

TREES

Lecture 10
CS2110 – Spring2014

Readings and Homework

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- Textbook, Chapter 23, 24

- Homework: A thought problem (draw pictures!)
 - ▣ Suppose you use trees to represent student schedules. For each student there would be a general tree with a root node containing student name and ID. The inner nodes in the tree represent courses, and the leaves represent the times/places where each course meets. Given two such trees, how could you determine whether and where the two students might run into one-another?

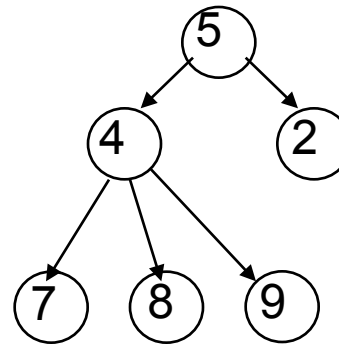
Tree Overview

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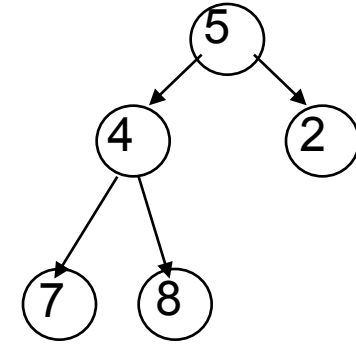
Tree: recursive data structure (similar to list)

- Each node may have zero or more *successors* (children)
- Each node has exactly one *predecessor* (parent) except the *root*, which has none
- All nodes are reachable from *root*

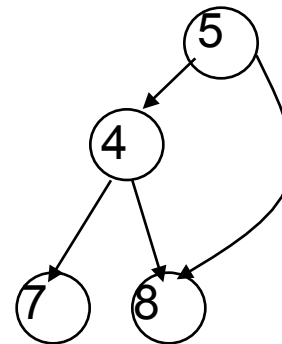
Binary tree: tree in which each node can have at most two children: a left child and a right child



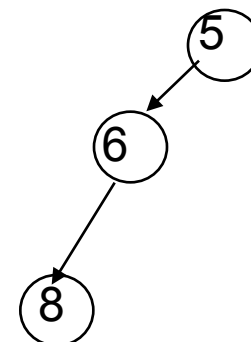
General tree



Binary tree



Not a tree



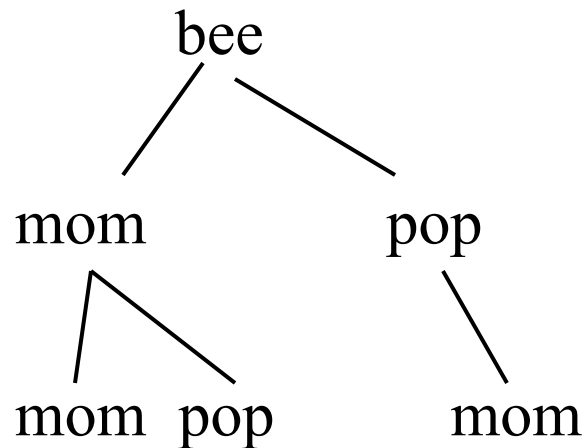
List-like tree

Binary Trees were in A1!

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You have seen a binary tree in A1.

A Bee object has a mom and pop. There is an ancestral tree!



Tree Terminology

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M: *root* of this tree

G: *root* of the *left subtree* of M

B, H, J, N, S: *leaves*

N: *left child* of P; S: *right child*

P: *parent* of N

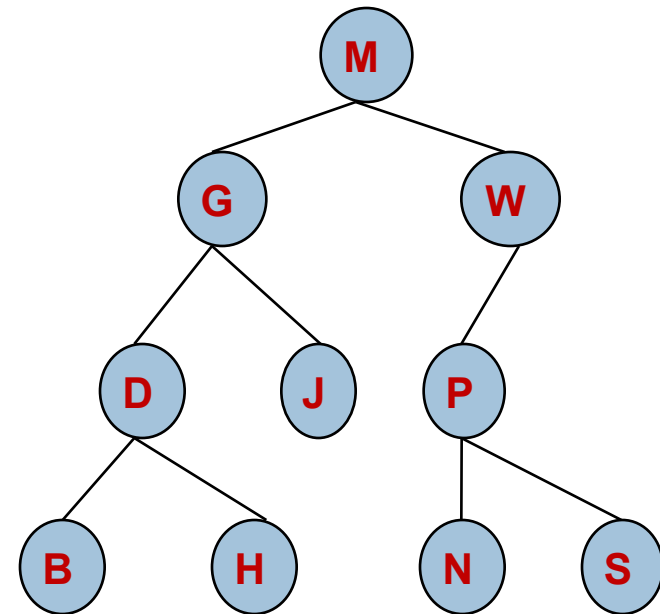
M and G: *ancestors* of D

P, N, S: *descendants* of W

J is at *depth* 2 (i.e. length of path from root = no. of edges)

W is at *height* 2 (i.e. length of longest path to a leaf)

A collection of several trees is called a ...?



Class for Binary Tree Node

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```
class TreeNode<T> {  
    private T datum;  
    private TreeNode<T> left, right;
```

Points to left subtree

Points to right subtree

```
/** Constructor: one node tree with datum x */
```

```
public TreeNode (T x) { datum= x; }
```

```
/** Constr: Tree with root value x, left tree lft, right tree rgt */
```

```
public TreeNode (T x, TreeNode<T> lft, TreeNode<T> rgt) {  
    datum= x; left= lft; right= rgt;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

more methods: getDatum,
setDatum, getLeft, setLeft, etc.

Binary versus general tree

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In a binary tree each node has exactly two pointers:
to the left subtree and to the right subtree

- ▣ Of course one or both could be *null*

In a general tree, a node can have any number of
child nodes

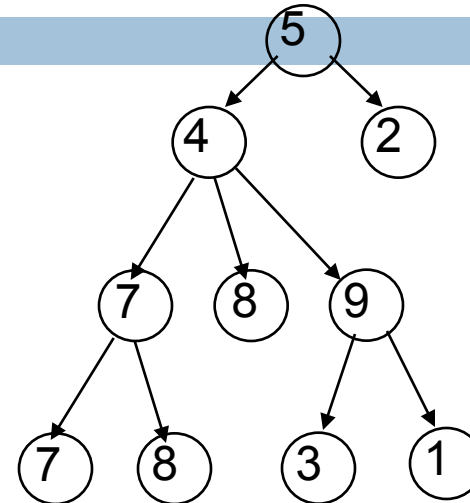
- ▣ Very useful in some situations ...
- ▣ ... one of which will be our assignments!

Class for General Tree nodes

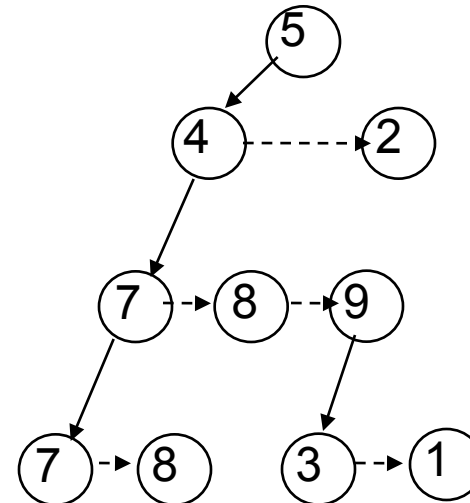
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```
class GTreeNode {  
1.   private Object datum;  
2.   private GTreeNode left;  
3.   private GTreeNode sibling;  
4.   appropriate getters/setters  
}
```

- Parent node points directly only to its leftmost child
- Leftmost child has pointer to next sibling, which points to next sibling, etc.



General
tree



Tree
represented
using
GTreeNode

Applications of Trees

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- Most languages (natural and computer) have a recursive, hierarchical structure
- This structure is *implicit* in ordinary textual representation
- Recursive structure can be made *explicit* by representing sentences in the language as trees: **Abstract Syntax Trees** (ASTs)
- ASTs are easier to optimize, generate code from, etc. than textual representation
- A **parser** converts textual representations to AST

Example

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Expression grammar:

- $E \rightarrow \text{integer}$
- $E \rightarrow (E + E)$

In textual representation

- Parentheses show hierarchical structure

In tree representation

- Hierarchy is explicit in the structure of the tree

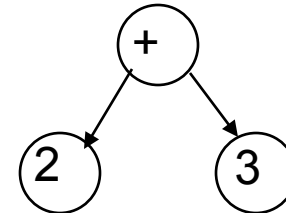
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AST Representation

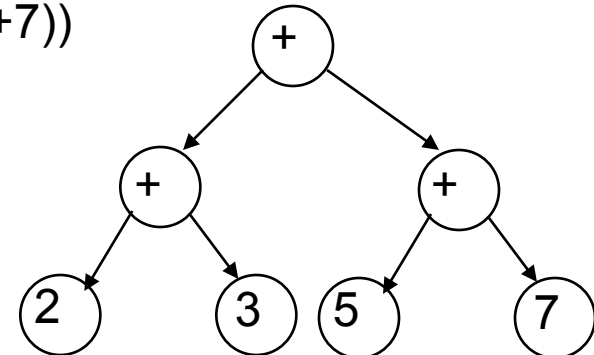
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(2 + 3)



((2+3) + (5+7))



Recursion on Trees

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Recursive methods can be written to operate on trees in an obvious way

Base case

- ▣ empty tree
- ▣ leaf node

Recursive case

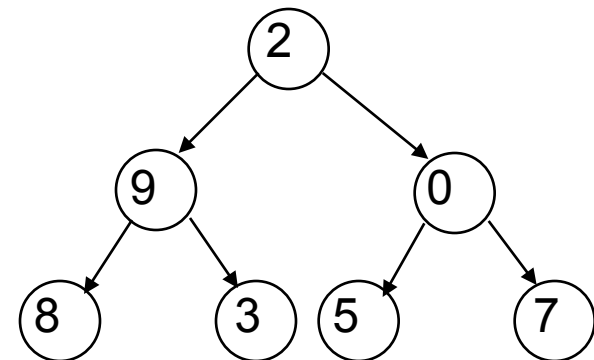
- ▣ solve problem on left and right subtrees
- ▣ put solutions together to get solution for full tree

Searching in a Binary Tree

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```
/** Return true iff x is the datum in a node of tree t*/  
public static boolean treeSearch(Object x, TreeNode t) {  
    if (t == null) return false;  
    if (t.datum.equals(x)) return true;  
    return treeSearch(x, t.left) || treeSearch(x, t.right);  
}
```

- Analog of linear search in lists:
given tree and an object, find out if
object is stored in tree
- Easy to write recursively, harder to
write iteratively



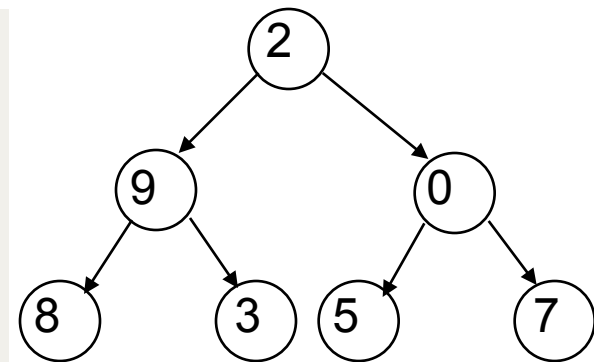
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Important point about t. We can think of it either as

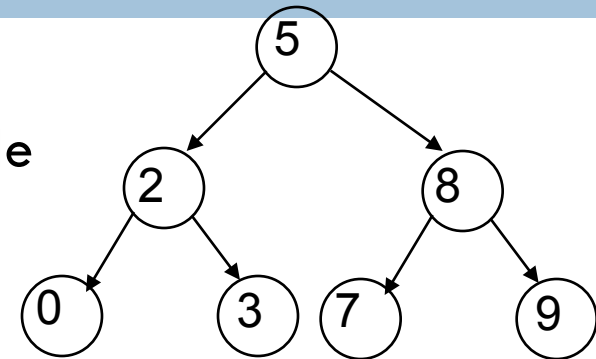
- (1) One node of the tree OR
- (2) The subtree that is rooted at t



Binary Search Tree (BST)

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If the tree data are *ordered*: in every subtree,
All *left* descendents of node come *before* node
All *right* descendents of node come *after* node
Search is MUCH faster

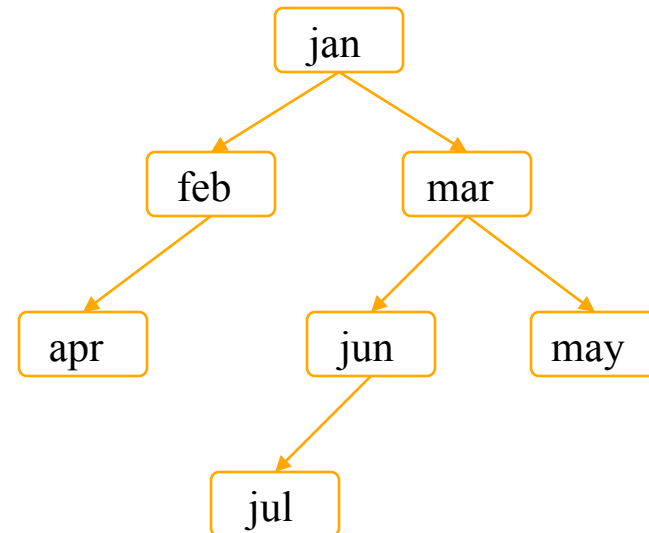


```
/** Return true iff x is the datum in a node of tree t.  
    Precondition: node is a BST */  
public static boolean treeSearch (Object x, TreeNode t) {  
    if (t== null) return false;  
    if (t.datum.equals(x)) return true;  
    if (t.datum.compareTo(x) > 0)  
        return treeSearch(x, t.left);  
    else return treeSearch(x, t.right);  
}
```

Building a BST

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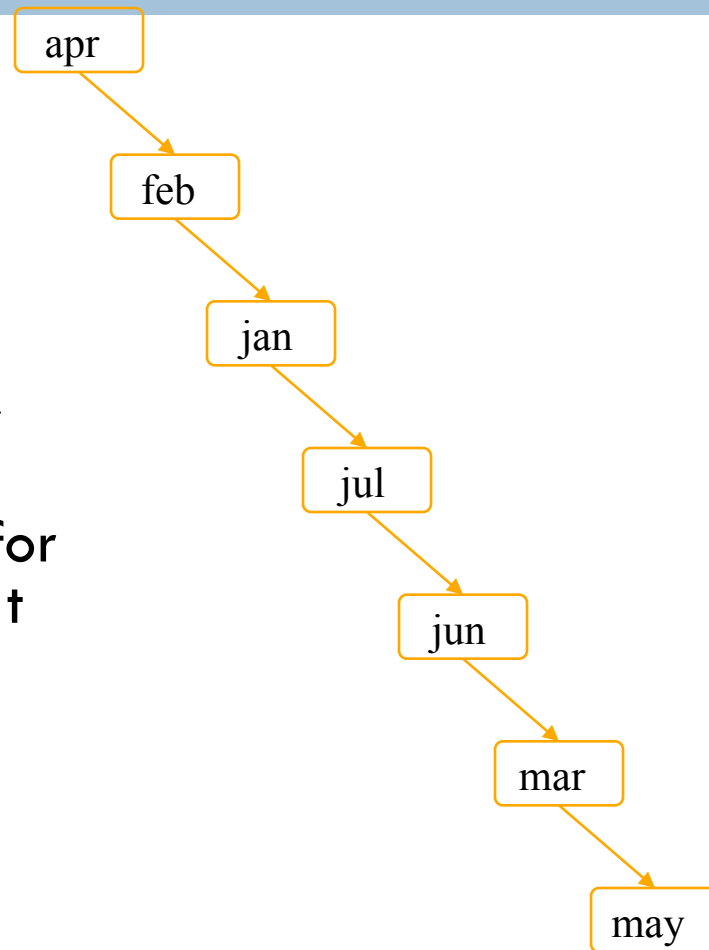
- To insert a new item
 - ▣ Pretend to look for the item
 - ▣ Put the new node in the place where you fall off the tree
- This can be done using either recursion or iteration
- Example
 - ▣ Tree uses *alphabetical order*
 - ▣ Months appear for insertion in *calendar order*



What Can Go Wrong?

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- A BST makes searches very fast, *unless...*
 - ▣ Nodes are inserted in alphabetical order
 - ▣ In this case, we're basically building a linked list (with some extra wasted space for the **left** fields that aren't being used)
- BST works great if data arrives in random order



Printing Contents of BST

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Because of ordering rules for a BST, it's easy to print the items in alphabetical order

- ▣ Recursively print left subtree
- ▣ Print the node
- ▣ Recursively print right subtree

```
/** Print the BST in alpha. order. */  
public void show () {  
    show(root);  
    System.out.println();  
}  
/** Print BST t in alpha order */  
private static void show(TreeNode t) {  
    if (t== null) return;  
    show(t.lchild);  
    System.out.print(t.datum);  
    show(t.rchild);  
}
```

Tree Traversals

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- “Walking” over whole tree is a tree traversal
 - ▣ Done often enough that there are standard names
 - ▣ Previous example: inorder traversal
 - Process left subtree
 - Process node
 - Process right subtree
- Note: Can do other processing besides printing

Other standard kinds of traversals

- Preorder traversal
 - ◆ Process node
 - ◆ Process left subtree
 - ◆ Process right subtree
- Postorder traversal
 - ◆ Process left subtree
 - ◆ Process right subtree
 - ◆ Process node
- Level-order traversal
 - ◆ Not recursive uses a queue

Some Useful Methods

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```
/** Return true iff node t is a leaf */
public static boolean isLeaf(TreeNode t) {
    return t != null && t.left == null && t.right == null;
}

/** Return height of node t using postorder traversal
public static int height(TreeNode t) {
    if (t == null) return -1; //empty tree
    if (isLeaf(t)) return 0;
    return 1 + Math.max(height(t.left), height(t.right));
}

/** Return number of nodes in t using postorder traversal */
public static int nNodes(TreeNode t) {
    if (t == null) return 0;
    return 1 + nNodes(t.left) + nNodes(t.right);
}
```

Useful Facts about Binary Trees

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Max number of nodes at depth d : 2^d

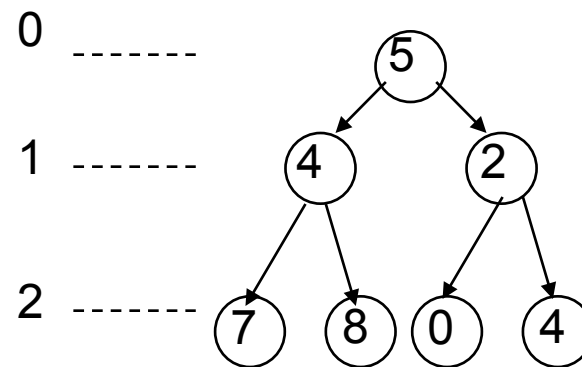
If height of tree is h

- ▣ min number of nodes in tree: $h + 1$
- ▣ Max number of nodes in tree:
▣ $2^0 + \dots + 2^h = 2^{h+1} - 1$

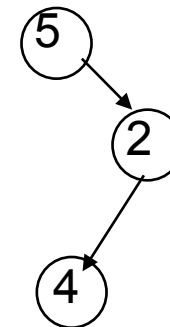
Complete binary tree

- ▣ All levels of tree down to a certain depth are completely filled

depth



Height 2,
maximum number of nodes

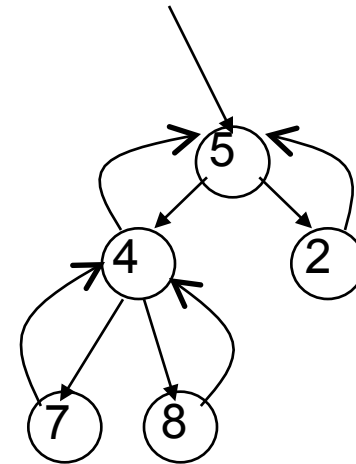


Height 2,
minimum number of nodes

Tree with Parent Pointers

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- In some applications, it is useful to have trees in which nodes can reference their parents
- Analog of doubly-linked lists



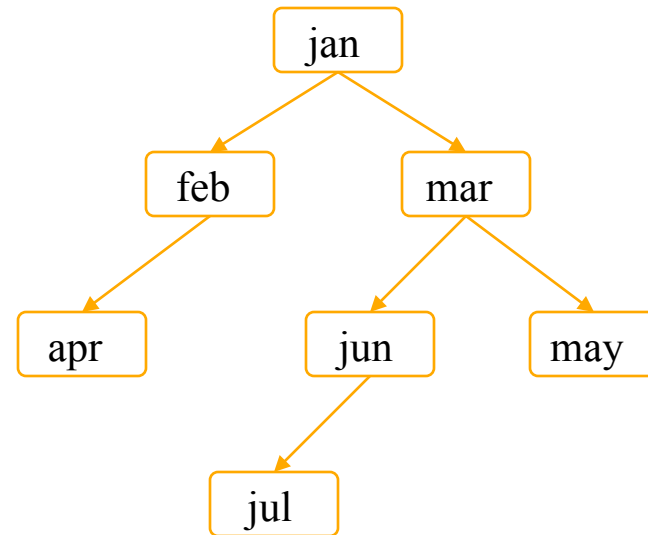
Things to Think About

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What if we want to *delete* data from a BST?

A BST works great as long as it's *balanced*

How can we keep it balanced? *This turns out to be hard enough to motivate us to create other kinds of trees*



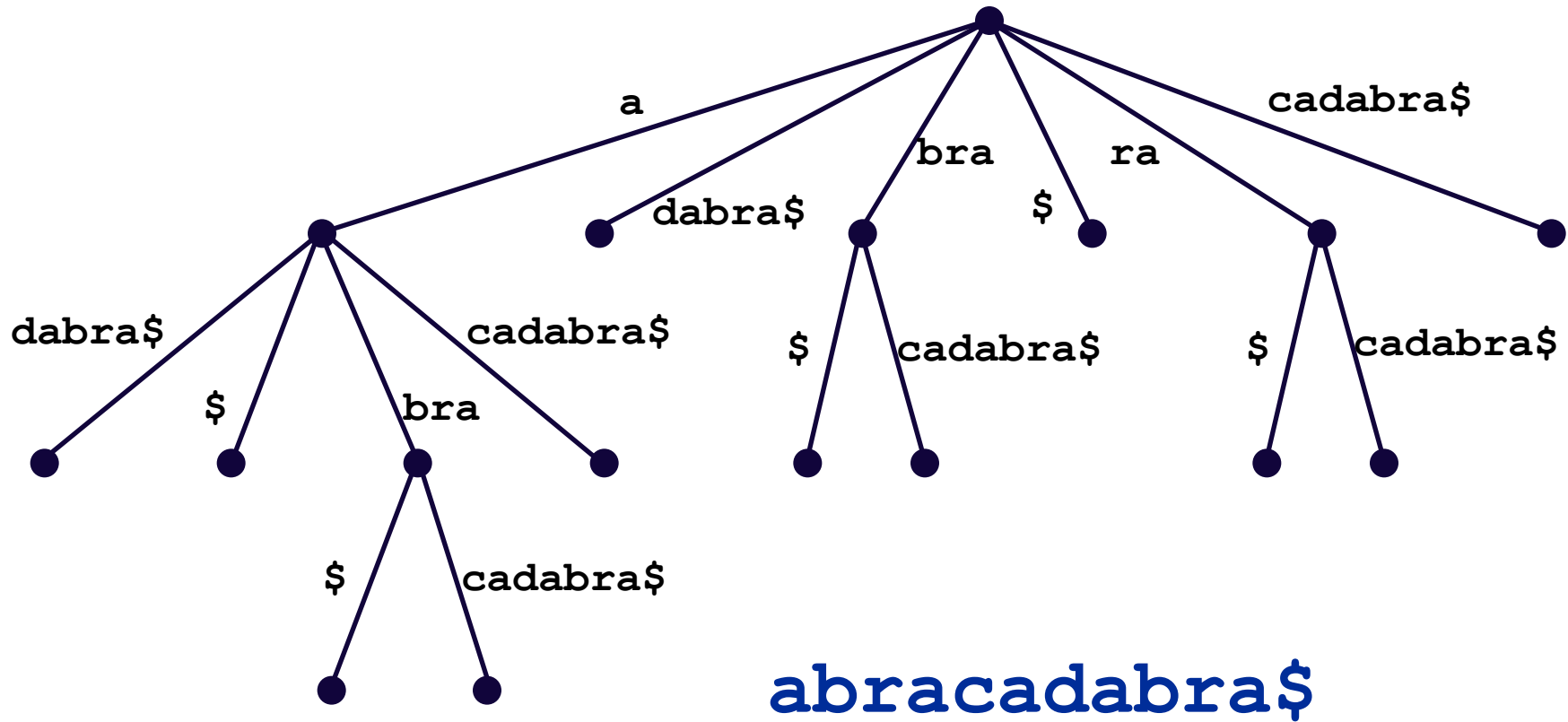
Suffix Trees

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- Given a string s , a suffix tree for s is a tree such that
 - each edge has a unique label, which is a nonnull substring of s
 - any two edges out of the same node have labels beginning with different characters
 - the labels along any path from the root to a leaf concatenate together to give a suffix of s
 - all suffixes are represented by some path
 - the leaf of the path is labeled with the index of the first character of the suffix in s
- Suffix trees can be constructed in linear time

Suffix Trees

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Suffix Trees

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- Useful in string matching algorithms (e.g., longest common substring of 2 strings)
- Most algorithms linear time
- Used in genomics (human genome is ~4GB)



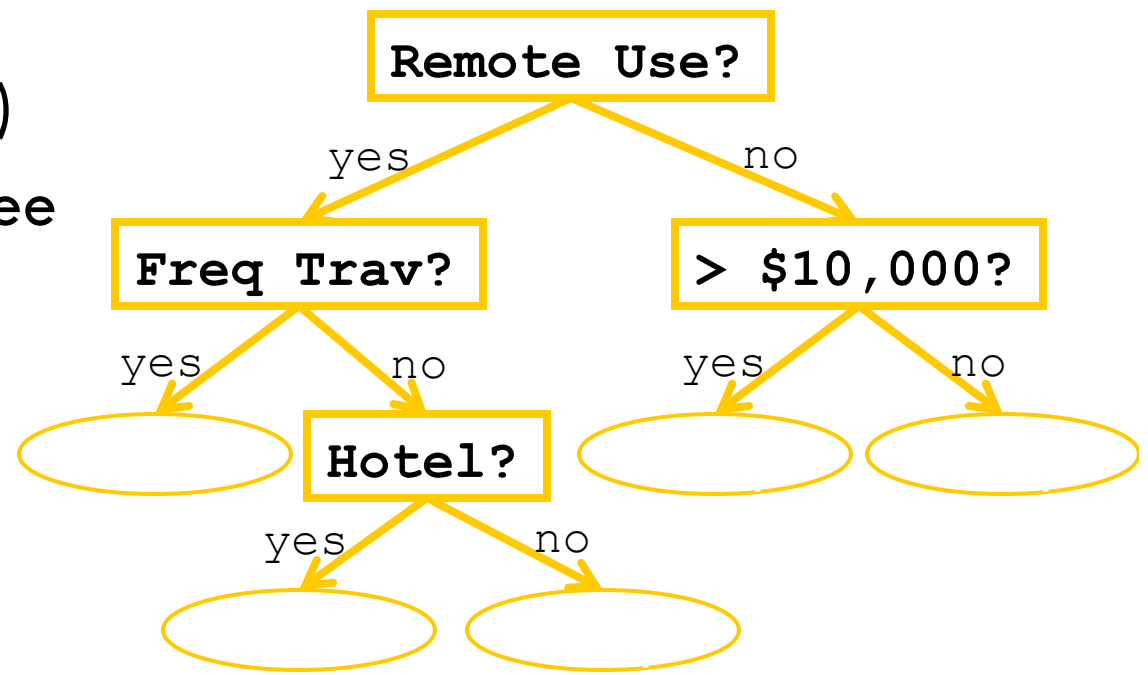
Decision Trees

- Classification:

- Attributes (e.g. is CC used more than 200 miles from home?)
- Values (e.g. yes/no)
- Follow branch of tree based on value of attribute.
- Leaves provide decision.

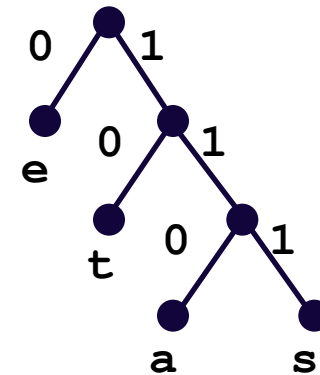
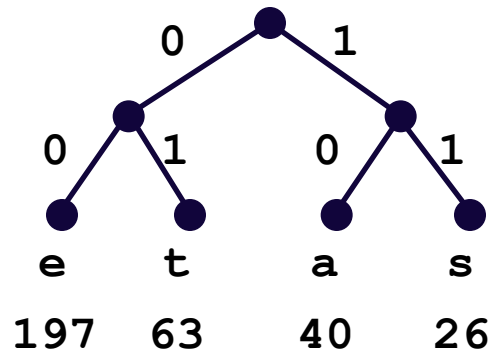
- Example:

- Should credit card transaction be denied?



Huffman Trees

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Fixed length encoding

$$197*2 + 63*2 + 40*2 + 26*2 = 652$$

Huffman encoding

$$197*1 + 63*2 + 40*3 + 26*3 = 521$$

Huffman Compression of “Ulysses”

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□ ' '	242125	00100000	3	110
□ 'e'	139496	01100101	3	000
□ 't'	95660	01110100	4	1010
□ 'a'	89651	01100001	4	1000
□ 'o'	88884	01101111	4	0111
□ 'n'	78465	01101110	4	0101
□ 'i'	76505	01101001	4	0100
□ 's'	73186	01110011	4	0011
□ 'h'	68625	01101000	5	11111
□ 'r'	68320	01110010	5	11110
□ 'l'	52657	01101100	5	10111
□ 'u'	32942	01110101	6	111011
□ 'g'	26201	01100111	6	101101
□ 'f'	25248	01100110	6	101100
□ '.'	21361	00101110	6	011010
□ 'p'	20661	01110000	6	011001

Huffman Compression of “Ulysses”

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...

- '7' 68 00110111 15 111010101001111
- '/' 58 00101111 15 111010101001110
- 'X' 19 01011000 16 0110000000100011
- '&' 3 00100110 18 011000000010001010
- '%' 3 00100101 19 0110000000100010111
- '+' 2 00101011 19 0110000000100010110
- original size 11904320
- compressed size 6822151
- 42.7% compression

BSP Trees

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- BSP = Binary Space Partition (not related to BST!)
- Used to render 3D images composed of polygons
- Each node **n** has one polygon **p** as data
- Left subtree of **n** contains all polygons on one side of **p**
- Right subtree of **n** contains all polygons on the other side of **p**
- Order of traversal determines occlusion (hiding)!

Tree Summary

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- A *tree* is a recursive data structure
 - Each cell has 0 or more successors (*children*)
 - Each cell except the *root* has at exactly one predecessor (*parent*)
 - All cells are reachable from the *root*
 - A cell with no children is called a *leaf*
- Special case: *binary tree*
 - Binary tree cells have a left and a right child
 - Either or both children can be null
- Trees are useful for exposing the recursive structure of natural language and computer programs