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Binary Tree

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- A *binary tree* T is defined as a finite set of nodes that is either empty or consists of a root and two disjoint binary trees T_L and T_R called as the left and right subtree of the root
- The definition itself divides the Binary Tree into two smaller structures and hence many problems concerning the binary trees can be solved using the Divide – And – Conquer technique
- The binary tree is a Divide – And – Conquer ready structure 😊

Height of a Binary Tree

- Height of a Binary Tree: Length of the longest path from root to leaf

ALGORITHM Height(T)

//Computes recursively the height of a binary tree

//Input: A binary tree T

//Output: The height of T

if $T = \emptyset$ return -1

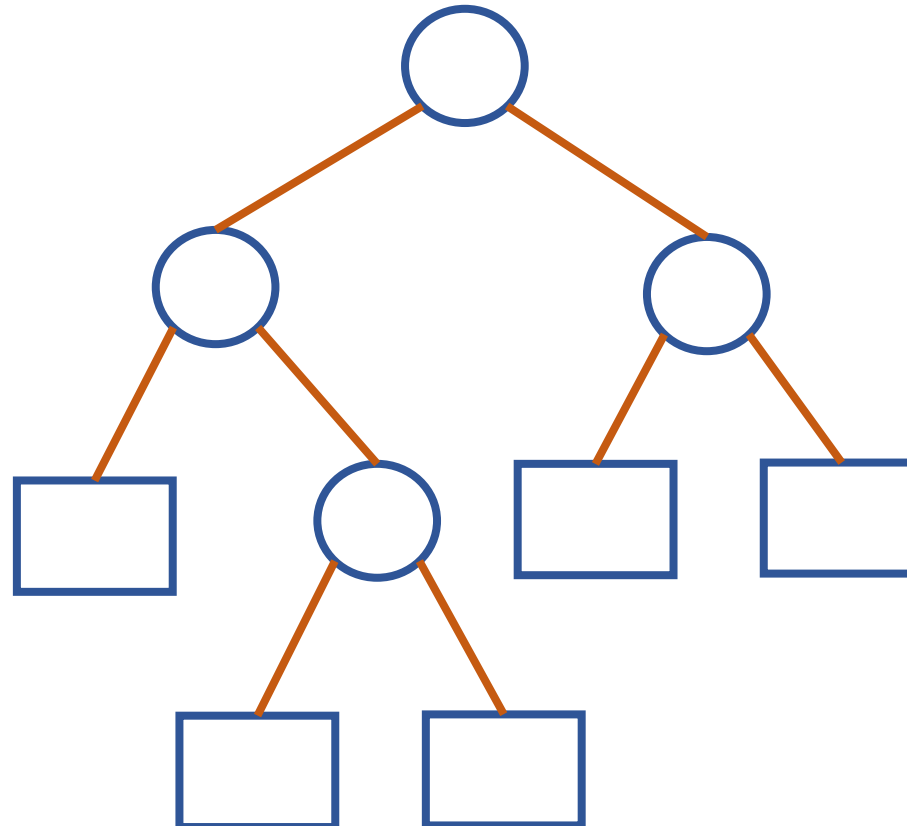
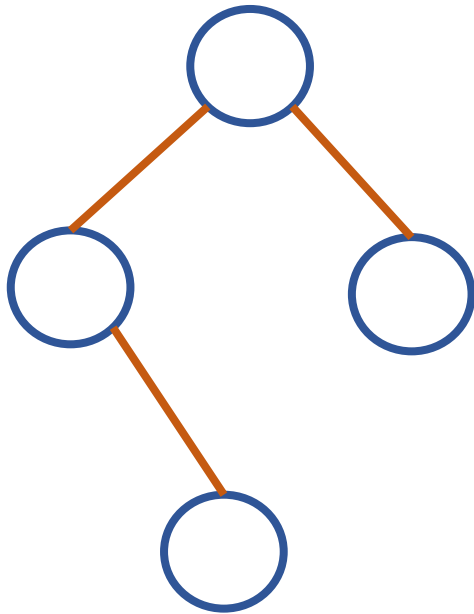
else return $\max(\text{Height}(T_L), \text{Height}(T_R)) + 1$

- The measure of input's size is the number of nodes in the given binary tree. Let us represent this number as $n(T)$
- Basic Operation: Addition
- The recurrence relation is setup as follows:

$$A(n(T)) = A(n(T_L)) + A(n(T_R)) + 1, \text{ for } n(T) > 0$$

$$A(0) = 0$$

- In the analysis of tree algorithms, the tree is extended by replacing empty subtrees by special nodes called external nodes



- x – Number of external nodes
- n – Number of internal nodes

$$x = n + 1$$

- The number of comparisons to check whether a tree is empty or not:

$$C(n) = n + x = 2n + 1$$

- The number of additions is:

$$A(n) = n$$

- The three classic traversals for a binary tree are inorder, preorder and postorder traversals
- In the preorder traversal, the root is visited before the left and right subtrees are visited (in that order)
- In the inorder traversal, the root is visited after visiting its left subtree but before visiting the right subtree
- In the postorder traversal, the root is visited after visiting the left and right subtrees (in that order)

Algorithm Inorder(T)

if $T \neq \emptyset$

 Inorder(T_{left})

 print(root of T)

 Inorder(T_{right})

Algorithm Preorder(T)

if $T \neq \emptyset$

 print(root of T)

 Preorder(T_{left})

 Preorder(T_{right})

Algorithm Postorder(T)

if $T \neq \emptyset$

 Postorder(T_{left})

 Postorder(T_{right})

 print(root of T)



THANK YOU

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