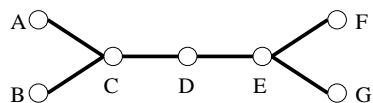
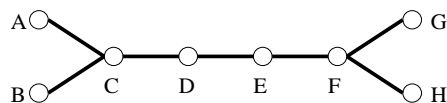


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1. (a) Remove all leaves of T . Let the remaining tree be T_1 .
 (b) Remove all leaves of T_1 . Let the remaining tree be T_2 .
 (c) Repeat the “remove” operation as follows: Remove all leaves of T_i . Let remaining tree be T_{i+1} .
 (d) Once the remaining tree has only one node or two nodes, stop! Suppose now the remaining tree is T_k .
 (e) If T_k has only one node, that is the center of T . The eccentricity of the center node is k .
 (f) If T_k has two nodes, either can be the center of T . The eccentricity of the center node is $k + 1$.
2. No! Not always unique. It’s possible that the remaining tree has two nodes. We don’t like to remove the leaves of a two-node tree (there will be nothing left!). You can try the following two trees. The center of the first tree is D with eccentricity 2. The center of the second tree is either D or E with eccentricity 3.



Tree 1



Tree 2