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## PSet on BT, BST and AVL Tree

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## Introduction

This problem set consists of three sets of problems but they are closely related each other. Your task is to complete functions to handle a binary tree(BT), the binary search tree(BST), and AVL tree in `tree.cpp`, which allow the user test the binary search tree interactively. The following files are provided.

- **treeDriver.cpp** : tests BT/BST/AVL tree implementation interactively. don't change this file.
- **tree.cpp** : provided it as a skeleton code for your BST/AVL tree implementations.
- `treenode.h` : defines the basic tree structure, and the key data type
- `tree.h` : defines ADTs for BT, BST and AVL tree. don't change this file
- `treeprint.cpp` : draws the tree on console
- `treex.exe` : provided it as a sample solution for your reference.

Your program is supposed to work like `treex.exe` provided. I expect that your `tree.cpp` must be compatible with `tree.h` and `treeDriver.cpp`. Therefore, you don't change signatures and return types of the functions in `tree.h` and `tree.cpp` files.

The function **build\_tree\_by\_args()** in `treeDriver.cpp` gets the command arguments and builds a **BT, BST or AVL** tree as shown above. If no argument for tree is provided, it begins with BT by default.

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Windows PowerShell
PS C:\GitHub\nowicx\psets\pset09-10tree> ./treex -b 1 2 3 4

  1
 / \
2   3
/
4

Menu [BT] size:4 height:2 min:1 max:4
g - grow          a - grow a leaf [BT]
t - trim*         d - trim a leaf [BT]
G - grow N        A - grow by Level [BT]
T - trim N        f - find node [BT]
o - BST or AVL?   p - find path&back [BT]
r - rebalance tree** l - traverse [BT]
L - LCA*          B - LCA* [BT]
m - menu [BST]/[AVL]** C - convert BT to BST*
c - clear         s - show mode:[tree]
Command(q to quit):

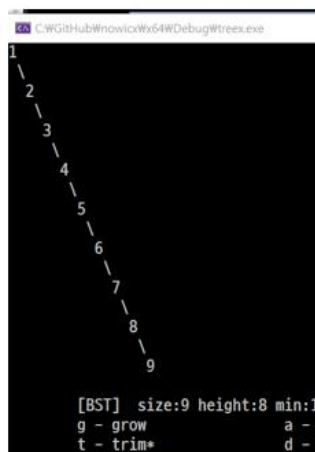
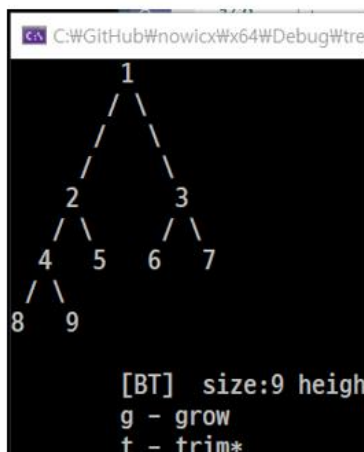
```

With the following three different options you can get three different trees created automatically at the beginning of the tree program execution.

**./treex -b 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**

**./treex -s 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**

**./treex -a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**

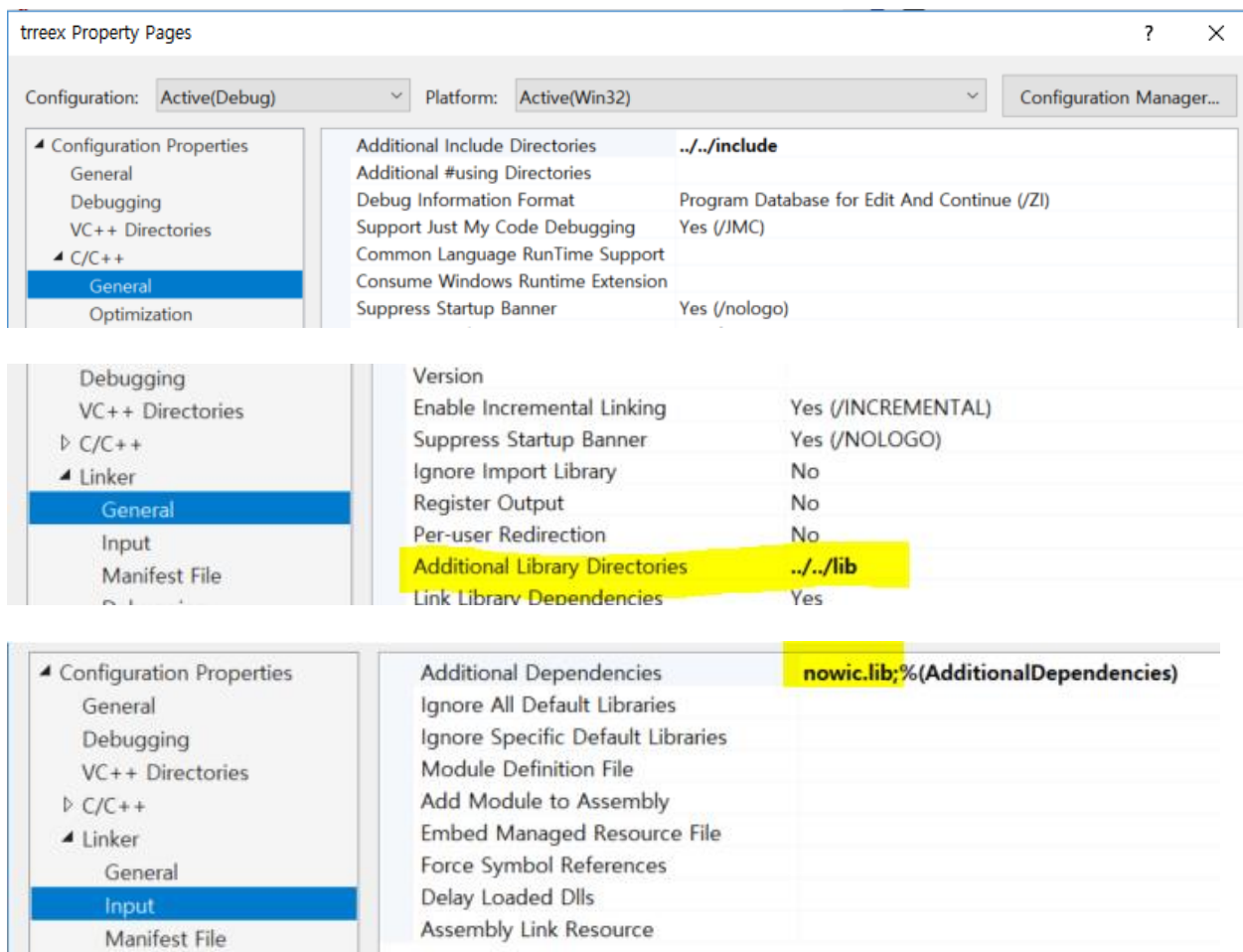


## JumpStart

For a jump-start, create a project called tree first. As usual, do the following:

- Add ~/include at
  - Project Property → C/C++ → General → Additional Include Directories
- Add ~/lib at
  - Project Property → Linker → General → Additional Library Directories
- Add nowic.lib at
  - Project Property → Linker → Input → Additional Dependencies
- Add /D "DEBUG" at
  - Project Property → C/C++ → Command Line

In my case for example:

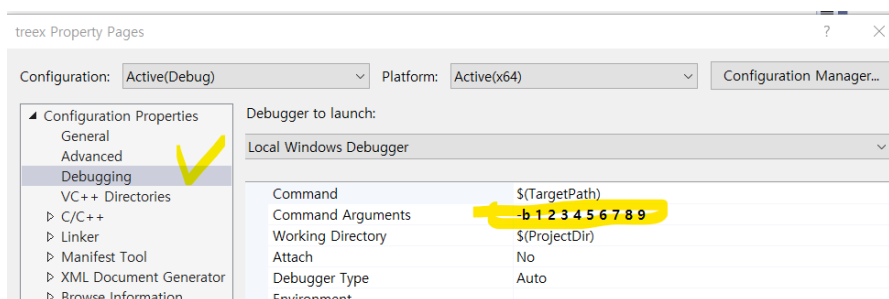


Add ~.h files under Project 'Header Files' and ~.cpp files under project 'Source Files'. Then you may be able to build the project.

## Step 0: An easy way to create a tree for debugging

Quite often we want to create a same tree every time for debugging purpose initially. To have a tree to begin with, you may specify the initial keys for the tree in

**Project Properties → Debugging → Command Argument**



## Step 1.1: BT basic operations

Some functions in the tree.cpp are already implemented. You are required to implement the following ones. Feel free to make any extra helper functions, especially for recursion, as necessary. Ideally, all your code for this Problem Set goes into tree.cpp.

The menu items with [BT] usually works for all three types of the tree. But it may be slow. For example: find(), findPath(), findPathBack(), maximum() and minimum(), and so forth. Test the following functions and make sure that they are working correctly and get familiar with the development environment. There is a [good reference](#) for the tree recursion in Korean.

- clear()
- size()
- height()
- minimumBT(), maximumBT();
- containsBT(), findBT()
- inorder(), preorder(), postorder()

## Step 1.2: levelorder() – iteration version

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This traversal visits every node on a level before going to a lower level. This search is referred to as breadth-first search (BFS), as the search tree is broadened as much as possible on each depth before going to the next depth. This will require space proportional to the maximum number of nodes at a given depth. This can be as much as the total number of nodes / 2.

### Algorithm (Iteration):

- Create empty queue and push root node to it.
- Do the following while the queue is not empty.
  - Pop a node from queue and print/save it.
  - Push left child of popped node to queue if not null.
  - Push right child of popped node to queue if not null.

```
// level order traversal of a given binary tree using iteration.
void levelorder(tree root, vector<int>& vec) {
    Visit the root.
    if it is not null, push it to queue.
    while queue is not empty
        queue.front() - get the node from the queue
        visit the node (save the key in vec).
        if its left child is not null, push it to queue.
        if its right child is not null, push it to queue.
        queue.pop() - remove the node in the queue.
    }
}
```

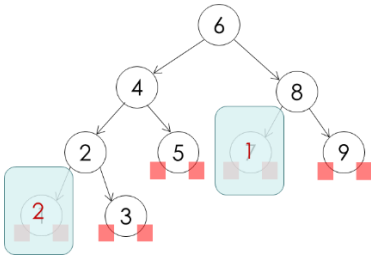
Once you understand and implement the level order traversal, you will find that the next function growBT() is another variation of levelorder() function.

## Step 1.3: growBT() – add a node by level order

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This function inserts a node with the key and returns the root of the binary tree.

For example, if a tree shown below, the first empty node add is the node 8's left child. The next empty node is the node 2's left child.



The idea is to do iterative level order traversal of the given tree using queue. You may use the following algorithm if necessary.

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First, push the root to the queue.
Then, while the queue is not empty,
    Get the front() node on the queue
    If the left child of the node is empty,
        make new key as left child of the node. - break and return;
    else
        add it to queue to process later since it is not nullptr.
    If the right child is empty,
        make new key as right child of the node. - break and return;
    else
        add it to queue to process later since it is not nullptr.
    Make sure that you pop the queue finished.
    Do this until you find a node whose either left or right is empty.

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Your code may begin as shown below:

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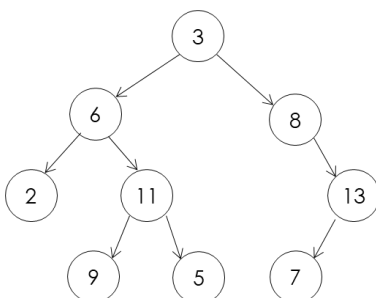
tree growBT(tree root, int key) {
    if (root == nullptr)
        return new TreeNode(key);
    queue<tree> q;
    q.push(root);
    while (!q.empty()) {
        // your code here
    }
    return root; // returns the root node
}

```

## Step 1.4: LCA in BT

This step implements a function called LCA\_BT which finds the lowest common ancestor (LCA) of two given nodes in a given binary tree using iteration and recursion algorithms.

The LCA is defined between two nodes p and q as the lowest node in T that has both p and q as descendants (where we allow a node to be a descendant of itself)." Two nodes given, p and q, are different and both values will exist in the binary tree. For example,



The lowest common ancestor for the two nodes (2, 8) would be 3. Likewise,  $LCA(2, 5) = 6$ ,  $LCA(9, 5) = 11$ ,  $LCA(8, 7) = 8$ ,  $LCA(9, 3) = 3$ .

**Intuition (Iteration):** A brute-force approach is to traverse the tree and get the path to node p and q. Compare the path and return the last match node of the path.

**Algorithm (Iteration):**

- Find path from root to p and store it in a vector.
- Find path from root to q and store it in another vector.
- Traverse both paths till the values in vector are same. Return the common element just before the mismatch.

For example, to find LCA(2, 5), use findPath() function to get two paths for p and q. Then you may get them for this example as shown below:

- Path to 2: 3 6 2
- Path to 5: 3 6 11 5

Therefore the lowest common ancestor will be the last element of the same sequences part of two Paths. In this case, 3 and 6 are the common ancestor, but the least one will be 6 since it is closest from two nodes (2, 5).

Recursive algorithm is also shown below:

**Intuition (Recursion):** Traverse the tree in a depth-first manner. The moment you encounter either of the nodes p or q, return the node. The LCA would then be the node for which both the subtree recursions return a non-NULL node. It can also be the node which itself is one of p or q and for which one of the subtree recursions returns that particular node.

**Algorithm (Recursion):**

- Start traversing the tree from the root node.
- If the current node is nullptr, return nullptr. [base case]
- If the current node itself is one of p or q, we would return that node. [base case]
- [recursive case]
  - Search for the left side and search for the right side recursively.
  - If the left or the right subtree returns a non-NULL node, this means one of the two nodes was found below. Return the non-NULL node(s) found.
  - If at any point in the traversal, both the left and right subtree return some node, this means we have found the LCA for the nodes p and q.

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$ , **Space Complexity:**  $O(n)$

## Submitting your solution

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- Include the following line at the top of your every source file with your name signed.
- On my honour, I pledge that I have neither received nor provided improper assistance in the completion of this assignment.
- Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Make sure your code **compiles** and **runs** right before you submit it.
- If you only manage to work out the problem partially before the deadline, you still need to turn it in. However, don't turn it in if it does not compile and run.
- Place your source files in the folder you and I are sharing.
- After submitting, if you realize one of your programs is flawed, you may fix it and submit again as long as it is **before the deadline**. You may submit as often as you like. **Only the last version** you submit before the deadline will be graded.

## Files to submit

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- PSet10 for BT – tree.cpp,  
BT menus including 'clear'
- PSet11 – tree.cpp,  
BT & BST menu items should work together.
- PSet12 – tree.cpp, treeprint.cpp,  
BT, BST and AVL menu items should work together.

## Due and Grade points

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Grade points:

- Step 1.1 ~ 1.5: 1 point per step
- Step 2.2 ~ 2.5: 1 point per step
- Step 3 AVL: 5 points

## References

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1. [Recursion](#) :
2. [Recursion](#):