

Data Structures

Binary Tree Formulas

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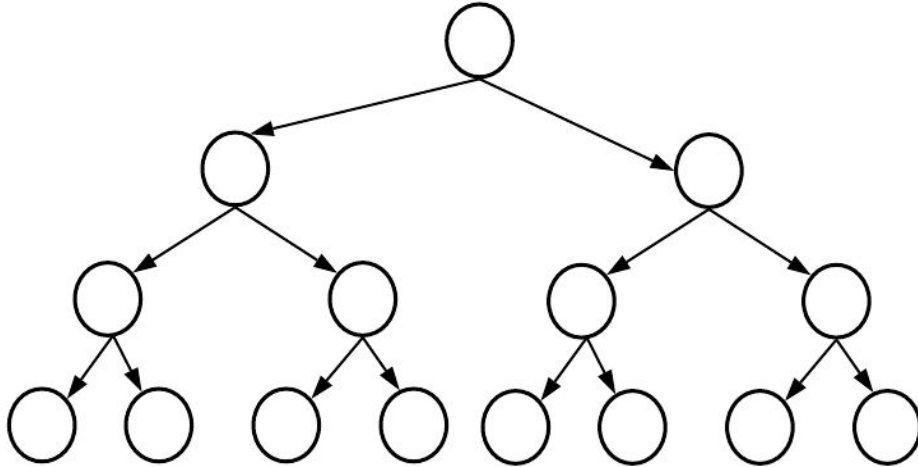
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Perfect Tree: Find the # of nodes from the height!

- Each level (0-based) has 2^{level} nodes ($2 * \text{previous level nodes}$).
- For N levels: $2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{\text{level}} = 2^{\text{levels}} - 1 = 2^{h+1} - 1$ nodes



Leve 0: 1 node (2^0)

Leve 1: 2 node (2^1)

Leve 2: $2*2 = 4$ nodes (2^2)

Leve 3: $4*2 = 8$ nodes (2^3)

Perfect Tree: Find the # of nodes from the height!

- We can derive this [mathematically](#)
- First recall the **power rule** for logarithms

$$\log_b (M^n) = n \log_b M$$

- Also recall $\log_2 2 = 1$

$$n = 2^{h+1} - 1$$

$$n + 1 = 2^{h+1}$$

$$\lg(n + 1) = h + 1$$

$$h = \lg(n + 1) - 1$$

Facts

- We can derive *upper and lower* bounds of a normal tree from the perfect tree
 - This is because we know every level is complete; i.e. you CAN'T have fewer levels!
- In **any** binary tree:
- Each level has a max of 2^h nodes
- For L levels, No more than $2^L - 1$ nodes
- For N nodes, the min # of levels is: $\text{ceil}(\log(N+1))$
 - 1 Node \Rightarrow 1, 3 Nodes \Rightarrow 2, 7 Nodes \Rightarrow 3, 15 Nodes \Rightarrow 4 (these are in perfect cases)
- For M leaves, the min # of levels is: $\text{ceil}(\log M) + 1$
 - 1 leaves \Rightarrow 1, 2 leaves \Rightarrow 2, 4 leaves \Rightarrow 3, 8 leaves \Rightarrow 4, 16 leaves \Rightarrow 5

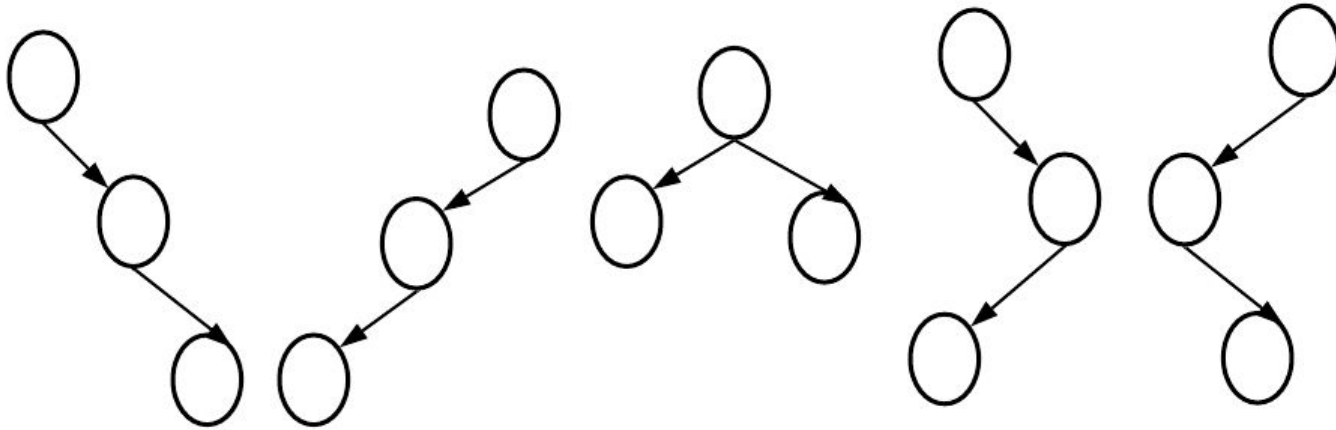
The logarithm

- Observe how the log has a very small value
- This means, we can have a tree of 1 million nodes, but its height can be:
 - ~ 1 million with degenerate tree
 - ~20 only if it is perfect or complete
- In balanced trees (e.g. AVL / red-black), we put constraints that help us have such controlled height , rather than allowing the uncontrolled chaos of a very deep and unbalanced tree

	Log	Number
$2^0 = 1$	0	1
$2^1 = 2$	1	2
$2^2 = 4$	2	4
$2^3 = 8$	3	8
$2^4 = 16$	4	16
$2^5 = 32$	5	32
$2^6 = 64$	6	64
$2^7 = 128$	7	128
$2^8 = 256$	8	256
$2^9 = 512$	9	512
$2^{10} = 1024$	10	1024
$2^{11} = 2048$	11	2048
$2^{12} = 4096$	12	4096
$2^{13} = 8192$	13	8192
$2^{14} = 16384$	14	16384
$2^{15} = 32768$	15	32768
$2^{16} = 65536$	16	65536
$2^{17} = 131072$	17	131072
$2^{18} = 262144$	18	262144
$2^{19} = 524288$	19	524288
$2^{20} = 1048576$	20	1048576

How many unlabeled binary trees of 3 nodes?

- All 5 trees below can be drawn using just 3 nodes
- So, in general, for any number of nodes n , how many unlabeled binary trees are there?



How many **unlabeled** binary trees of n nodes?

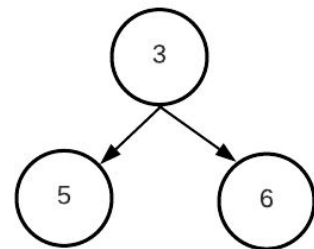
- The answer is a very interesting mathematical number!
- The Catalan Number ([wiki](#) has a lot of facts)
 - You don't need to know [why](#)

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)! n!}$$

How many **labeled** binary trees of n nodes?

- Given a single tree of n nodes, we can label it in $n!$ ways!
- So the answer is **Catlan**(n) * $n!$

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \times n! = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)!}$$



“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”