

Data Structures and Algorithms

(ESO207)

Lecture 27

- Quick revision of Depth First Search (DFS) Traversal
- An $O(m + n)$:algorithm for biconnected components of a graph

Quick revision of Depth First Search (**DFS**) Traversal

DFS traversal of G

DFS(v)

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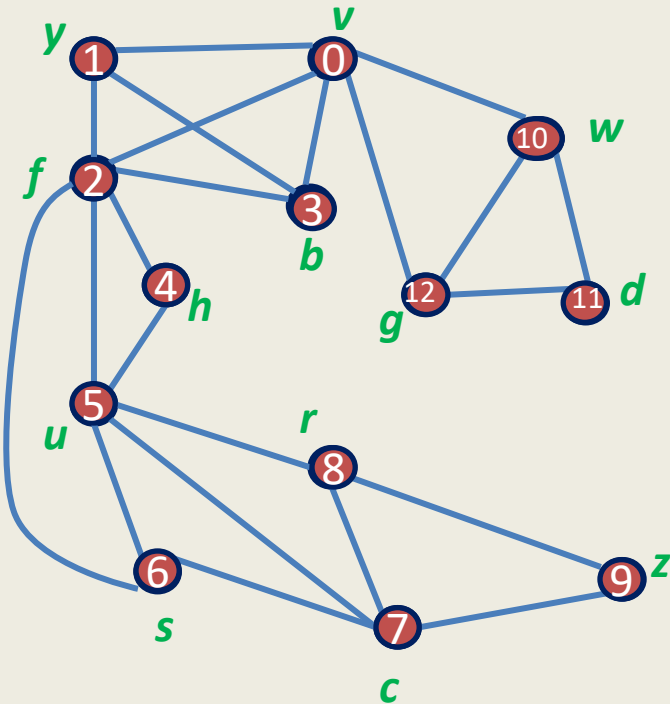
DFS-traversal(G)

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DFN number

DFN[*x*] :

The number at which *x* gets visited during DFS traversal.



DFS(**v**) computes a **tree** rooted at **v**

If **x** is ancestor of **y** then

$$\text{DFN}[\mathbf{x}] < \text{DFN}[\mathbf{y}]$$

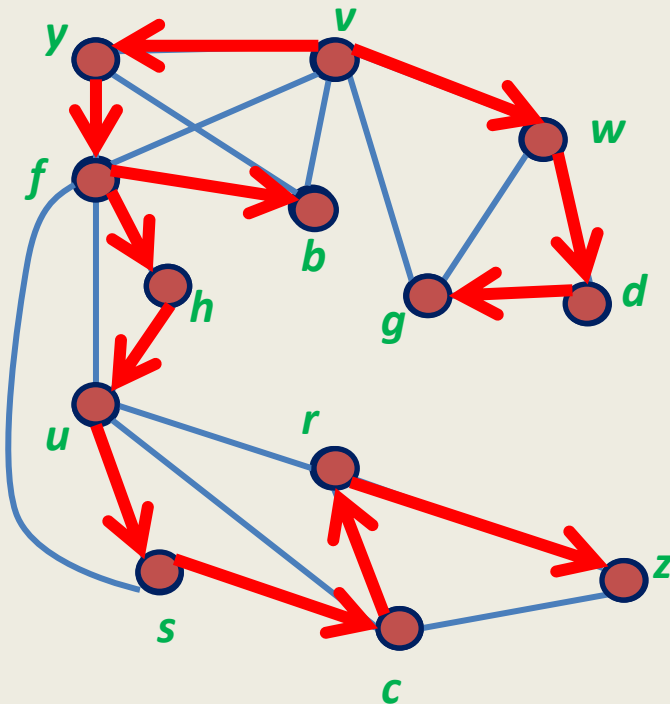
Question: Is a **DFS** tree unique ?

Answer: No.

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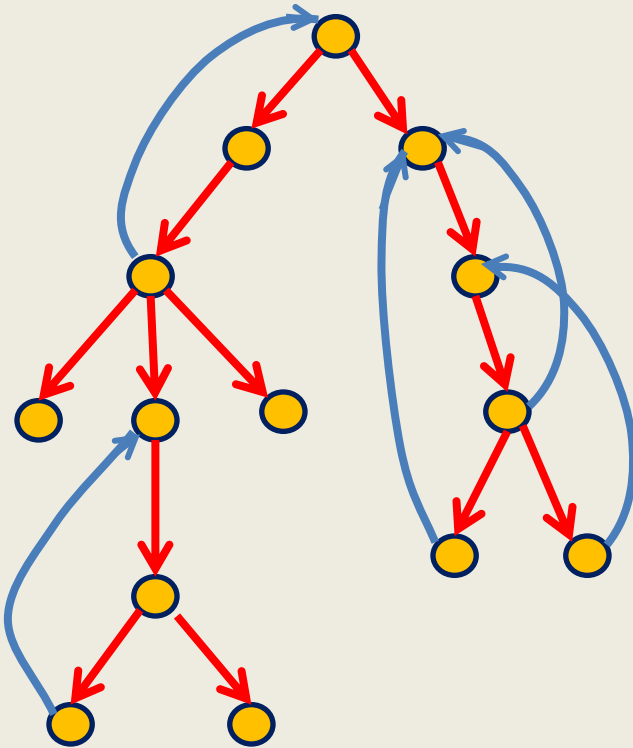
Can any rooted tree be obtained through DFS ?

Answer: No.



A **DFS** tree rooted at **v**

Always remember
this picture



non-tree edge → back edge

A **DFS** representation
of the graph

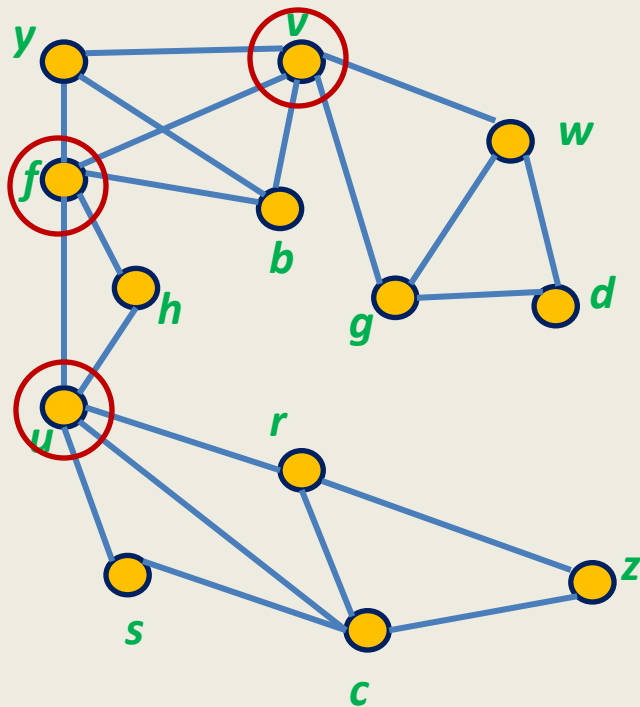
Verifying bi-connectivity of a graph

An $O(m + n)$ time algorithm

A single DFS traversal

An $O(m + n)$ time algorithm

- A formal **characterization** of the problem.
(**articulation points**)
- Exploring **relationship** between **articulation point** & DFS tree.
- Using the relation **cleverly** to design an efficient algorithm.



This graph is NOT **biconnected**

The removal of any of $\{v, f, u\}$ can destroy connectivity.

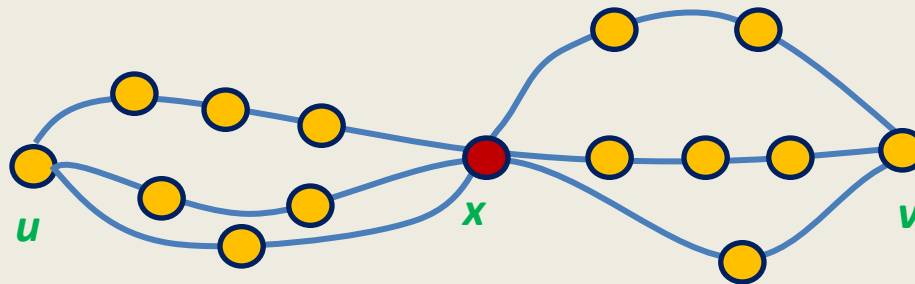
v, f, u are called the **articulation points** of G .

A formal definition of articulation point

Definition: A vertex x is said to be **articulation point** if

$\exists u, v$ different from x

such that every path between u and v passes through x .

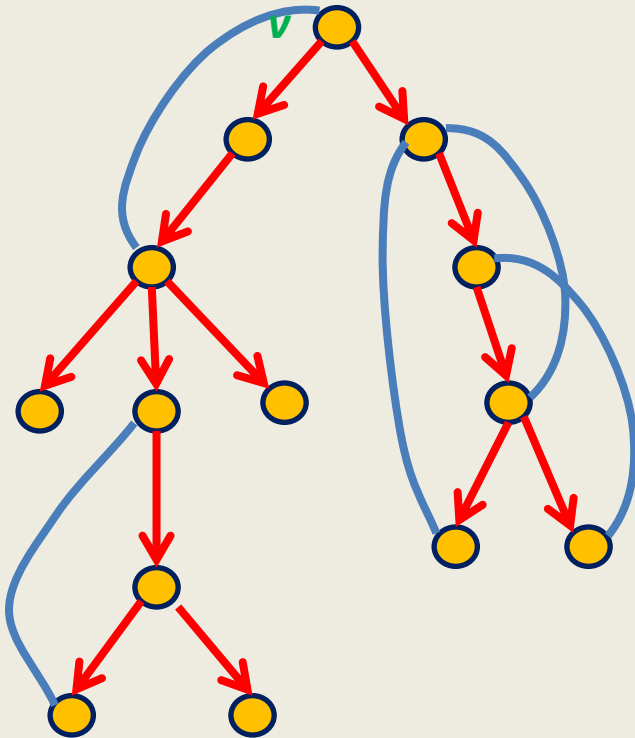


Observation: A graph is biconnected if none of its vertices is an articulation point.

AIM:

Design an **algorithm** to compute all **articulation points** in a given graph.

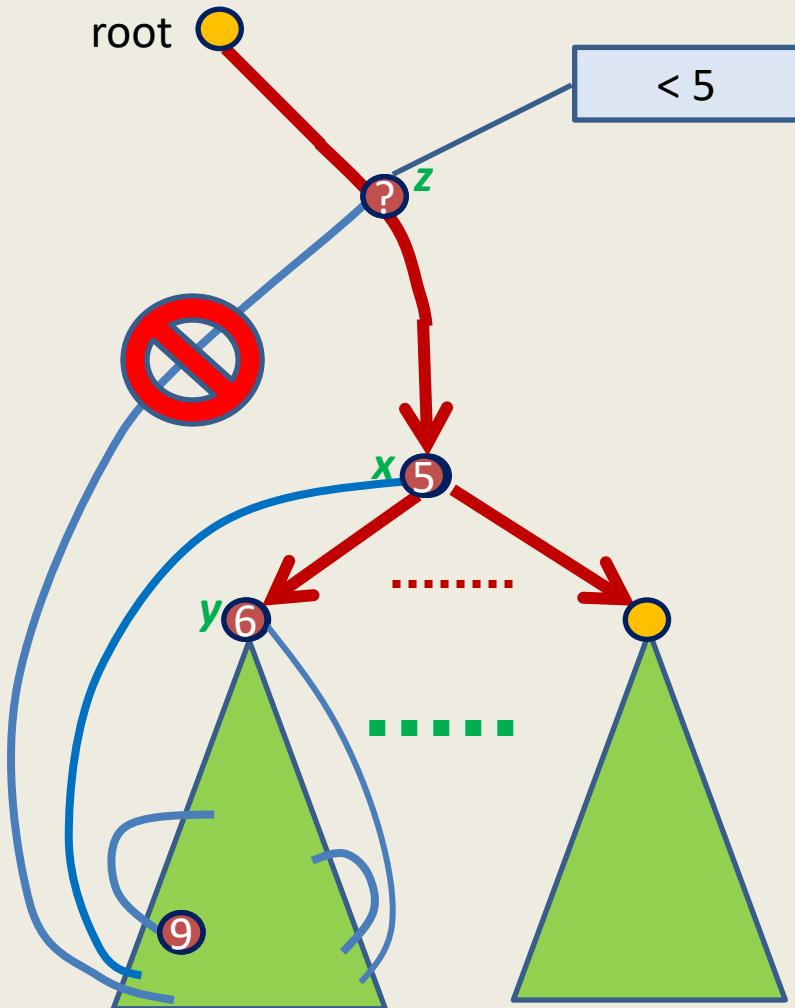
Some observations



- A **leaf node** can never be an **a.p.** ?
- **Root** is an **a.p.** iff it has two or more children.

What about an internal node ?

Necessary and Sufficient condition for x to be articulation point



Theorem1:

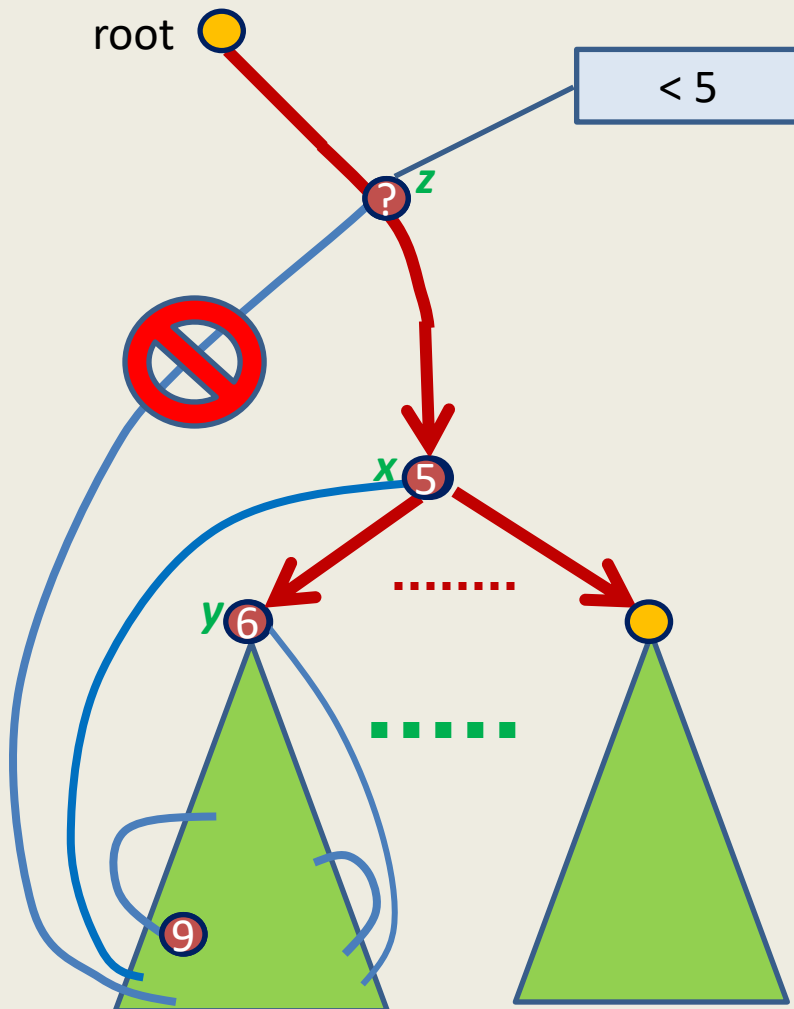
An internal node x is **articulation point** iff x has at least one child y s.t.
no back edge from **subtree**(y) to **ancestor** of x .

➔ No back edge from **subtree(y)** going to a vertex “higher” than **x**.

How to define the notion
“**higher**” than **x**?

Use DFN numbering

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Invent a new
function

High_pt(v):

DFN of the highest ancestor of v

to which there is a back edge from **subtree**(v).

Theorem2:

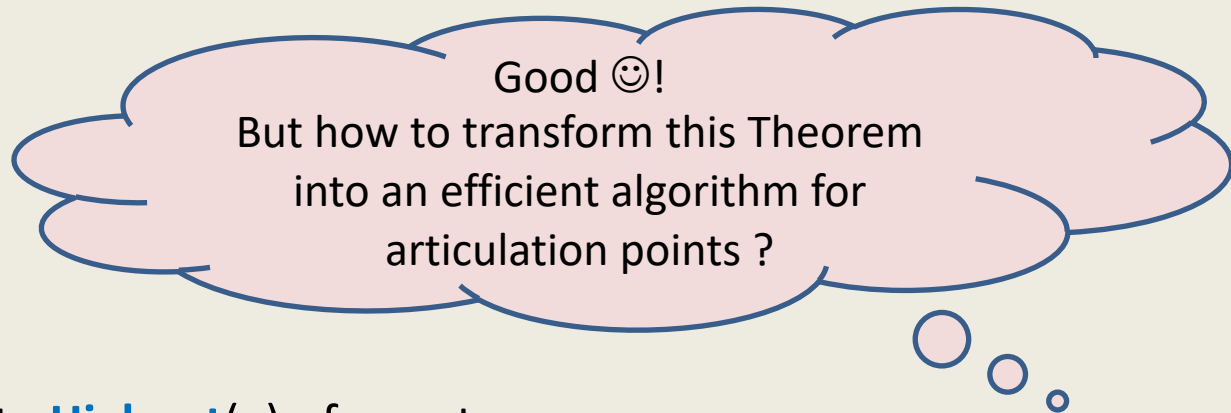
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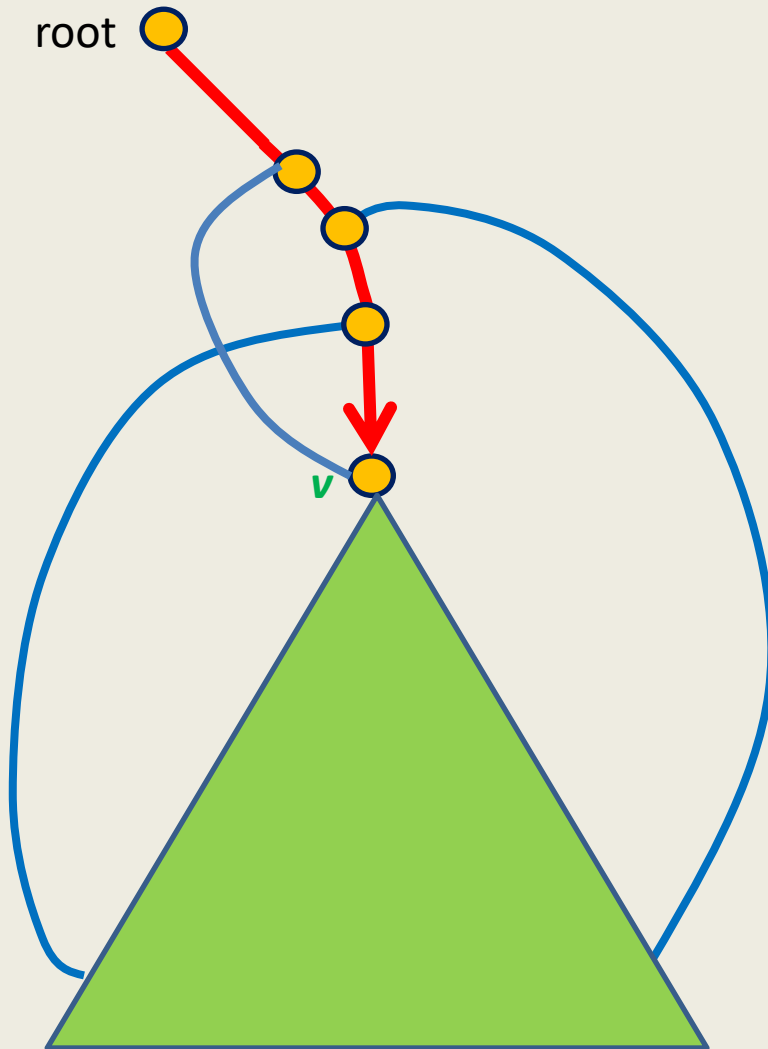


In order to compute $\text{High_pt}(v)$ of a vertex v ,
we have to traverse the adjacency lists of all vertices of subtree $T(v)$.

→ $O(m)$ time in the worst case to compute $\text{High_pt}(v)$ of a vertex v .

→ $O(mn)$ time algorithm 😞

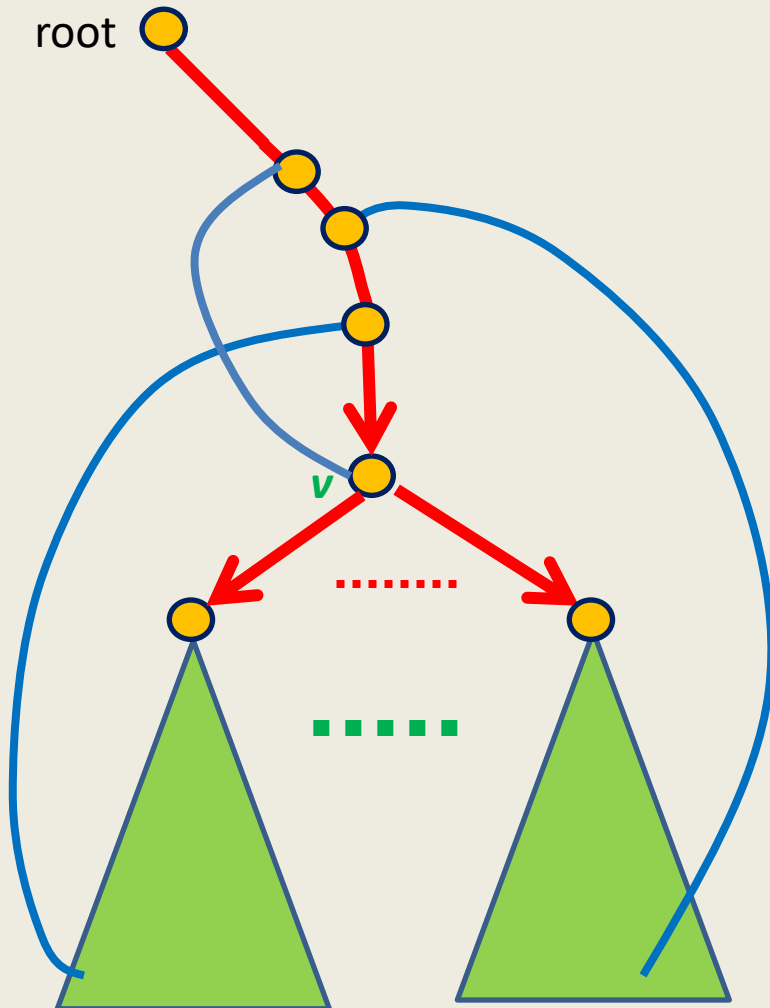
How to compute $\text{High_pt}(v)$ efficiently ?



Question: Can we express $\text{High_pt}(v)$ in terms of its **children** and **proper ancestors**?

Exploit
recursive structure of
DFS tree.

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$\text{High_pt}(v) =$

$$\min_{(v,w) \in E} \begin{cases} \text{High_pt}(w) & \text{If } w = \text{child}(v) \\ \text{DFN}(w) & \text{If } w = \text{proper ancestor of } v \end{cases}$$

The novel algorithm

Output : an array **AP[]** s.t.

AP[v] = **true** if and only if **v** is an articulation point.

Algorithm for articulation points in a graph G

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          If High_pt( $w$ )  $\geq$  DFN[ $v$ ]    AP[ $v$ ]  $\leftarrow$  true  
      }  
  }  
  Else if ( Parent( $v$ )  $\neq w$  )  
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Conclusion

Theorem2 : For a given graph $G=(V,E)$, all **articulation points** can be computed in $O(m + n)$ time.

Data Structures

Lists: (arrays, linked lists)

Binary Heap

Binary Search Trees

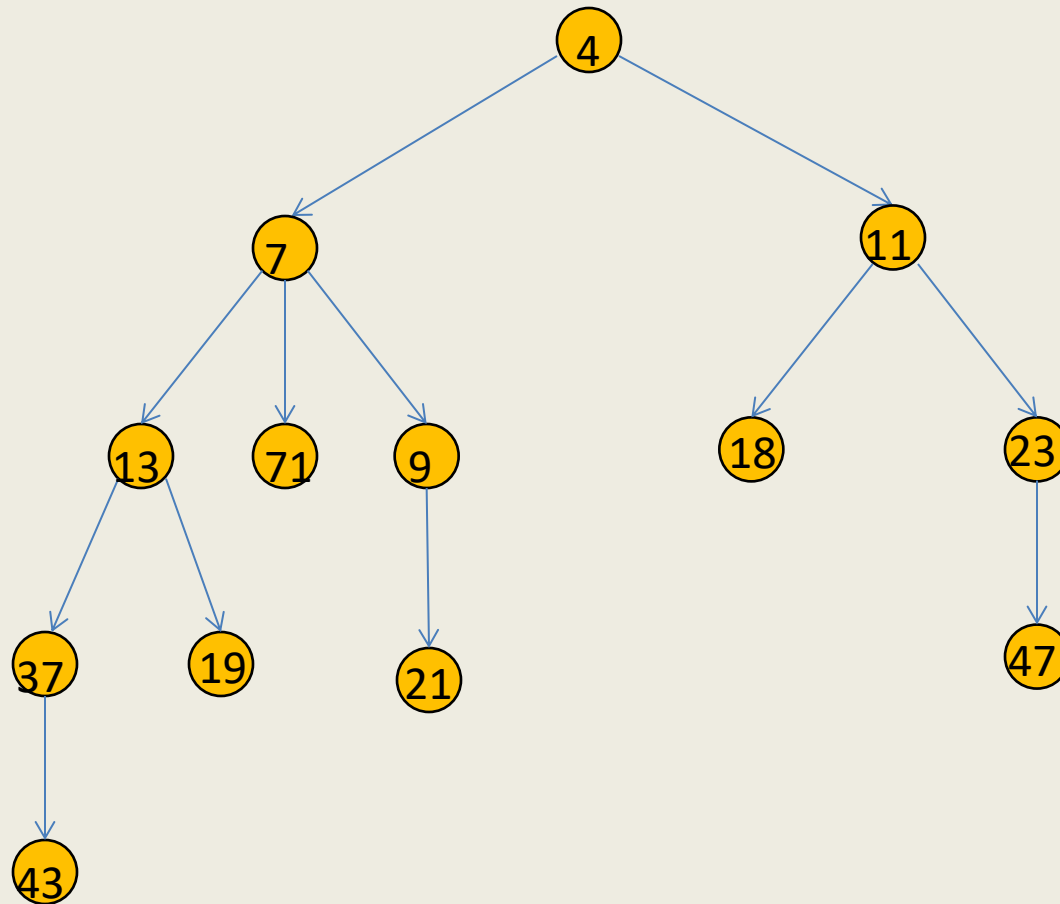
Range of
efficient functions

Simplicity

Heap

Definition: a tree data structure where :

value stored in a node $<$ value stored in each of its children.



Operations on a heap

Query Operations

- **Find-min**: report the smallest key stored in the heap.

Update Operations

- **CreateHeap**(H) : Create an empty heap H .
- **Insert**(x, H) : Insert a new key with value x into the heap H .
- **Extract-min**(H) : delete the smallest key from H .
- **Decrease-key**(p, Δ, H) : decrease the value of the key p by amount Δ .
- **Merge**(H_1, H_2) : Merge two heaps H_1 and H_2 .

Why heaps when we can use a binary search tree ?

Compared to binary search trees, a heap is usually

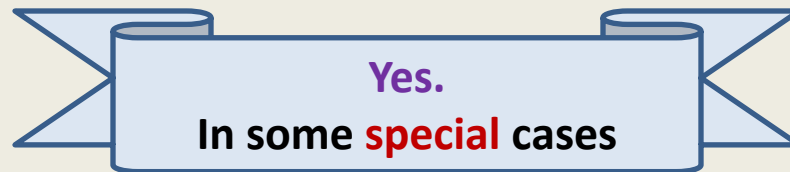
- much simpler and

- more efficient

Existing heap data structures

- **Binary heap**
- **Binomial heap**
- **Fibonacci heap**
- **Soft heap**

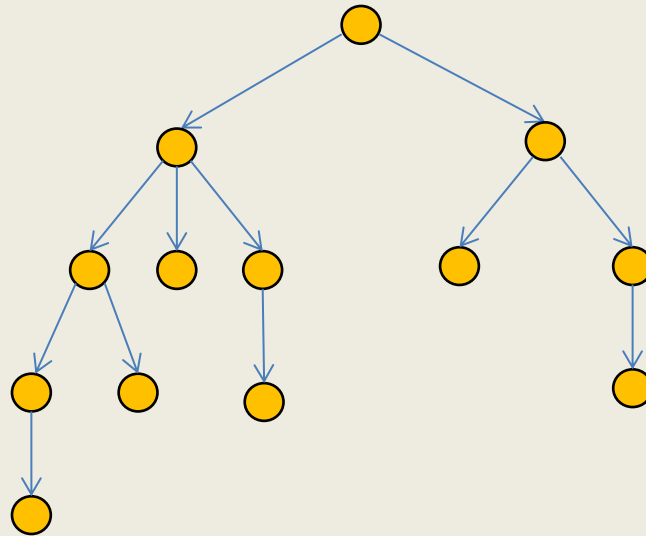
Can we **implement**
a **binary tree** using an array ?





fundamental question

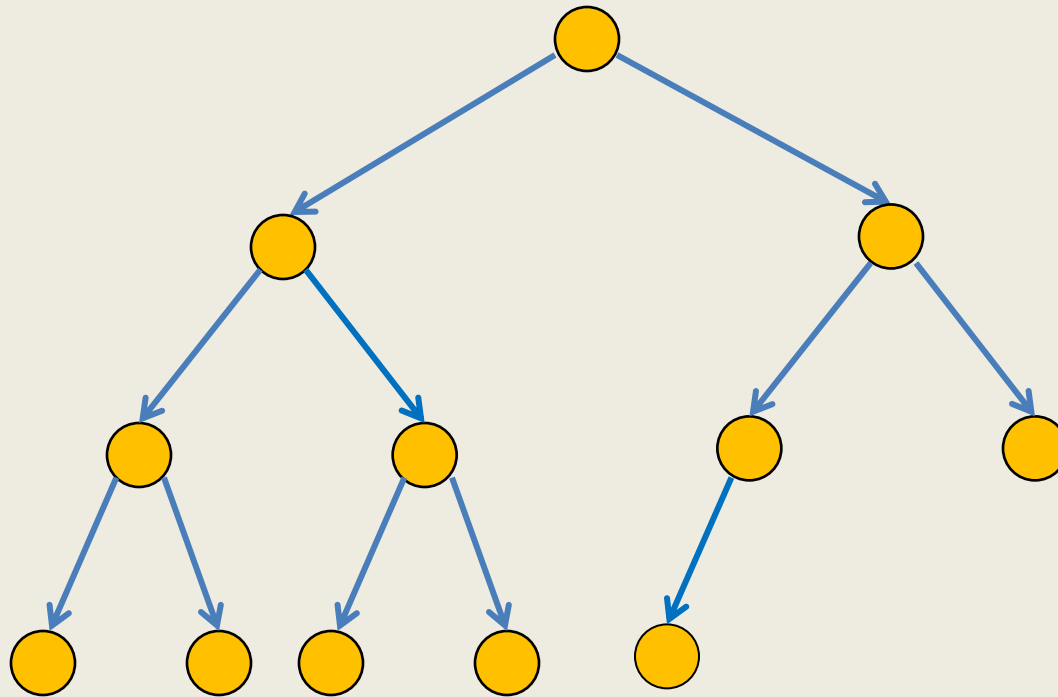
Question: What does the implementation of a tree data structure require ?



Answer: a mechanism to

- access **parent** of a node
- access **children** of a node.

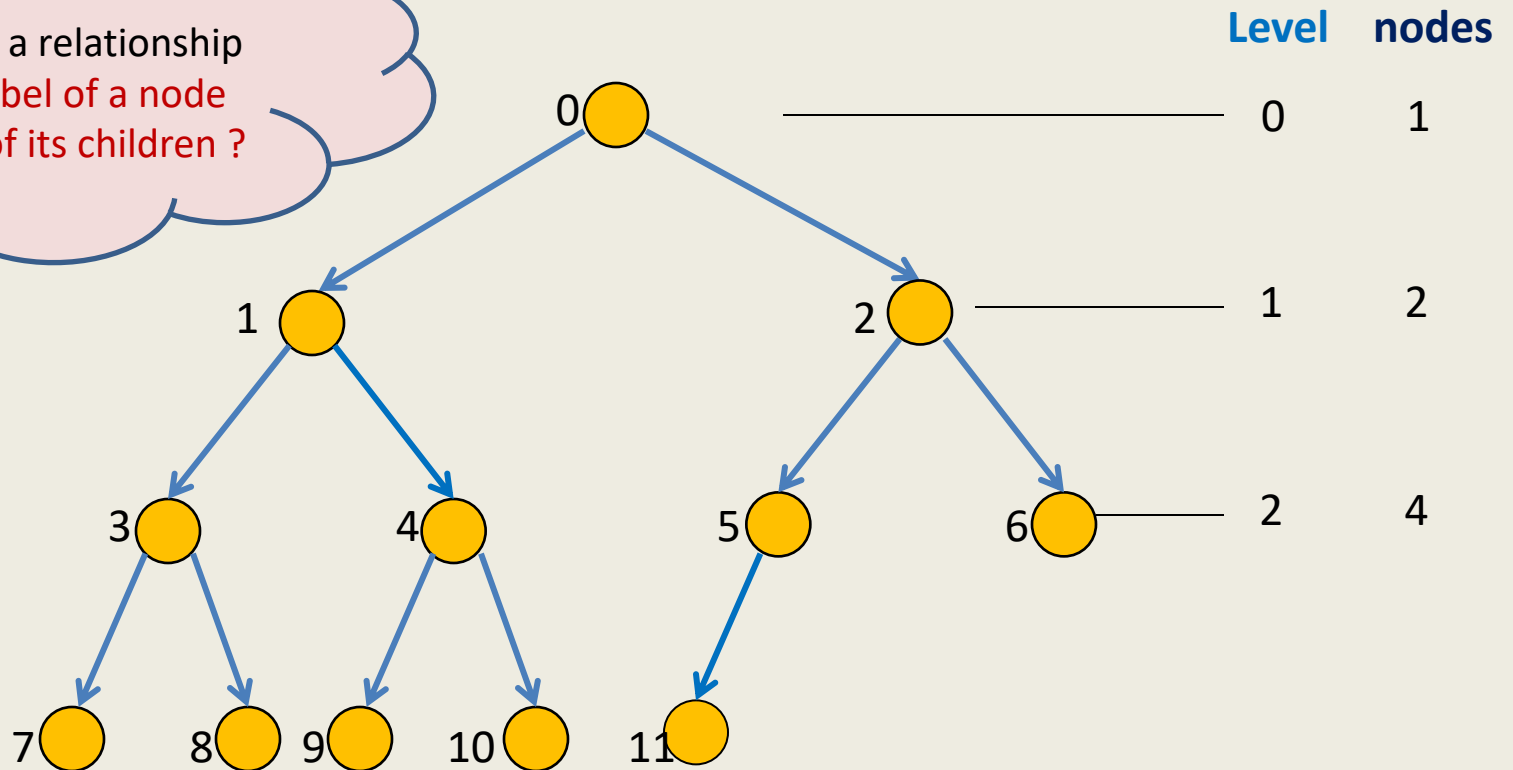
A complete binary tree



A complete binary of 12 nodes.

A complete binary tree

Can you see a relationship
between **label of a node**
and **labels of its children** ?



Think over it before next lecture.