#### CS24 Week 8 Lecture 1

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#### Overview

- Tree terminology
- Tree traversals
- Implementation (if time)

# Terminology

## Node

• The most basic component of a tree - the squares





The connections between nodes - the arrows



## Parent / Child

- A parent is the predecessor of a node
- A child is the successor of a node
- Not all nodes have parents
- Not all nodes have children



## Leaf / Terminal Node

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## Internal Node

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## Root Node

- Node without any parent
- Often drawn as the topmost node



# Height and Depth

- Height: The number of edges on the *longest* path from a node to a leaf
- Depth: the number of edges between a node and the root node



http://stackoverflow.com/questions/2603692/what-is-the-difference-between-tree-depth-and-height

#### Level

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## Full k-ary Tree

 $\bullet$  All nodes have either 0 or k children



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## Subtree

- Nearly synonymous with node
  - We recursively defined the tree to be either a node with an element and two children, or an empty tree (NULL)
  - Generally refers to some subcomponent of a larger tree, **including** recursive subcomponents



#### Traversals

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- For many tree-related problems, the order in which nodes are processed can have a huge impact
- Two basic kinds: breadth-first search and depth-first search

# Breath-First Search (BFS)

 Tree is traversed as if nodes were words on a page (top to bottom, left to right)



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## Implementing BFS

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## Implementing BFS

- Idea: put nodes on a queue
- Visit nodes according to the queue order
- When we are done with a node, put its children onto the end of the queue


Queue: <<empty>>



Put root on the queue first (this is the node, not just the Queue: 7 number)



# Now dequeue Queue: 7



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## Now dequeue Queue: <<empty>>



Now put on the child nodes Queue: <<empty>>



Now put on the child nodes Queue: 3, 12



## Repeat Queue: 3, 12



## **Queue: 3**, 12



#### **Queue:** 12



## Queue: 12, 0, 4



**Queue:**12, 0, 4



## **Queue:** 12, 0, 4



#### **Queue:** 0, 4



## Queue: 0, 4, 10, 15



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## **Queue:** 10, 15



## **Queue:** 10, 15



#### **Queue:** 15



#### **Queue:** 15



Queue: <<empty>>

# Depth-First Search (DFS)

• Favor going down towards the left first



# Implementing DFS

- Question: how might we implement DFS?
  - Hint: you'll need a data structure you've implemented before



# Implementing DFS

- Idea: put nodes on a **stack**
- Visit nodes according to the stack order
- When we are done with a node, push its children onto the top of the stack



## Stack: <<empty>>









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## Stack: 3, 12



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## **Stack: 3**, 12




**Stack:** 0, 4, 12



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#### **Stack:** 4, 12



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#### Stack: <<empty>>



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# On Using Stacks

- We can cut out the explicit stack by using the call stack implicitly via recursion
- void traverse(Node\* current) {
   if (current != NULL) {
   traverse(current->getLeft());
   traverse(current->getRight());
  }

## Specific Kinds of DFS Traversals

- Depending on when we process the current node, there are three general kinds of DFS traversals:
  - Pre-order: process current first
  - In-order: process current between left and right
  - Post-order: process current after left and right

### Pre-Order Traversal

void traverse(Node\* current) {
 if (current != NULL) {
 process(current);
 traverse(current->getLeft());
 traverse(current->getRight());
 }

### In-Order Traversal

void traverse(Node\* current) {
 if (current != NULL) {
 traverse(current->getLeft());
 process(current);
 traverse(current->getRight());

### Post-Order Traversal

void traverse(Node\* current) {
 if (current != NULL) {
 traverse(current->getLeft());
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- What kind of traversal should we use? inorder



- Say we want to delete a binary search tree
- Which traversal is best?



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- Which traversal is best? post-order

