

# CSIT881

## Programming and Data Structures

**Tree**



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# Objectives

- Non-linear data structure: Tree
- Binary Tree
- Binary Search Tree

# Tree example

A tree can be used to represent the parent-child relationship between elements of a web document.

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  <head>
    <title>FIFA</title>
  </head>

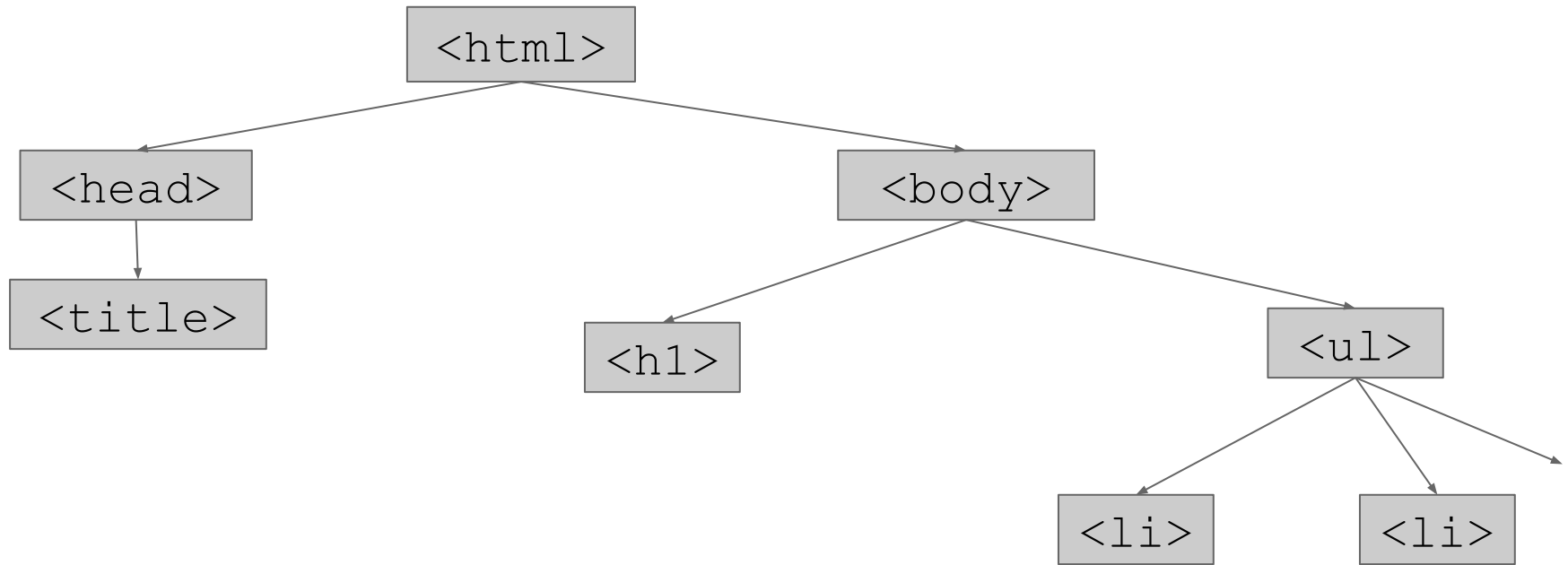
  <body>

    <h1>Group A</h1>
    <ul>
      <li>Uruguay</li>
      <li>Russia</li>
      <li>Saudi Arabia</li>
      <li>Egypt</li>
    </ul>

  </body>
</html>
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# Tree example

A tree can be used to represent the parent-child relationship between elements of a web document.

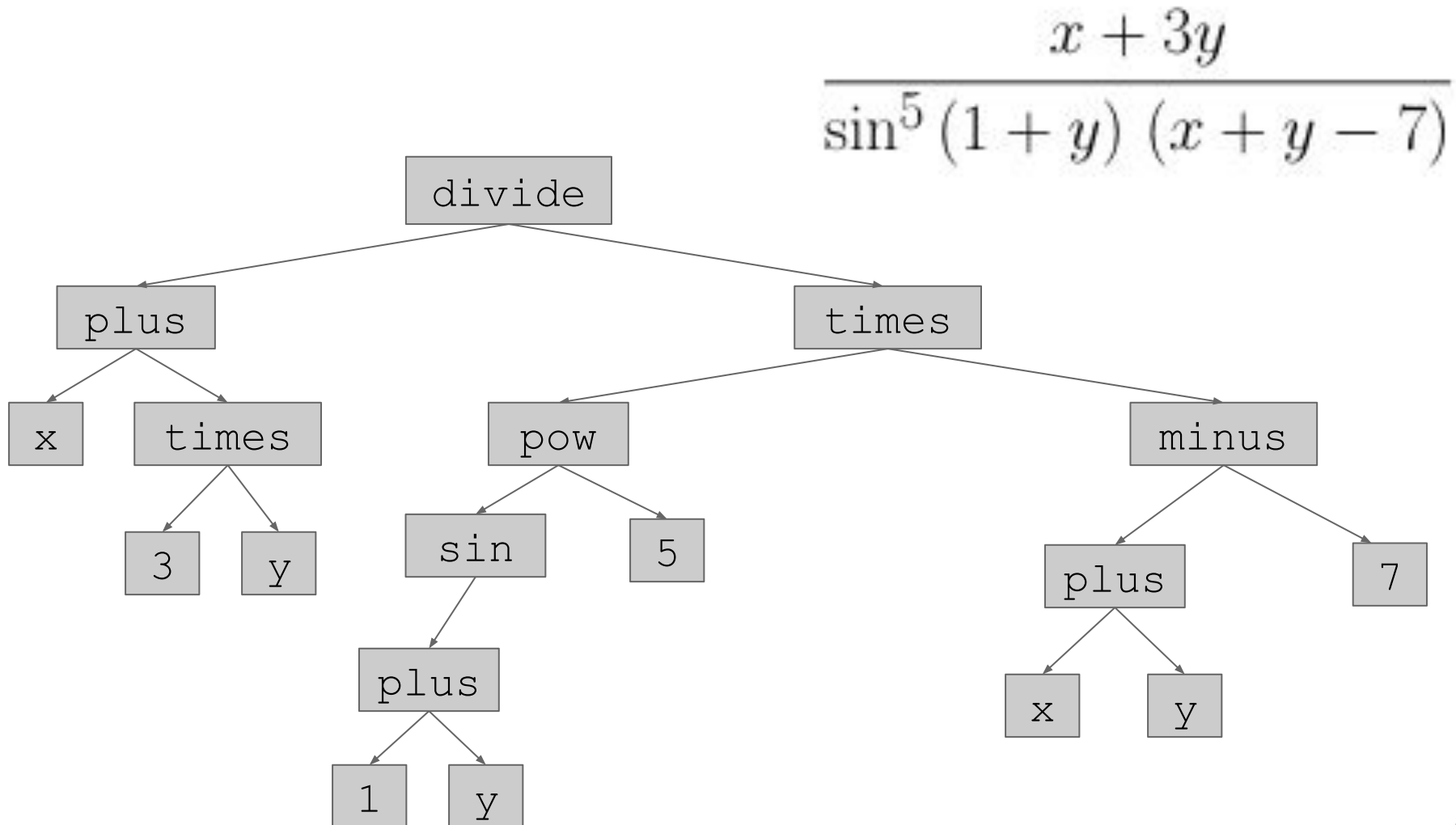


Using tree structure to calculate CSS value via Inheritance Rule:

some CSS properties (such as color and font-family) by default inherit values set on the parent element.

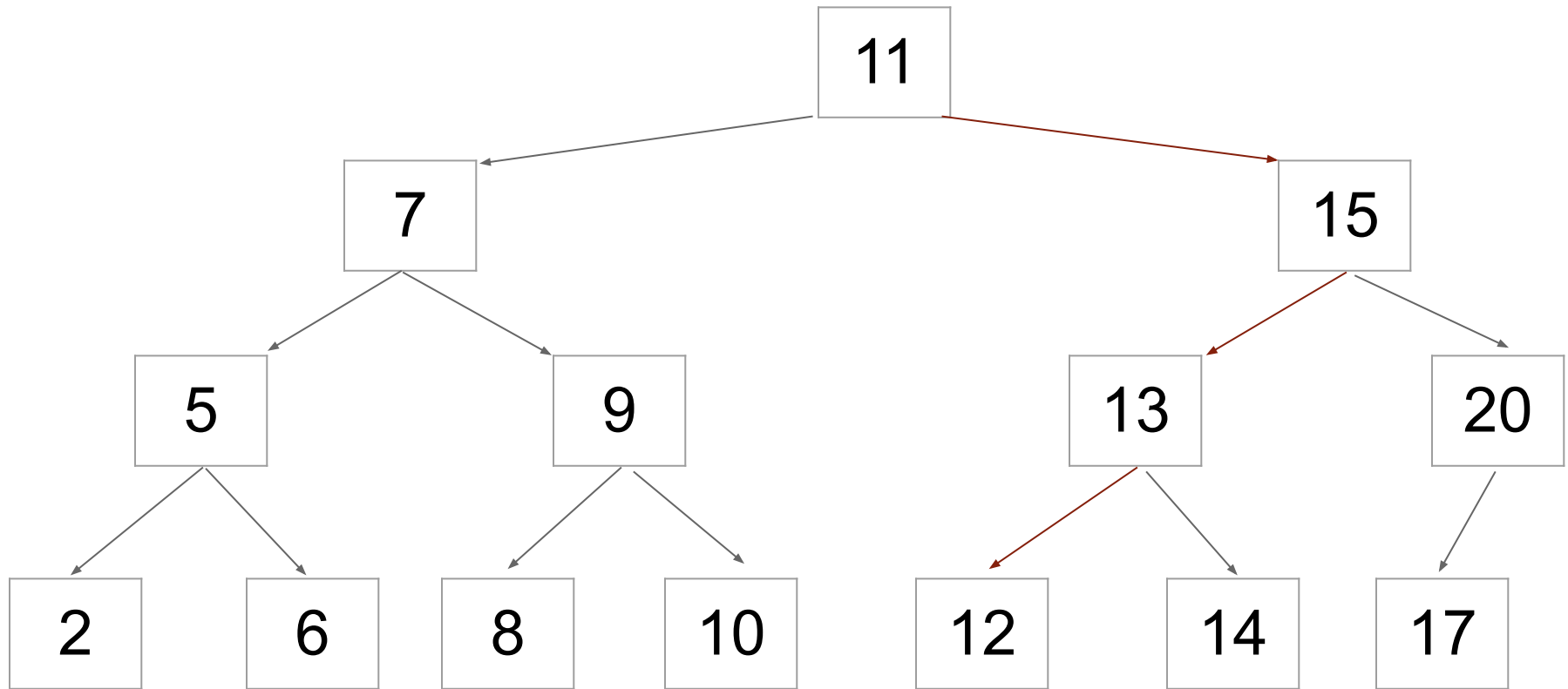
# Tree example

A tree can be used to represent a mathematical expression.



# Tree example

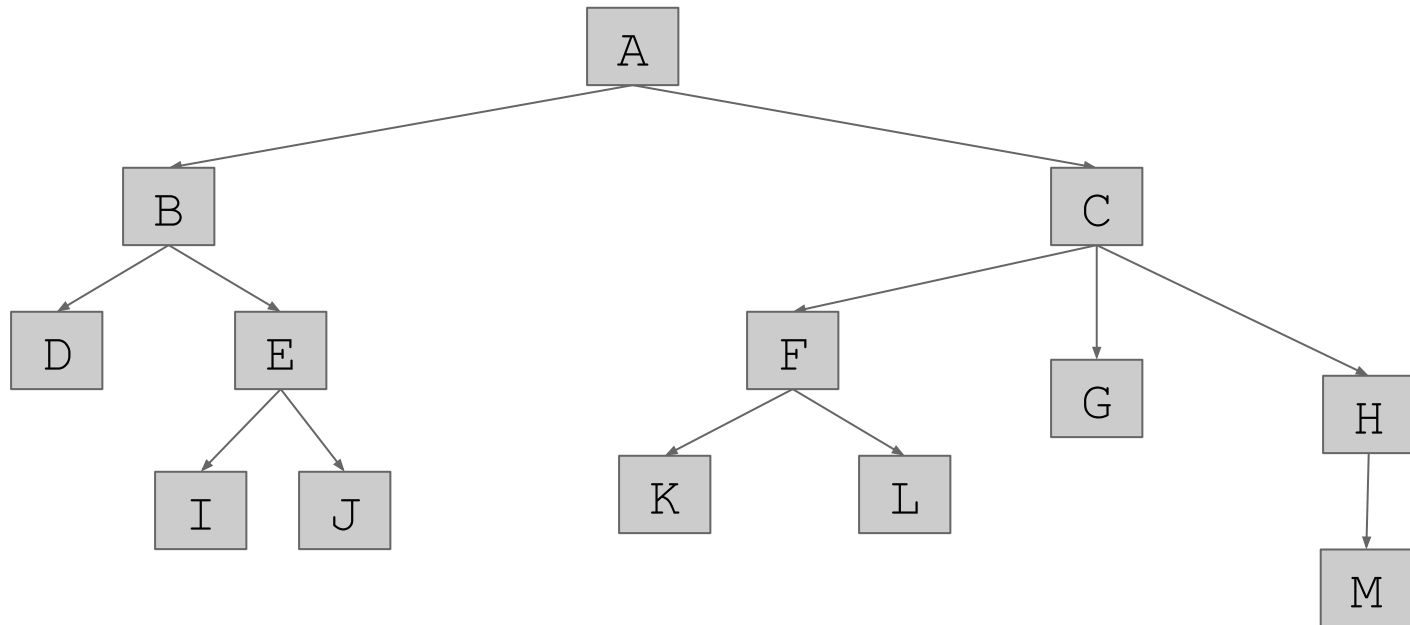
Searching in a binary search tree is very fast since each node stores a key **greater than** all the keys in the node's **left subtree** and **less than** those in its **right subtree**.



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# Tree terminology

- **root node**: the only node in the tree that has no parent; any other node has a unique parent;
- **leaf node**: a node that has no children;

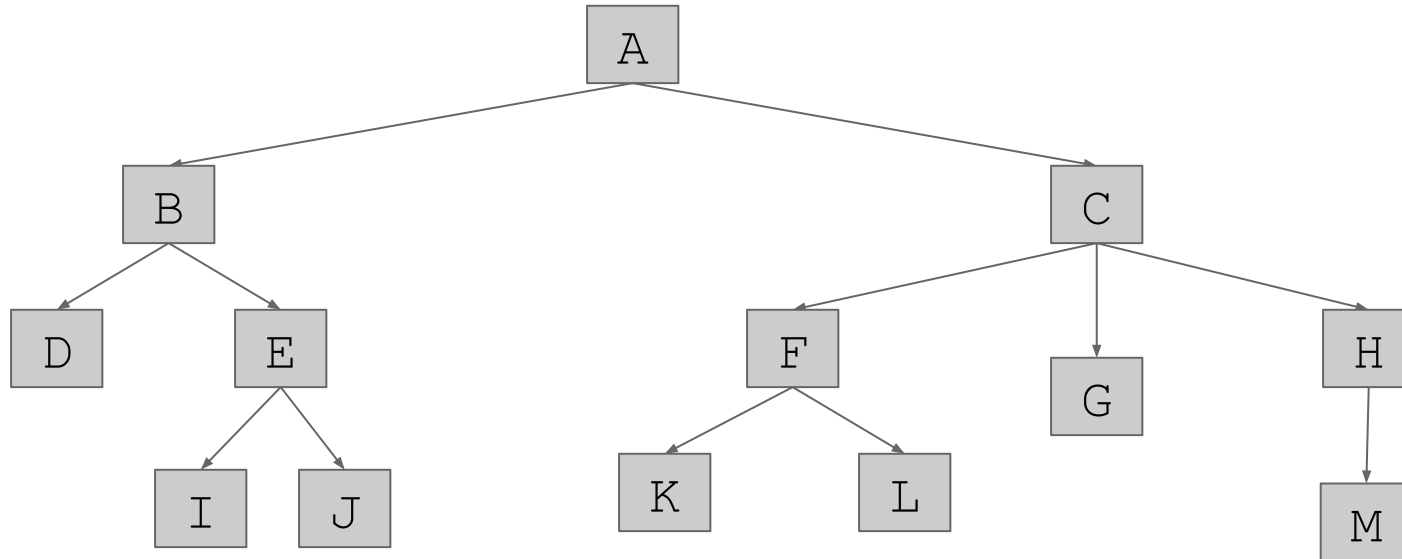


Root node: A.

Leaf nodes: D, I, J, K, L, G, M.

# Tree terminology

- **sibling**: a node that shares the same parent;



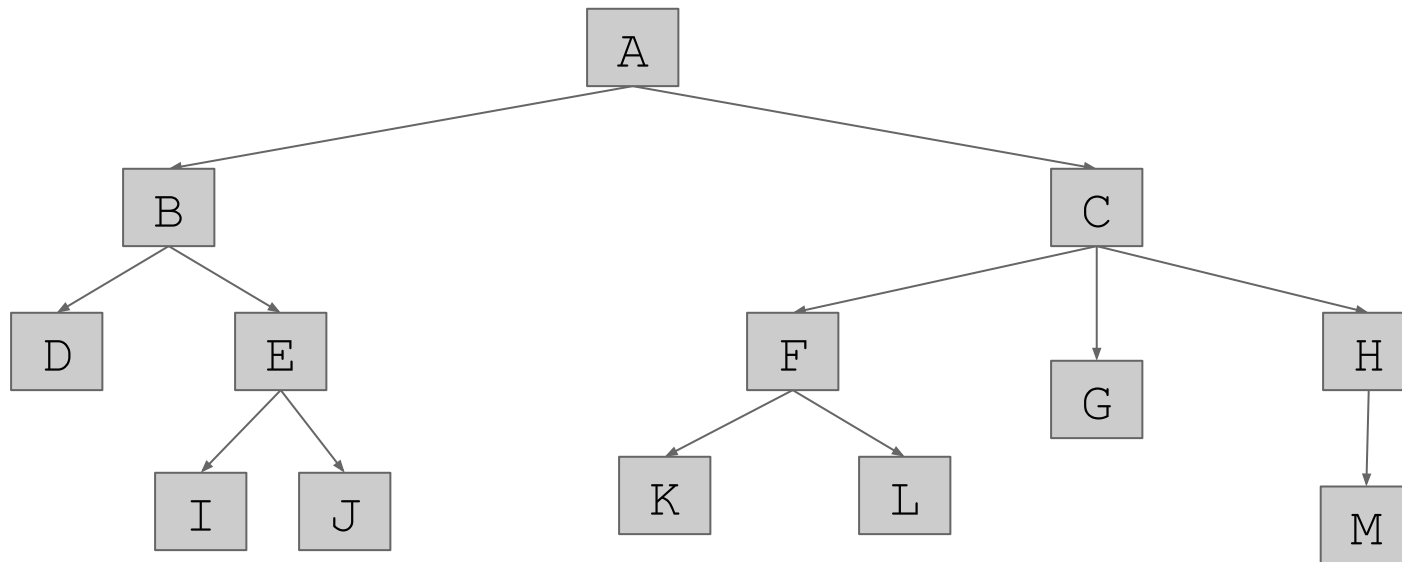
Sibling nodes:

- B, C
- D, E
- I, J
- F, G, H
- K, L



# Tree terminology

- **ancestor**: a node reachable by repeated travelling from child to parent;
- **descendant**: a node reachable by repeated travelling from parent to child;

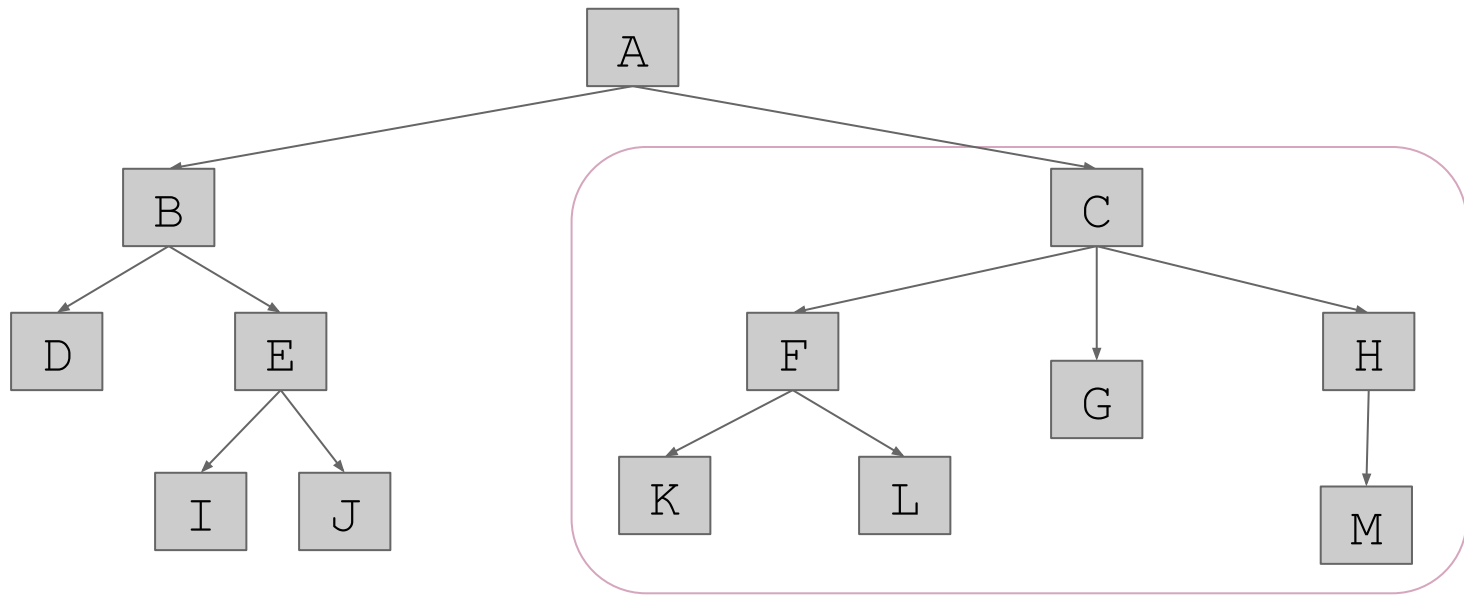


Ancestor of E: B, A

Descendant of C: F, G, H, K, L, M

# Tree terminology

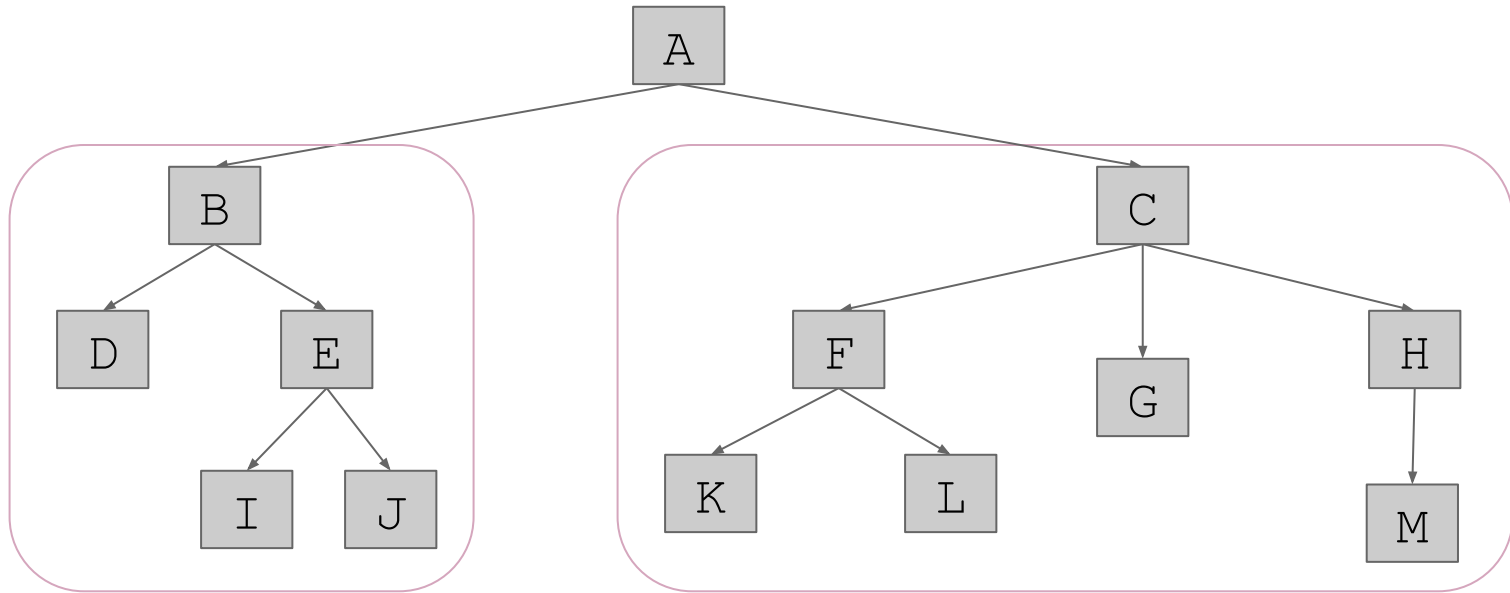
- **subtree** rooted at a node: a tree consisting of the node together with all its descendants;



Subtree **rooted** at node C

# Tree terminology

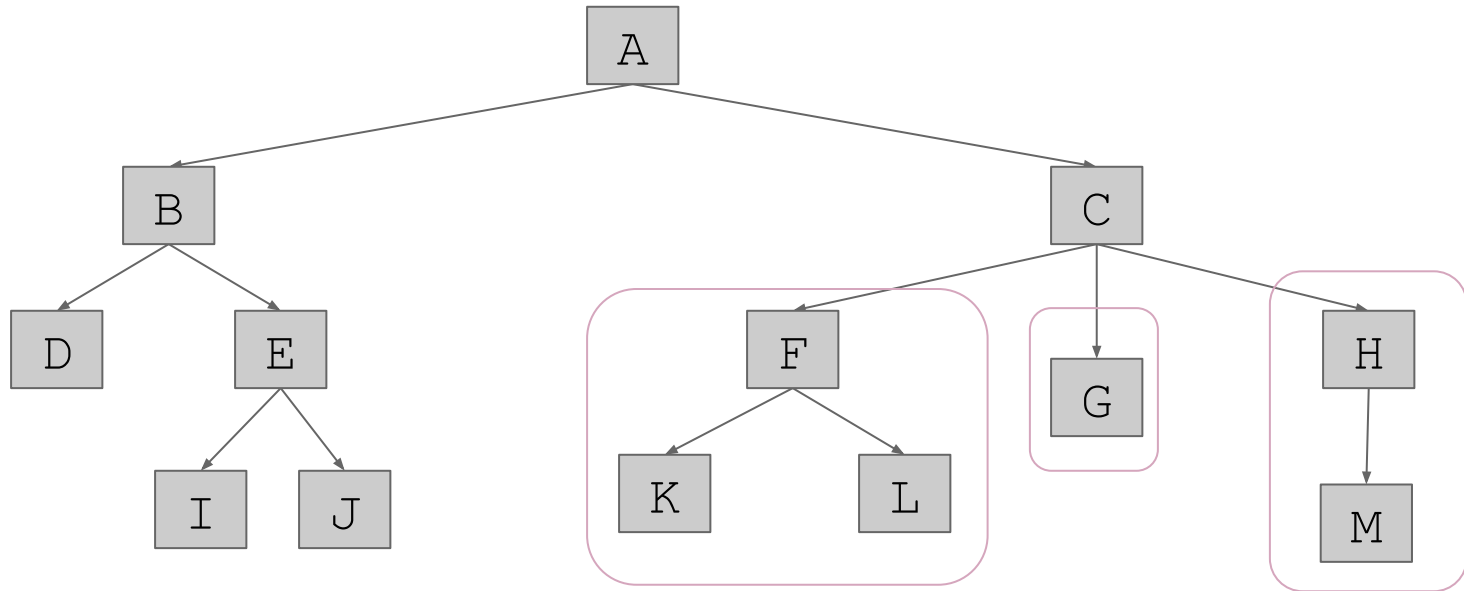
- **subtree** of a node: a subtree rooted at the node's children;



Node A has two subtrees: left subtree rooted at B and right subtree rooted at C

# Tree terminology

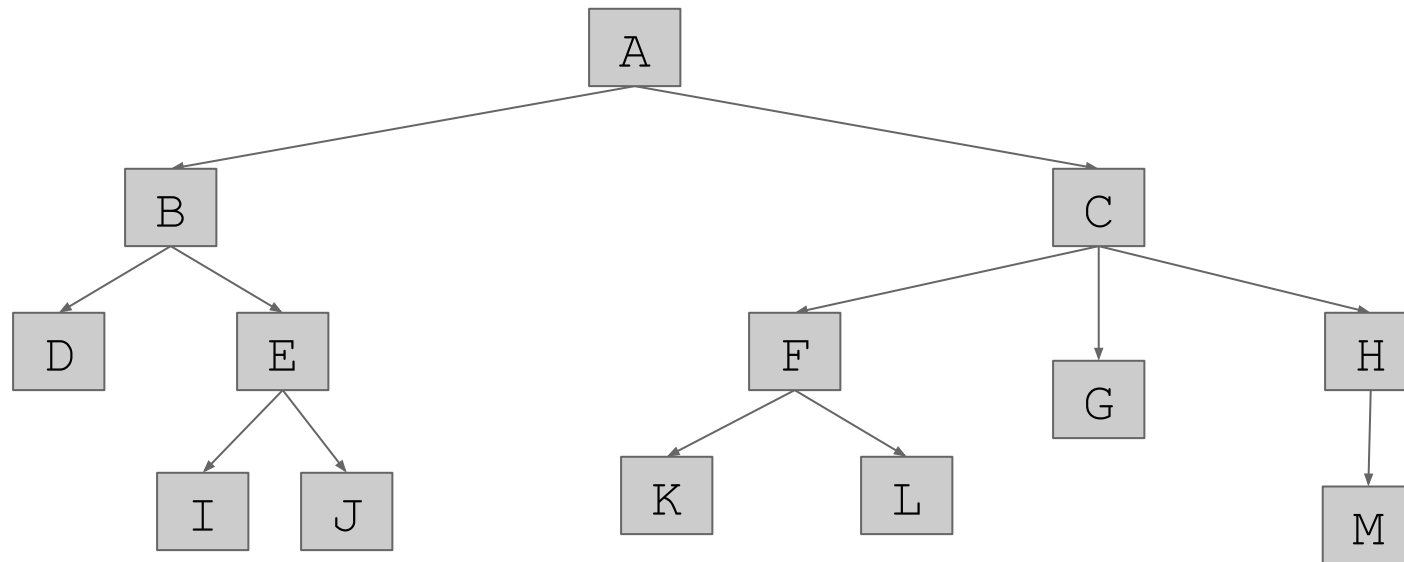
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Node C has three subtrees: left subtree, middle subtree and right subtree

# Tree terminology

- **degree of a node:** the number of its children;



Nodes of degree 0: D, I, J, K, L, G, M

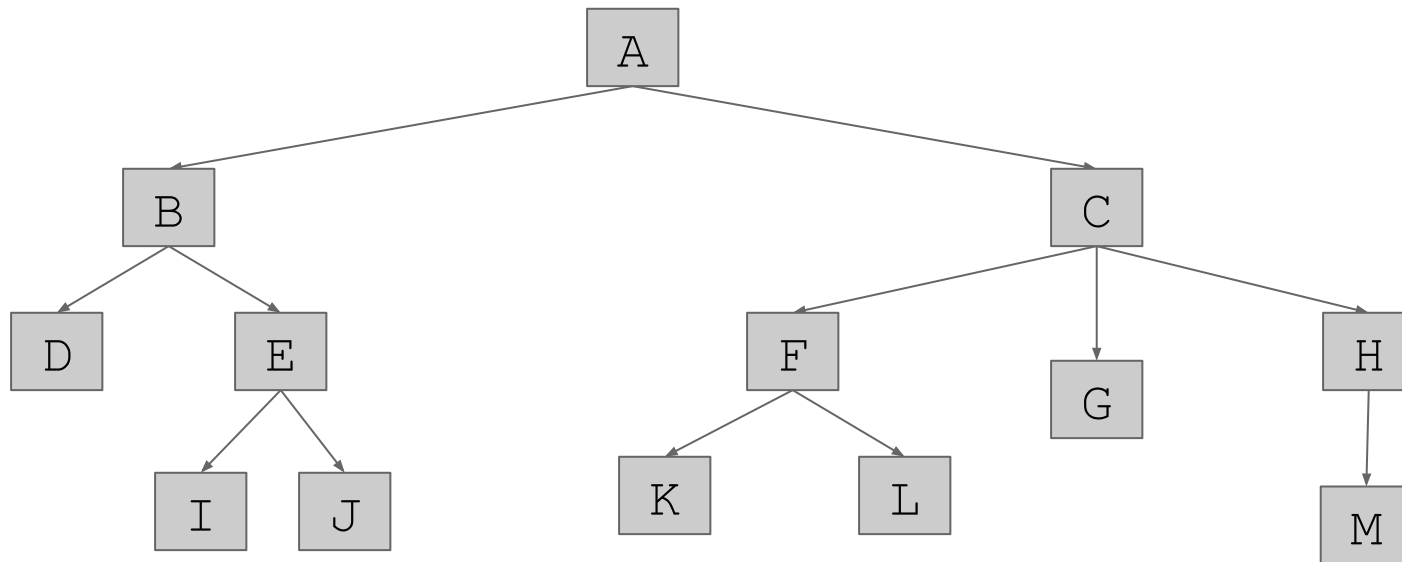
Nodes of degree 1: H

Nodes of degree 2: A, B, E, F

Nodes of degree 3: C

# Tree terminology

- **degree of a tree:** each node has a degree; the degree of the tree is the maximum of all node degrees;



Tree degree = 3

Nodes of degree 0: D, I, J, K, L, G, M

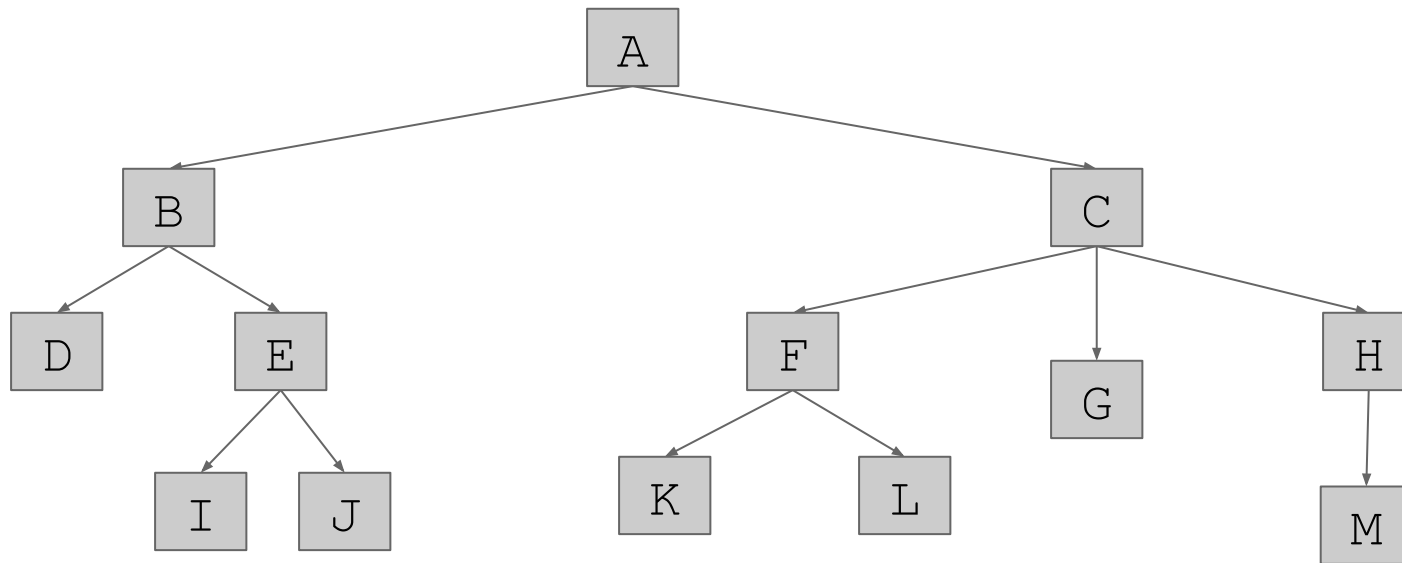
Nodes of degree 1: H

Nodes of degree 2: A, B, E, F

Nodes of degree 3: C

# Tree terminology

- **distance** between two nodes: the number of edges along the shortest path connecting the two nodes;

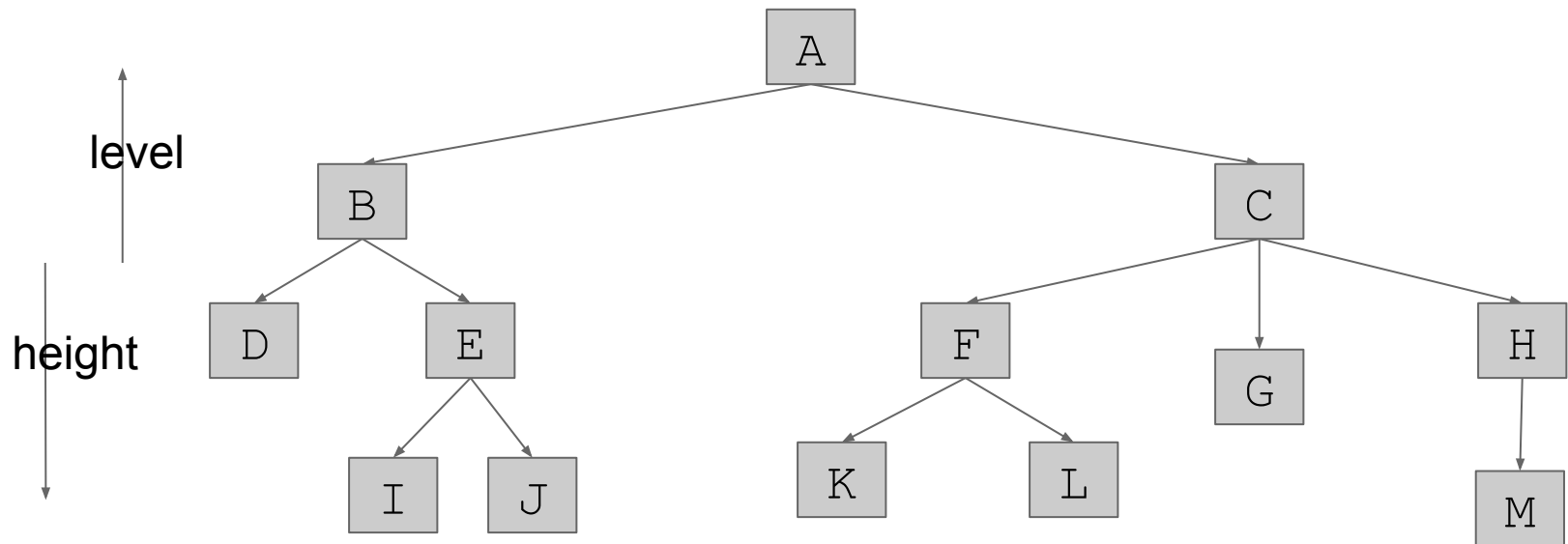


Distance between B and J: 2, shortest path: B -> E -> J

Distance between B and L: 4, shortest path: B -> A -> C -> F -> L

# Tree terminology

- **level of a node**: the number of edges along the unique path connecting the node and the root;
- **height of a node**: the number of edges that connect the node to its farthest descendant;



A: level 0

B: level 1

C: level 1

D: level 2

E: level 2

F: level 2

G: level 2

H: level 2

I: level 3

J: level 3

K: level 3

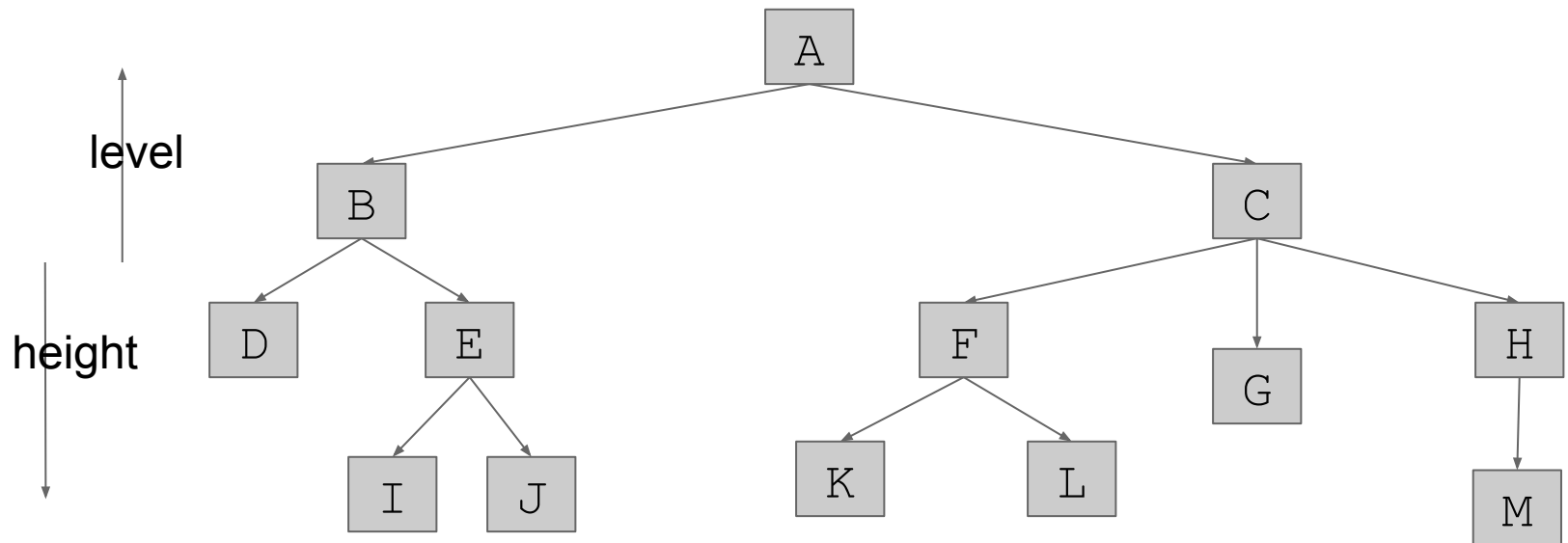
L: level 3

M: level 3



# Tree terminology

- **level of a node:** the number of edges along the unique path connecting the node and the root;
- **height of a node:** the number of edges that connect the node to its farthest descendant;



A: level 0, height 3

B: level 1, height 2

C: level 1, height 2

D: level 2, height 0

E: level 2, height 1

F: level 2, height 1

G: level 2, height 0

H: level 2, height 1

I: level 3, height 0

J: level 3, height 0

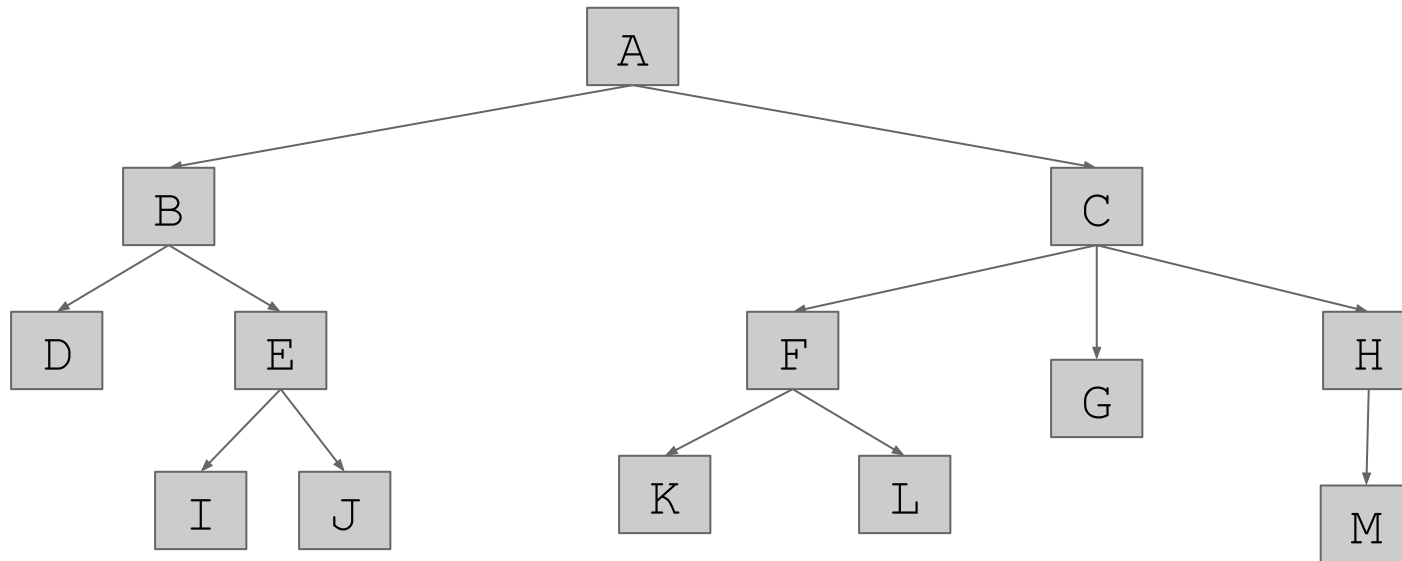
K: level 3, height 0

L: level 3, height 0

M: level 3, height 0

# Tree terminology

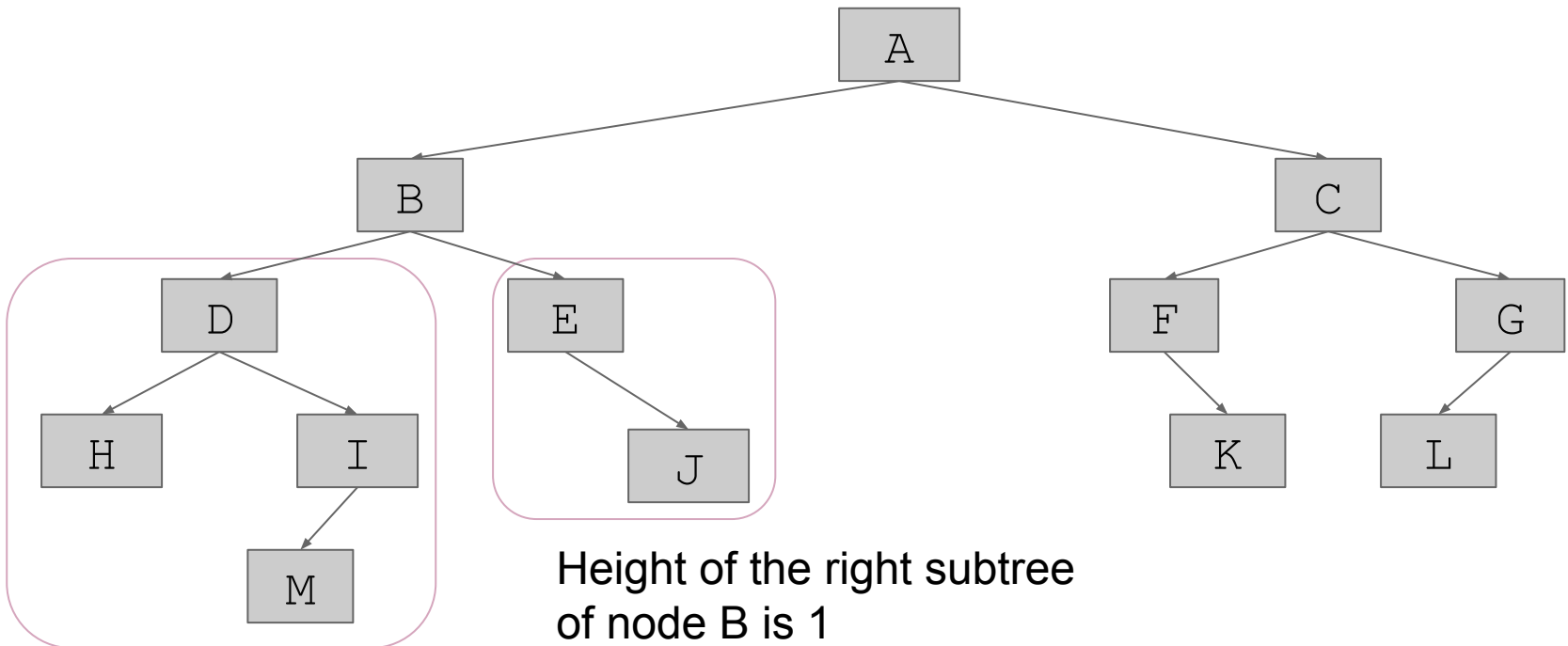
- **height of a tree:** the number of edges that connect the root to its farthest leaf



Height of the tree: 3

# Tree terminology

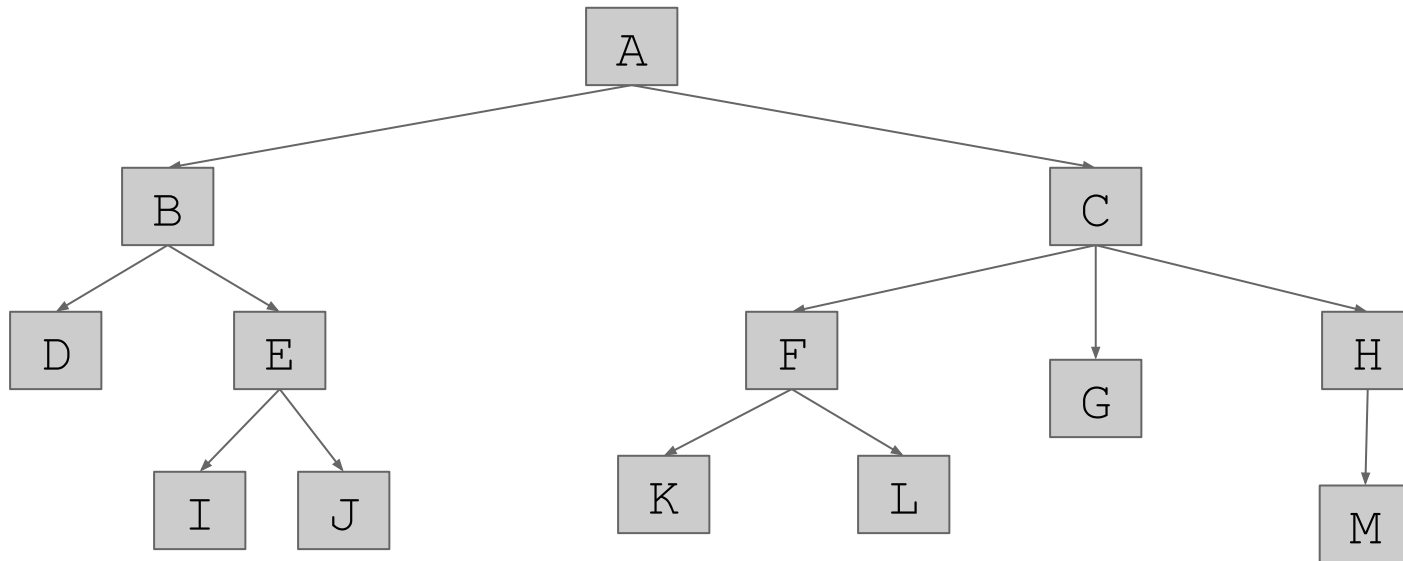
- **height of a subtree:** the number of edges that connect the root of the subtree to its farthest leaf



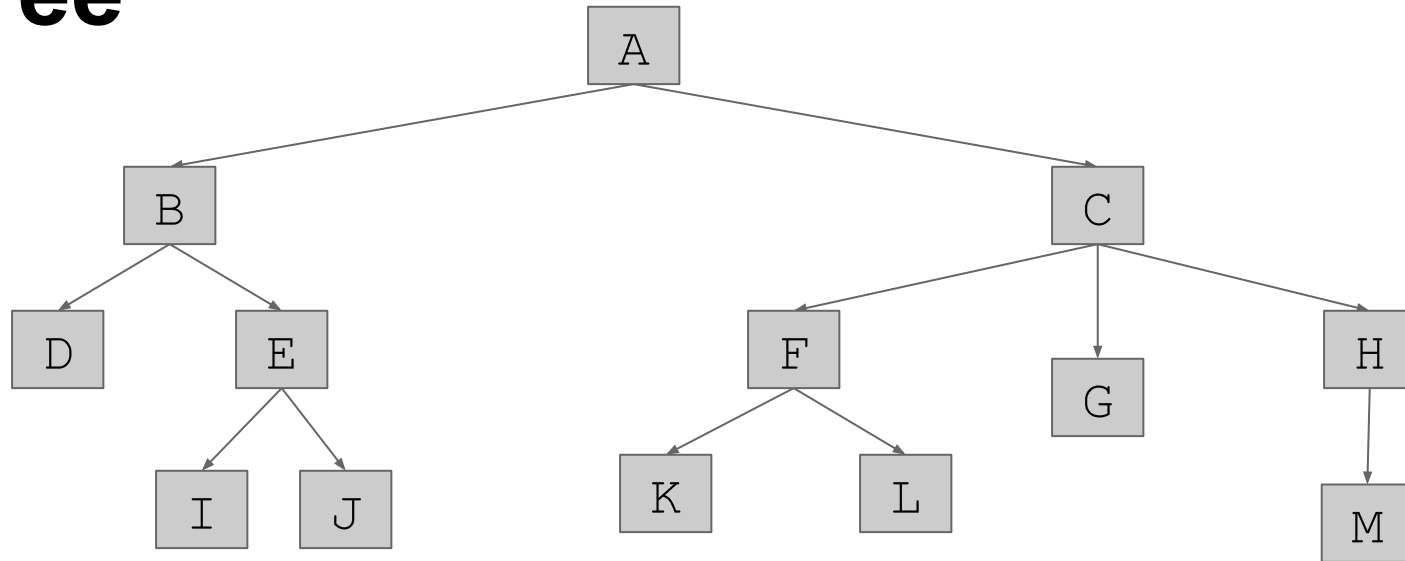
# Tree

A tree is an abstract data structure:

- has at most one root node;
- each node has a number of children nodes.



# Tree

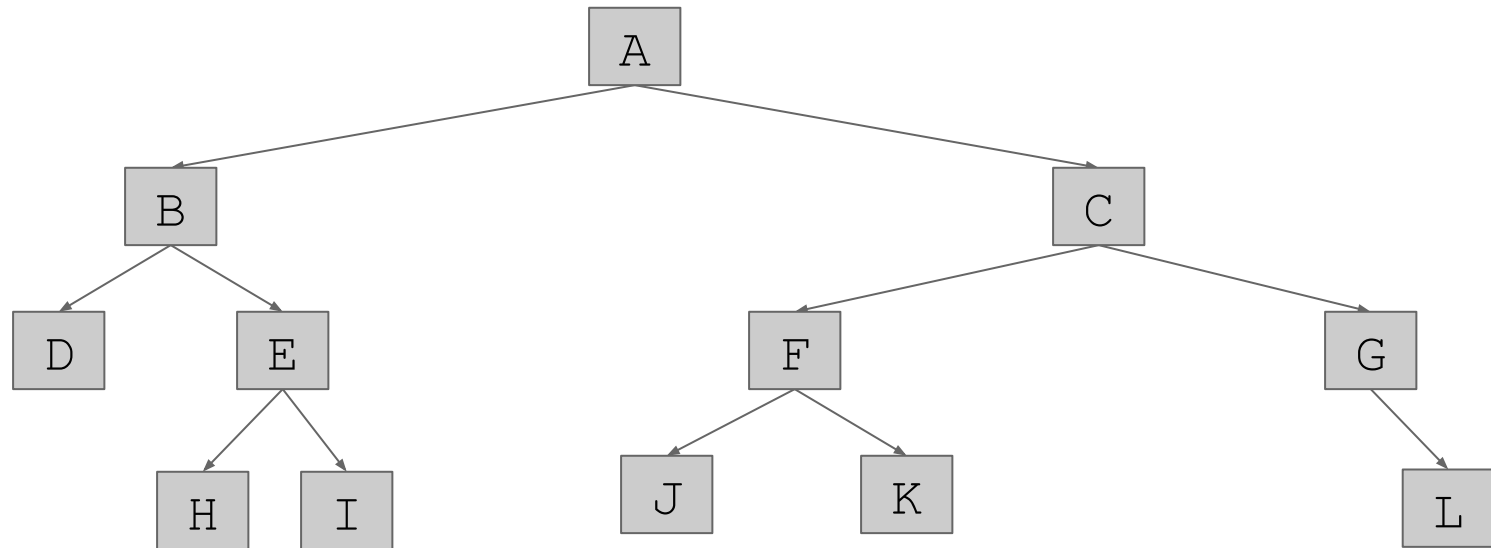


Some common operations on tree:

- Add a node
- Remove a node
- Search for a node
- Travel around a tree

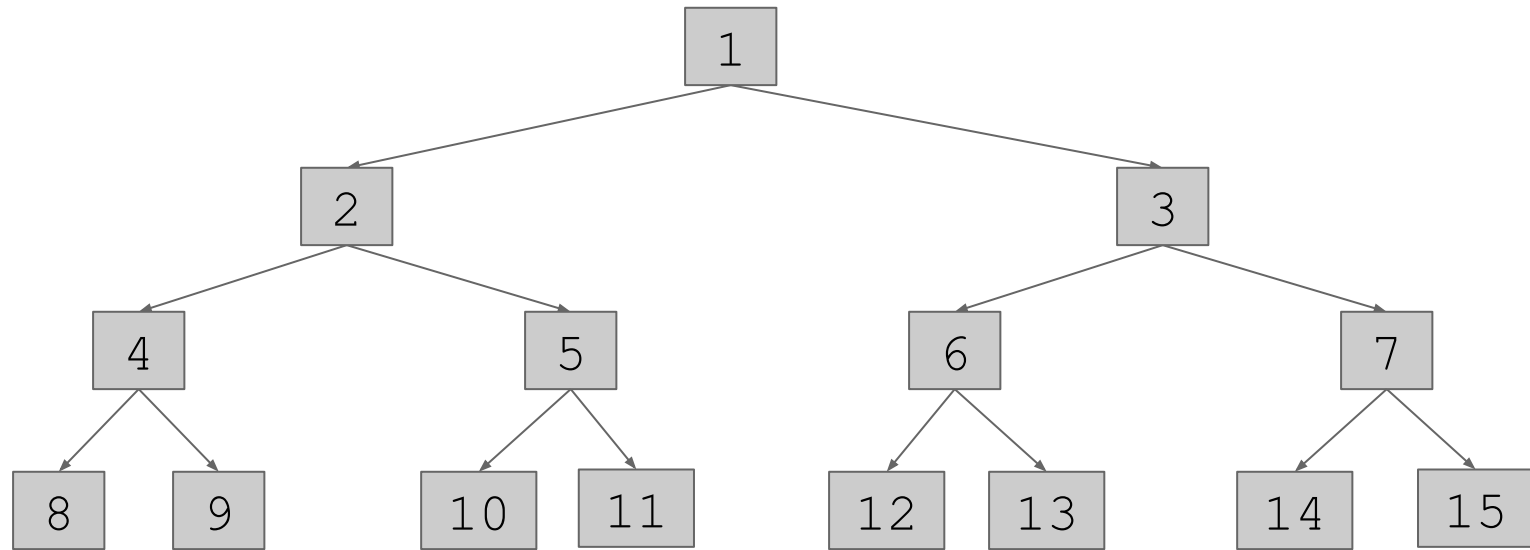
# Binary Tree

**Binary tree:** each node has at most two children



# Binary Tree

**A perfect binary tree** of height  $h$  has  $n = 2^{h+1}-1$  number of nodes, so  $h \approx \lg(n)$

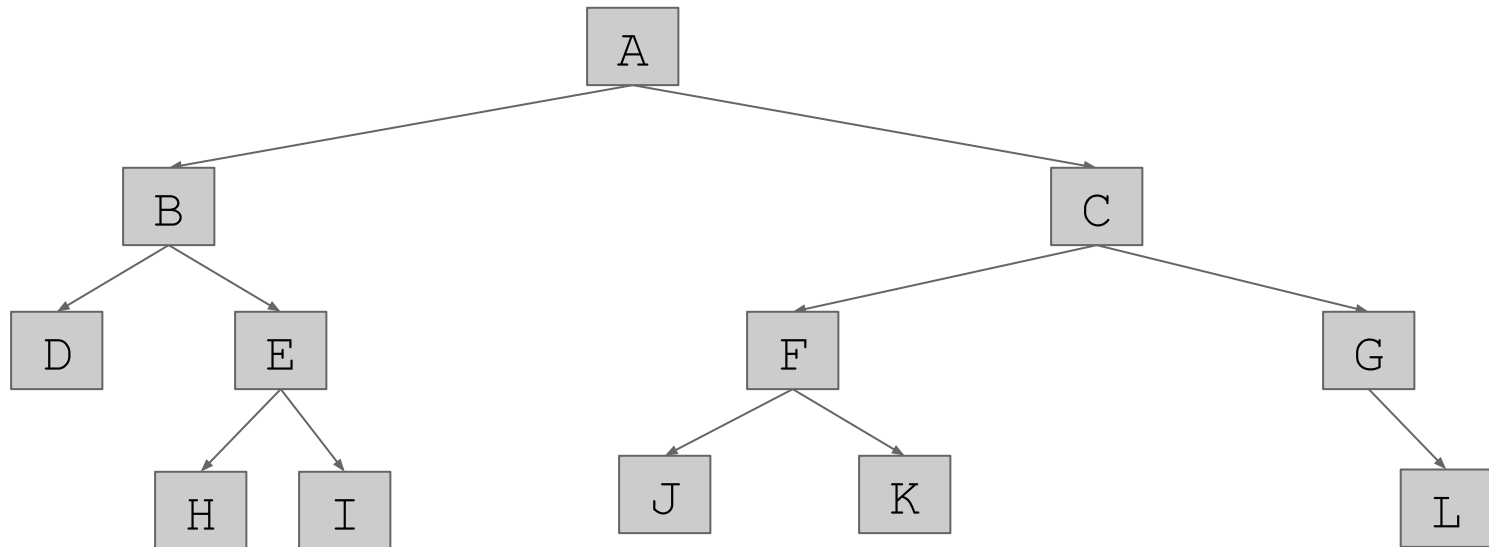


A perfect binary tree of height  $h=3$  has  $n=2^4-1=15$  nodes

# Binary Tree

In a random binary tree, the height  $h = O(\lg(n))$

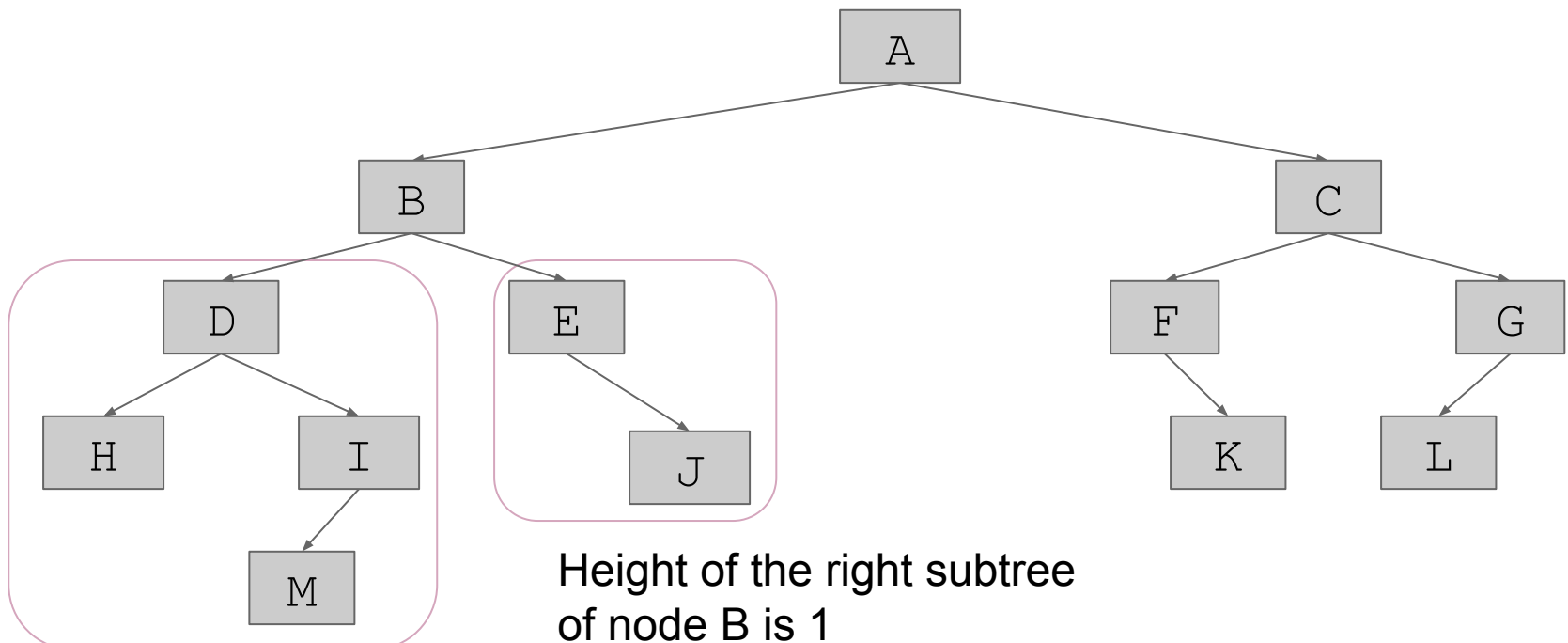
So if an algorithm requires a constant number of traveling up and down the tree then it is very fast as the running time is  $O(h) = O(\lg(n))$





# Binary Tree

- **balance factor of a node** = height of its right subtree - height of its left subtree

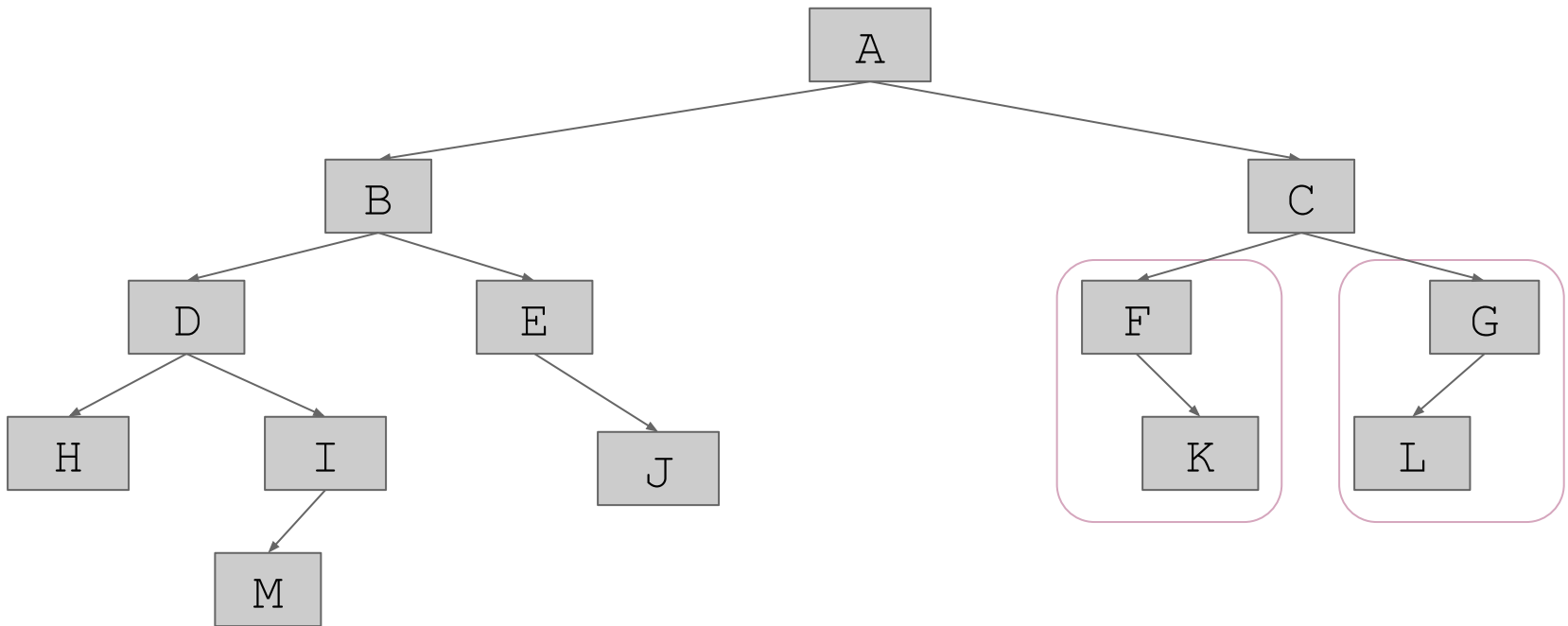


Height of the left subtree of node B is 2

Balance factor of node B = -1

# Binary Tree

- **balance factor of a node** = height of its right subtree - height of its left subtree

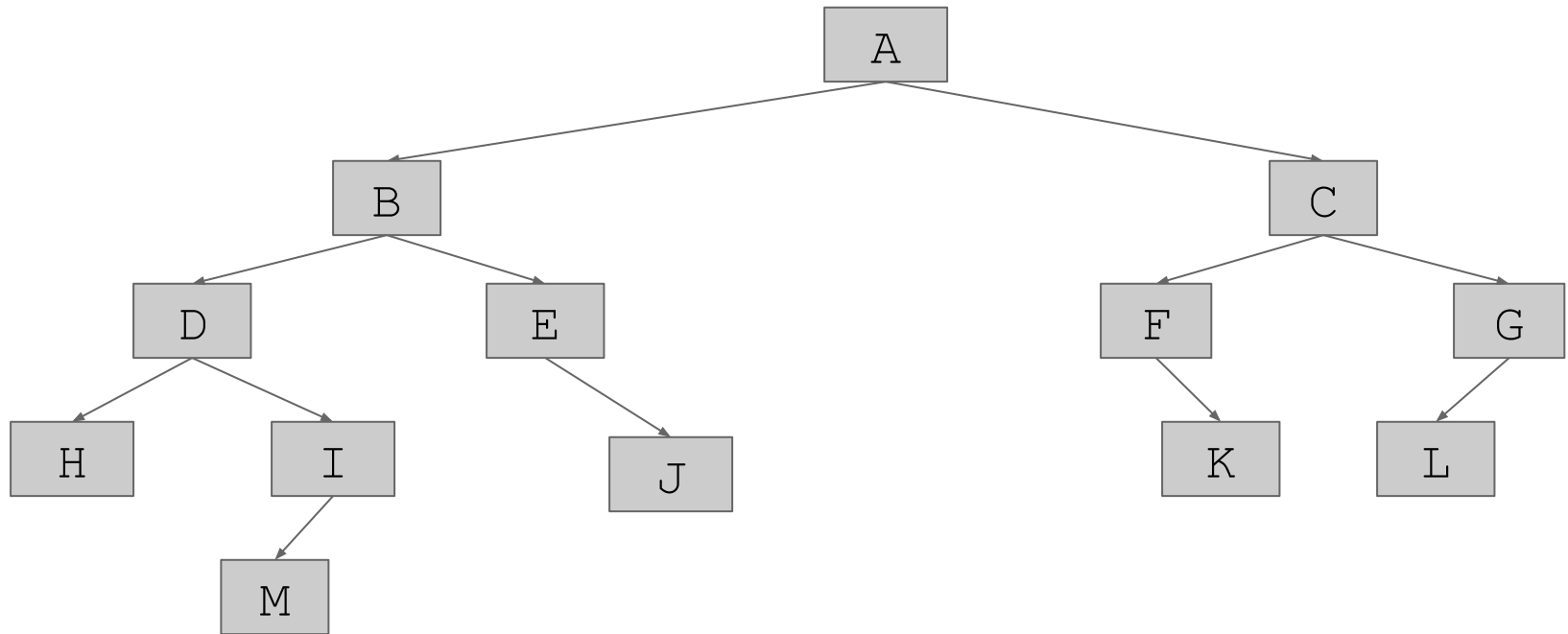


Balance factor of node C = 0

# Binary Tree

- If **balance factor of a node** = 0: the node is called balanced
- If **balance factor of a node** > 0: the node is called right-heavy
- If **balance factor of a node** < 0: the node is called left-heavy

# Binary Tree



Balanced node: C, H, J, K, L, M

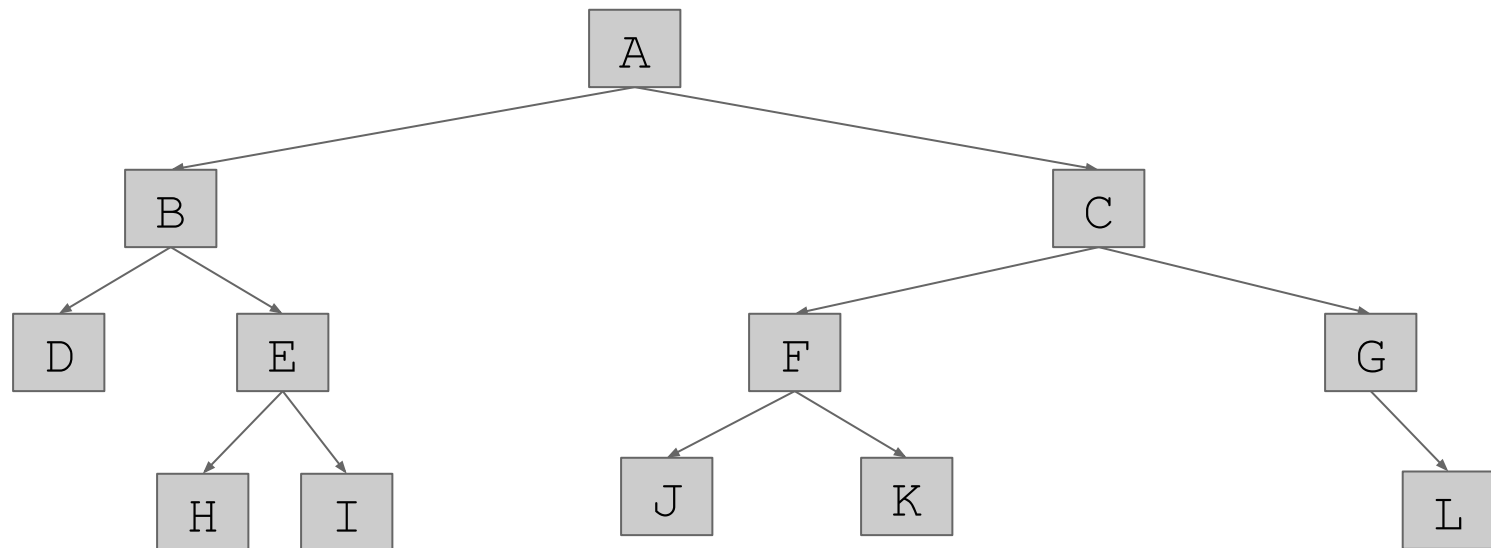
Right-heavy node: D, E, F

Left-heavy node: A, B, G, I

# Binary Tree

**Tree traversal:** a process of iterating the tree - visiting each node once. There are 3 common tree traversals:

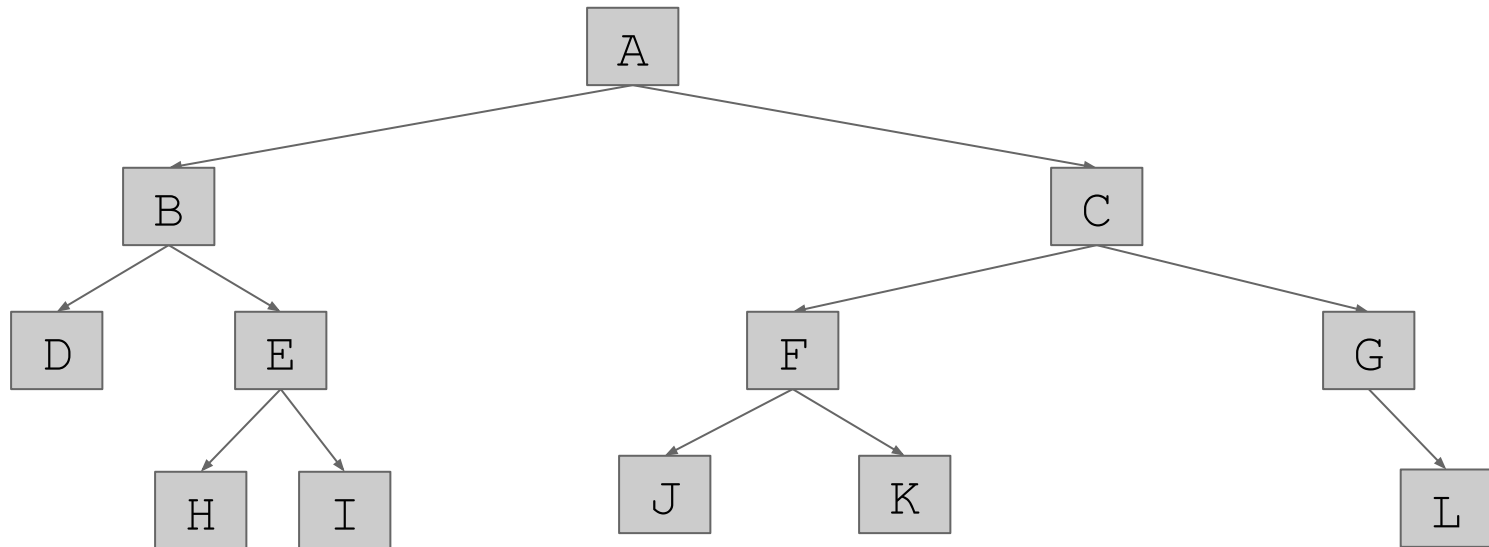
- In-order traversal
- Pre-order traversal
- Post-order traversal



# Binary Tree

## In-order tree traversal:

- Recursively traverse the current node's left subtree;
- Visit the current node;
- Recursively traverse the current node's right subtree.

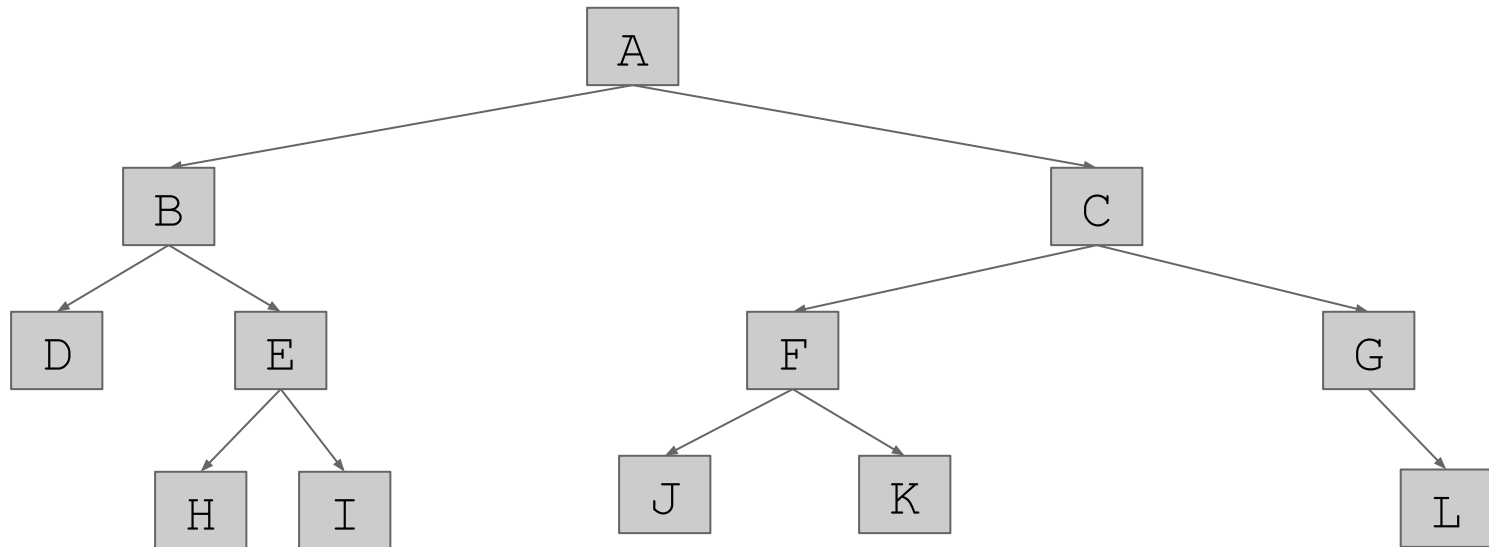


In-order traversal: D, B, H, E, I, A, J, F, K, C, G, L

# Binary Tree

## Pre-order tree traversal:

- Visit the current node;
- Recursively traverse the current node's left subtree;
- Recursively traverse the current node's right subtree.

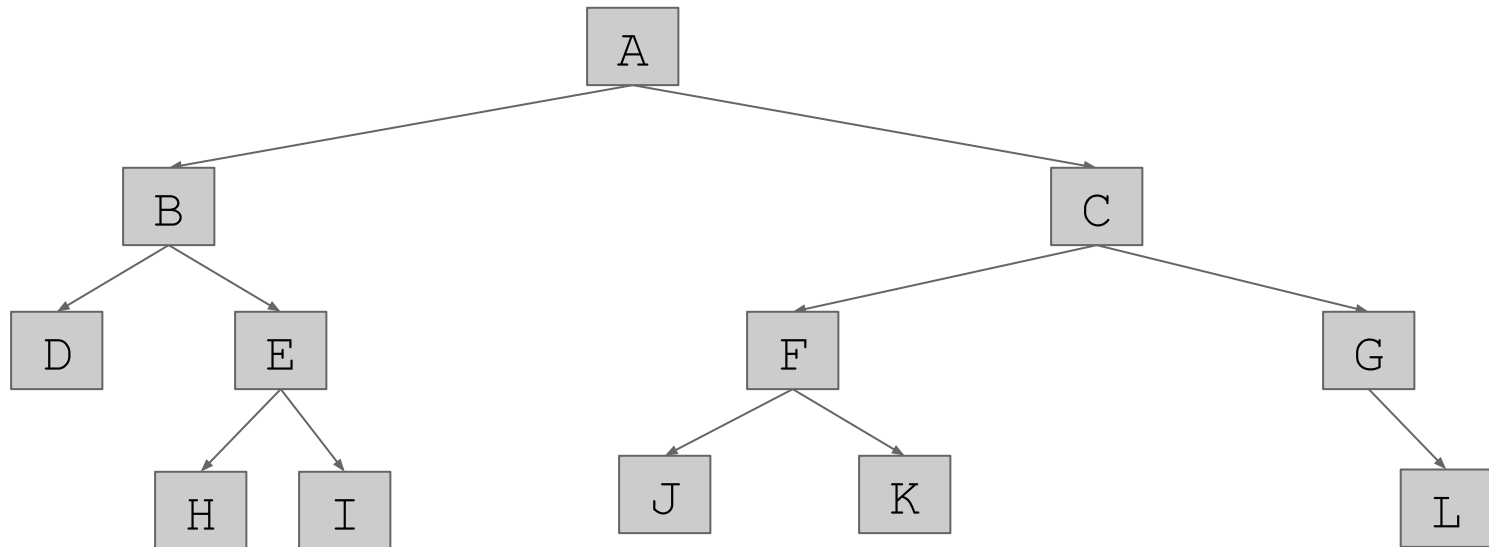


Pre-order traversal: A, B, D, E, H, I, C, F, J, K, G, L

# Binary Tree

## Post-order tree traversal:

- Recursively traverse the current node's left subtree;
- Recursively traverse the current node's right subtree;
- Visit the current node.



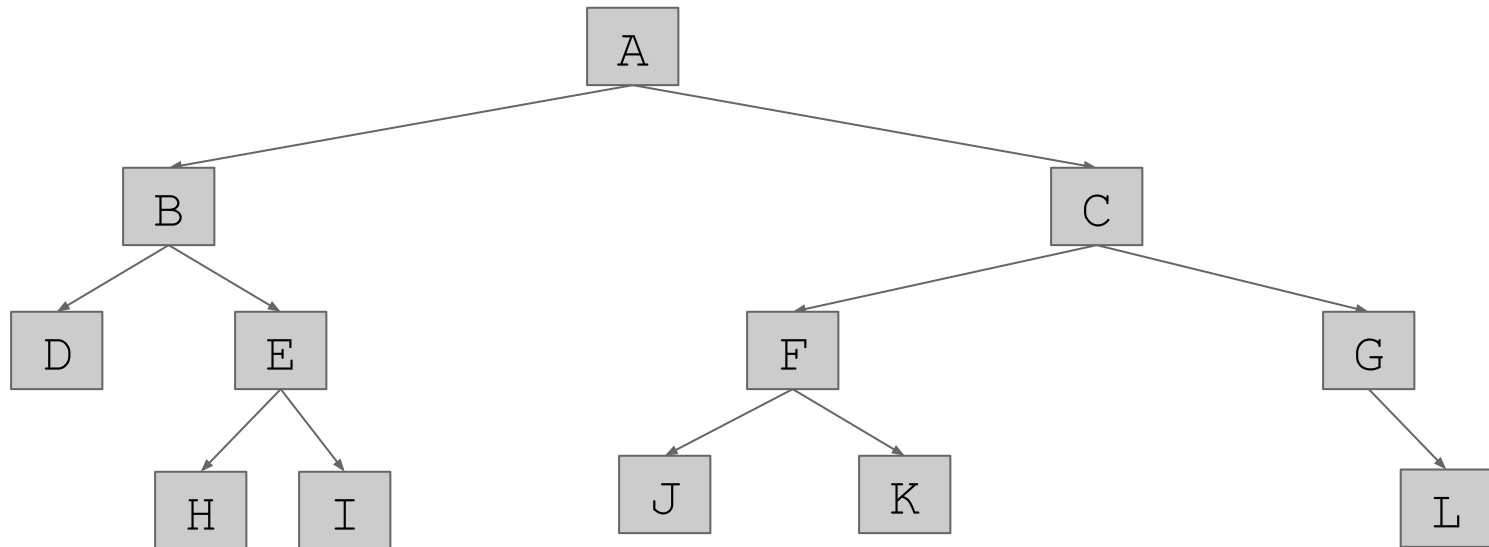
Post-order traversal: D, H, I, E, B, J, K, F, L, G, C, A



# Binary Tree

## Level-order tree traversal (less common)

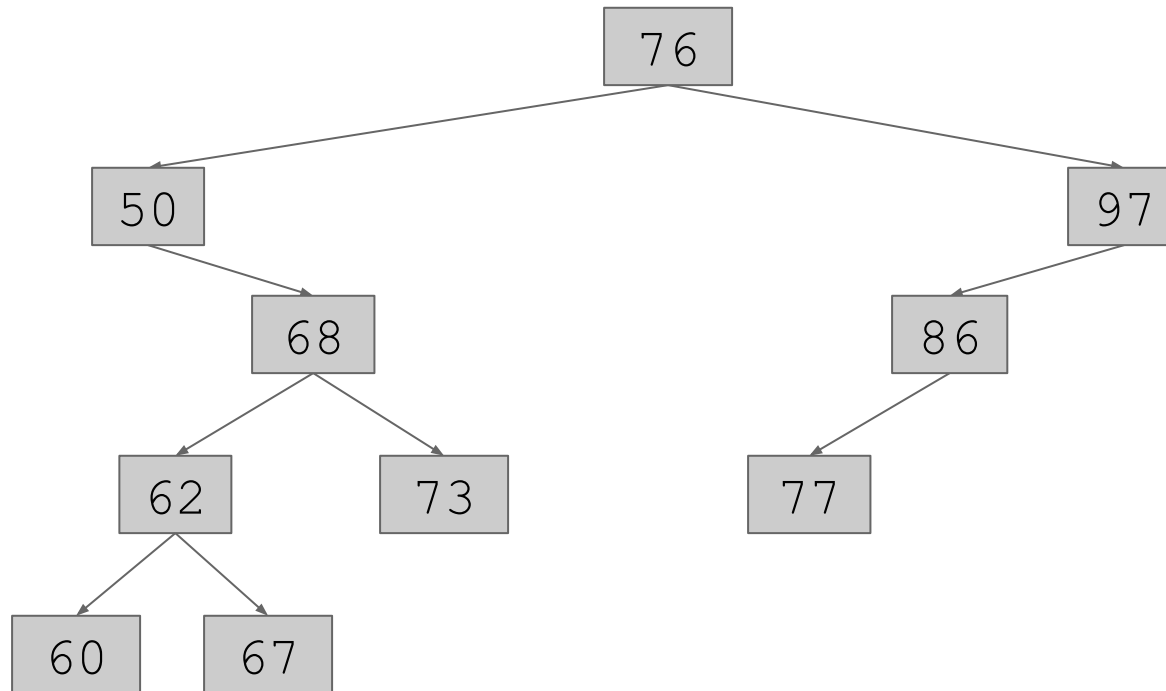
- start from the root
- go level by level
- from left to right



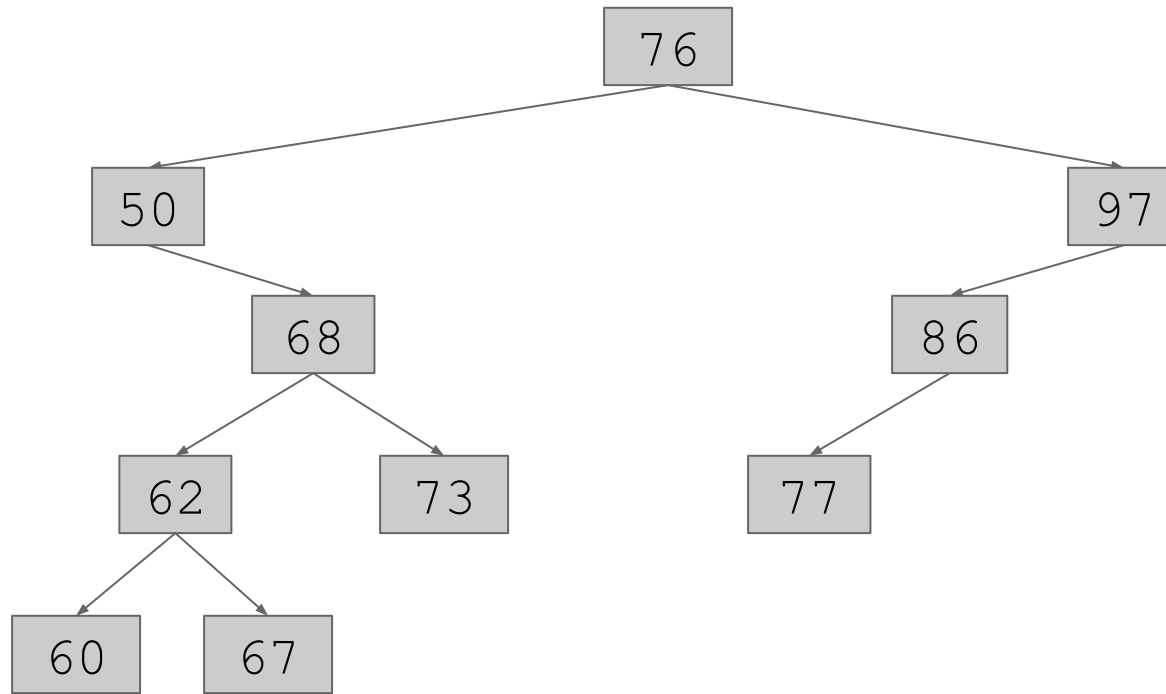
level-order traversal: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L

# Binary Search Tree

**Binary search tree:** a binary tree where each node stores a key **greater than** all the keys in the node's **left subtree** and **less than** those in its **right subtree**



# Binary Search Tree



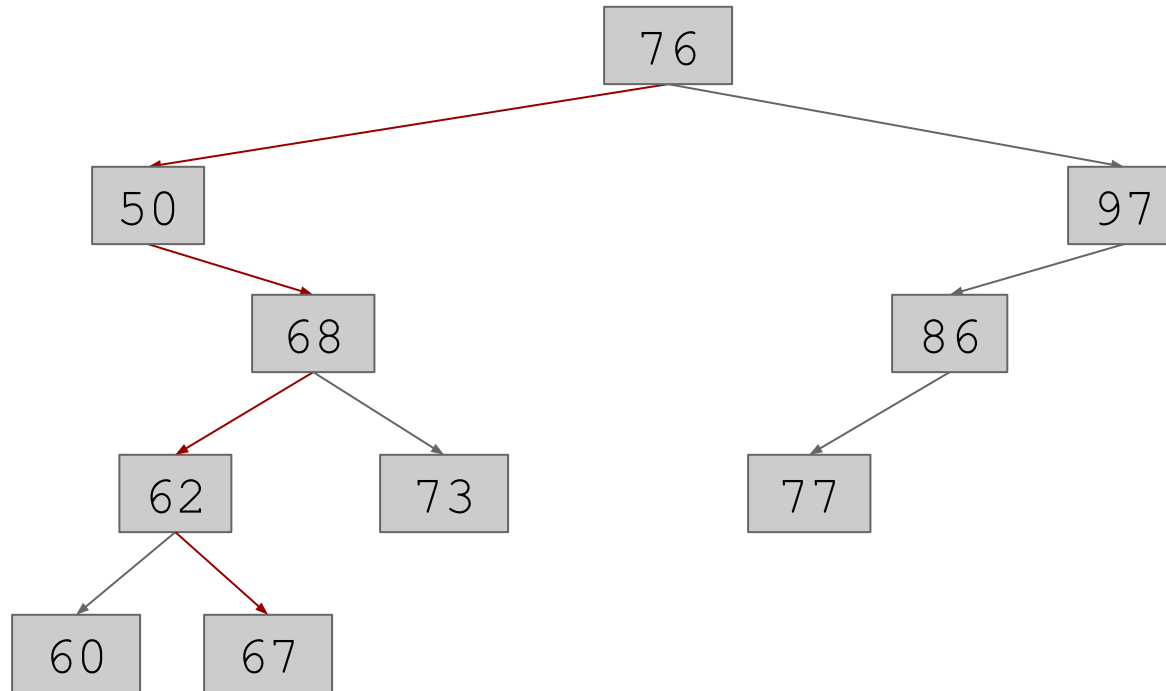
As an example, we usually picture each node of the tree holding an integer. However, in general, each node can hold any data object associated with a key:

- If the data is an integer then the key is the integer itself;
- If the data is a Student object and we want to order by the student number then the key is the student number of that Student object;
- If the data is an Employee object and we want to order by the employee name then the key can be the pair (last name, first name)

# Binary Search Tree

**Searching** in a binary search tree is very fast

Searching for 67:

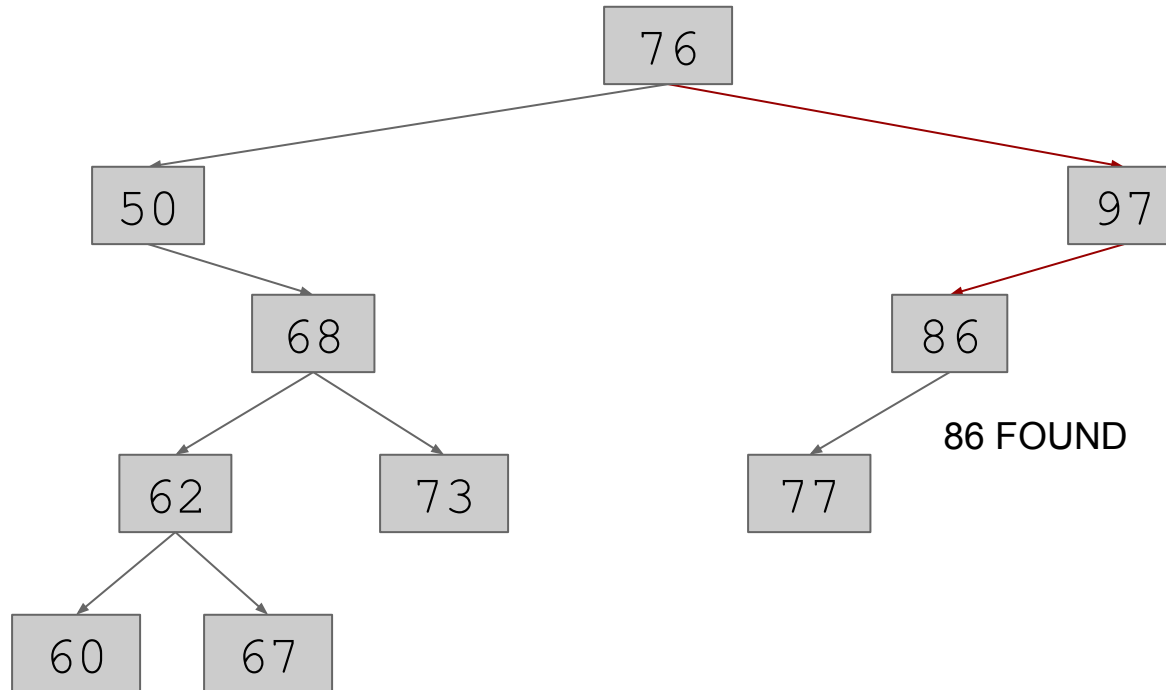


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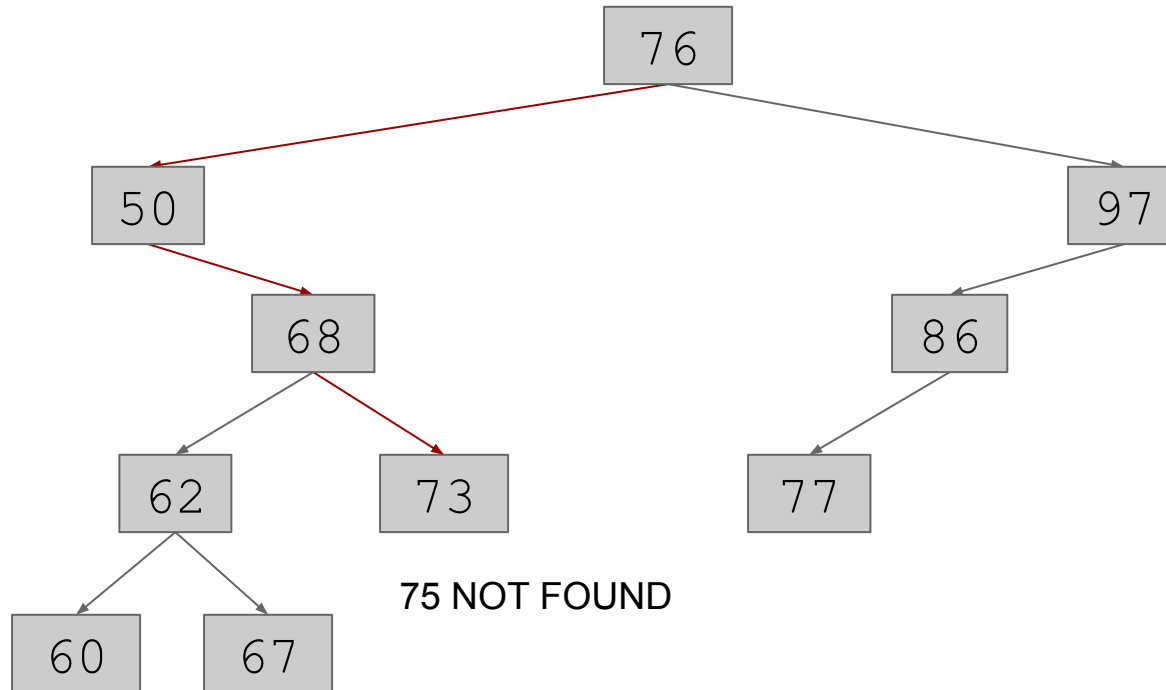
Searching for 86:



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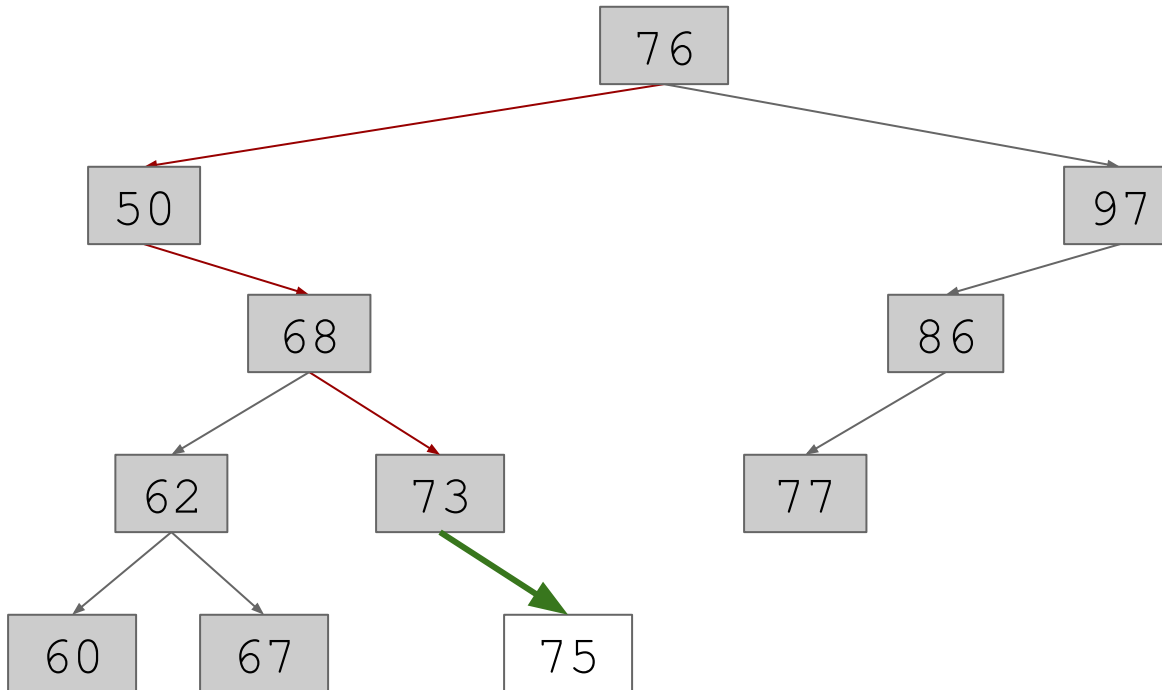
Searching for 75:



# Binary Search Tree

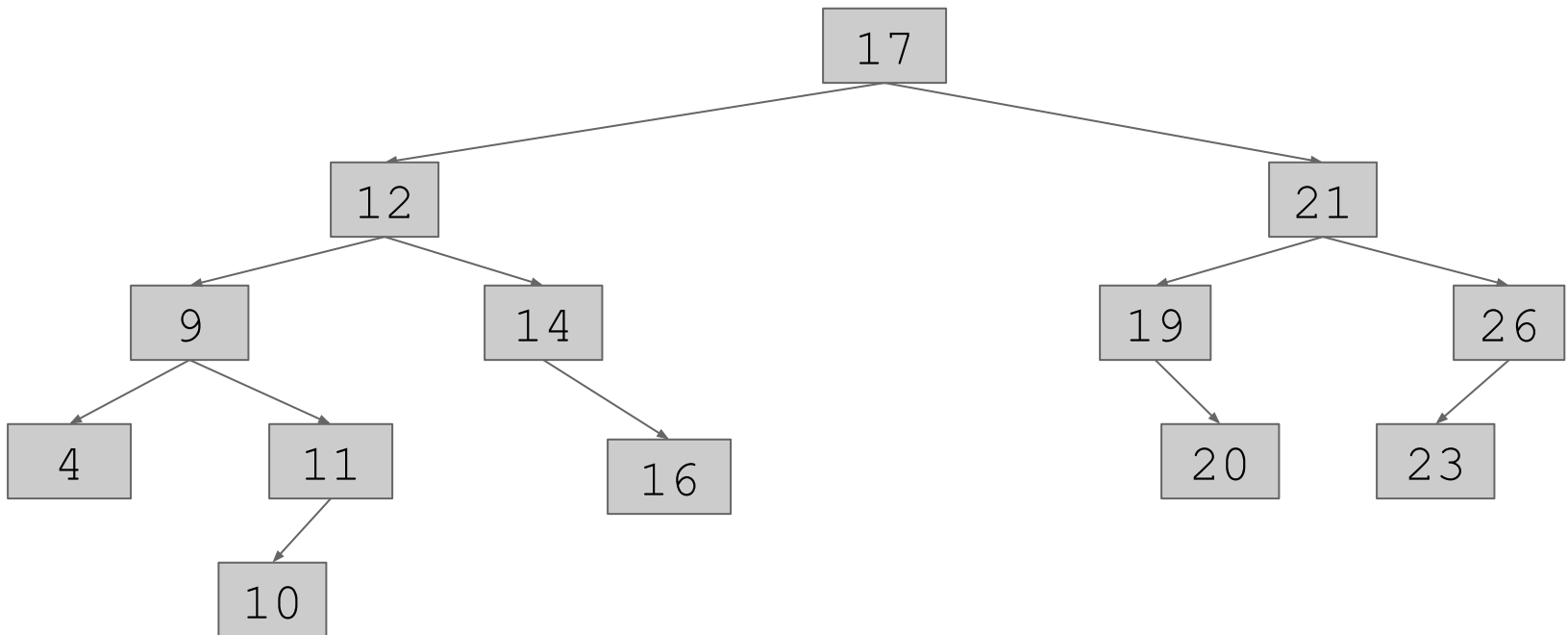
**Insert** in a binary search tree: travel to the position of the key, and if there is no node at that position then insert a new node.

Insert key 75:



# AVL Tree

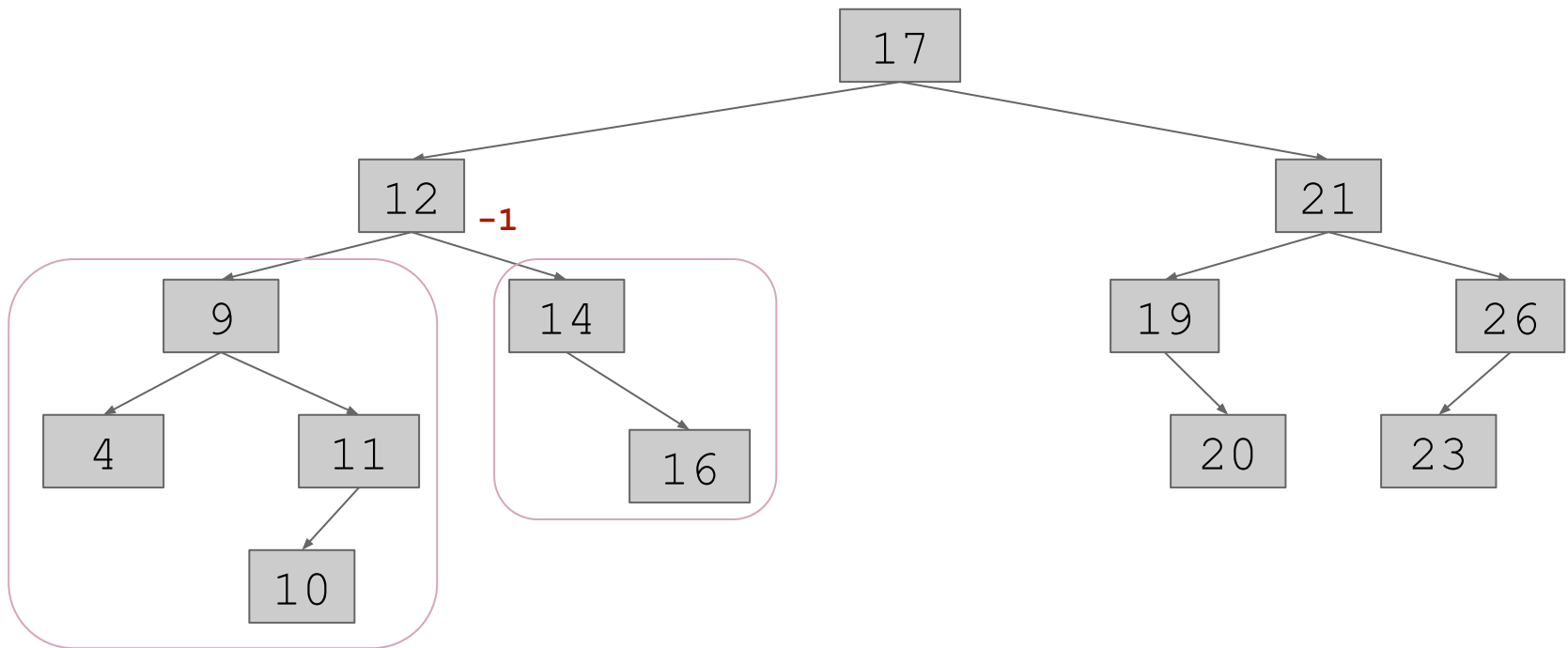
**AVL tree** (invented by Adelson-Velsky and Landis): a **self-balancing** binary search tree.





# AVL Tree

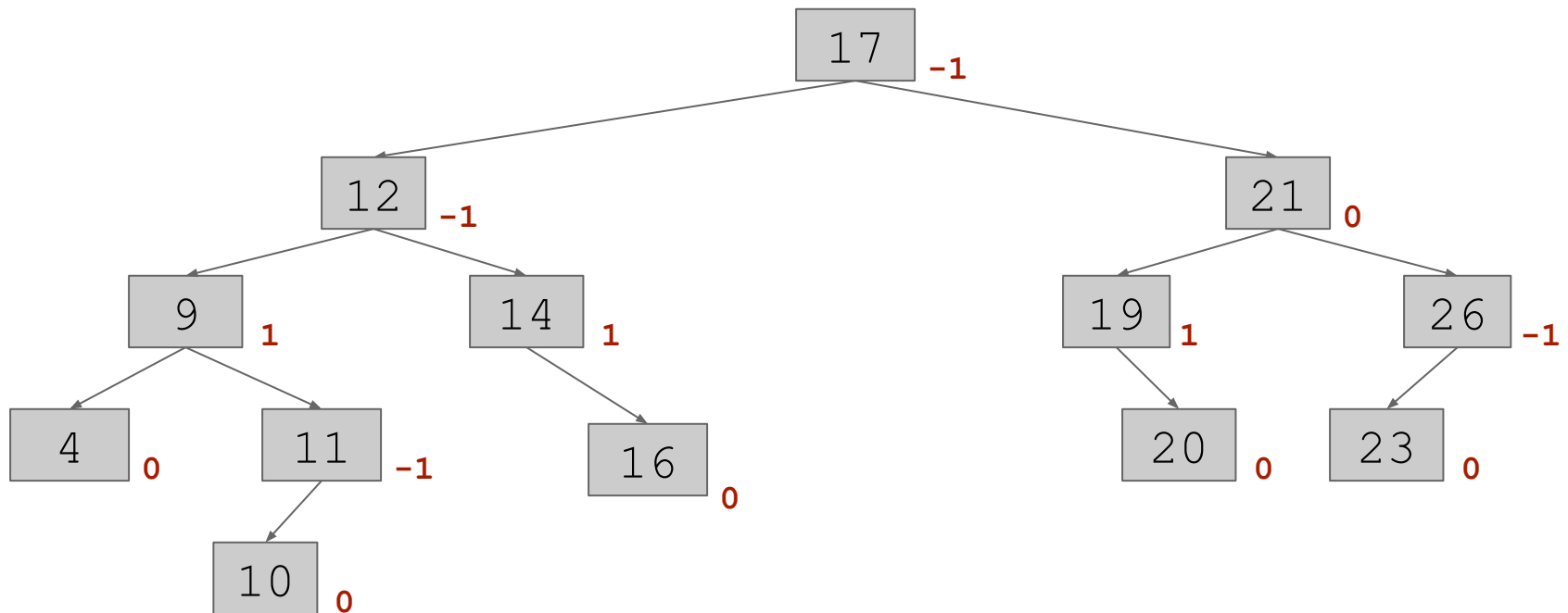
In an AVL tree, the heights of the two child subtrees of any node differ by at most one.



Balance factor = height of right subtree  
- height of left subtree

# AVL Tree

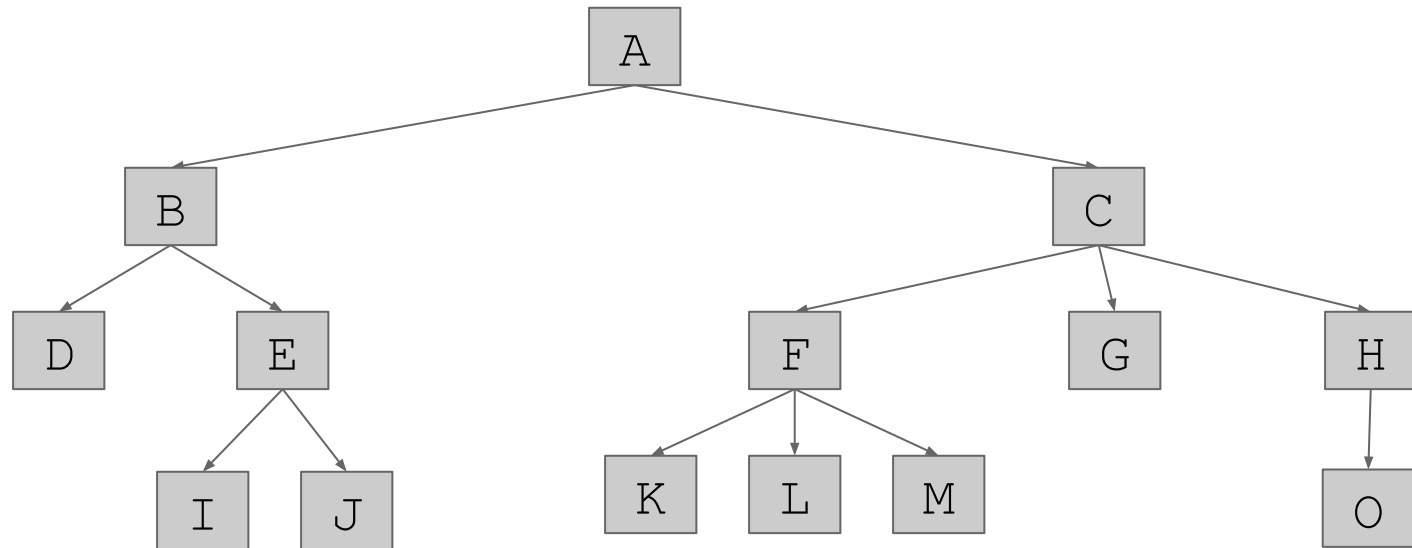
In an AVL tree, balance factor of any node =  $-1, 0, 1$



Balance factor = height of right subtree  
- height of left subtree

# N-ary Tree

**N-ary tree:** each node has at most N children



This is a ternary tree

# References

- Python 3 documentation  
<https://docs.python.org/3/>
- NumPy Reference  
<https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/>