

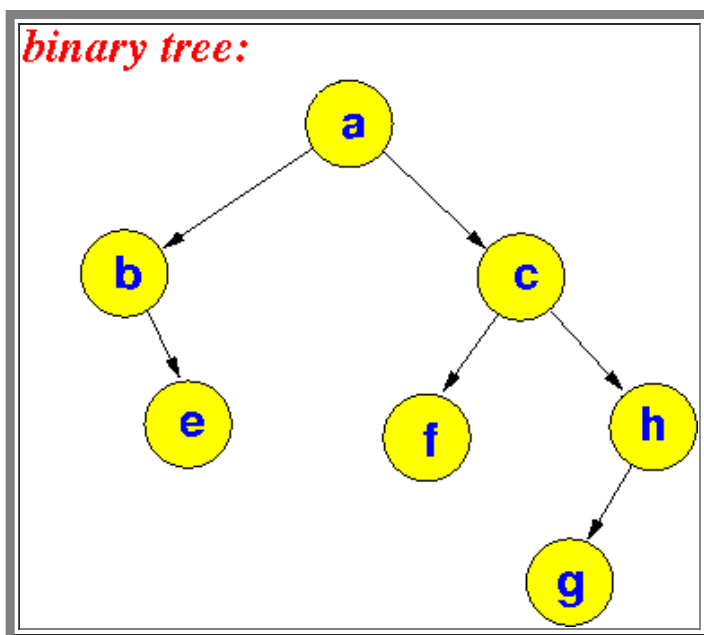
Binary trees

- **Binary tree**

- *Binary tree:*

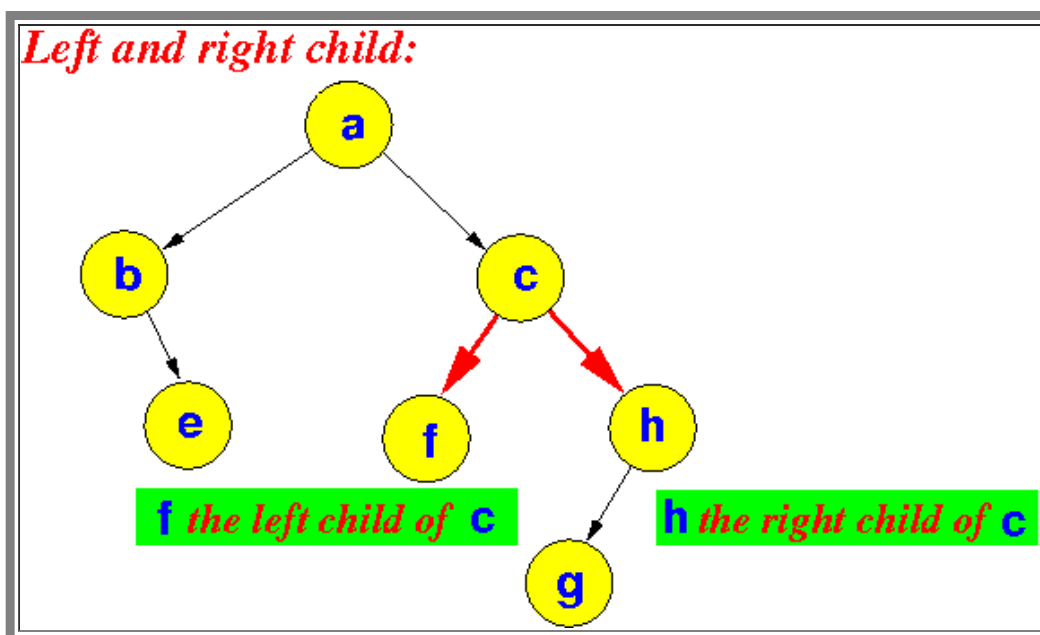
- **Binary tree** = a tree where *each node* has *at most 2 children nodes*

Example:



- **Left and right child**

- Because **each node** has *at most 2* children nodes, we can **label** the children **distinctly** as **left** and **right**:



Note:

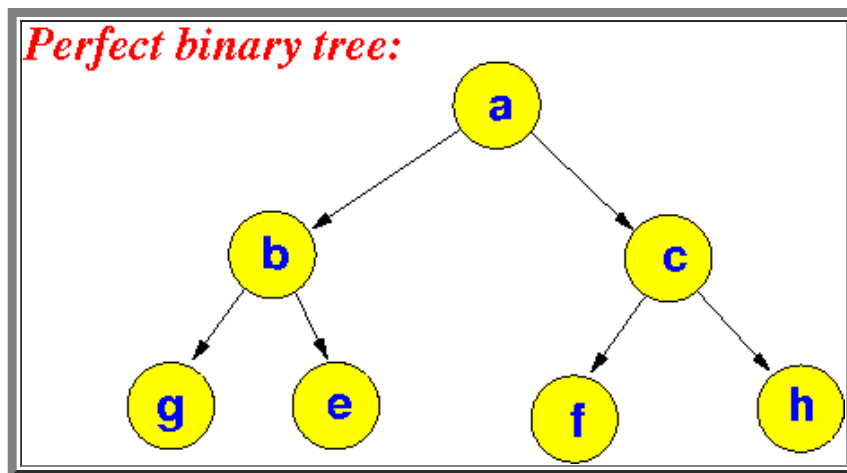
- Some nodes (e.g. *h*) have *only* a *left child node*
- Some nodes (e.g. *b*) have *only* a *right child node*

- Perfect binary tree**

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- Perfect binary tree** = a **binary tree** where **each level** contains the *maximum number of nodes*

I.e., every level is **completely full** of nodes

Example:

- Some properties of the *perfect* binary tree**

- Property 1:**

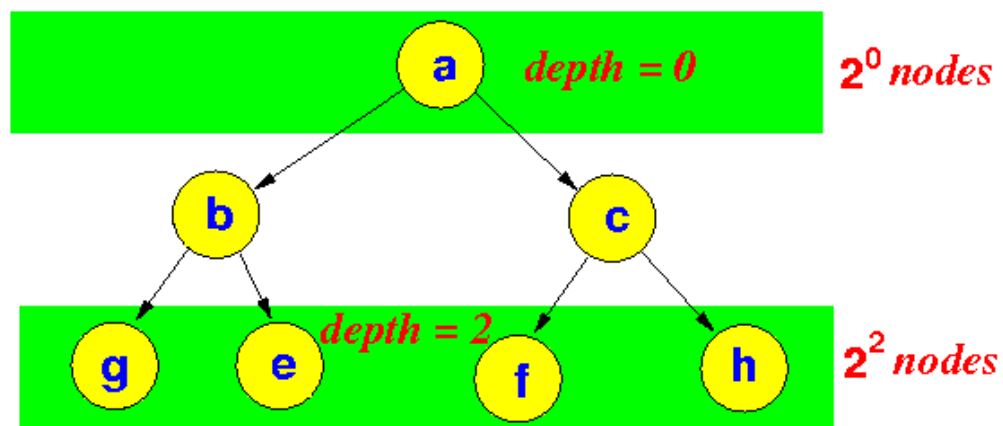
- The **number of nodes** at **depth *d*** in a *perfect* binary tree = 2^d

Proof:

- There is *only 1 node* (= the **root node**) at **depth 0**:

$$2^0 = 1$$

- In a **perfect binary tree**, every node has **2 children nodes**

Number of nodes at depth d :

So:

Depth d	# nodes at depth d	# of child nodes
0	1 = 2^0	2 (each node has 2 children)
1	2 = 2^1	4 (each node has 2 children)
2	4 = 2^2	8 (each node has 2 children)
...		

I.e.:

- The **number** of nodes **doubles** every time the **depth** increases by 1!

Therefore:

$$\# \text{ nodes at depth } d = 2^d$$

o **Property 2:**

- A **perfect binary tree** of **height h** has:

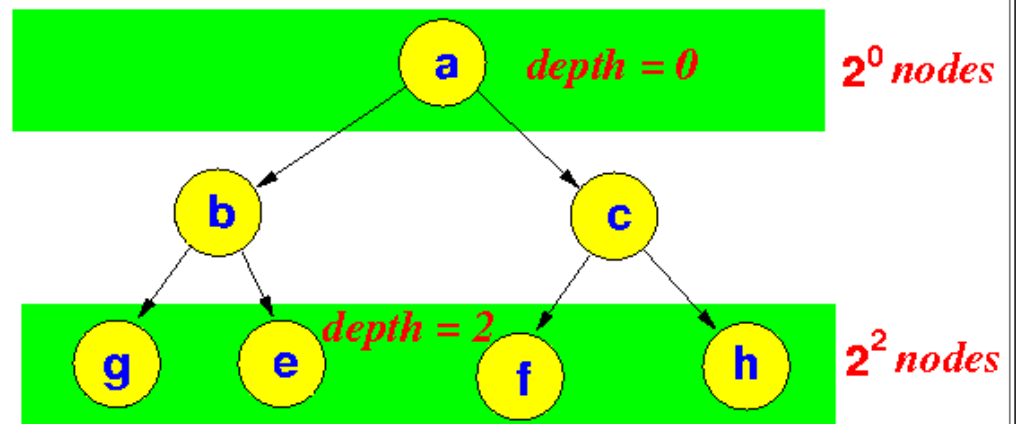
$$2^{h+1} - 1 \text{ nodes}$$

Proof:

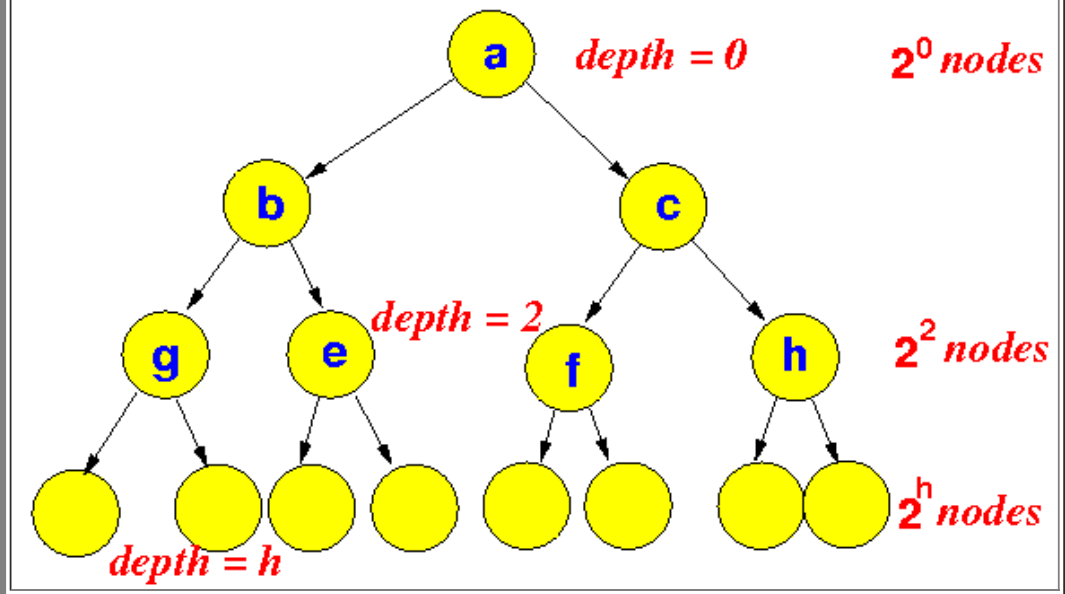
- **Previously**, we have shown that:

$$\# \text{ nodes at depth } d = 2^d$$

See:

Number of nodes at depth d :

- So the **total number** of **nodes** in a **perfect binary tree** of **height h** :

Perfect binary tree of height h 

$$\# \text{ nodes} = 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^h = 2^{h+1} - 1$$

- Proof:**

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 S & = & 1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^h \\
 2xS & = & \quad 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^h + 2^{h+1} \quad - \text{(subtract)} \\
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 2xS - S & = & 2^{h+1} - 1 \\
 \Leftrightarrow S & = & 2^{h+1} - 1
 \end{array}$$

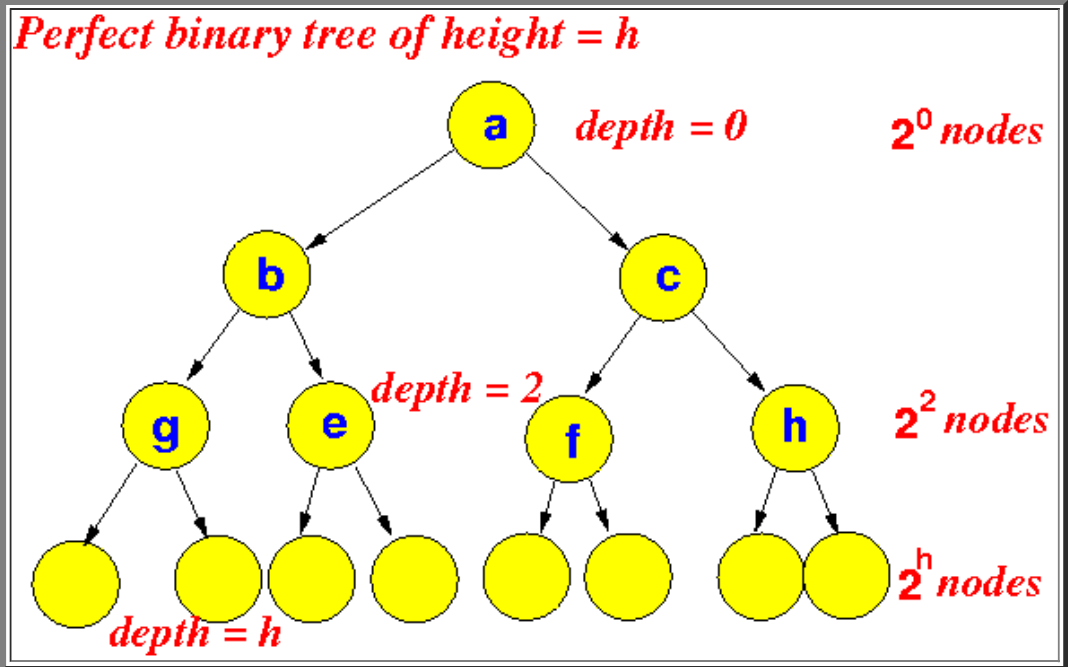
- Property 3:**

- Number of **leaf nodes** in a perfect binary tree of height $h = 2^h$

Proof:

- # nodes at **depth d** in a perfect binary tree = 2^d

- All the **leaf nodes** in a perfect binary tree of height h has a depth equal to h :



- # nodes at **depth h** in a perfect binary tree = 2^h

Therefore:

- Number of **leaf nodes** in a perfect binary tree of height $h = 2^h$

o **Property 4:**

- Number of **internal nodes** in a perfect binary tree of height $h = 2^h - 1$

Proof:

- # nodes in a perfect binary tree of height $h = 2^{h+1} - 1$ (see Property 2)
- # **leaf nodes** in a perfect binary tree of height $h = 2^h$ (see Property 3)
- The **other nodes** are **internal nodes** (i.e., with at least 1 child node).

So:

- # **internal** nodes in a **perfect binary tree** of **height h** = $(2^{h+1} - 1) - 2^h = 2^h - 1$

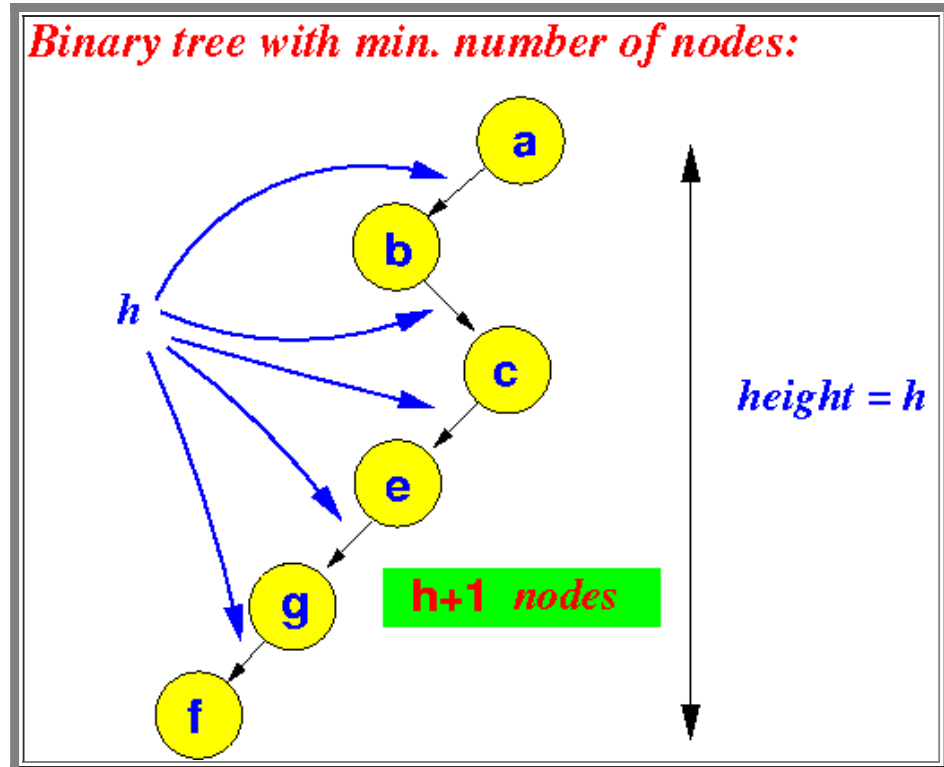
• **Minimum and maximum number of nodes in a binary tree of height h**

◦ **Fact:**

- The **minimum number of nodes** in a **binary tree** of **height h** = $h + 1$

Proof:

- The **binary tree** of **height h** with the **minimum number of nodes** is a tree where **each node** has **one child**:



- Because the **height = h** , there are **h edges**
- **h edges** connects **$h+1$ nodes**

- Therefore, the **minimum number of nodes** in a **binary tree** of **height h** = $h + 1$

◦ **Fact:**

- The *maximum number of nodes* in a **binary tree** of *height h* = $2^{h+1} - 1$

Proof:

- The *perfect binary tree* has the *maximum number of nodes*
- We have already shown that:

- # nodes in a *perfect binary tree* = $2^{h+1} - 1$