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Introduction to Computer Science: Programming Methodology

Lecture 11 Tree

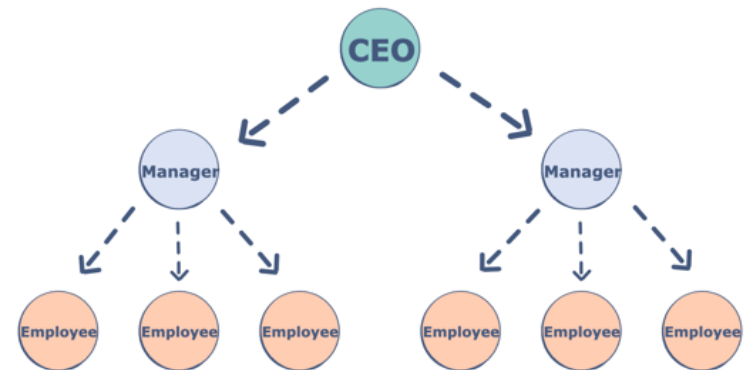
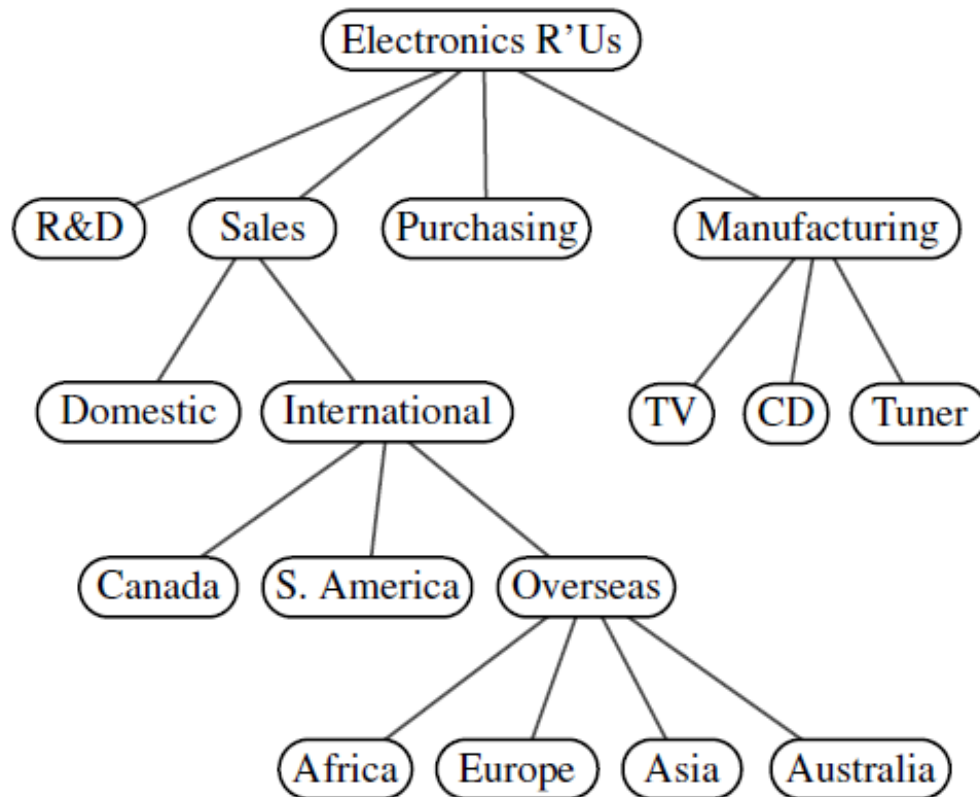
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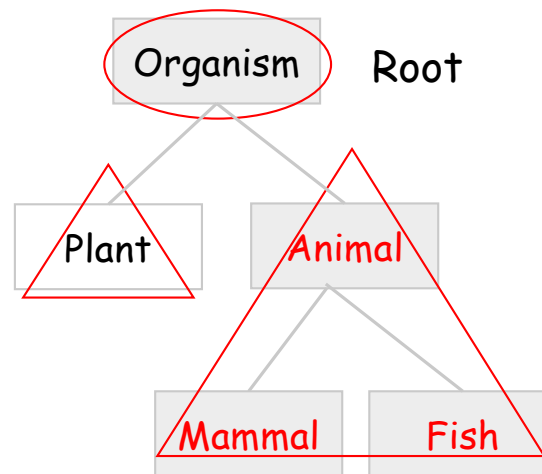
Tree

- 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

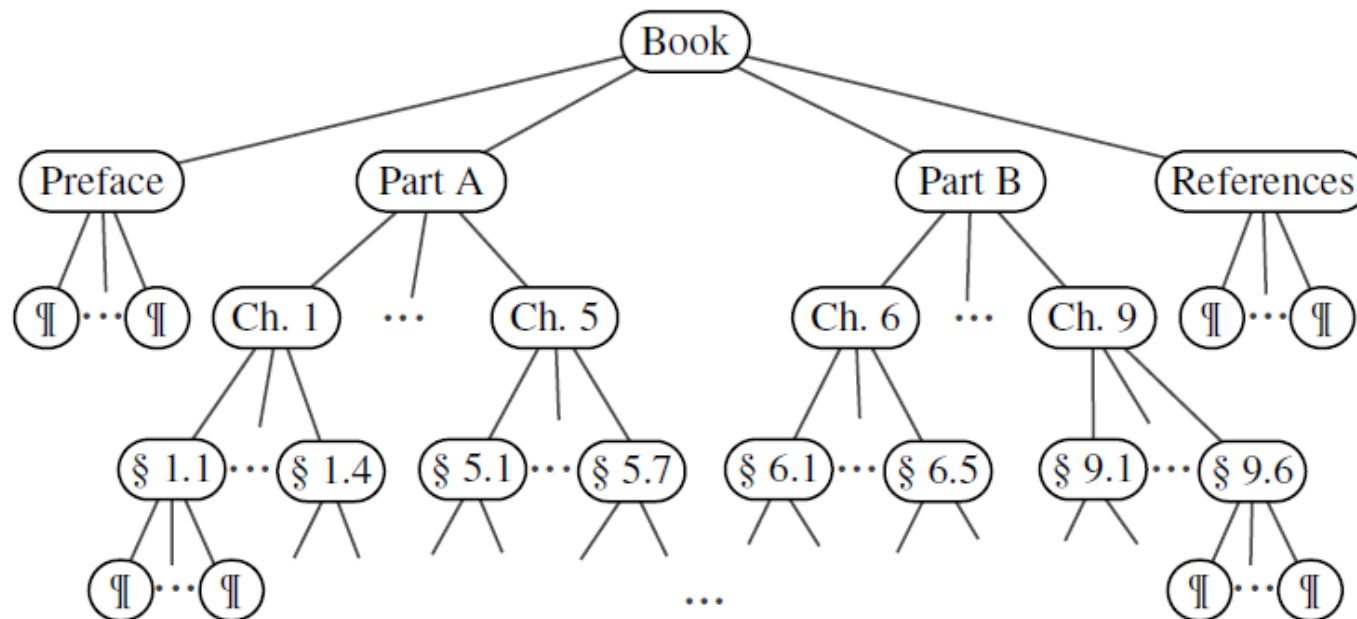
- An **edge** of tree **T** is a pair of nodes **(u,v)** such that **u** is the parent of **v**, or vice versa
- A **path** of **T** is a sequence of nodes such that any two consecutive nodes in the sequence form an edge
- The **depth** of a node **v** is the length of the path connecting root node and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

Internal and leaf nodes

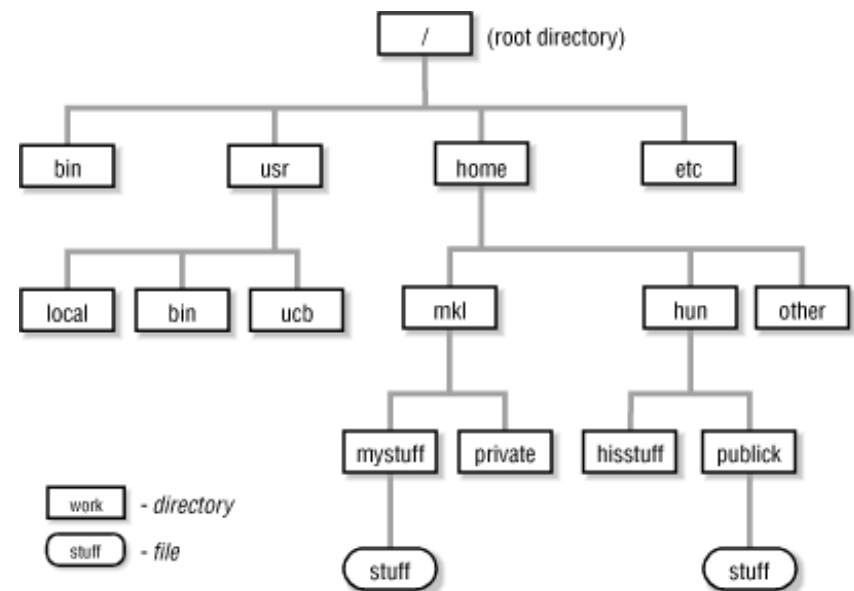
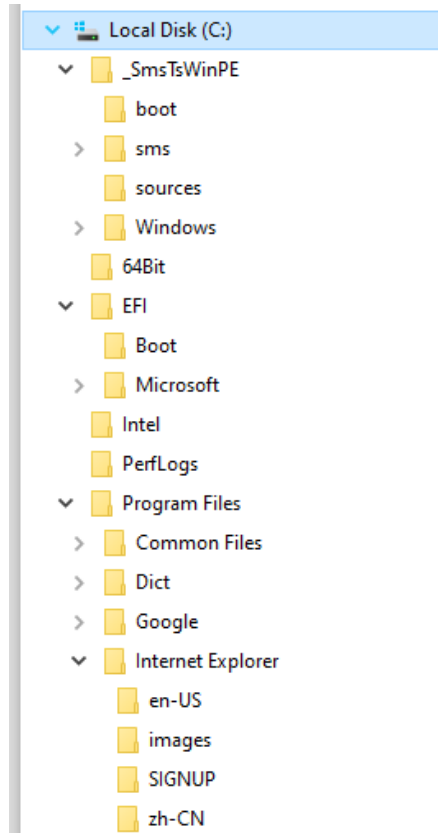
- A node is called a **leaf node** if it has no child
- If a node has at least one child, it is an **internal node**

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

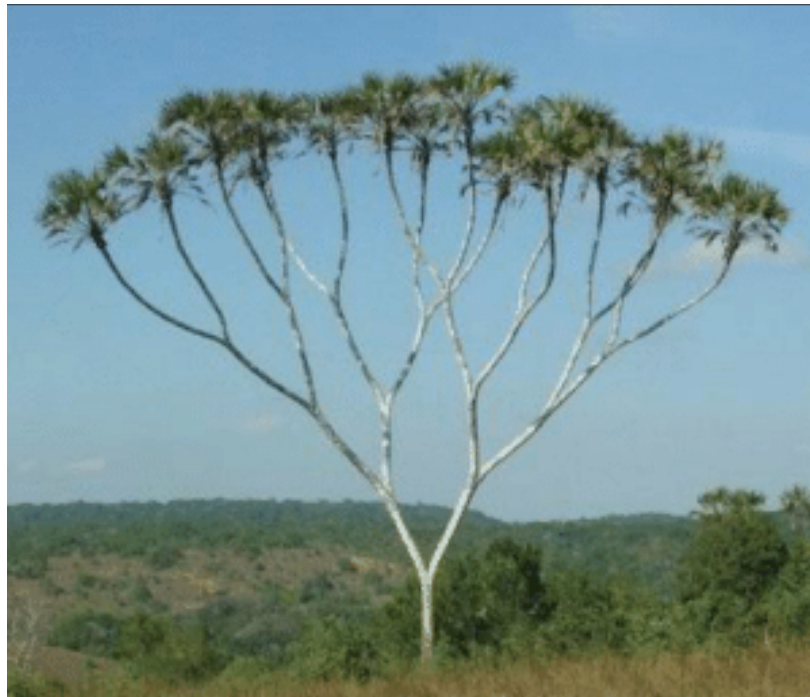


A file is a leaf node and a folder/directory is internal node

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 LBTre:
    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
```

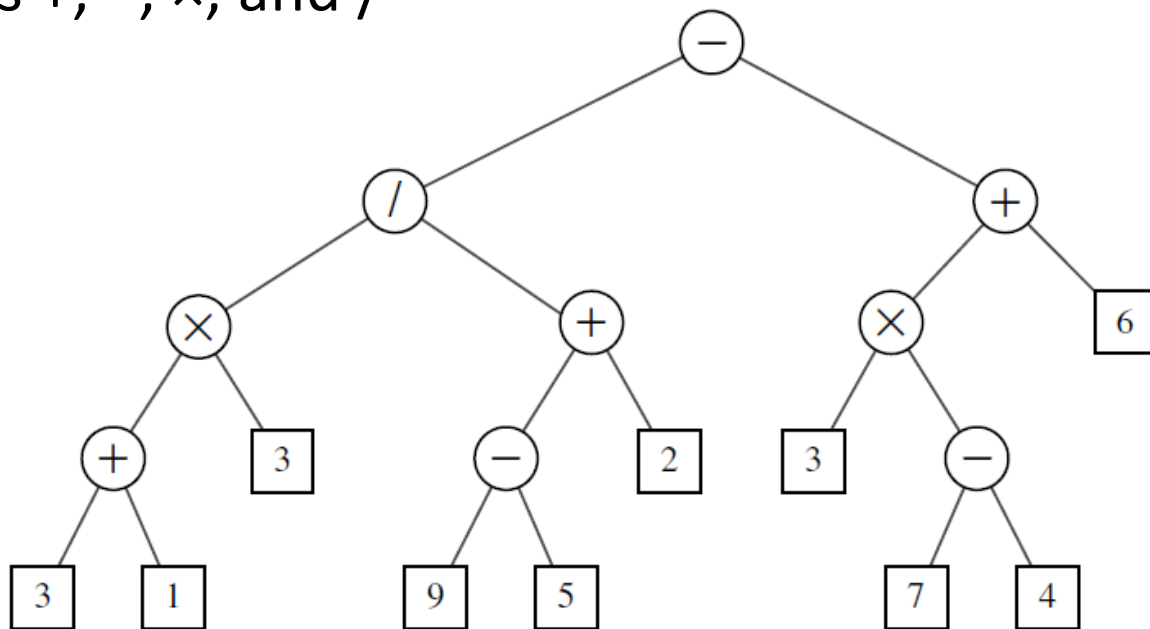
Example: use the binary tree class

```
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

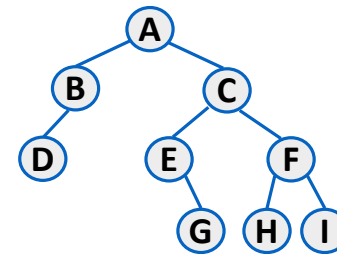
Visit the root

Traverse the left subtree

Traverse the right subtree

A B D C E G F H I

Example:

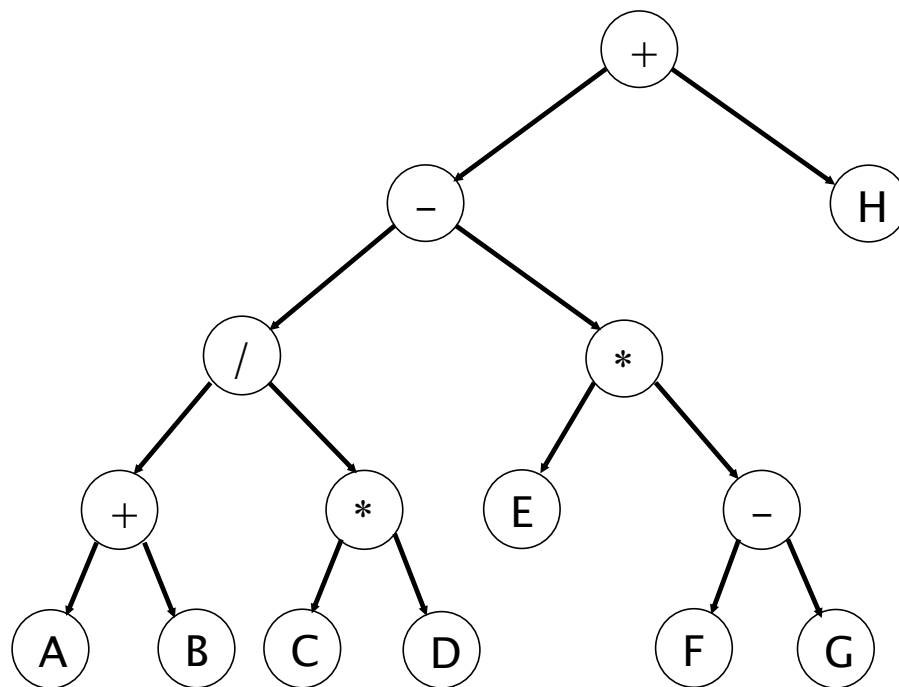


Result:

= A (A's left) (A's right)
= A B (B's left) (B's right = NULL) (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:

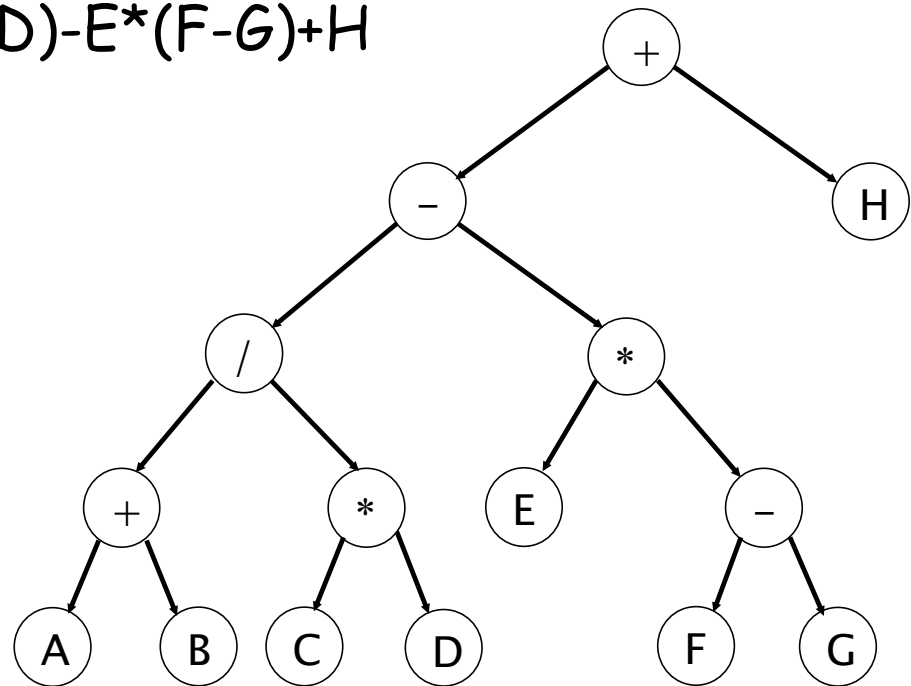
$+-/+AB*CD*E-FGH$

Inorder :

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

Postorder:

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



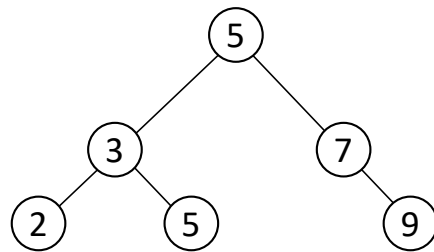
Given an expression, what is the relationship between its postfix and postorder?

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.:

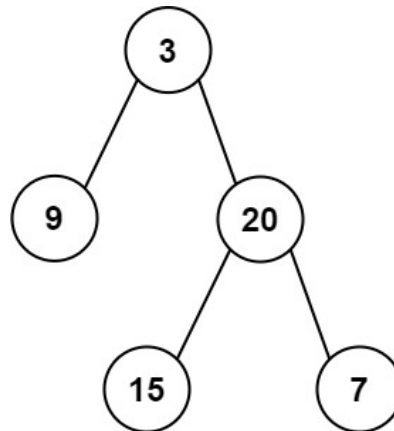


Output: 2 3 5 5 7 9

- ▶ 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

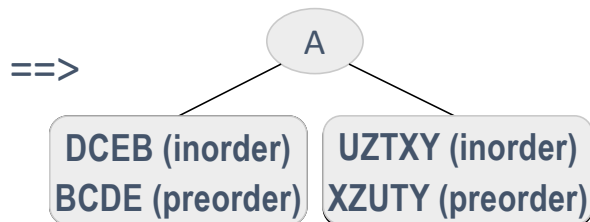
Example: Given the following sequences, find the corresponding binary tree:

inorder : DCEBAUZTXY

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

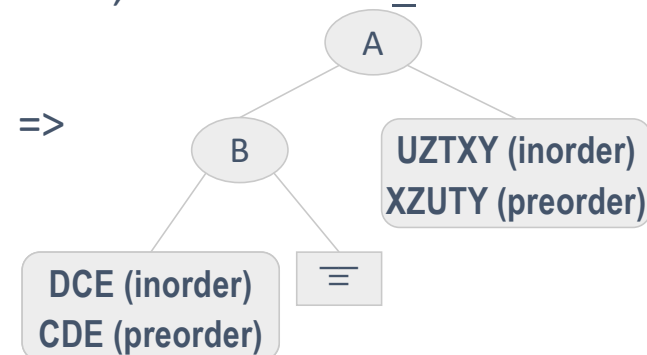
Looking at the whole tree:

- “preorder : **A**BCDEXZUTY”
==> A is the root
- Then, “inorder : DCEBAUZTXY”



Looking at the left subtree of A:

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



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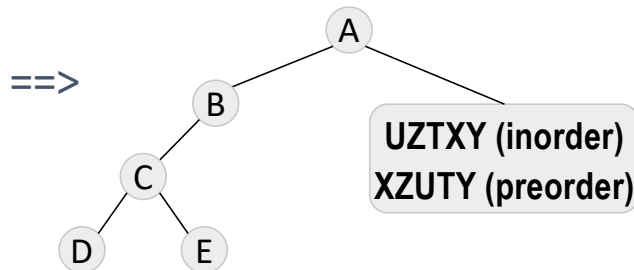
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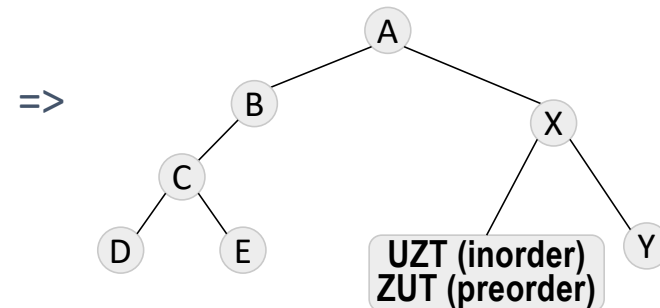
Looking at the left subtree of B:

- “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”



Binary tree reconstruction

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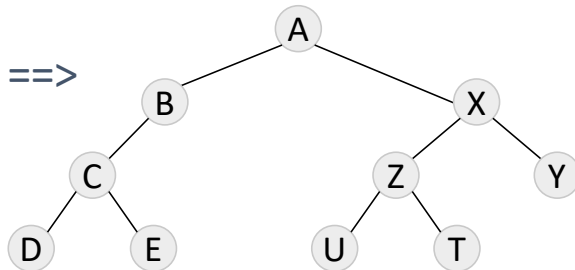
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preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

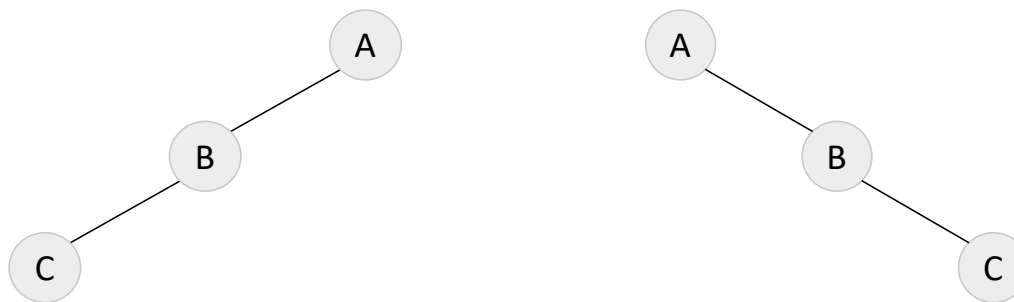
Looking at the left subtree of X:

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



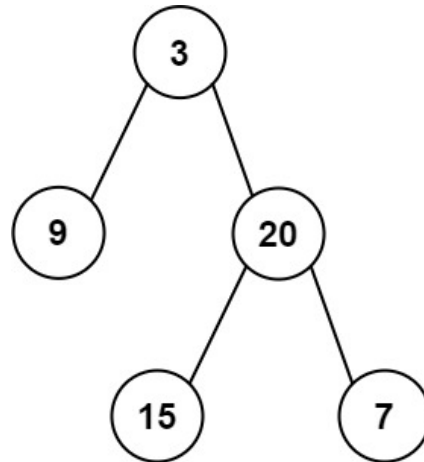
Binary tree reconstruction

- 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



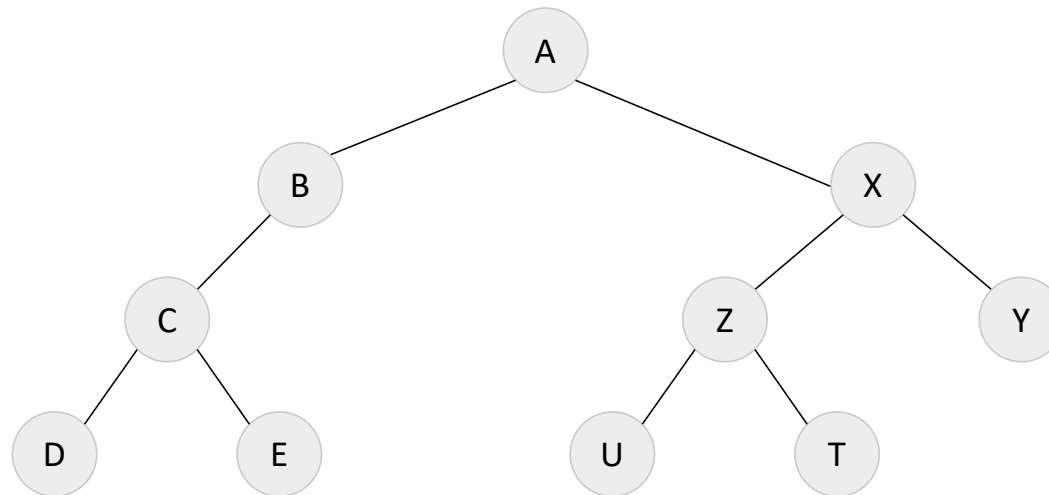
Practice

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



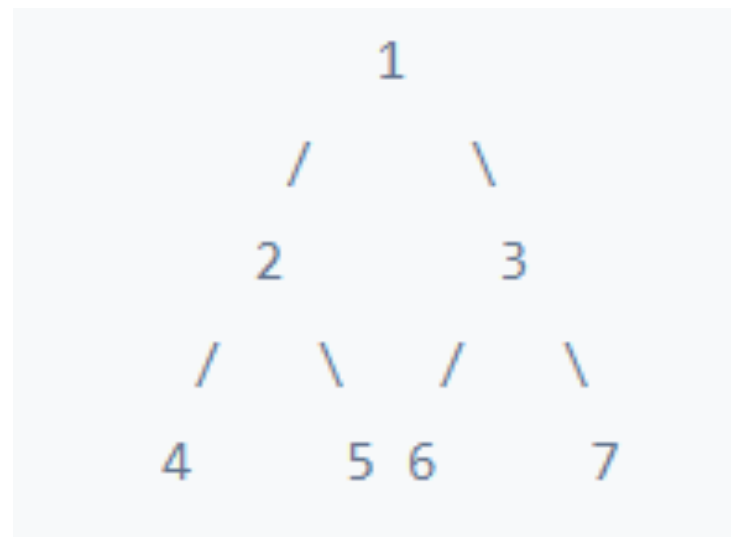
Practice

- 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



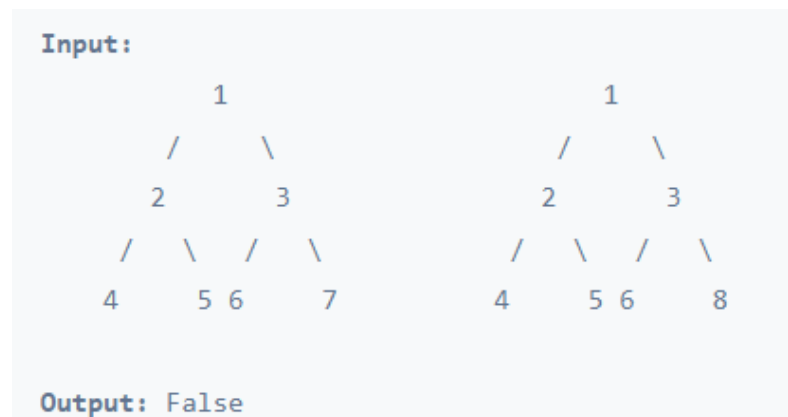
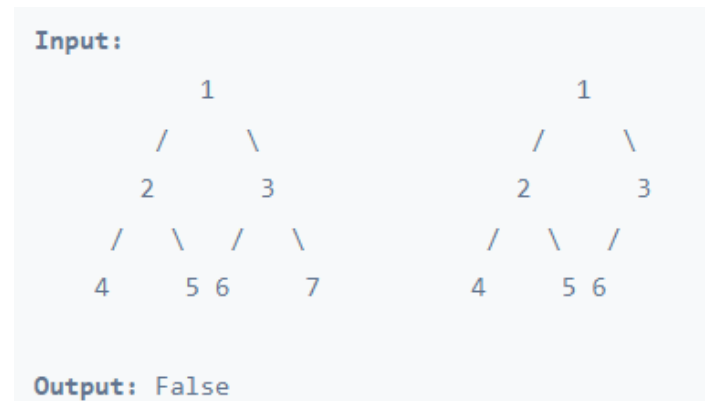
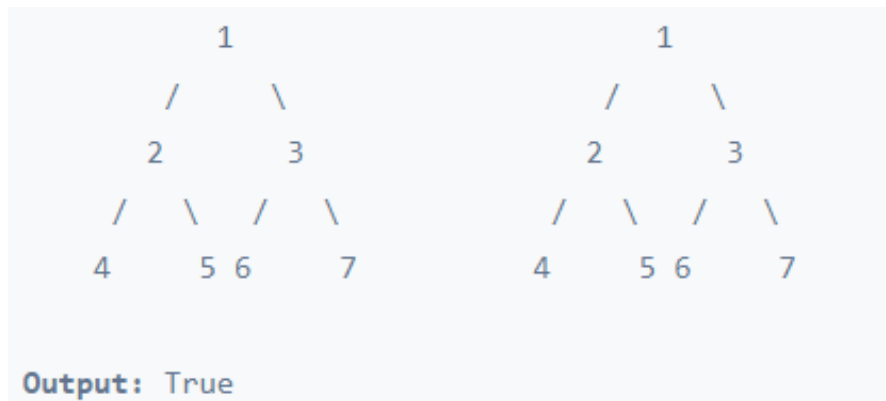
Solution

```
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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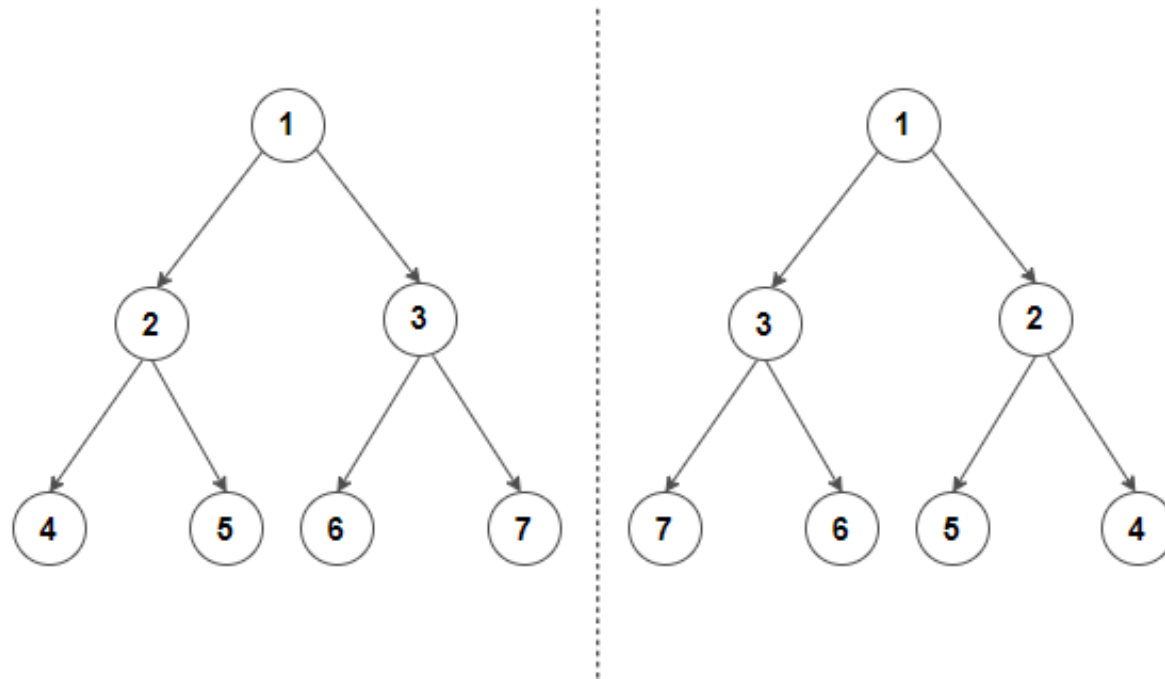

Solution – non-recursive solution

```
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)



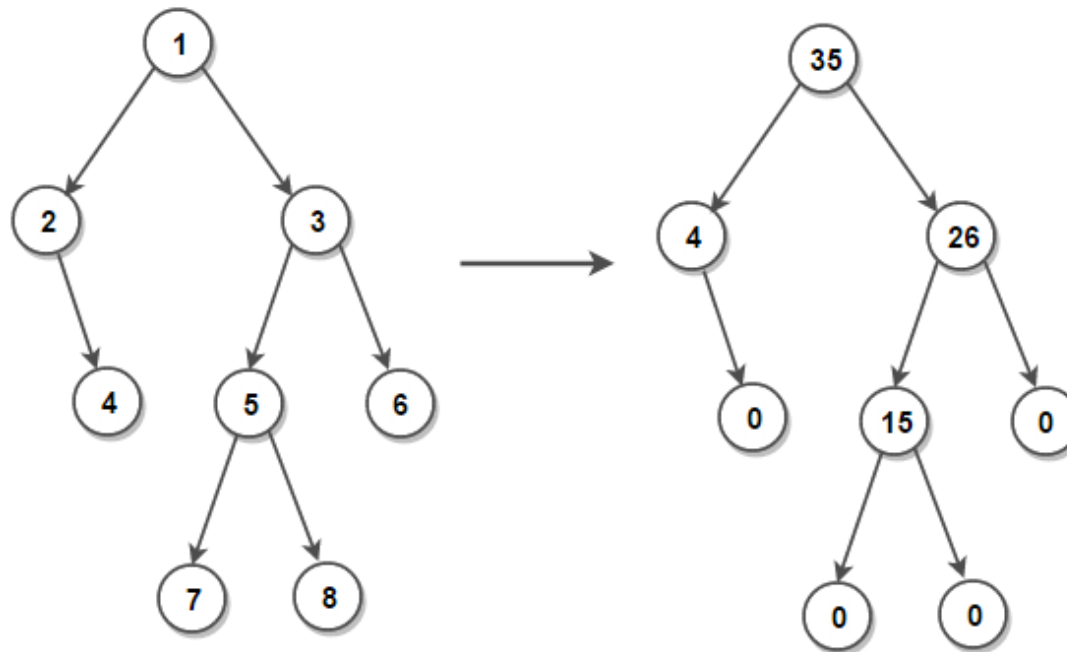
Solution

```
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

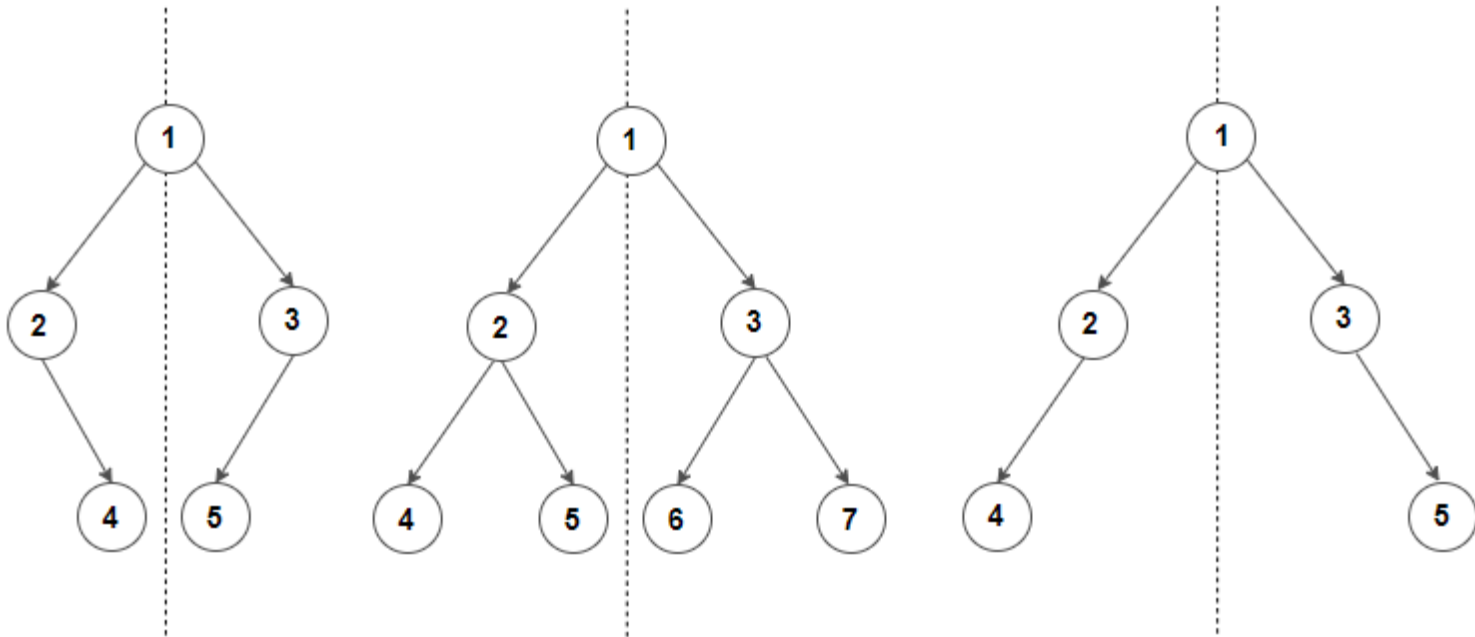


Solution

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

Practice

- Check if a binary tree is symmetric



Solution

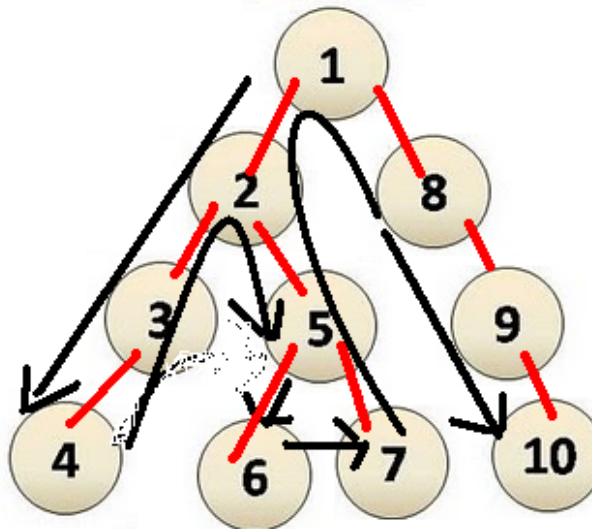
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def isSymmetric(X, Y):  
    if X is None and Y is None:  
        return True  
    return (X is not None and Y is not None) and \  
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        isSymmetric(X.right, Y.left)
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More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

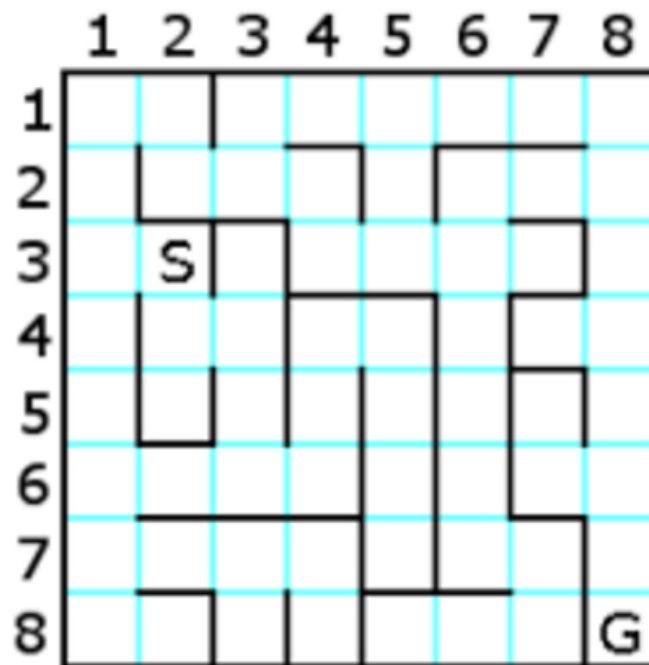
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Depth-first search over a tree

- **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

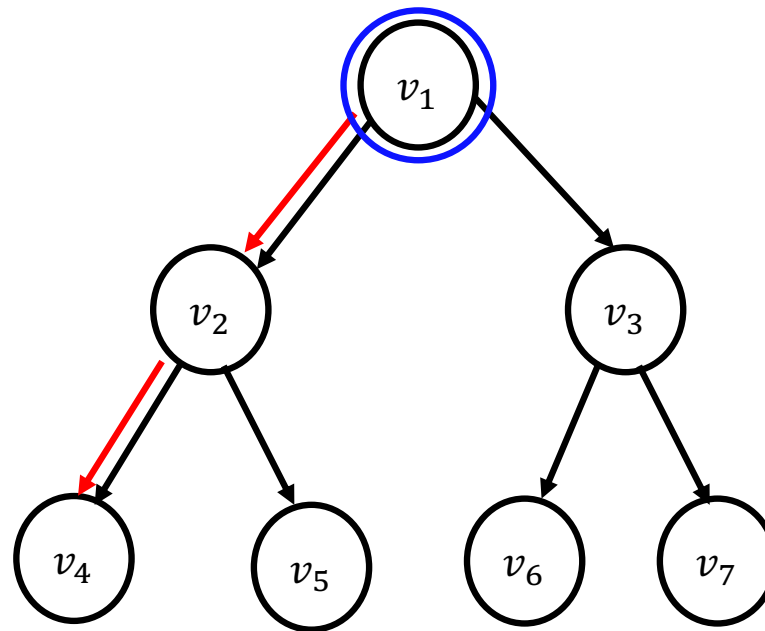


The code of DFS over a binary tree

```
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

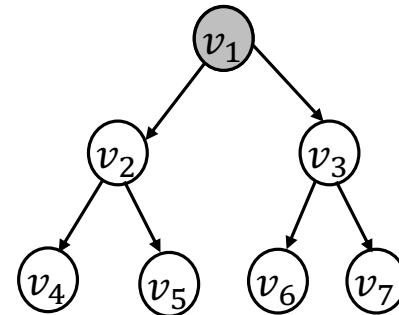


Depth-First Search (DFS)

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

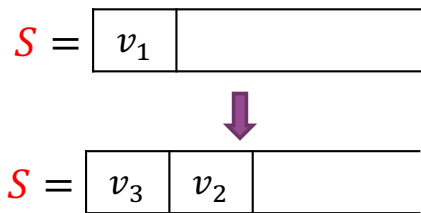
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v_1	
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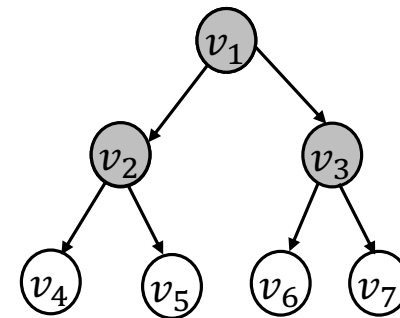


Depth-First Search (DFS)

- 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



Print v_1



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 $S = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline v_1 & \\ \hline \end{array}$



$S = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline v_3 & v_2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$

$S = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline v_3 & v_5 & v_4 \\ \hline \end{array}$

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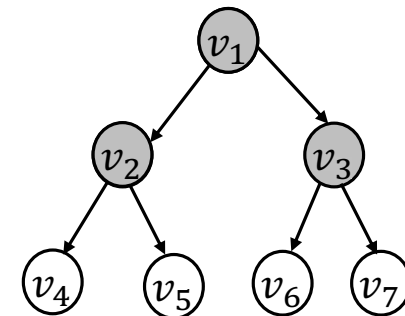
$S = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline v_3 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$

Print v_1

Print v_2

Print v_4

Print v_5



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

$S =$

v_3		
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Print v_5

$S =$

v_7	v_6	
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Print v_3

$S =$

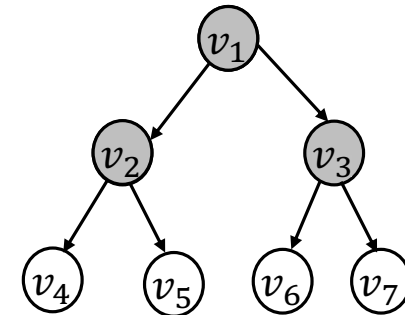
v_7		
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Print v_6

$S =$

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Print v_7



The code of DFS over a binary tree

```
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)
```

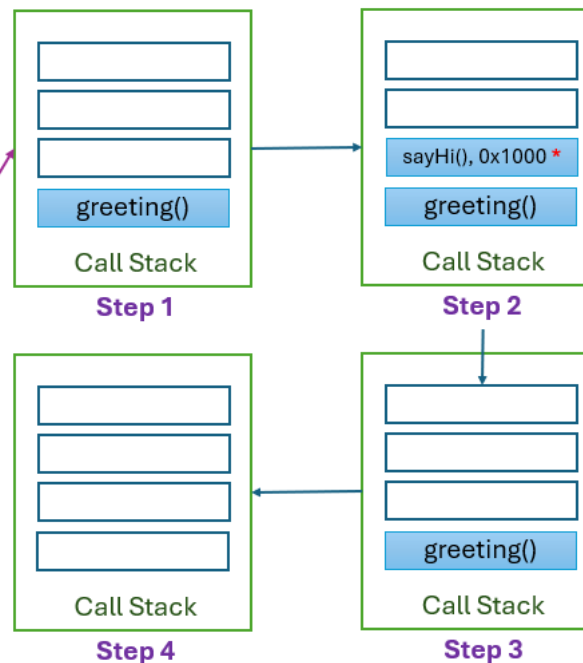
Function calls are stacked (optional)

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

Call Stack

```
def sayHi():  
    print("Hi!")  
  
def greeting():  
    sayHi()  
    print("Pythonista!")  
  
greeting()
```

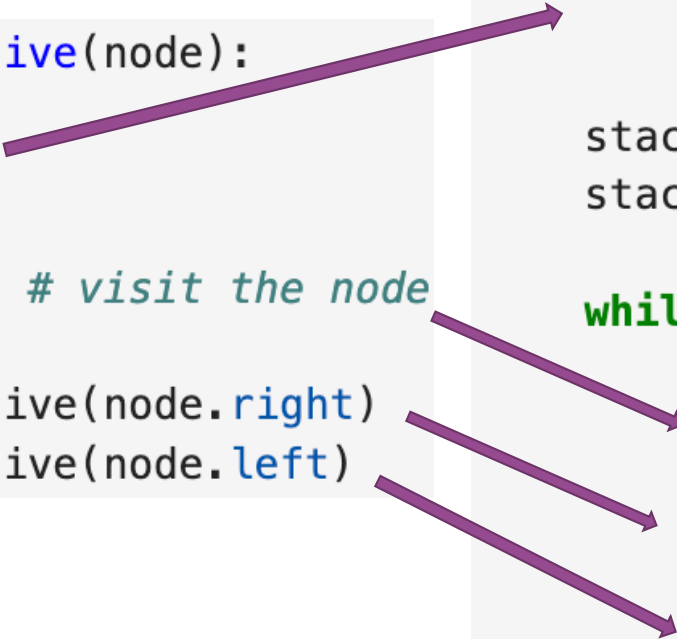
* The address indicates the next instruction in the calling function that will be executed after the current function call completes. It effectively marks the point in the code to which control should return.



Recursive function vs. non-recursive with stack

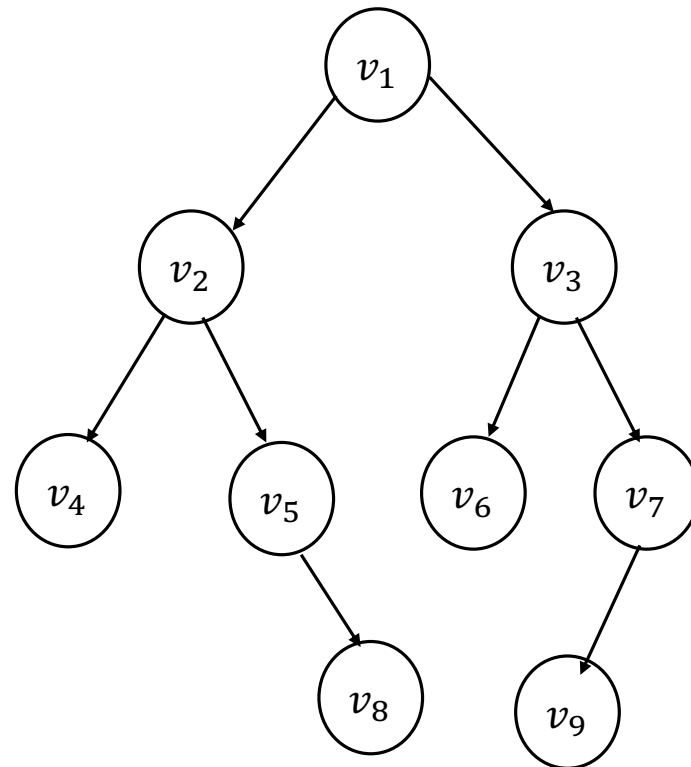
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    if node is None:  
        return  
  
    print(node.element) # visit the node  
  
    dfs_preorder_recursive(node.right)  
    dfs_preorder_recursive(node.left)
```

```
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)
```



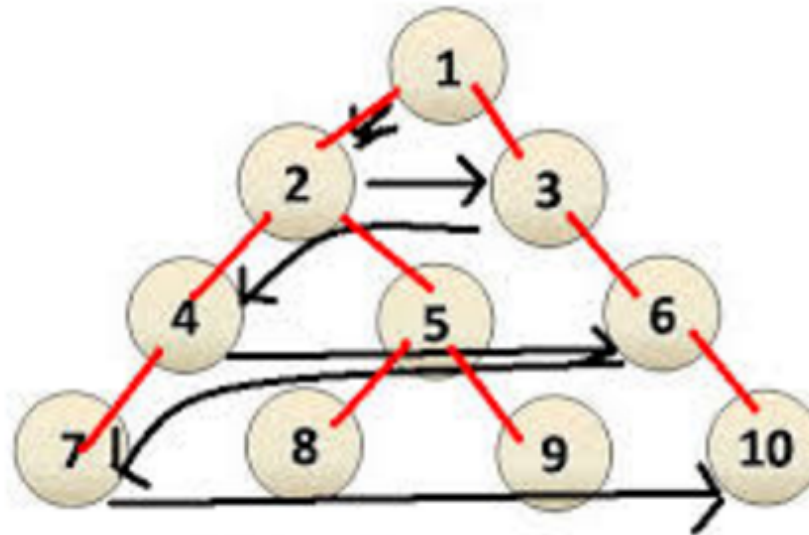
Practice

- DFS for the given tree



Breadth-first search over a tree

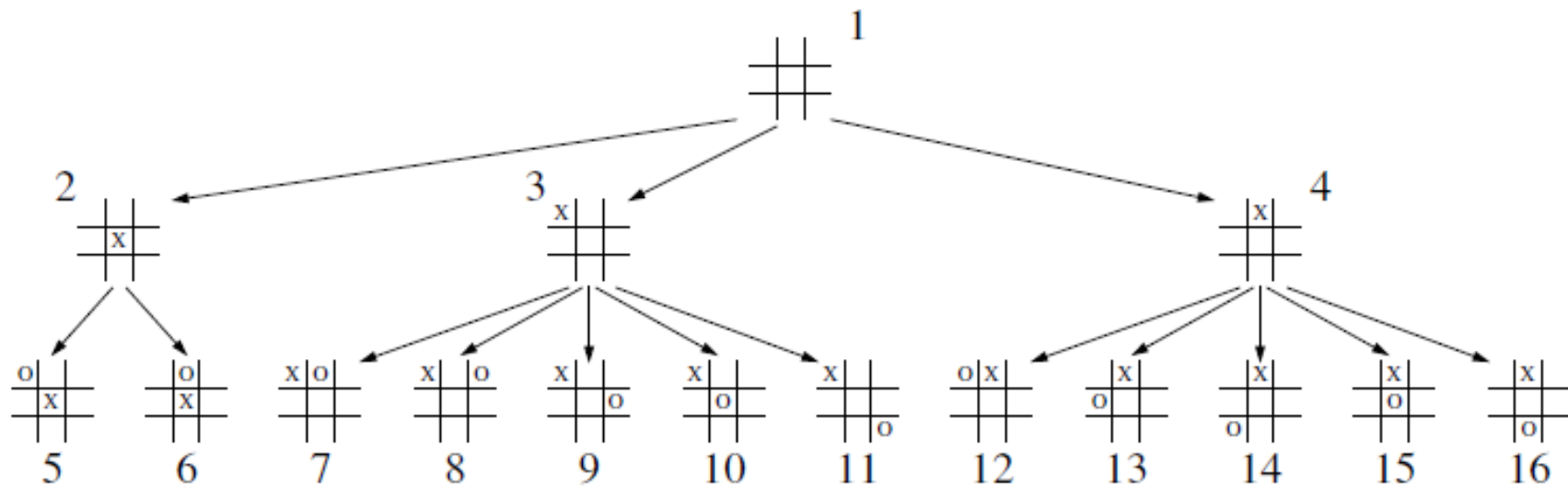
- **Breadth-first search (BFS)** is another very important algorithm for traversing or searching tree data structures
- Starts at the **root** and we visit all the positions at depth **d** before we visit the positions at depth **d + 1**



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)
```

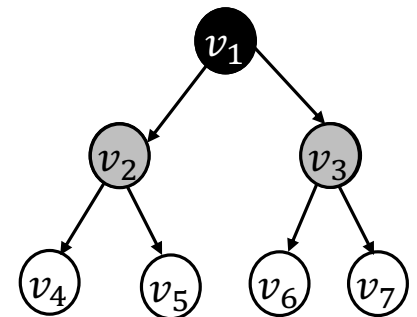

BFS steps

- 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:

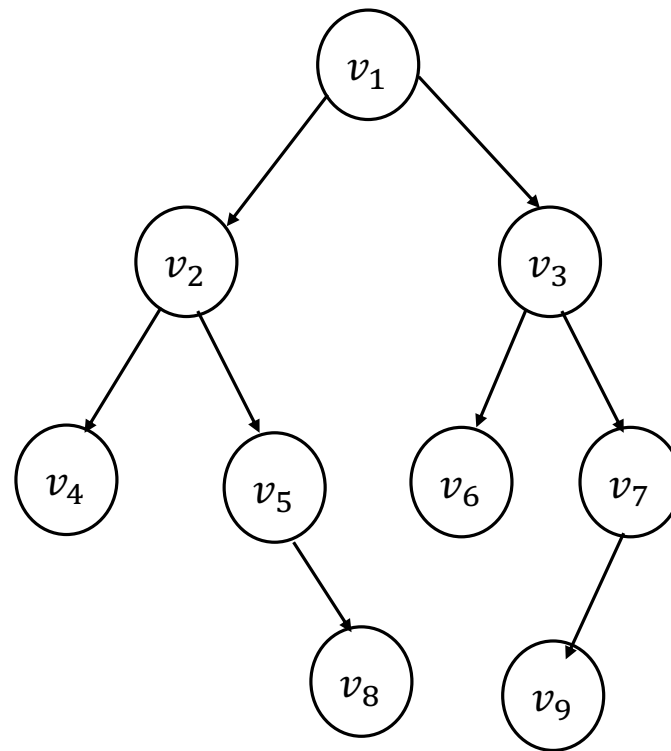
- Assume the source is v_1

$Q = (v_1)$
↓
After dequeuing v_1
 $Q = (v_2, v_3)$

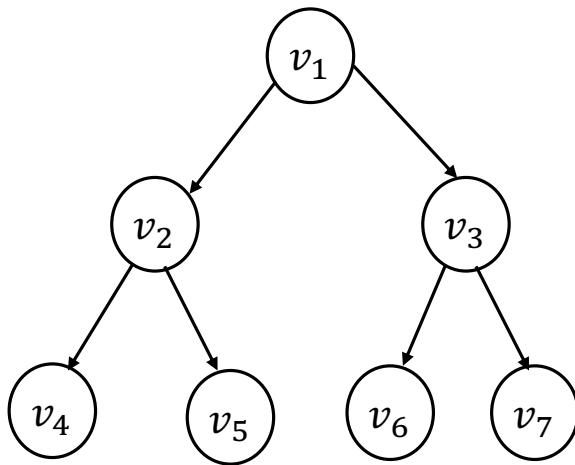


Practice

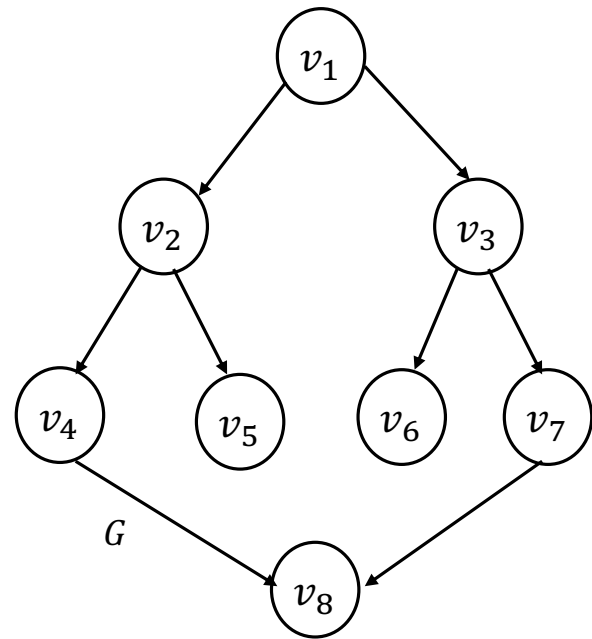
- BFS for the given tree



Think about a tree “with a circle” – graph

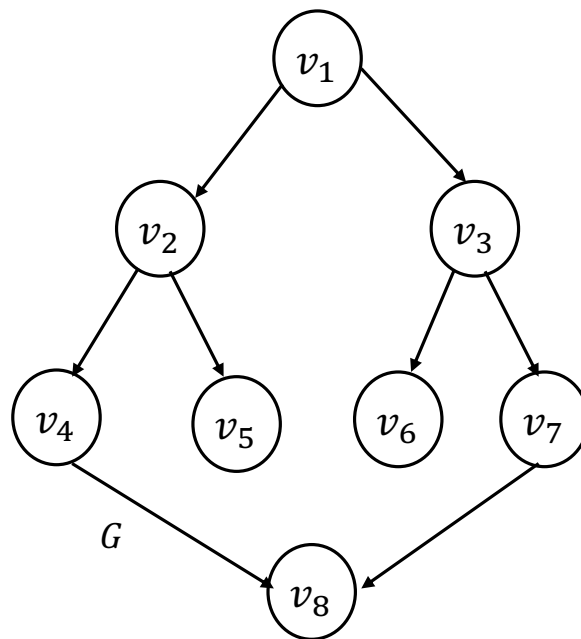


tree



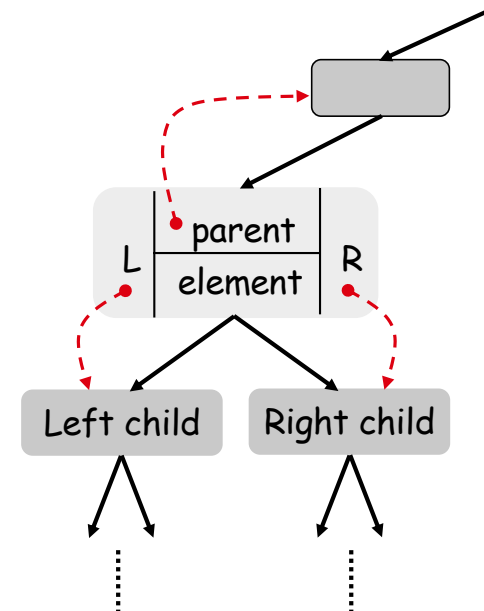
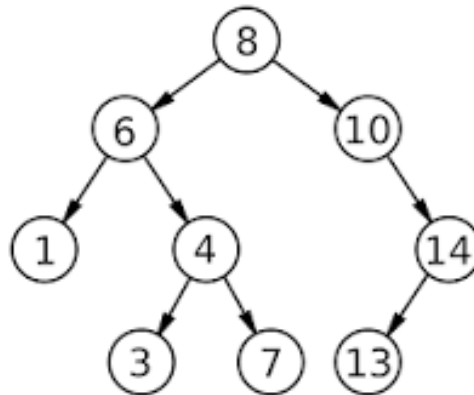
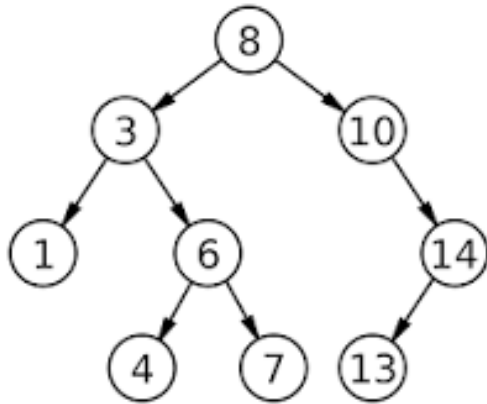
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BFS/DFS for a graph



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



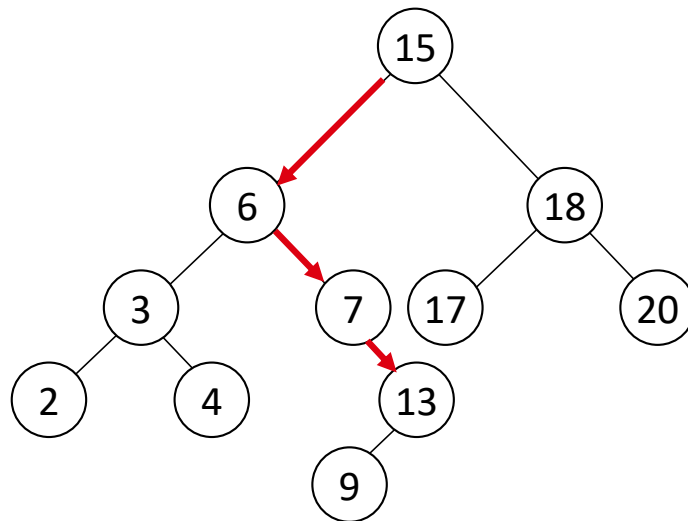
Binary search tree (BST)

- 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



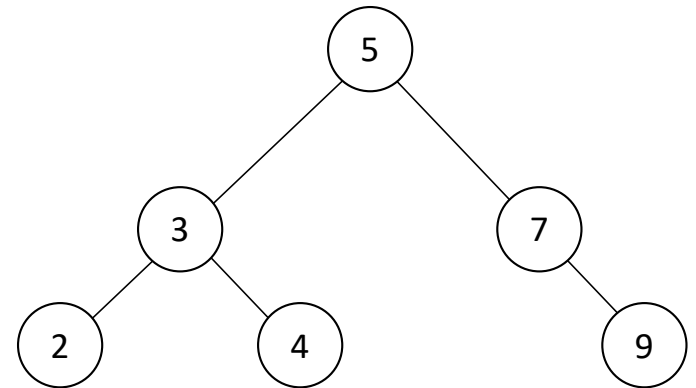
► Search for key 13:

◦ $15 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 13$

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($x.\text{left}$, k)
5. **else**
6. **return** find($x.\text{right}$, k)



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

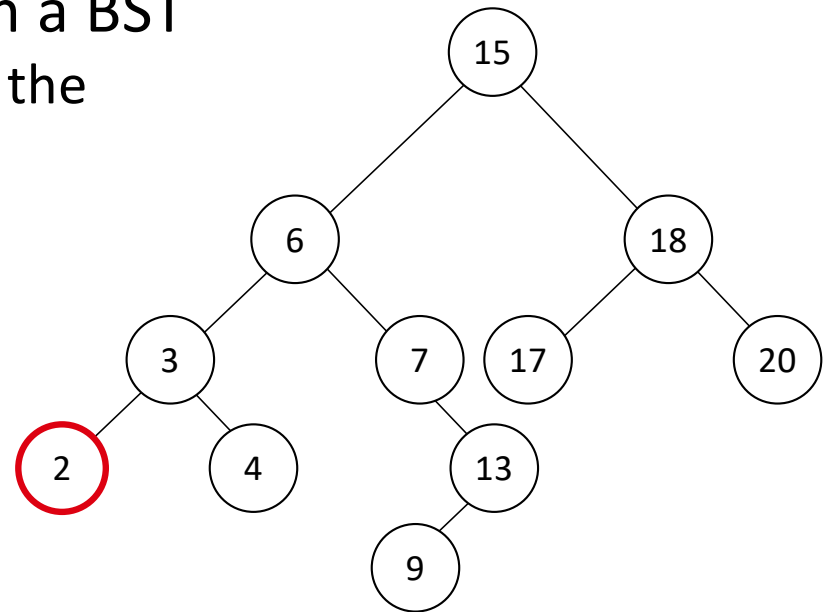
Finding the minimum

- ▶ 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.left \neq NIL
2. x \leftarrow x.left
3. **return** x

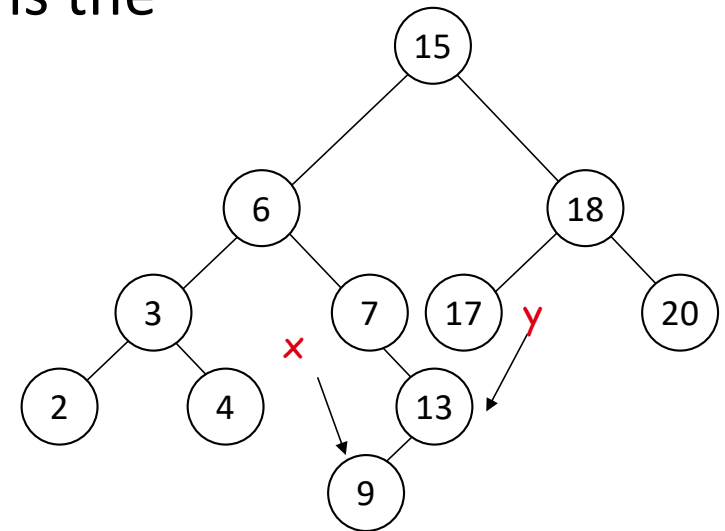
Running Time: $O(h)$,
h is the height of the tree



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



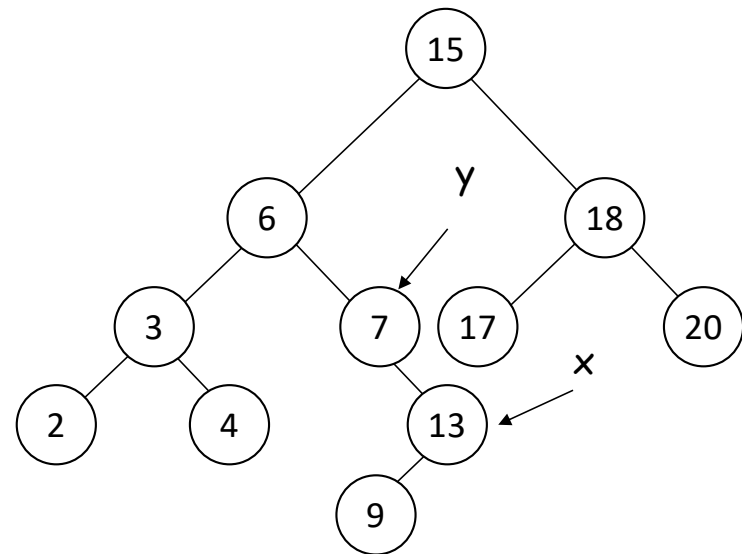
- ▶ Case 1: $x.right$ is non-empty
 - Successor (x) = the minimum in $x.right$
- ▶ Case 2: $x.right$ is empty
 - go up the tree until the current node is a left child: successor (x) is the parent of the current node
 - if you cannot go further (and you reached the root): x is the largest element

Finding the successor

successor(x)

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

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



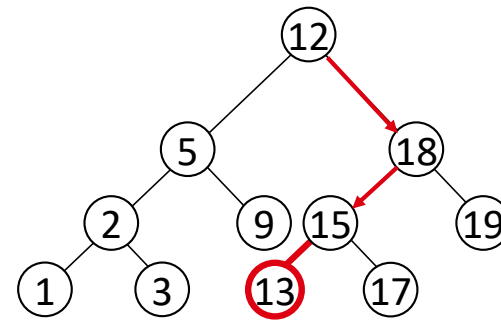
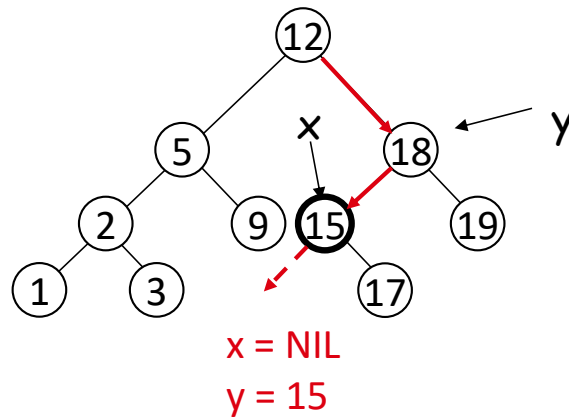
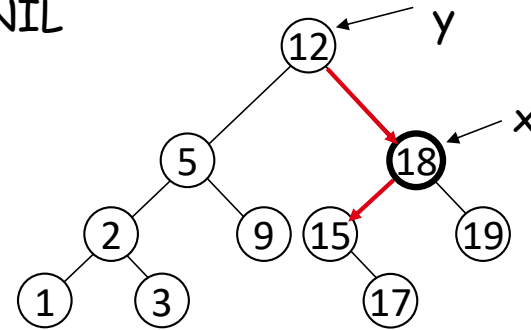
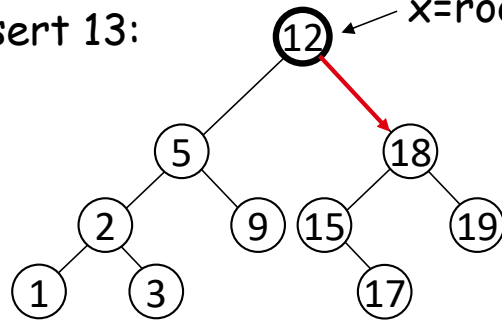
Insertion

- ▶ Goal: Insert value v into a binary search tree

- ▶ Find the position and insert as a leaf:
 - If $x.key < v$ 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 $v < y.key$ 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: $x = \text{root}[T], y = \text{NIL}$



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