Data structure and algorithms lab

DEBUGGING WITH GDB

& TREE

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Topics of this week

- How to use debugger tool(gdb)
- Tree data structure
 - Binary Tree
 - Binary Search Tree
- Recursive processing on Tree

gdb for debugging (1)

- gdb: the Gnu DeBugger
- http://www.cs.caltech.edu/courses/cs11/ material/c/mike/misc/gdb.html
- Use when program core dumps
- or when want to walk through execution of program line-by-line

gdb for debugging (2)

- Before using gdb:
 - Must compile C code with additional flag:
 - -g
 - This puts all the source code into the binary executable
- Then can execute as: gdb myprogram
- Brings up an interpreted environment

gdb for debugging (3)

gdb> run

- Program runs...
- If all is well, program exits successfully, returning you to prompt
- If there is (e.g.) a core dump, gdb will tell you and abort the program

gdb - basic commands (1)

- Stack backtrace ("where")
 - Your program core dumps
 - Where was the last line in the program that was executed before the core dump?
 - That's what the where command tells
 you

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gdb - basic commands (2)

gdb> where last call last call in your code

#0 0x4006cb26 in free () from /lib/libc.so.6

#1 0x4006ca0d in free () from /lib/libc.so.6

#2 0x8048951 in board_updater (array=0x8049bd0, ncells=2) at ldCA2.c:148

#3 0x80486be in main (argc=3, argv=0xbffff7b4) at ldCA2.c:44

#4 0x40035a52 in __libc_start_main () from /lib/libc.so.6

stack backtrace
```

gdb - basic commands (3)

- Look for topmost location in stack
 backtrace that corresponds to your code
- Watch out for
 - freeing memory you didn't allocate
 - accessing arrays beyond their maximum elements
 - dereferencing pointers that don't point to part
 of a malloc() ed block

gdb - basic commands (4)

- break, continue, next, step commands
- break causes execution to stop on a given line
 gdb> break foo.c: 100 (setting a
 breakpoint)
- continue resumes execution from that point
- next executes the next line, then stops
- step executes the next statement
 - goes into functions if necessary (next doesn't)

gdb – basic commands (5)

- print and display commands
- print prints the value of any program expression

```
gdb> print i
$1 = 100
```

 display prints a particular value every time execution stops

```
gdb> display i
```

gdb - printing arrays (1)

```
• print will print arrays as well
int arr[] = { 1, 2, 3 };

gdb> print arr
$1 = {1, 2, 3}

• N.B. the $1 is just a name for the result
print $1
$2 = {1, 2, 3}
```

gdb - printing arrays (2)

print has problems with dynamically-allocated
arrays

```
int *arr;
arr = (int *)malloc(3 * sizeof(int));
arr[0] = 1; arr[1] = 2; arr[2] = 3;
gdb> print arr
$1 = (int *) 0x8094610

• Not very useful...
```

gdb - printing arrays (3)

• Can print this array by using @ (gdb special syntax)

```
int *arr;
arr = (int *)malloc(3 * sizeof(int));
arr[0] = 1; arr[1] = 2; arr[2] = 3;

gdb> print *arr@3
$2 = {1, 2, 3}
```

gdb - abbreviations

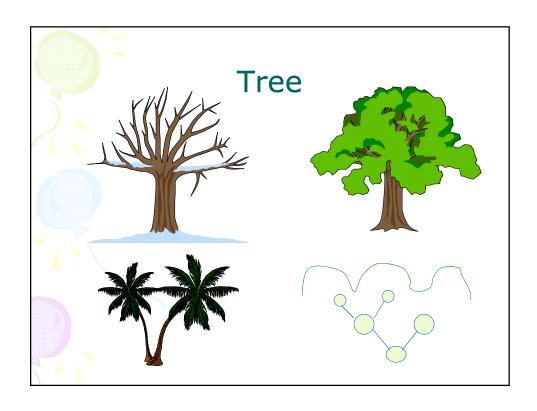
- Common gdb commands have abbreviations
- p (same as print)
- c (same as continue)
- n (same as next)
- s (same as step)
- More convenient to use when interactively debugging

other instruction

- clear : delete break point of current file.
- delete [break position]: delete breakpoint
 at a specific file and position
- Conditional break

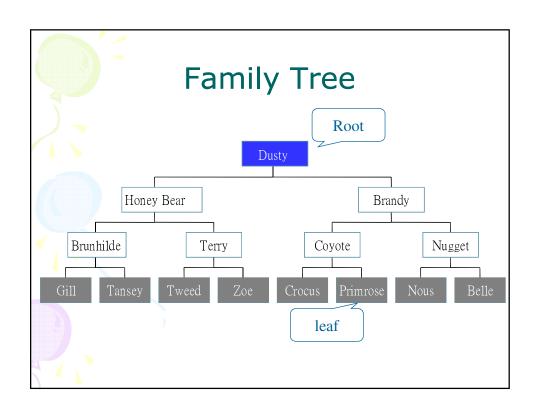
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gdb> break foo.c: 100 if i==-1
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- quit
- run: restart from beginning.



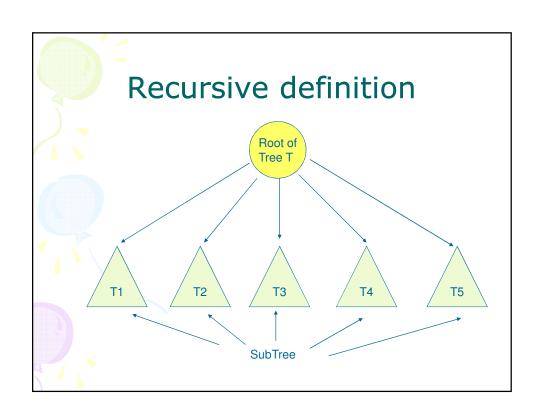
Trees, Binary Trees, and Binary Search Trees

- Linked lists are linear structures and it is difficult to use them to organize a hierarchical representation of objects.
- Although stacks and queues reflect some hierarchy, they are limited to only one dimension.
- To overcome this limitation, we create a new data type called a tree that consists of nodes and arcs. Unlike natural trees, these trees are depicted upside down with the root at the top and the leaves at the bottom.



Definition of tree

- A tree is a finite set of one or more nodes such that:
- There is a specially designated node called the root.
- The remaining nodes are partitioned into n>=0 disjoint sets $T_1, ..., T_n$, where each of these sets is a tree.
- We call T₁, ..., T_n the subtrees of the root.



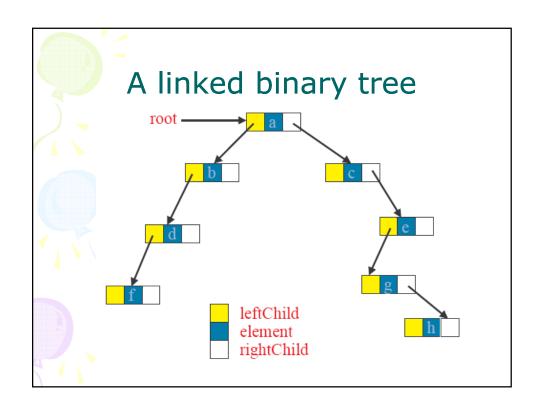
Binary Tree

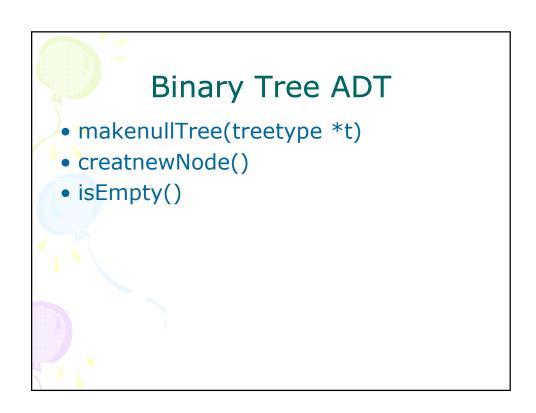
- A binary tree is a tree in which no node can have more than two children.
- Each node has 0, 1, or 2 children

Linked Representation

- Each tree node is represented as an object whose data type is
- The space required by an n node binary tree is n * (space required by one node)

```
typedef ... elmType;
//whatever type of element
typedef struct nodeType {
   elmType element;
   struct nodeType *left, *right;
};
typedef struct nodeType *treetype;
```





Tree initialization and verification

```
typedef ... elmType;
typedef struct nodeType {
   elmType element;
   struct nodeType *left, *right;
} node_Type;

typedef struct nodeType *treetype;

void MakeNullTree(treetype *T) {
   (*T)=NULL;
}
int EmptyTree(treetype T) {
   return T==NULL;
}
```

Access left and right child

```
treetype LeftChild(treetype n)
{
   if (n!=NULL) return n->left;
   else return NULL;
}
treetype RightChild(treetype n)
{
   if (n!=NULL) return n->right;
   else return NULL;
}
```

create a new node node_type *create_node(elmtype NewData) { node_type *N; N=(node_type*)malloc(sizeof(node_type)); if (N != NULL) { N->left = NULL; N->right = NULL; N->element = NewData; } return N; }

check if a node is a leaf

```
int IsLeaf(treetype n) {
  if(n!=NULL)
  return(LeftChild(n)==NULL) && (Right Child(n)==NULL);
  else return -1;
}
```

Recursive processing: Number of nodes

 As tree is a recursive data structure, recursive algorithms are usefuls when they are applied on tree.

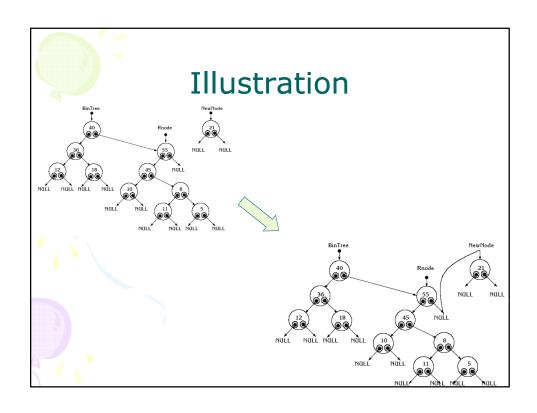
```
int nb_nodes(treetype T) {
if(EmptyTree(T)) return 0;
else return 1+nb_nodes(LeftChild(T))+
    nb_nodes(RightChild(T));
```

Creat a tree from two subtrees

```
treetype createfrom2(elmtype v,
    treetype l, treetype r) {
    treetype N;
    N=(node_type*)malloc(sizeof(node_type));
    N->element=v;
    N->left=l;
    N->right=r;
    return N;
}
```

Adding a new node to the left most position

Adding a new node to the right most position

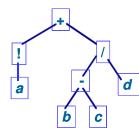


Exercise (BTVN)

- Develop the following helper functions for a tree:
 - return the height of a binary tree.
 - return the number of leafs
 - return the number of internal nodes
 - -count the number of right children.

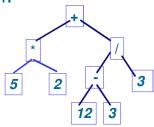
Exercise

- A binary can represent an arithmetic expression:
 The leaves are operands and the other nodes are operators.
- The left and right subtrees of an operator node represent subexpressions that must be evaluated before applying the operator at the root of the subtree.
- For example
 !a + (b c)/d
- Write a program create a tree representing this expression



Exercise at Home

- Write an menu program that take a valid arithmetic expression as input and:
 - Store and represent it in a tree
 - Evaluate the expression.



Homework

- Create a text file AUOpen.txt containing the names of tennis players participating in the Australian Open tournament, one player per line. The number of player is the power of 2 and a minimum of 16 people.
- Build a tree describing the competition results until the final. Initially, the (16) opponents are leaf nodes, the winner will be stored at the parent node of a pair of players. The winner of a match is randomly selected.
- Print the results of the matches (tree content) to the screen and file treegame.txt

