, F)
- External node (a.k.a. leaf ): node without children (E, I, J, K, G, H, D)
- Ancestors of a node: parent, grandparent, grandgrandparent, etc.
- Depth of a node: number of ancestors
- Height of a tree: maximum depth of any node (3)
- Descendant of a node: child, grandchild, grandgrandchild, etc.
- Subtree: tree consisting of a node and its descendants



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## **Applications of Trees**



- Organization Charts
- Decision Trees in Machine Learning
- File Systems
- Expression Parsing
- DOM Model of Web pages

### **Tree ADT**

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- We use positions to abstract nodes
- Generic methods:
  - Integer len()
  - Boolean is\_empty()
  - Iterator positions()
  - Iteratoriter()
- Accessor methods:
  - position root()
  - position parent(p)
  - Iterator children(p)
  - Integer num\_children(p)

- Query methods:
  - Boolean is\_leaf(p)
  - Boolean is\_root(p)
- Update method:
  - element replace (p, o)
- Additional update methods may be defined by data structures implementing the Tree ADT

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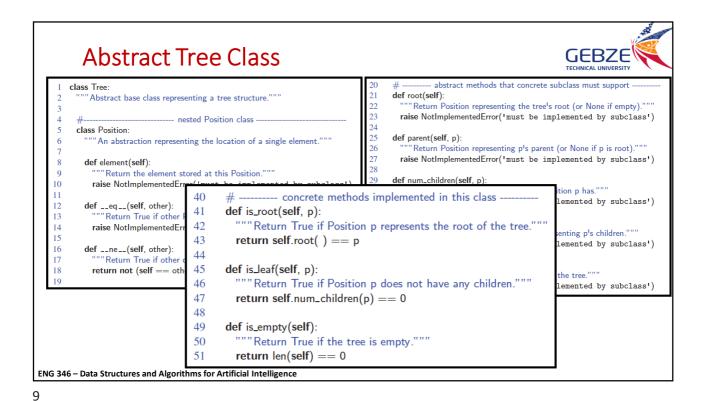
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#### **Tree ADT**



• Assume T is a tree, and p is a position (node of the tree).

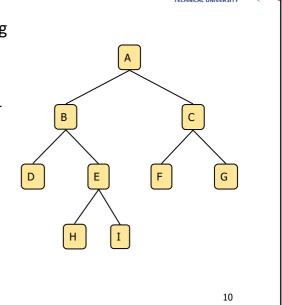
Functions/Operations	Description
p.element()	Data stored in p
Accessors	
T.root()	Return the position of the root of the tree. None is T is empty.
T.is_root(p)	True if p is the root, False otherwise.
T.parent(p)	Return the parent of position p. None if p is the root.
T.children(p)	Return list of children of position p.
T.num_children(p)	Number of children of position p.
Queries	
T.is_leaf(p)	True if position p has no children.
T.is_root(p)	True if position p is the root.



Binary Trees

 A binary tree is a tree with the following properties:

- Each internal node has at most two children
- The children of a node are an ordered pair
- The children are called left child and right child
- Applications
  - · arithmetic expressions
  - decision processes
  - · searching

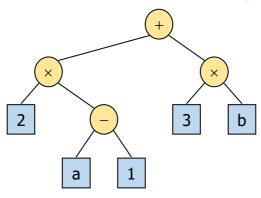


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# **Arithmetic Expression Tree**



- Binary tree associated with an arithmetic expression
  - Internal nodes: operators
  - Leaf nodes: operands
- Example: arithmetic expression tree for the expression  $(2 \times (a-1) + (3 \times b))$



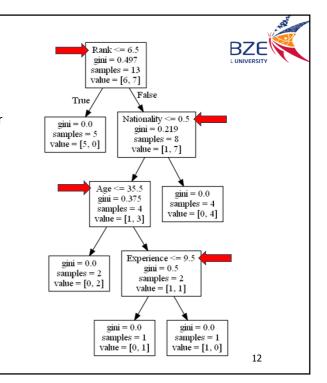
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#### **Decision Tree**

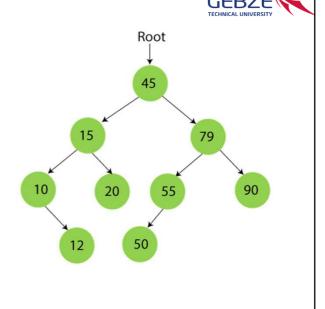
- Binary tree associated with a decision process
  - Internal nodes: questions with yes/no answer
  - · Leaf nodes: decisions



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• Binary search tree



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## **Binary Tree ADT**

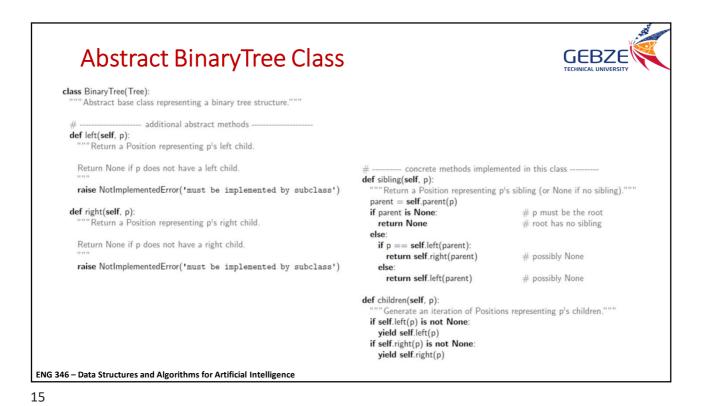


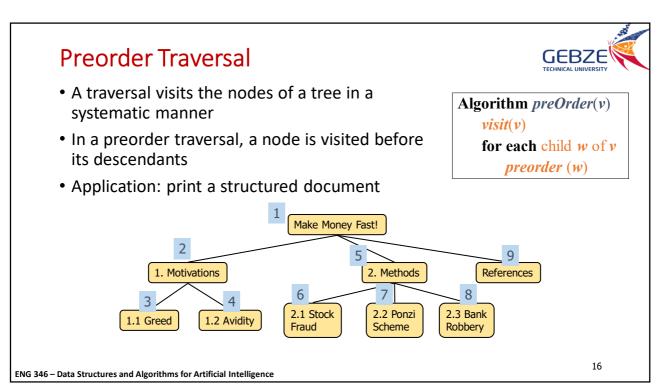
- The Binary Tree ADT extends the Tree ADT, i.e., it inherits all the methods of the Tree ADT
- Additional methods:
  - position left(p)
  - position right(p)
  - position sibling(p)

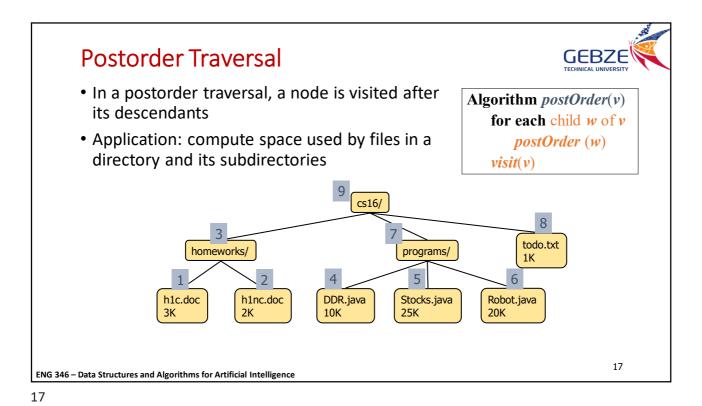
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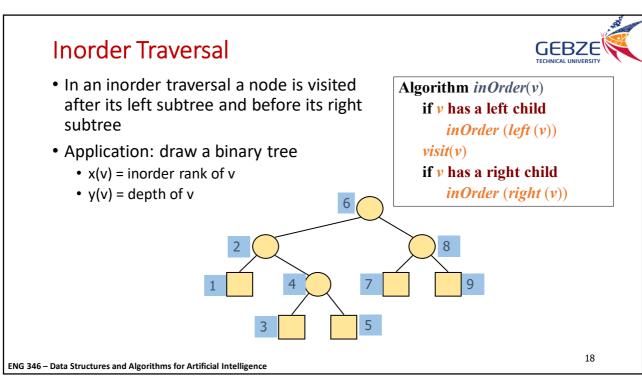
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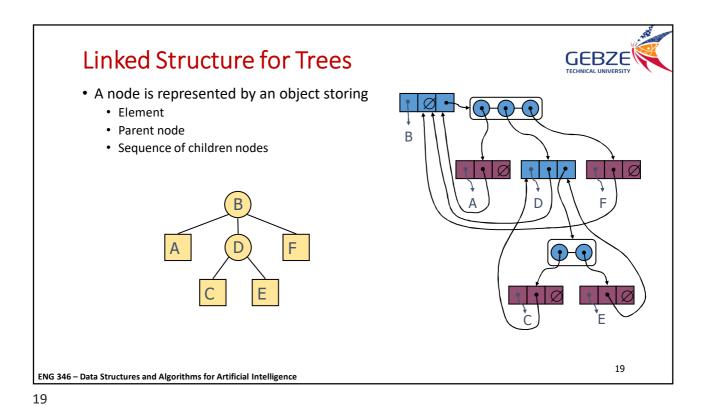
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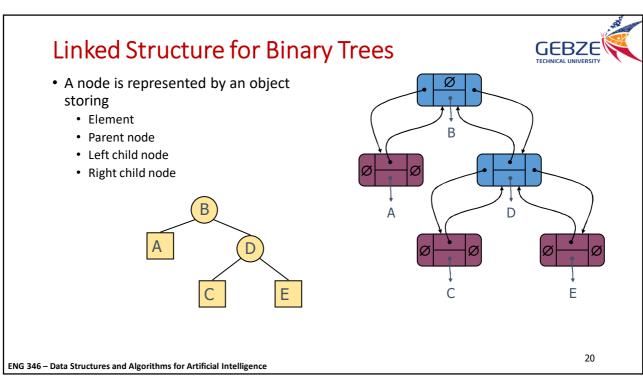












# **Binary Search Trees**



- A Binary Search Tree is a binary tree data structure with the following properties:
  - Binary Tree Structure: It is a binary tree, meaning each node has at most two children: a left child and a right child.
  - Ordering Property: For every node n, all nodes in its left subtree have values less than n, and all nodes in its right subtree have values greater than n.
- This property ensures that the tree maintains a specific ordering, making it suitable for efficient searching.