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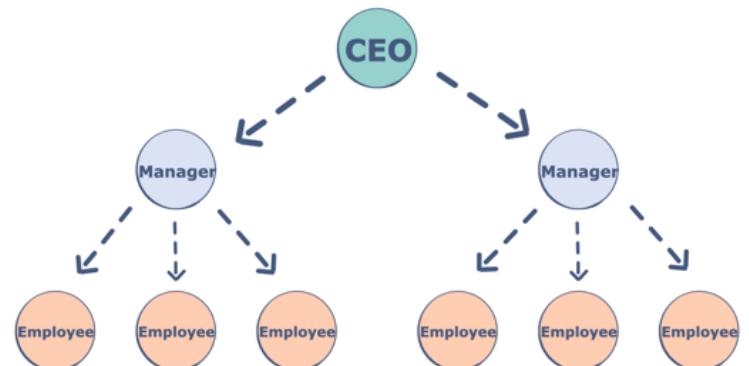
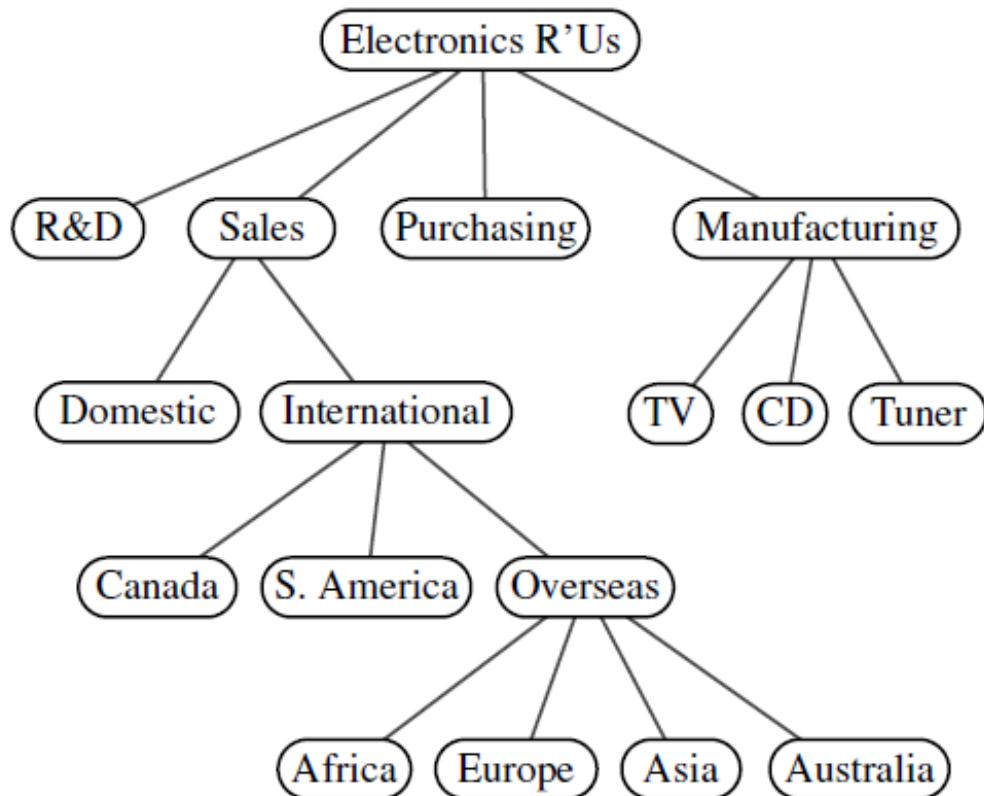
Lecture 11 Tree

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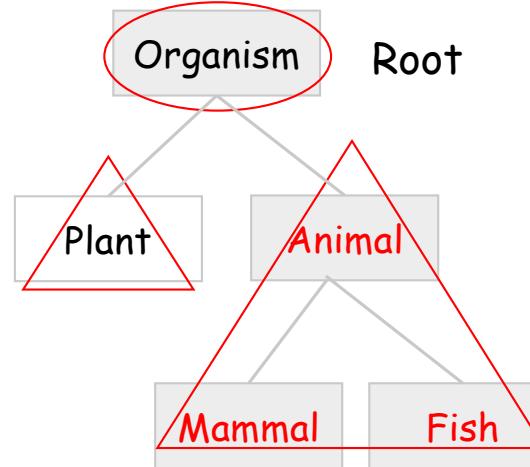
Tree

- A **tree** is a data structure that stores elements hierarchically
- With the exception of the top element, each element in a tree has a **parent** element and zero or more **children** elements
- We typically call the top element the **root** of the tree, but it is drawn as the highest element

Example: the organization of a company



Semantic concept



Formal definition of a tree

- Formally, we define a tree T as a set of nodes storing elements such that the nodes have a parent-child relationship that satisfies the following properties:
 - ✓ If T is nonempty, it has a special node, called the **root** of T , that has no parent.
 - ✓ Each node v of T (different from the root) has a unique parent node w ; every node with parent w is a child of w .

Edge and path

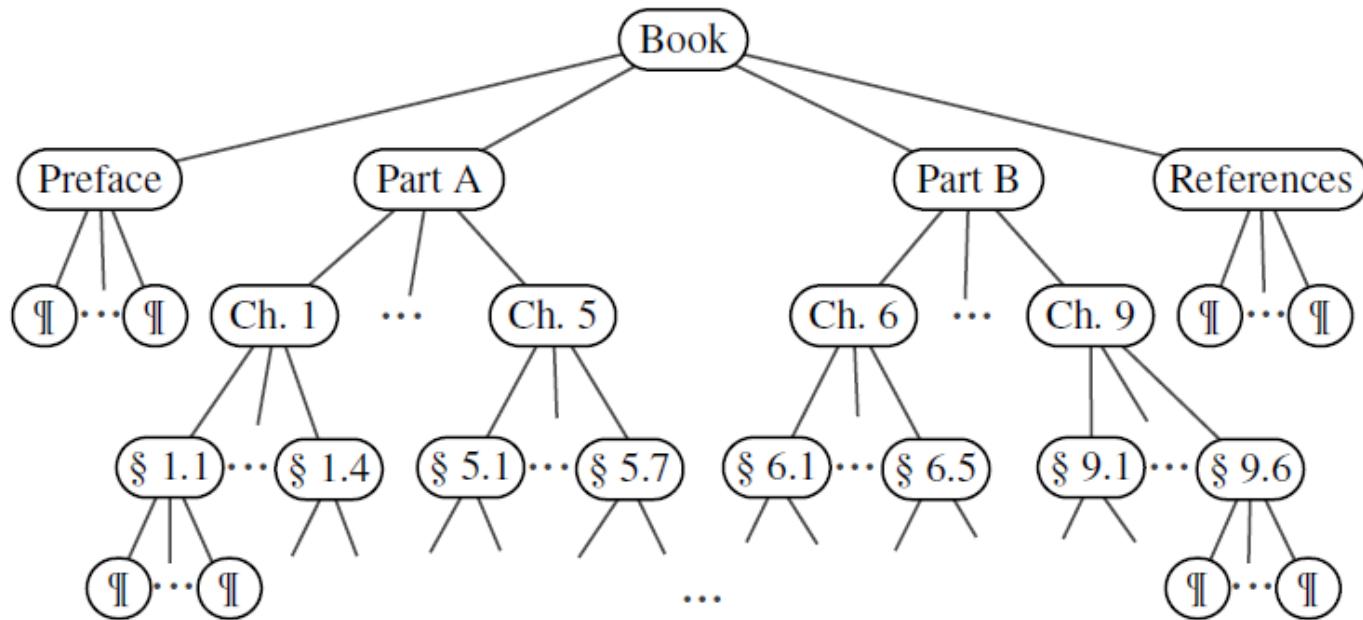
- An **edge** of tree T is a pair of nodes (u,v) such that u is the parent of v , or vice versa
- A **path** of T is a sequence of nodes such that any two consecutive nodes in the sequence form an edge
- The **depth** of a node v is the length of the path connecting root node and v

Internal and leaf nodes

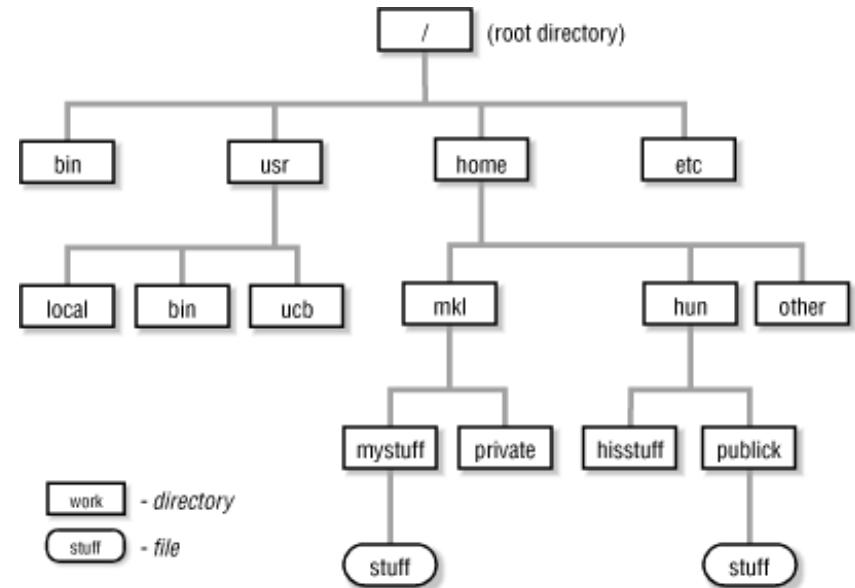
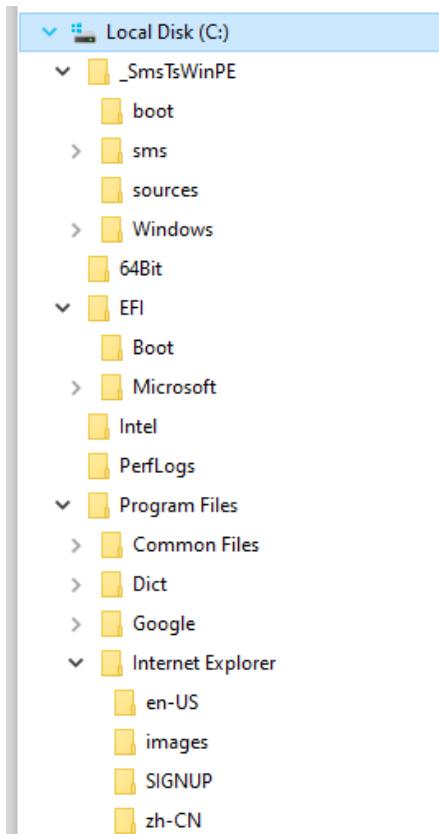
- A node is called a **leaf node** if it has no child
- If a node has at least one child, it is an **internal node**

Ordered tree

- A tree is **ordered** if there is a meaningful linear order among the children of each node; such an order is usually visualized by arranging siblings **from left to right**, according to their order



Example: file system

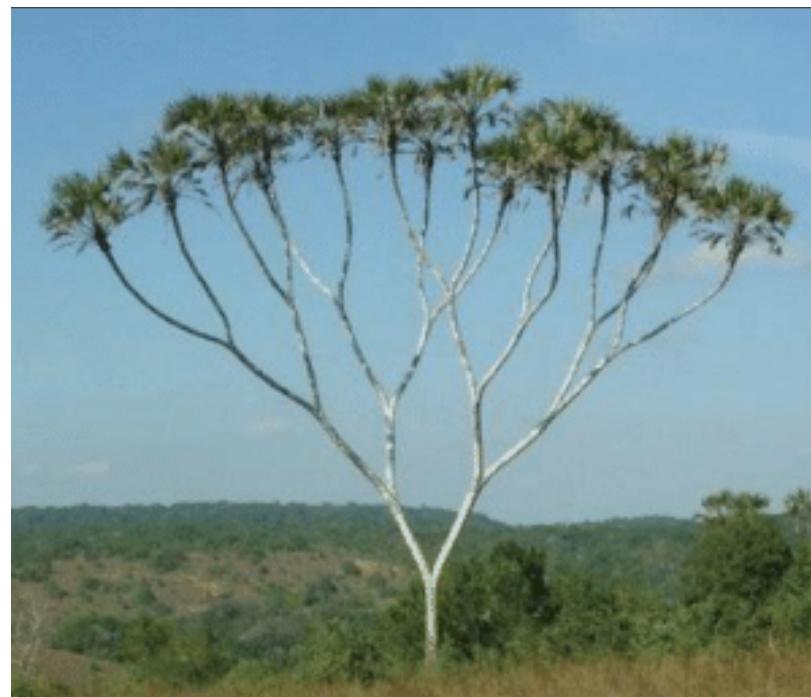


A file is a leaf node and a folder/directory is internal node

Binary tree

- A **binary tree** is an ordered tree with the following properties:
 1. Every node has at most two children
 2. Each child node is labelled as being either a left child or a right child
 3. A left child precedes a right child in the order of children of a node
- The **subtree** rooted at a left or right child of an internal node v is called a **left subtree** or **right subtree**, respectively, of v
- A binary tree is **proper** if each node has either zero or two children. Some people also refer to such trees as being **full** binary trees

A wild binary tree



Binary tree class

- We define a **tree** class based on a class called **Node**; an element is stored as a node
- Each node contains **three references**, one pointing to the parent node, two pointing to the child nodes

Implementing a binary tree

```
class Node:  
    def __init__(self, element, parent = None, \  
                 left = None, right = None):  
        self.element = element  
        self.parent = parent  
        self.left = left  
        self.right = right  
  
class LBTree:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.root = None  
        self.size = 0  
  
    def __len__(self):  
        return self.size  
  
    def find_root(self):  
        return self.root  
  
    def parent(self, p):  
        return p.parent  
  
    def left(self, p):  
        return p.left  
  
    def right(self, p):  
        return p.right  
  
    def num_child(self, p):  
        count = 0  
        if p.left is not None:  
            count+=1  
        if p.right is not None:  
            count+=1  
        return count
```

Implementing a binary tree

```
def add_root(self, e):
    if self.root is not None:
        print('Root already exists.')
        return None
    self.size = 1
    self.root = Node(e)
    return self.root

def add_left(self, p, e):
    if p.left is not None:
        print('Left child already exists.')
        return None
    self.size+=1
    p.left = Node(e, p)
    return p.left
```

```
def add_right(self, p, e):
    if p.right is not None:
        print('Right child already exists.')
        return None
    self.size+=1
    p.right = Node(e, p)
    return p.right

def replace(self, p, e):
    old = p.element
    p.element = e
    return old

def delete(self, p):
    if p.parent.left is p:
        p.parent.left = None
    if p.parent.right is p:
        p.parent.right = None
    return p.element
```

Example: use the binary tree class

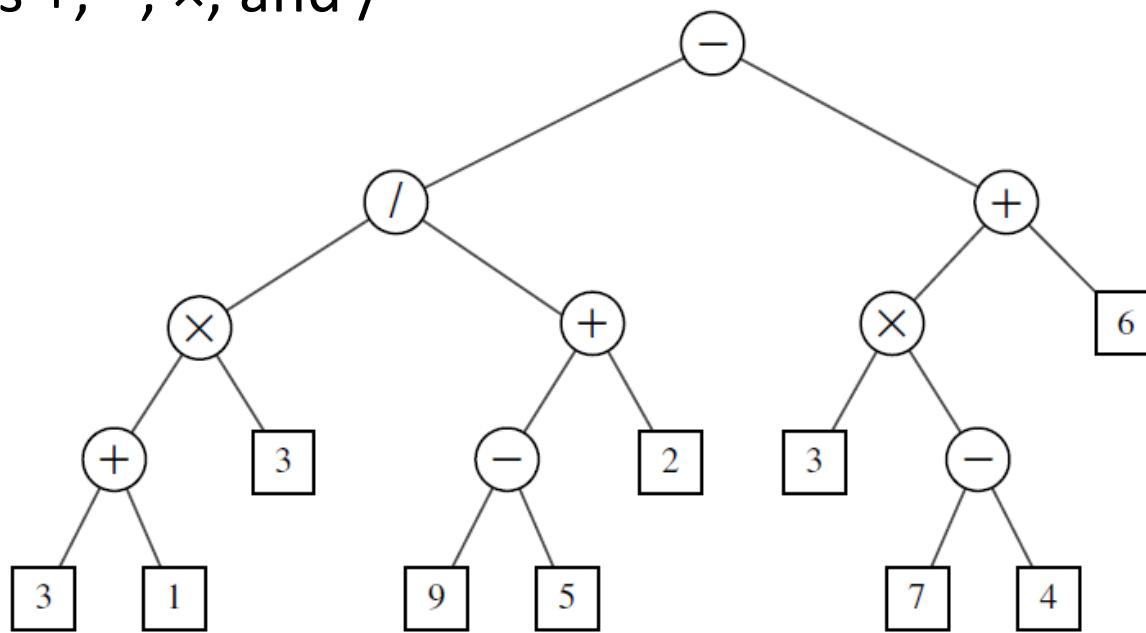
```
def main():
    t = LBTree()
    t.add_root(10)
    t.add_left(t.root, 20)
    t.add_right(t.root, 30)
    t.add_left(t.root.left, 40)
    t.add_right(t.root.left, 50)
    t.add_left(t.root.right, 60)
    t.add_right(t.root.left.left, 70)

    print(t.root.element)
    print(t.root.left.element)
    print(t.root.right.element)
    print(t.root.left.right.element)
```

```
>>> main()
10
20
30
50
```

Example: represent an expression with binary tree

- An arithmetic expression can be represented by a binary tree whose leaves are associated with variables or constants, and whose internal nodes are associated with one of the operators +, -, \times , and $/$



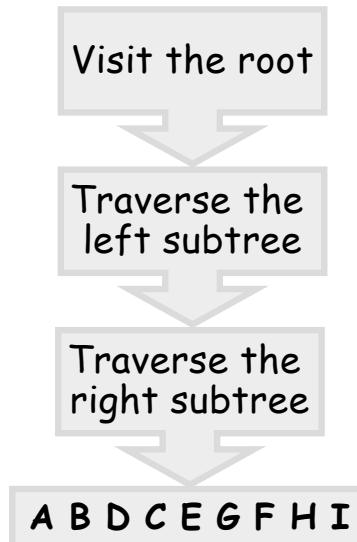
Tree traversing strategy

- Preorder (depth-first)
 - Visit the node
 - Traverse the left subtree in preorder
 - Traverse the right subtree in preorder
- Inorder
 - Traverse the left subtree in inorder
 - Visit the node
 - Traverse the right subtree in inorder
- Postorder
 - Traverse the left subtree in postorder
 - Traverse the right subtree in postorder
 - Visit the node

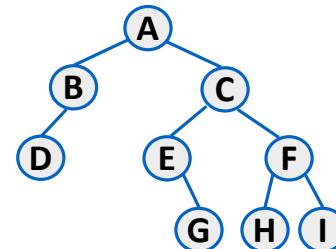
Traversing a binary tree

When the binary tree is empty, it is “traversed” by doing nothing, otherwise:

preorder traversal



Example:

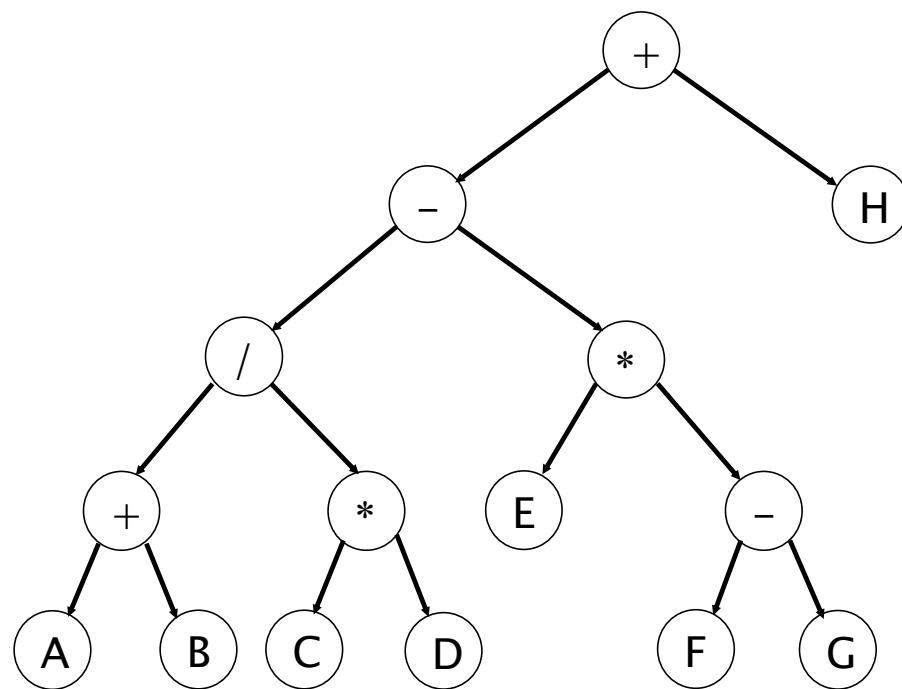


Result:

= A (A's left) (A's right)
= A B (B's left) (B's right = NULL) (A's right)
= A B (B's left) (A's right)
= A B D (D's left=NULL) (D's right = NULL) (A's right)
= A B D (A's right)
= A B D C (C's left) (C's right)
= A B D C E (E's left=NULL) (E's right) (C's right)
= A B D C E (E's right) (C's right)
= A B D C E G (G's left=NULL) (G's right = NULL) (C's right)
= A B D C E G (C's right)
= A B D C E G F (F's left) (F's right)
= A B D C E G F H (H's left=NULL) (H's right =NULL) (F's right)
= A B D C E G F H I (I's left=NULL) (I's right =NULL)
= A B D C E G F H I

Example

$$(A+B)/(C*D)-E^*(F-G)+H$$



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Preorder:

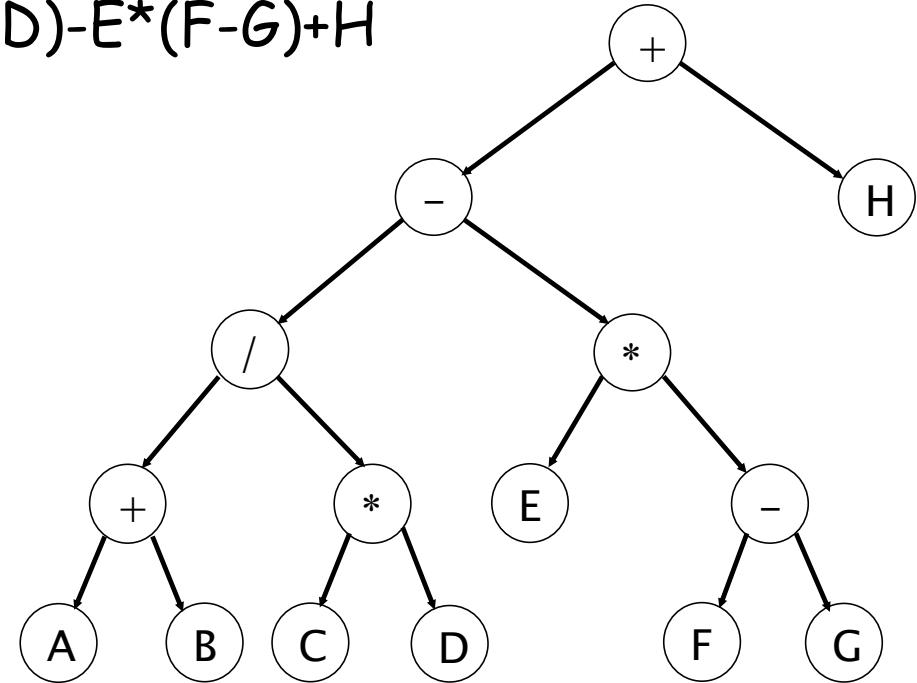
$+/-/+AB*CD*E-FGH$

Inorder :

$A+B/C*D-E*F-G+H$

Postorder:

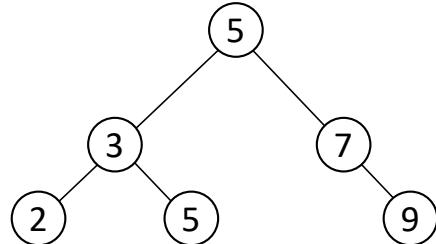
$AB+CD*/EFG-*H+$



Given an expression, what is the relationship between its postfix and postorder?

Implementation

- INORDER-TREE-WALK(x)
 1. **if** $x \neq \text{NIL}$
 2. **then** INORDER-TREE-WALK (left [x])
 3. print key [x]
 4. INORDER-TREE-WALK (right [x])
- E.g.:

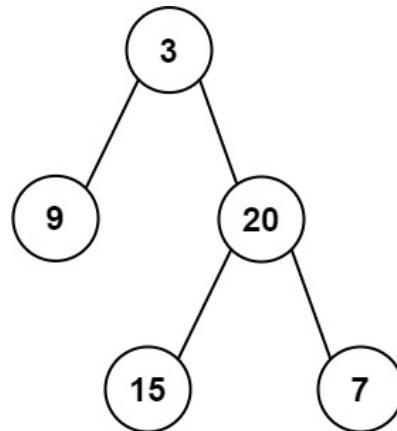


Output: 2 3 5 5 7 9

- ▶ Running time:
 - $\Theta(n)$, where n is the size of the tree rooted at x

Practice

- Given a binary tree, show its preorder, inorder, and postorder



preorder=[3, 9, 20, 15, 7]

inorder=[9, 3, 15, 20, 7]

postorder=[9, 15, 7, 20, 3]

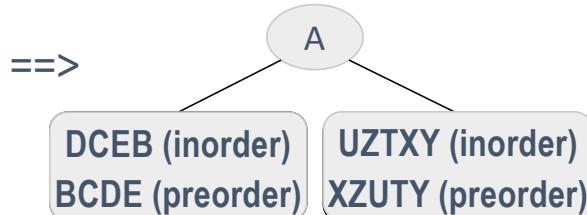
Binary tree reconstruction

**Reconstruction of
Binary Tree from
its preorder and
Inorder sequences**

Example: Given the following sequences,
find the corresponding binary tree:
inorder : DCEBAUZTXY
preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

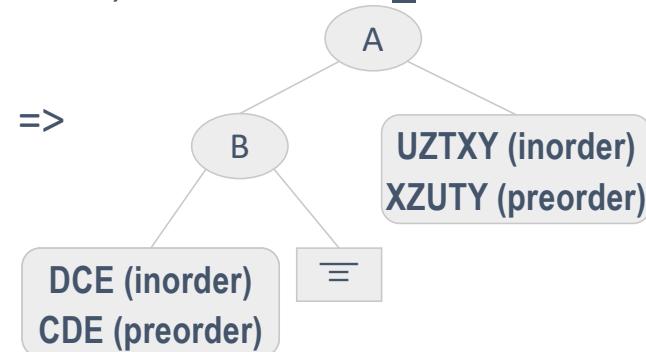
Looking at the whole tree:

- “preorder : ABCDEXZUTY”
==> A is the root
- Then, “inorder : DCEBAZTXY”



Looking at the left subtree of A:

- “preorder : BCDE”
==> B is the root
- Then, “inorder: DCEB”



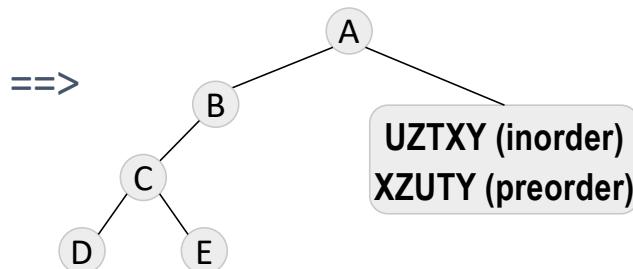
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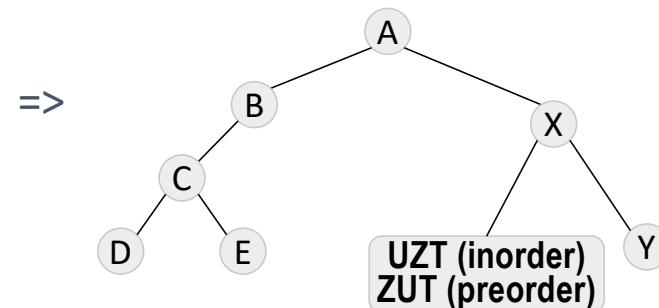
Looking at the left subtree of B:

- “preorder : CDE”
==> C is the root
- Then, “inorder : DCE”



Looking at the left subtree of A:

- “preorder : XZUTY”
==> X is the root
- Then, “inorder: UZTXY”



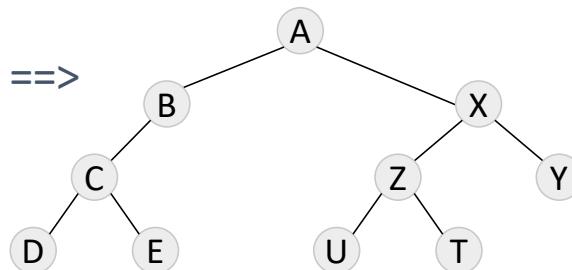
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preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

Looking at the left subtree of X:

- “preorder : ZUT”
==> Z is the root
- Then, “inorder : UZT”



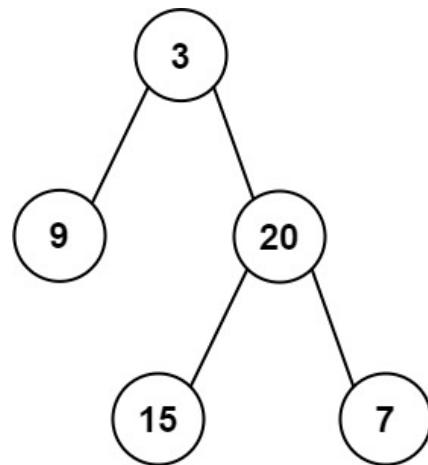
Binary tree reconstruction

- But, a binary tree may not be uniquely defined by its preorder and postorder sequences
- Example: we can construct 2 different binary trees with
 - Preorder sequence: ABC
 - Postorder sequence: CBA



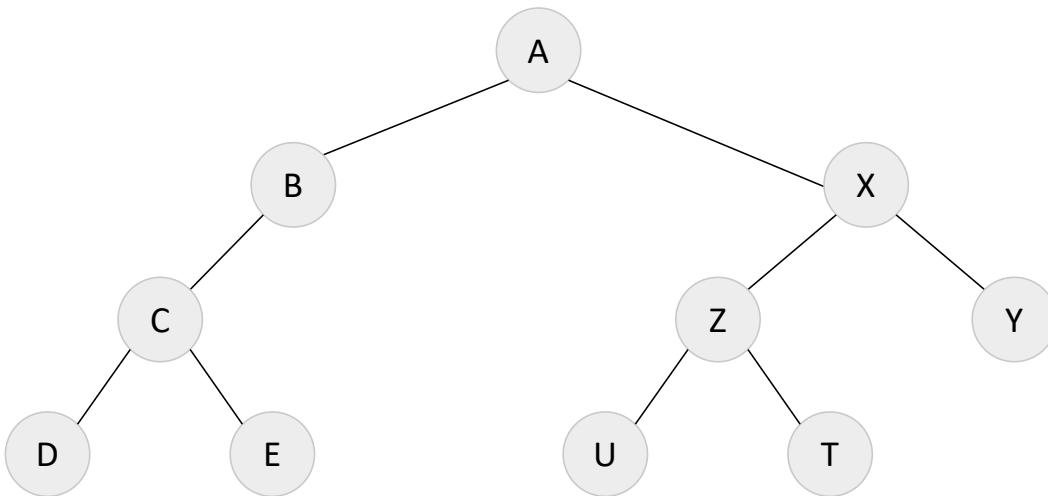
Practice

- Construct a binary tree such that
 - preorder=[3,9,20,15,7]
 - inorder=[9,3,15,20,7]



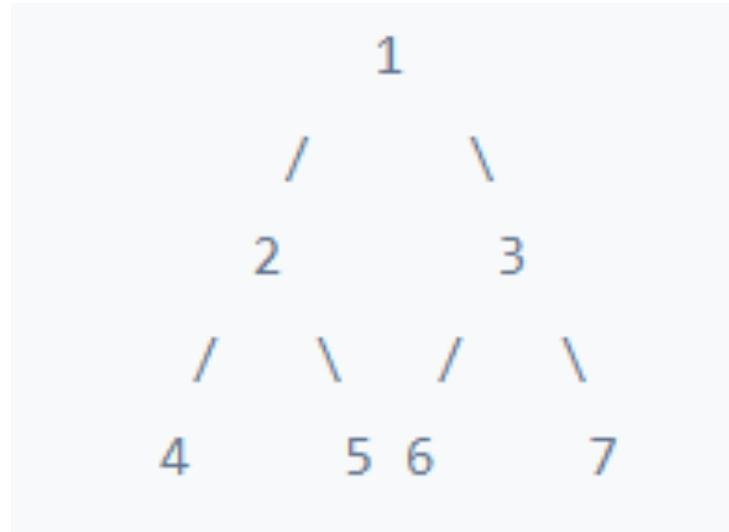
Practice

- Construct a binary tree such that
 - preorder=[A, B , C , D , E , X , Z , U , T , Y]
 - postorder=[D , E , C , B , U , T , Z , Y , X , A]



Practice

- Find the maximum number of a binary tree

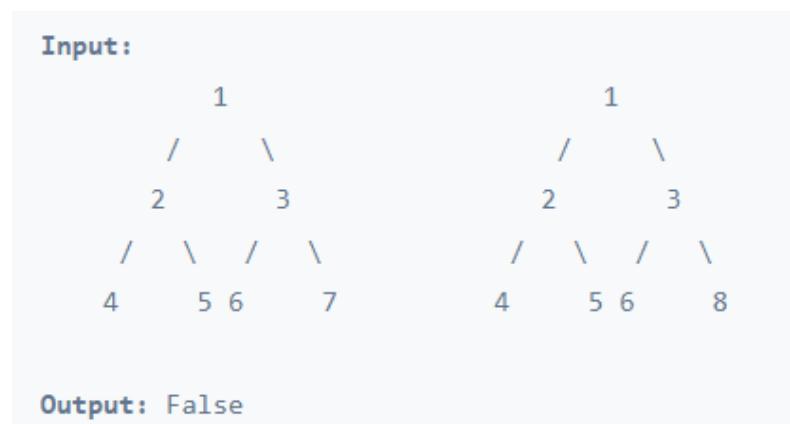
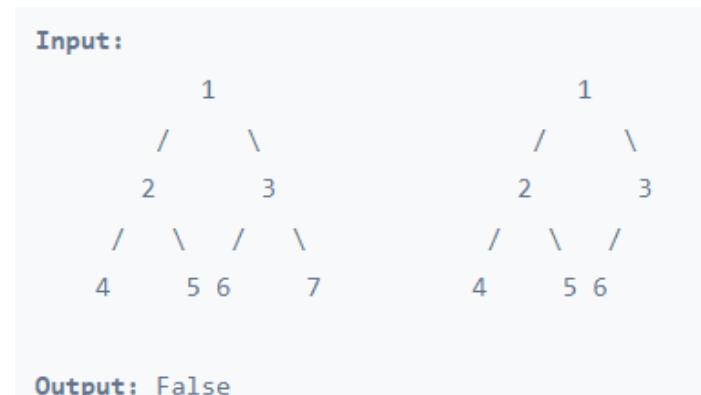
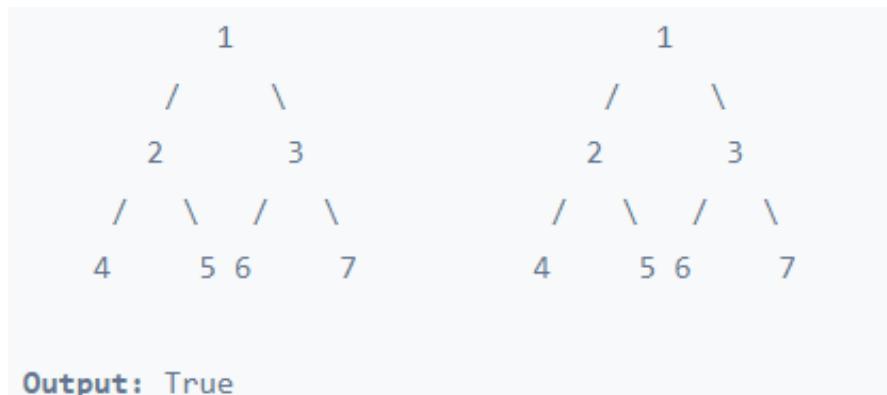


Solution

```
class Node:  
    def __init__(self, key=None, left=None, right=None):  
        self.key = key  
        self.left = left  
        self.right = right  
  
def findMax(root):  
    if (root == None):  
        return float('-inf')  
    res = root.data  
    lres = findMax(root.left)  
    rres = findMax(root.right)  
    return max(res, lres, rres)
```

Practice

- Check if two binary trees are identical or not



Solution

```
def isIdentical(x, y):
    if x is None and y is None:
        return True
    return (x is not None and y is not None) and (x.key == y.key) and \
           isIdentical(x.left, y.left) and isIdentical(x.right, y.right)
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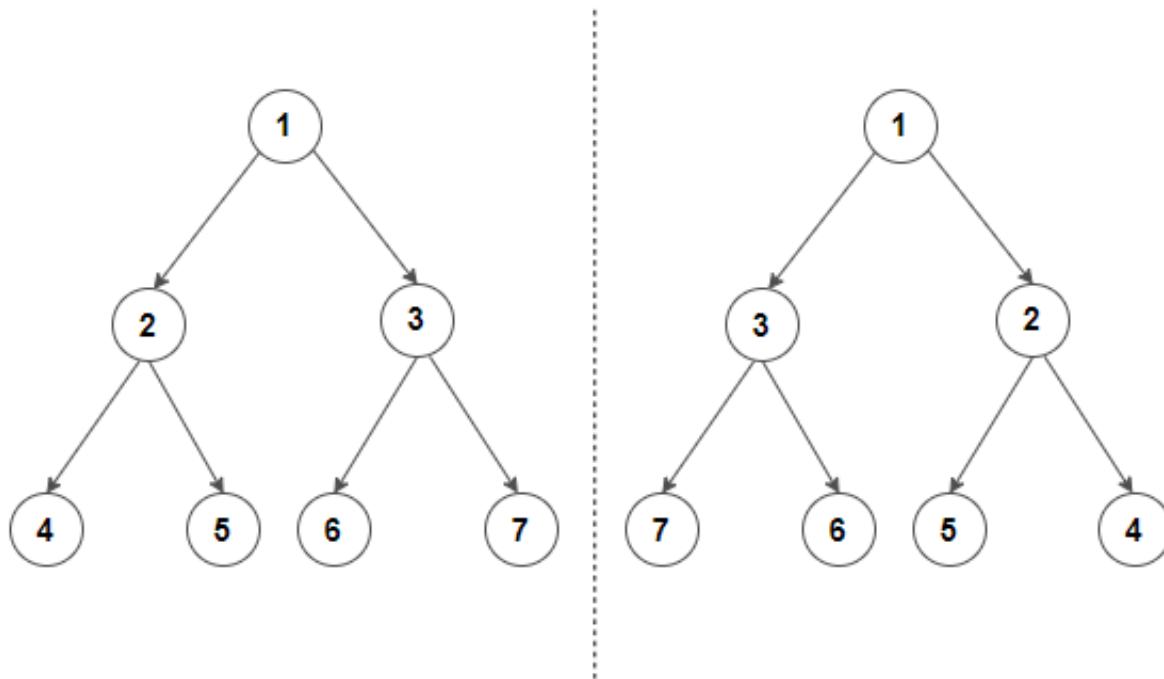
Solution – non-recursive solution

```
def is_identical(x, y):
    stack_treeA = ListStack()
    stack_treeB = ListStack()
    stack_treeA.push(x); stack_treeB.push(y)
    while not stack_treeA.empty() and not stack_treeB.empty():
        node_treeA = stack_treeA.pop(); node_treeB = stack_treeB.pop()
        if node_treeA.key != node_treeB.key:
            return False
        stack_treeA.push(node_treeA.left); stack_treeA.push(node_treeA.right)
        stack_treeB.push(node_treeB.left); stack_treeB.push(node_treeB.right)

    if stack_treeA.size() != stack_treeB.size():
        return False
    return True
```

Practice

- Swap a tree (convert a binary tree to its mirror)



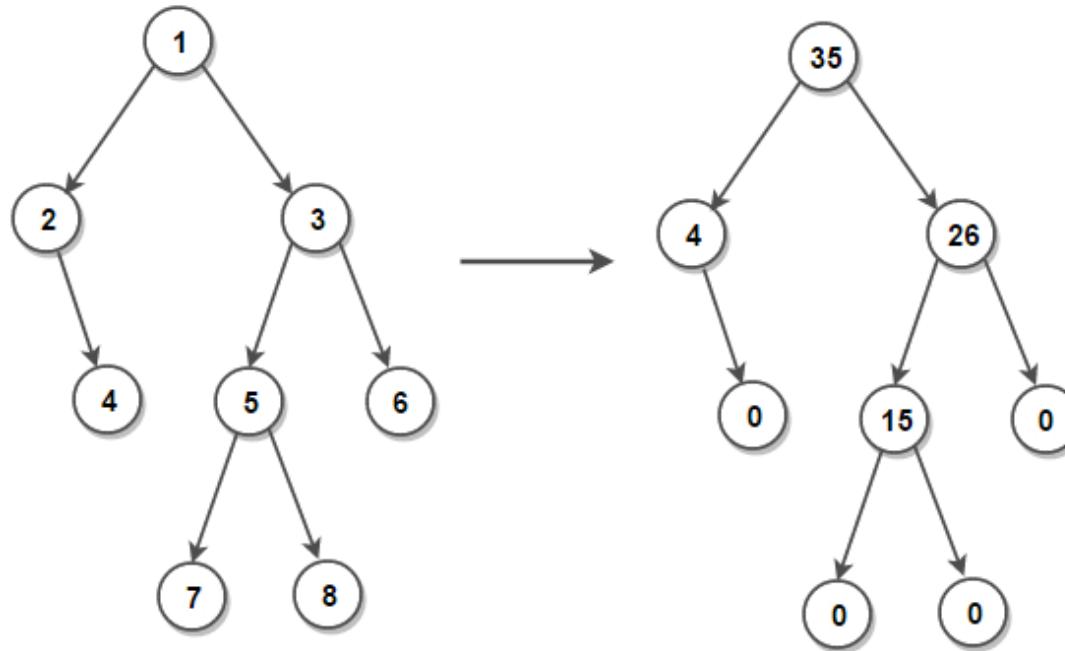
Solution

```
def swap(root):
    if root is None:
        return
    temp = root.left
    root.left = root.right
    root.right = temp

def convertToMirror(root):
    if root is None:
        return
    convertToMirror(root.left)
    convertToMirror(root.right)
    swap(root)
```

Practice

- Convert a binary tree to its sum tree



Solution

```
def transform(root):
```

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    if root is None:
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        return 0
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```
    Left = transform(root.left)
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```
    right = transform(root.right)
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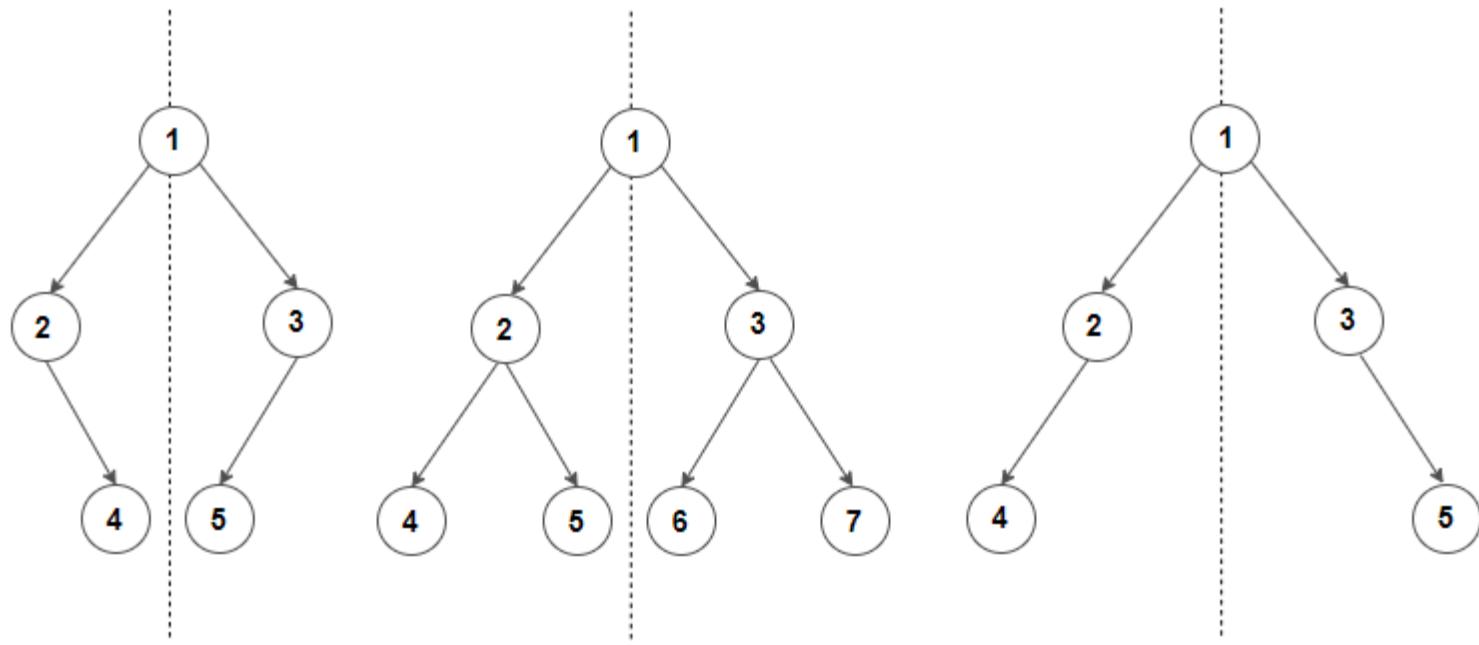
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    old = root.data
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    root.data = left + right
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```
    return root.data + old
```

Practice

- Check if a binary tree is symmetric



Solution

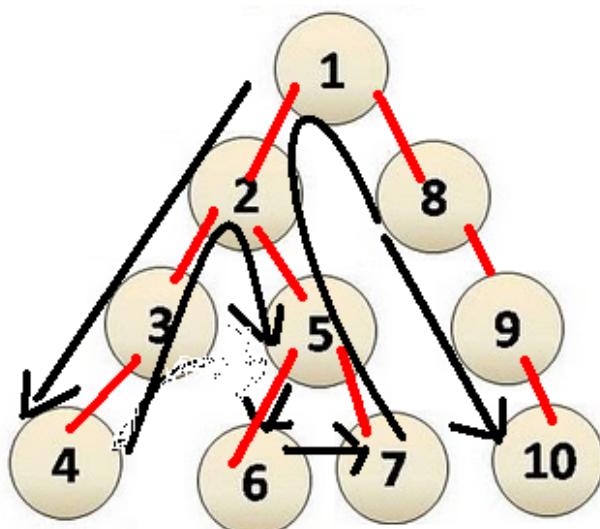
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def isSymmetric(X, Y):  
    if X is None and Y is None:  
        return True  
    return (X is not None and Y is not None) and \  
           isSymmetric(X.left, Y.right) and \  
           isSymmetric(X.right, Y.left)
```

More practices

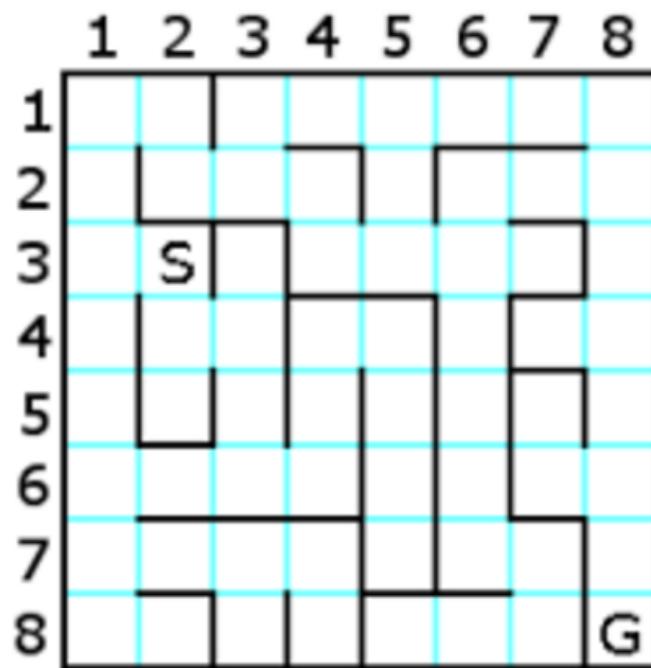
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Depth-first search over a tree

- Depth-first search (DFS) is a fundamental algorithm for traversing or searching tree data structures
- One starts at the **root** and explores **as deep as possible** along each branch **before backtracking**



Example: search a path in a maze

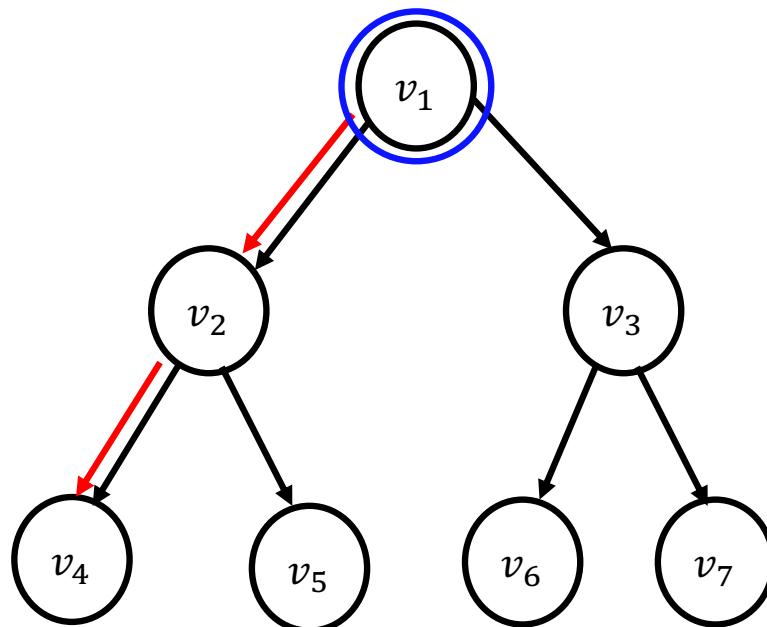


The code of DFS over a binary tree

```
def DFSearch(t):
    if t:
        print(t.element)
    if (t.left is None) and (t.right is None):
        return
    else:
        if t.left is not None:
            DFSearch(t.left)
        if t.right is not None:
            DFSearch(t.right)
```

Depth-First Search (DFS)

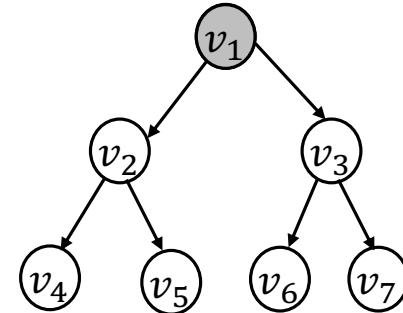
- Going along one path until we cannot go further



Depth-First Search (DFS)

- Initialization:
 - At the beginning, create a stack S , push the root s to S
- Example:
 - Assume that v_1 is the root

$$S = \boxed{v_1} \quad \boxed{}$$



Depth-First Search (DFS)

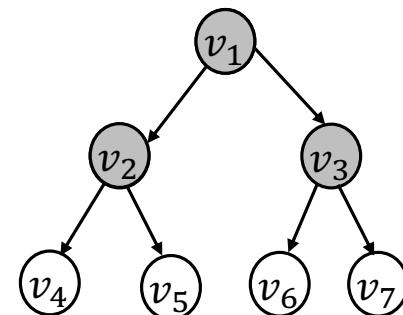
- Repeat the following until S is empty
 - Pop the top node, denoted as v
 - Push its children to the stack (first push right child and then the left)
 - Visit v

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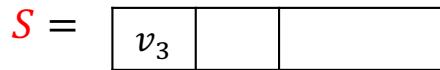
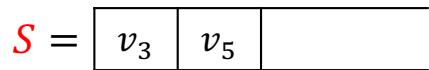
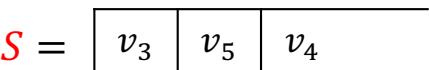
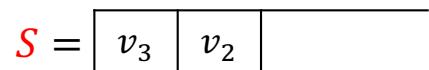
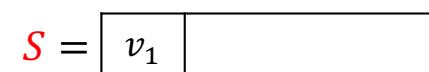
$$S = \boxed{v_3} \boxed{v_2} \quad \text{---}$$

Print v1



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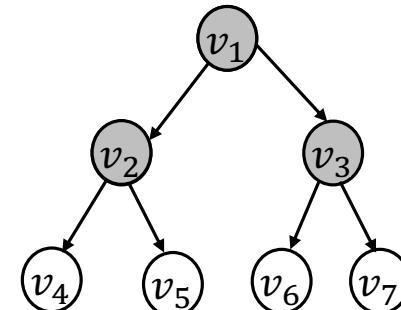


Print v1

Print v2

Print v4

Print v5



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 - Visit v

$$S = \boxed{v_3} \quad \boxed{} \quad \boxed{}$$

Print v5

$$S = \boxed{v_7} \quad \boxed{v_6} \quad \boxed{}$$

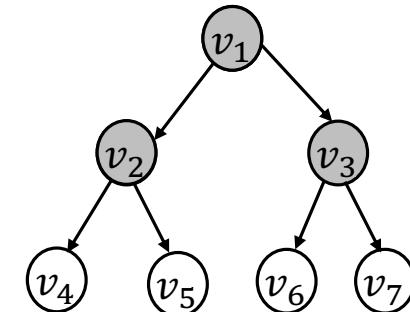
Print v3

$$S = \boxed{v_7} \quad \boxed{} \quad \boxed{}$$

Print v6

$$S = \boxed{} \quad \boxed{} \quad \boxed{}$$

Print v7



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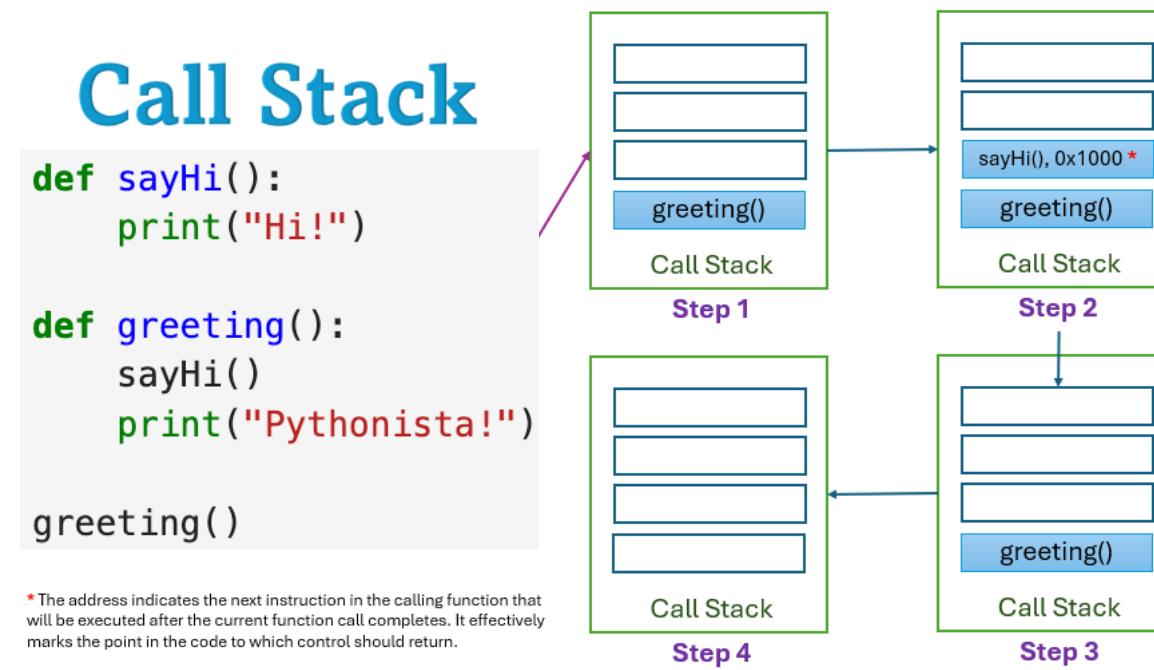
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def dfs_preorder_recursive(node):
    if node is None:
        return

    print(node.element) # visit the node

    dfs_preorder_recursive(node.right)
    dfs_preorder_recursive(node.left)
```

Function calls are stacked (optional)

- Each function call pushes a new frame onto the call stack
- And returning from the function pops that frame



Recursive function vs. non-recursive with stack

```
def dfs_preorder_recursive(node):
    if node is None:
        return

    print(node.element) # visit the node
    dfs_preorder_recursive(node.right)
    dfs_preorder_recursive(node.left)
```

```
def dfs_preorder_iterative(root):
    if root is None:
        return

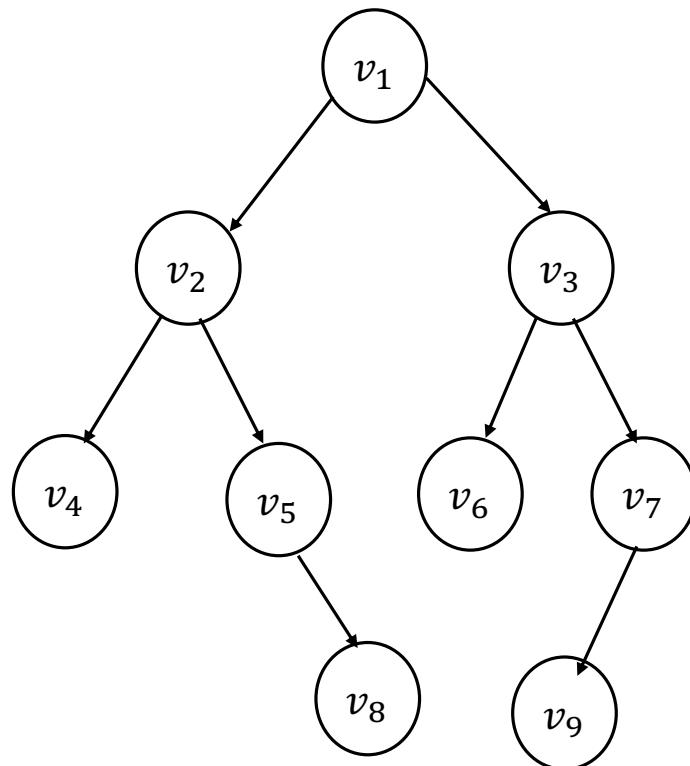
    stack = ListStack()
    stack.push(root)

    while not stack.empty():
        node = stack.pop()
        print(node.element) # visit

        if node.right is not None:
            stack.push(node.right)
        if node.left is not None:
            stack.push(node.left)
```

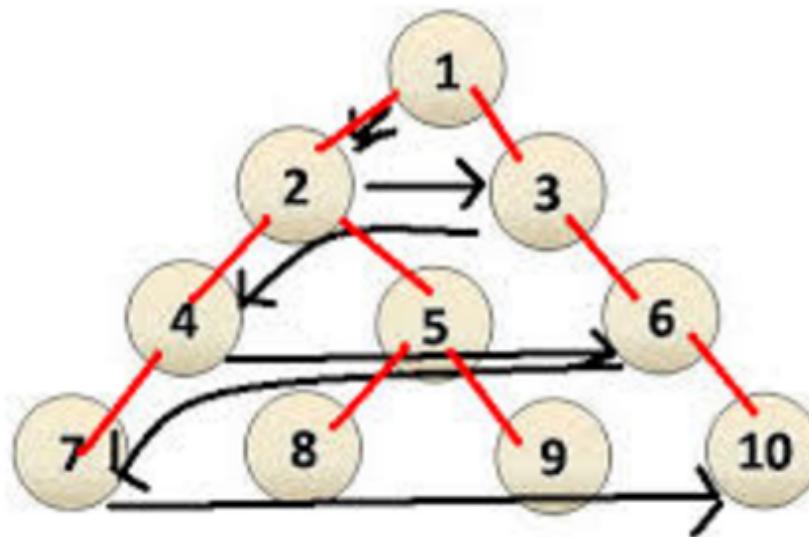
Practice

- DFS for the given tree



Breadth-first search over a tree

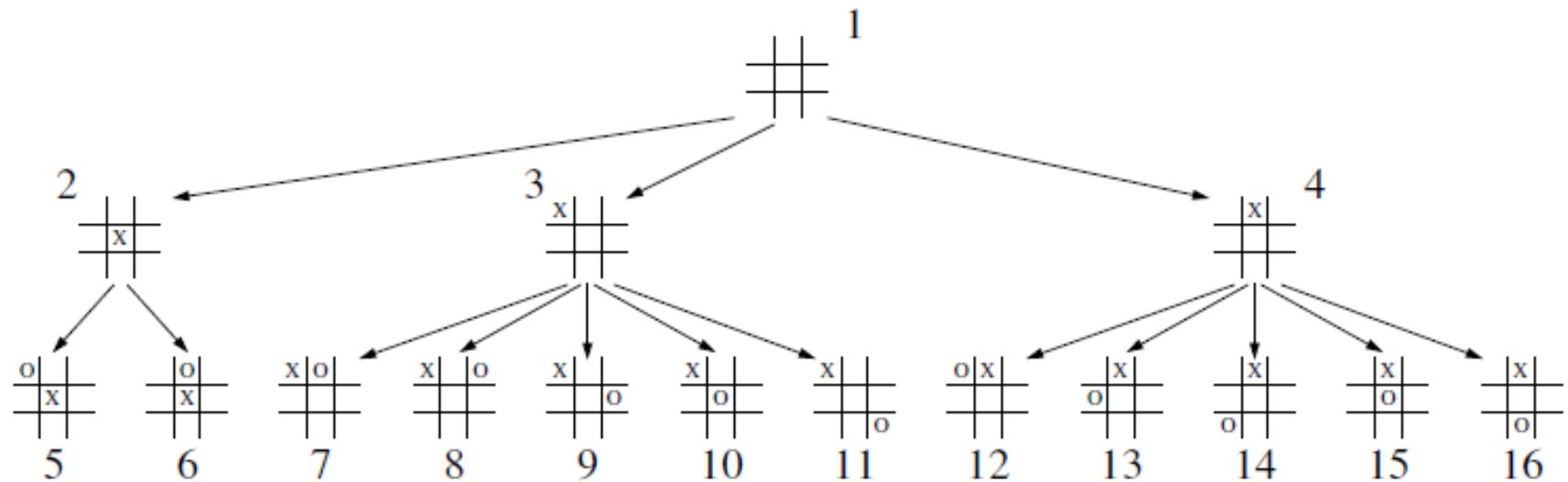
- Breadth-first search (BFS) is another very important algorithm for traversing or searching tree data structures
- Starts at the **root** and we visit all the positions at depth **d** before we visit the positions at depth **$d + 1$**



Breadth-first search over a tree

- Intuition of BFS
 - Given a source root s , always visit nodes that are **closer** to the source s first before visiting the others
- The result is not unique, if we do not define an order among out-going edges from a node
 - Possible results
 - $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7$
 - $v_1, v_3, v_2, v_7, v_6, v_5, v_4$
 - We could impose an order for children (from left to right)
 - $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7$ (now become unique)

Example: find the best move in a game



The code of BFS over a binary tree

```
def bfs(root):
    if root is None:
        return

    q = ListQueue()
    q.enqueue(root)

    while not q.empty():
        node = q.dequeue()
        print(node.element) # visit

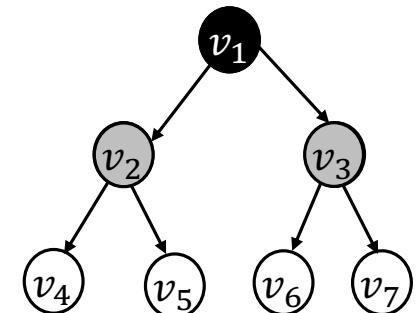
        if node.right is not None:
            q.enqueue(node.right)
        if node.left is not None:
            q.enqueue(node.left)
```

BFS steps

- At the beginning, color all nodes to be white
- Create a queue Q , enqueue the root
- Repeat the following until queue Q is empty
 - Dequeue from Q , let the node be v
 - Visit v
 - Enqueue children of v into Q
- Example:
 - Assume the source is v_1

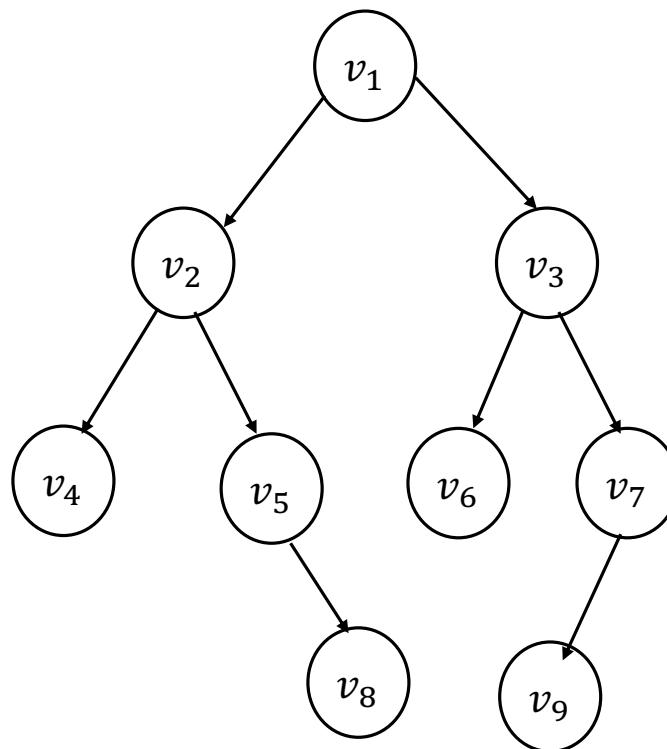
$$\begin{aligned} Q &= (v_1) \\ \downarrow & \\ Q &= (v_2, v_3) \end{aligned}$$

After dequeuing v_1

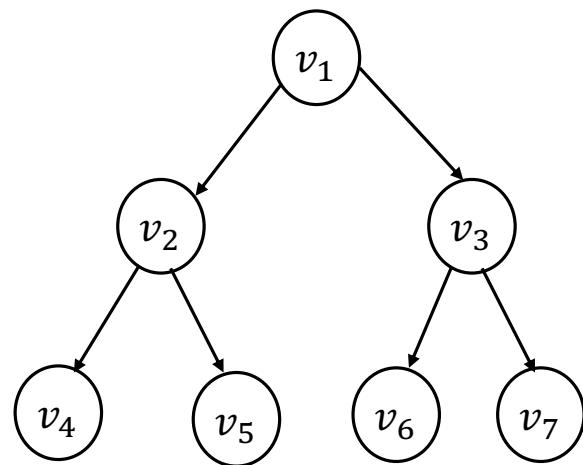


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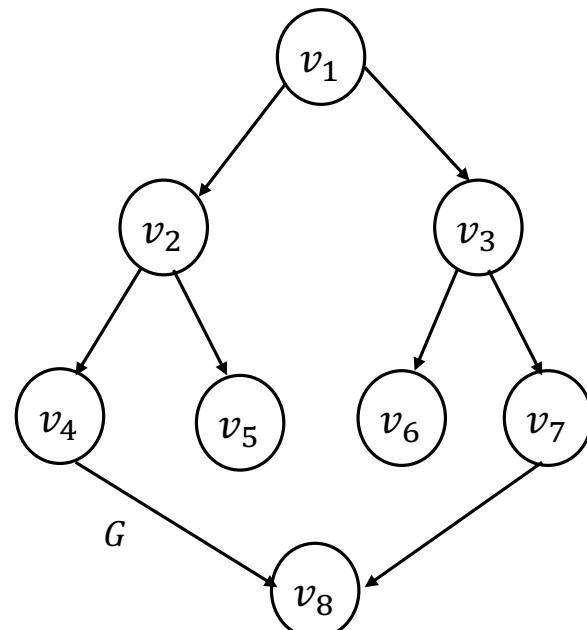
- BFS for the given tree



Think about a tree “with a circle” – graph

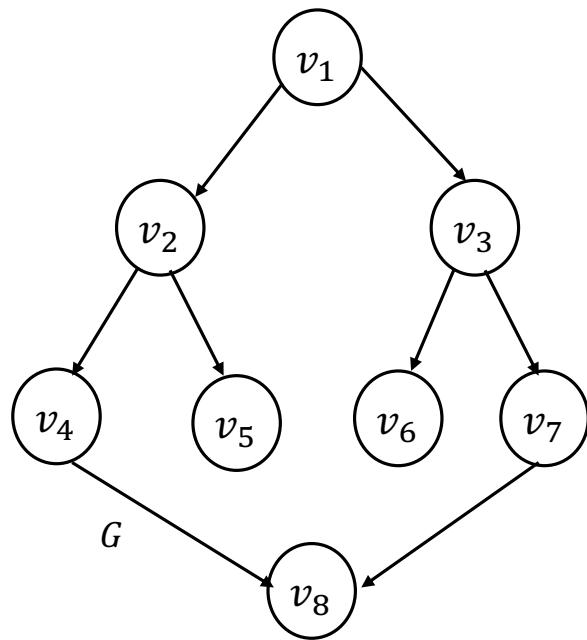


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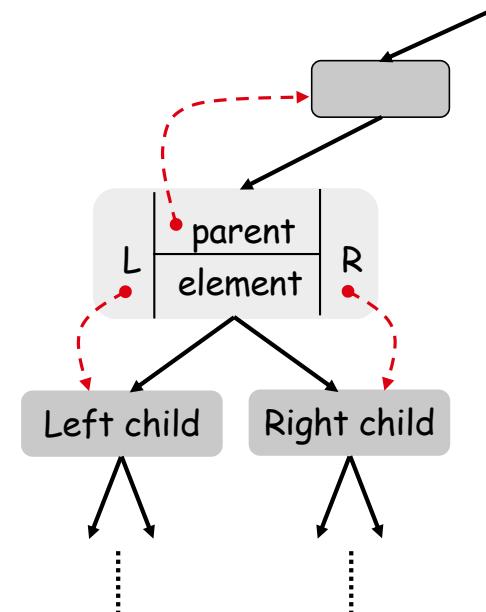
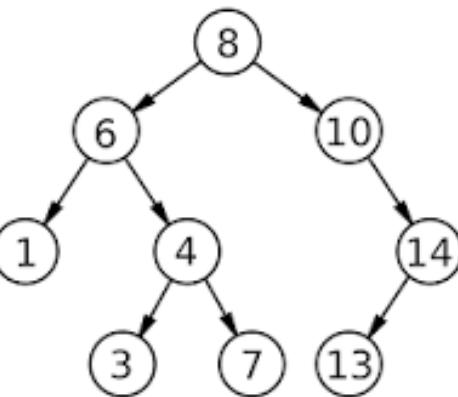
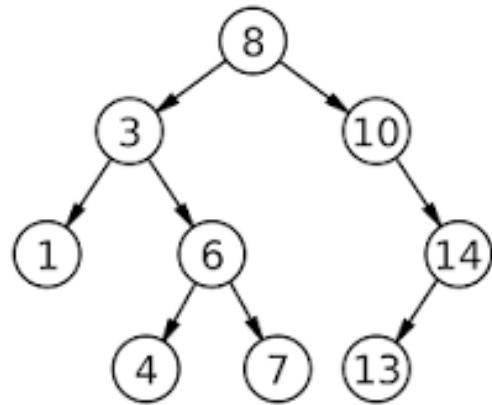
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BFS/DFS for a graph



Binary search tree (BST)

- BST is a tree such that for each node T,
 - the key values in its left subtree are *smaller* than the key value of T
 - the key values in its right subtree are *larger* than the key value of T

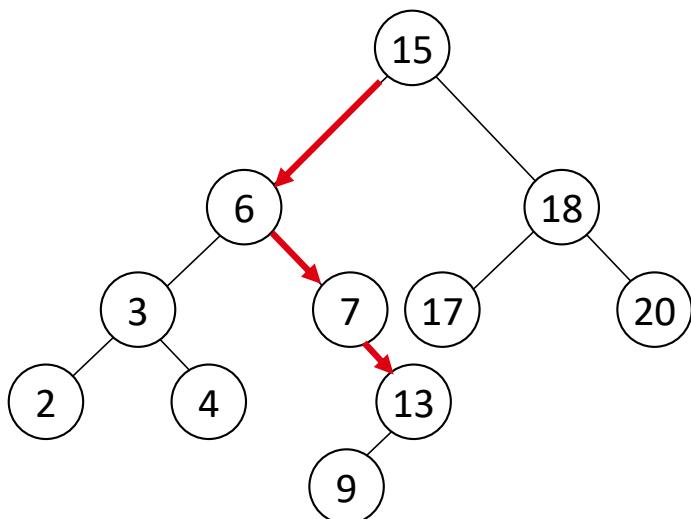


Binary search tree (BST)

- Support many dynamic set operations
 - `searchKey`, `findMin`, `findMax`, `successor`, `insert`,
- Running time of basic operations on BST
 - On average: $\Theta(\log n)$
 - The expected height of the tree is $\log n$
 - In the worst case: $\Theta(n)$
 - The tree is a linear chain of n nodes

Searching for a key

- Given a pointer to the root of a tree and a key k:
 - Return a pointer to a node with key k if one exists, otherwise return NIL
- Example

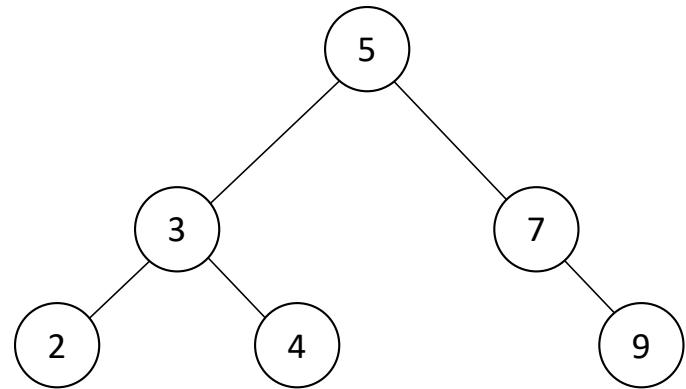


► Search for key 13:
◦ $15 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 13$

Searching for a key

`find(x, k)`

1. **if** $x = \text{NIL}$ or $k = x.\text{key}$
2. **return** x
3. **if** $k < x.\text{key}$
4. **return** `find(x.left, k)`
5. **else**
6. **return** `find(x.right, k)`



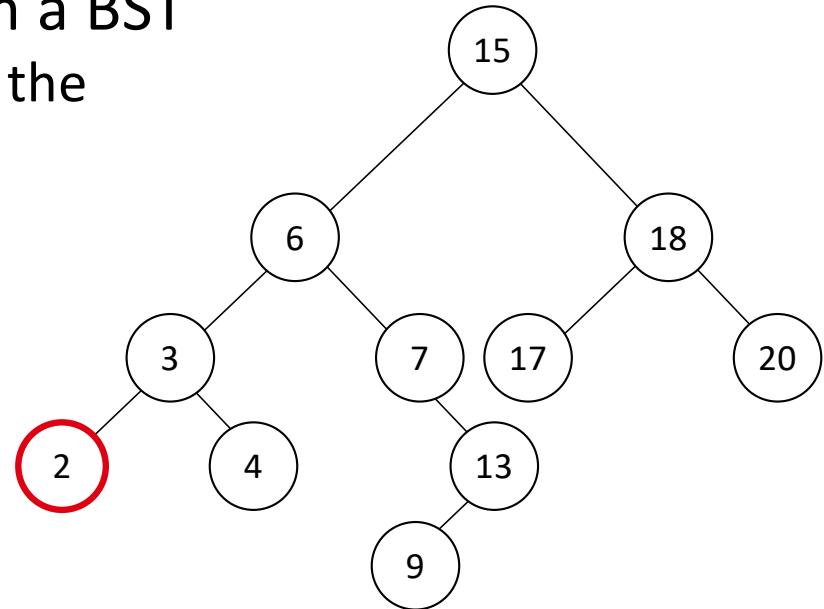
Running Time: $O(h)$,
 h is the height of the tree

Finding the minimum

- ▶ Goal: find the minimum value in a BST
 - Following left child pointers from the root, until a NIL is encountered

findMin(x)

1. **while** $x.\text{left} \neq \text{NIL}$
2. $x \leftarrow x.\text{left}$
3. **return** x



Running Time: $O(h)$,
 h is the height of the tree

Minimum = 2

Successor

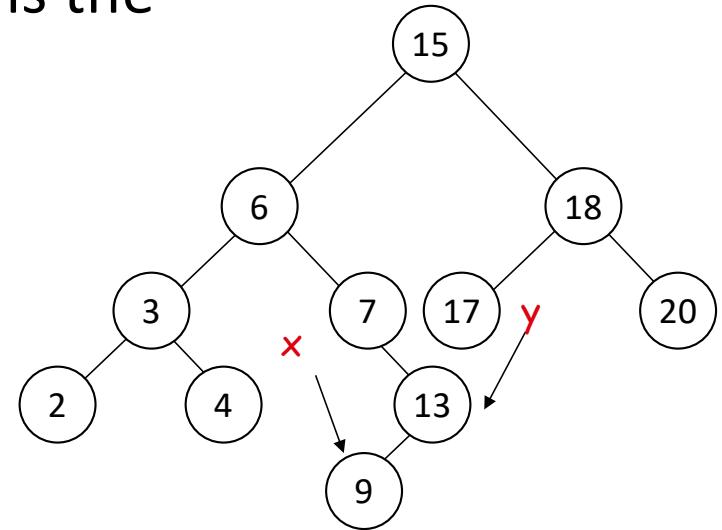
- **Def:** successor (x) = y , such that $y.key$ is the smallest key $> x.key$
- **E.g.:** successor (15) = 17
successor (13) = 15
successor (9) = 13

► Case 1: $x.right$ is non-empty

- Successor (x) = the minimum in $x.right$

► Case 2: $x.right$ is empty

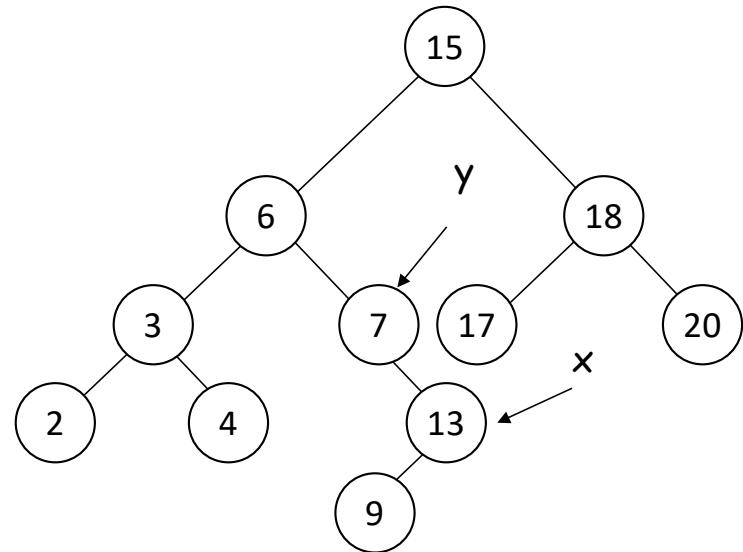
- go up the tree until the current node is a left child: successor (x) is the parent of the current node
- if you cannot go further (and you reached the root): x is the largest element



Finding the successor

`successor(x)`

1. **if** `x.right` [`x`] \neq NIL
 return `findMin(x.right)`
2. $y \leftarrow x.parent$
3. **while** $y \neq \text{NIL}$ and $x = y.right$
 $x \leftarrow y$
4. $y \leftarrow y.parent$
5. **return** `y`



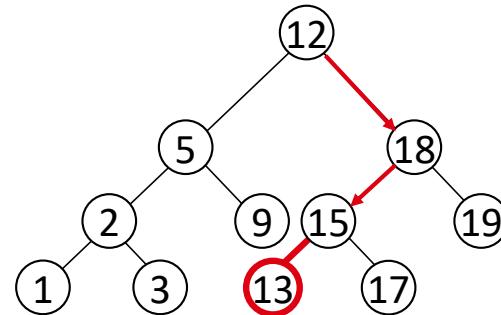
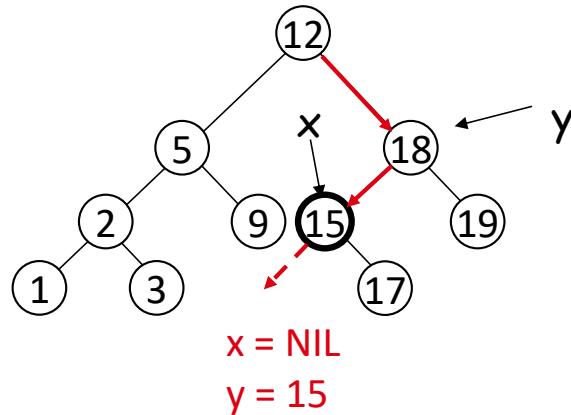
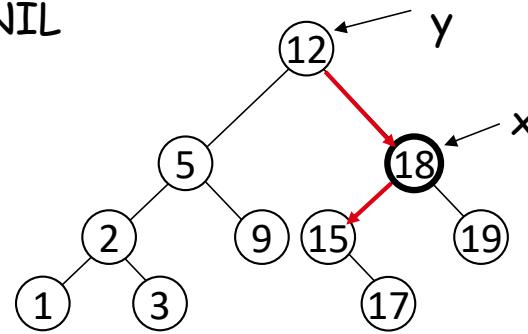
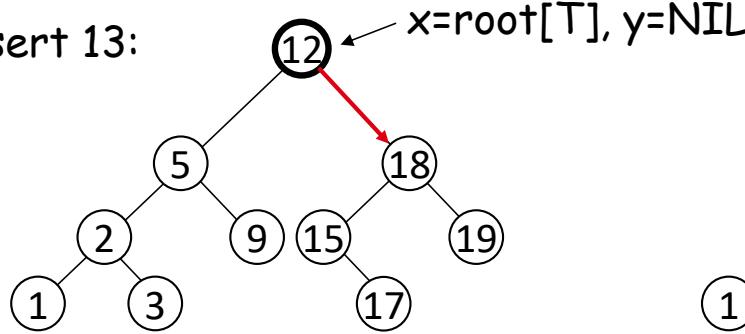
Running Time: $O(h)$,
 h is the height of the tree

Insertion

- ▶ Goal: Insert value v into a binary search tree
- ▶ Find the position and insert as a leaf:
 - If $x.\text{key} < v$ move to the right child of x ,
 - else move to the left child of x
 - When x is NIL, we found the correct position
 - If $v < y.\text{key}$ insert the new node as y 's left child
 - else insert it as y 's right child
 - Beginning at the root, go down the tree and maintain:
 - Pointer x : traces the downward path (current node)
 - Pointer y : parent of x (“trailing pointer”)

Example

Insert 13:



Practice

- Build a binary search tree for the following sequence

15, 6, 18, 3, 7, 17, 20, 2, 4

Course and Teaching Evaluation (CTE)

- Please help to complete the evaluation!



Thanks