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Chapter 4

Trees

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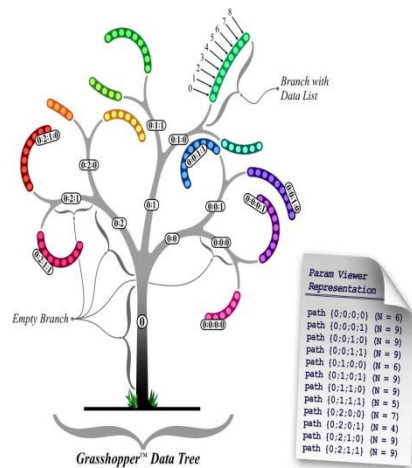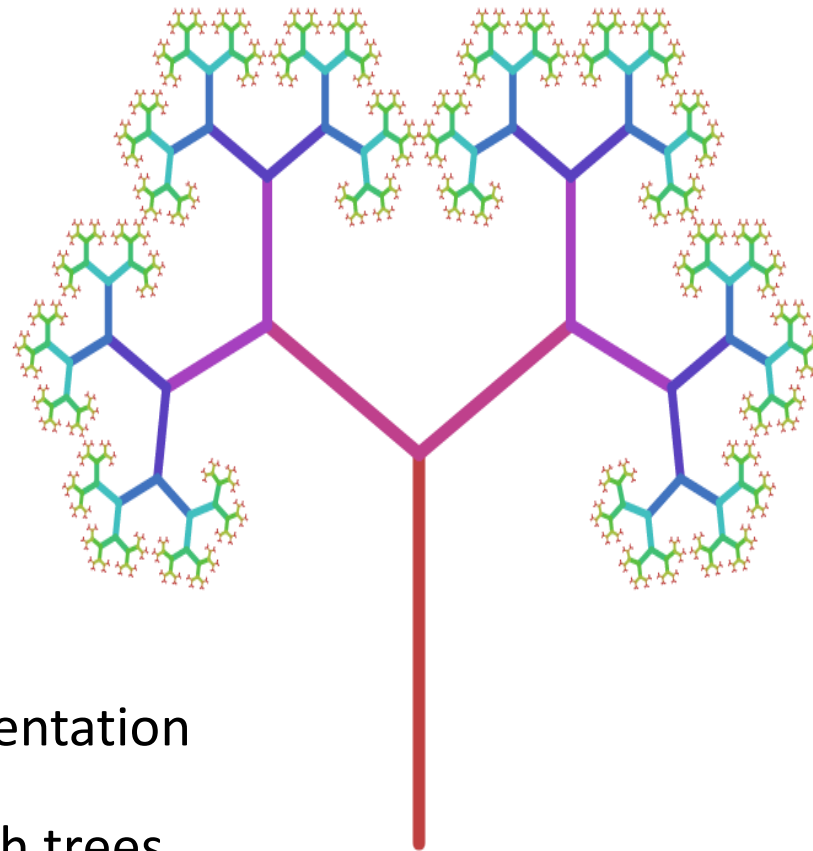
Trees

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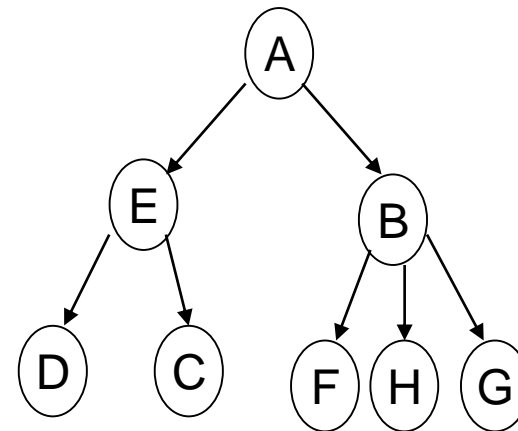- Application of Binary Search trees

What is a Tree?

- A tree, is a finite set of nodes together with a finite set of directed edges that define parent-child relationships. Each directed edge connects a parent to its child. Example:

Nodes={A,B,C,D,E,f,G,H}

Edges={(A,B),(A,E),(B,F),(B,G),(B,H),
(E,C),(E,D)}

- A directed **path** from node m_1 to node m_k is a list of nodes m_1, m_2, . . . , m_k such that each is the parent of the next node in the list. The length of such a path is k - 1.
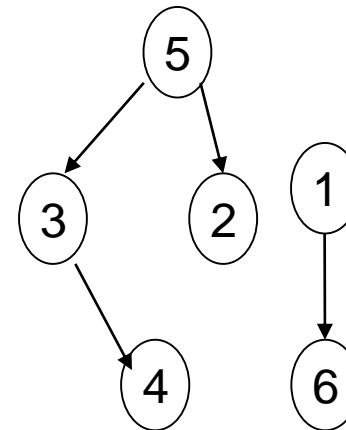- Example: A, E, C is a directed path of length 2.

What is a Tree?

- A tree satisfies the following properties:

1. It has **one <u>designated</u> node**, called the **<u>root</u>**, that has **<u>no parent</u>**.
2. Every node, except the root, **<u>has exactly one parent</u>**.
3. A node may **<u>have zero</u> or more children**.
4. There is a **<u>unique directed</u> path from the root to each node**.
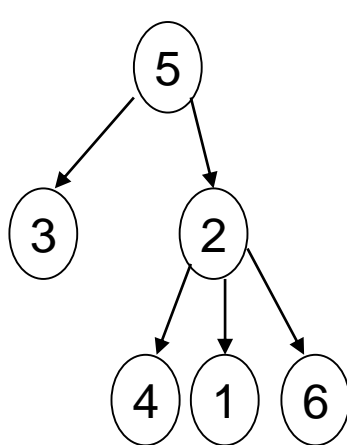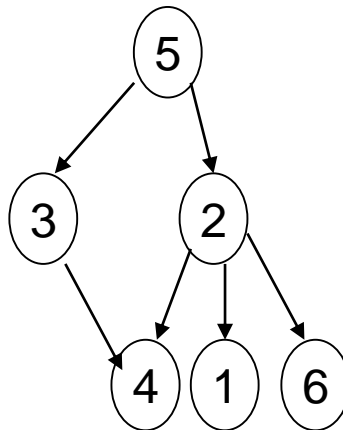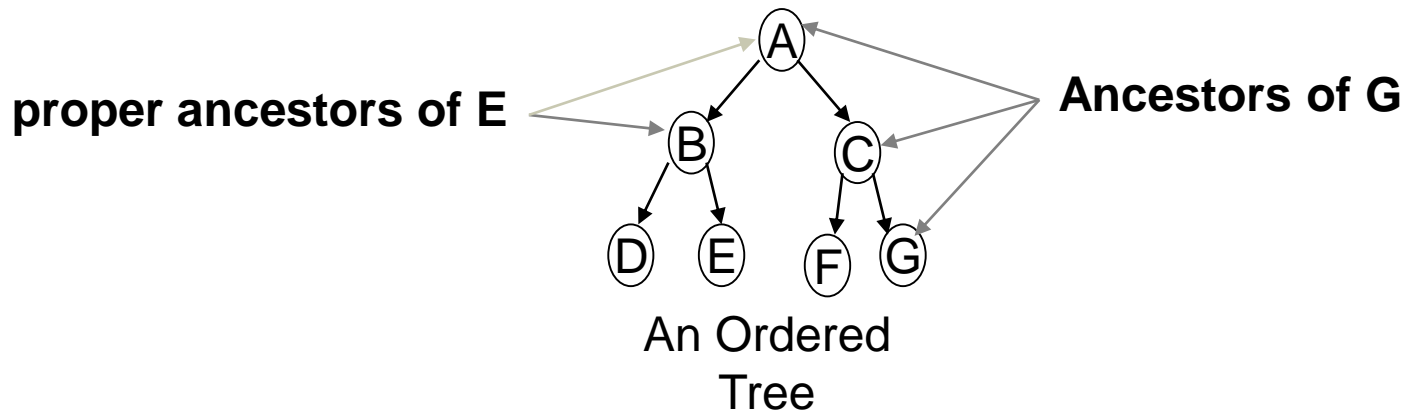

tree   Not a tree   Not a tree

Tree Terminology

- Ordered tree: A tree in which the children of each node **are linearly ordered** (usually from left to right).

proper ancestors of E

Ancestors of G

An Ordered
Tree

- **Ancestor** of a node v: Any node, **including v itself**, on the path from the root to the node.
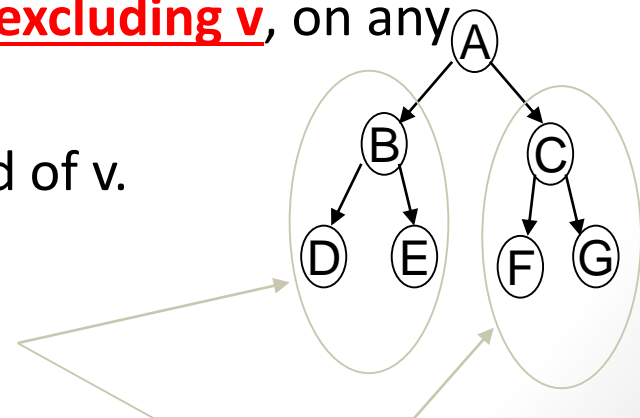- **Proper ancestor** of a node v: Any node, **excluding v,** on the path from the root to the node.

Tree Terminology (Contd.)

- **Descendant** of a node v: Any node, **<u>including v itself</u>**, on any path from the node to a leaf node (i.e., a node with no children).

Proper descendants of node B
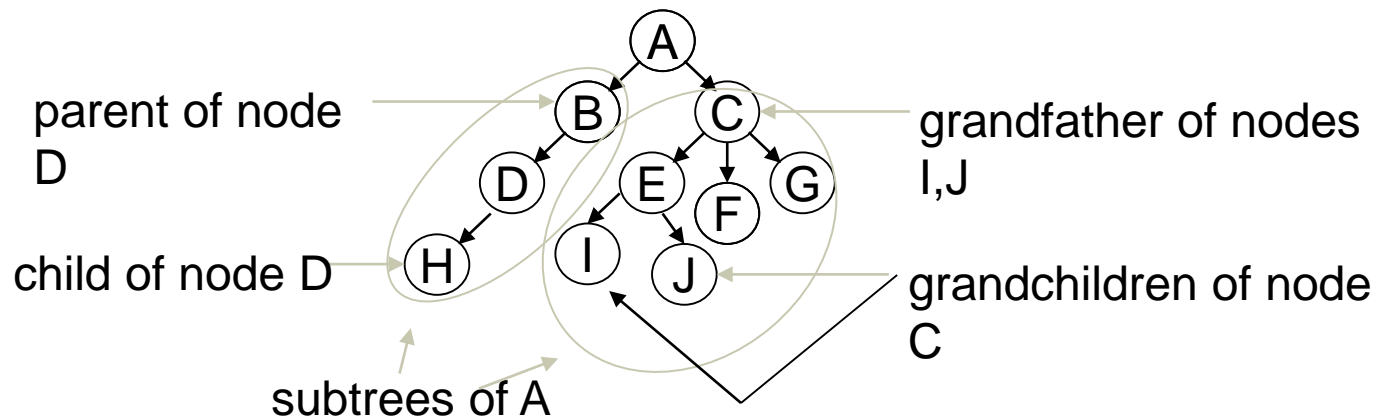
Descendants of a node C
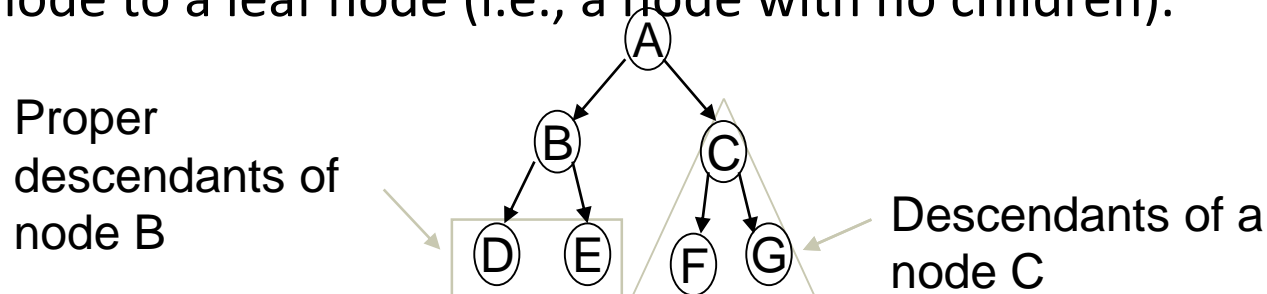
- **Proper descendant** of a node v: Any node, **<u>excluding v</u>**, on any path from the node to a leaf node.

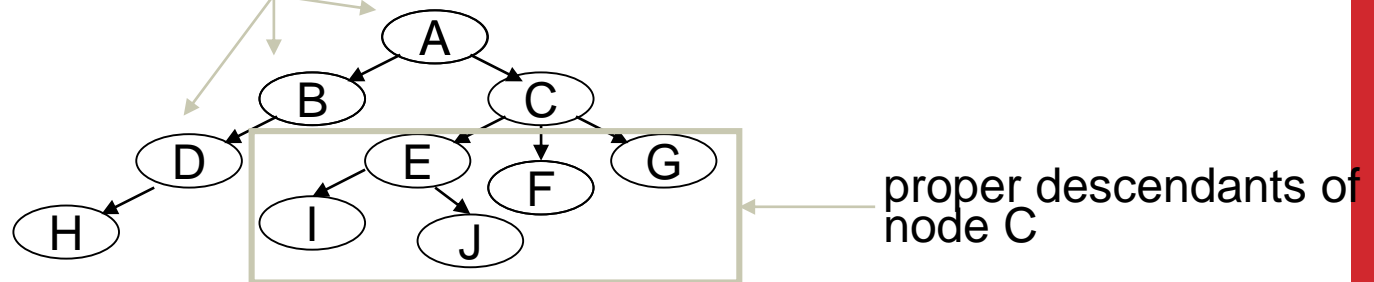- **Subtree** of a node v: A tree rooted at a child of v.

subtrees of node A

Tree Terminology (Contd.)

parent of node D

grandfather of nodes I,J

child of node D

grandchildren of node C

subtrees of A

proper ancestors of node H

proper descendants of node C

Tree Terminology

Tree with size of 10

- Degree: The **<u>number of subtrees</u>** of a node
  - Each of node D and B has degree 1.
  - Each of node A and E has degree 2.
  - Node C has degree **3**.
  - Each of node F,G,H,I,J has degree **0**.

Siblings of A

A

B   C

D   E   G
   F

H   I   J
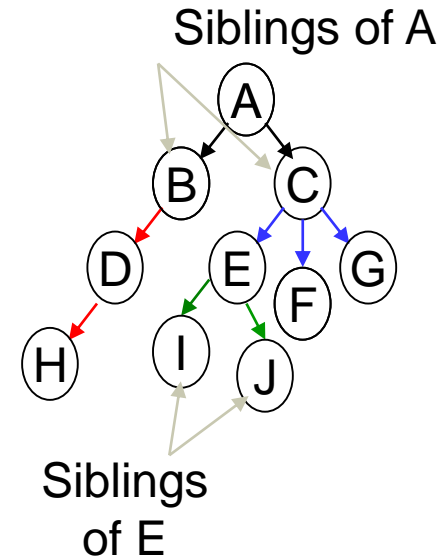
Siblings
of E

- **Leaf**: A node with degree 0.
- **Internal** or interior node: a node with degree greater than 0.
- **Siblings**: Nodes that have the same parent.
- **Size**: The number of nodes in a tree.

Tree Terminology (Contd.)

- **Level** (**or depth**) of a node v: The length of the path from the root to v.
- **Height** of a node v: The length of the **longest path from v to a leaf** node.
  - The **height of a tree** is the height of its **root mode.**
  - By definition the height of an empty tree is **-1**.

- The height of the tree is 4.
- The height of node C is 3.

A — Level 0
B C — Level 1
D E F G — Level 2
H I J — Level 3
k — Level 4
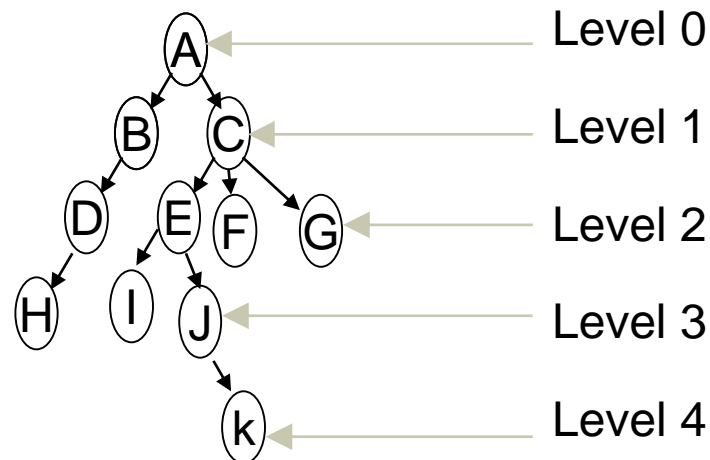
Why Trees?

- Trees are very important data structures in computing.

- They are suitable for:

  - Hierarchical structure representation, e.g.,

    - File directory.

    - Organizational structure of an institution.

    - Class inheritance tree.

  - Problem representation, e.g.,

    - Expression tree.

    - Decision tree.

  - Efficient algorithmic solutions, e.g.,

    - Search trees.

    - Efficient priority queues via heaps.

General Trees and its Implementation

- In a general tree, there is **no limit to the number** of children that a node can have.
- Representing a general tree by **linked lists**:
  - Each node **has a linked list of the subtrees** of that node.
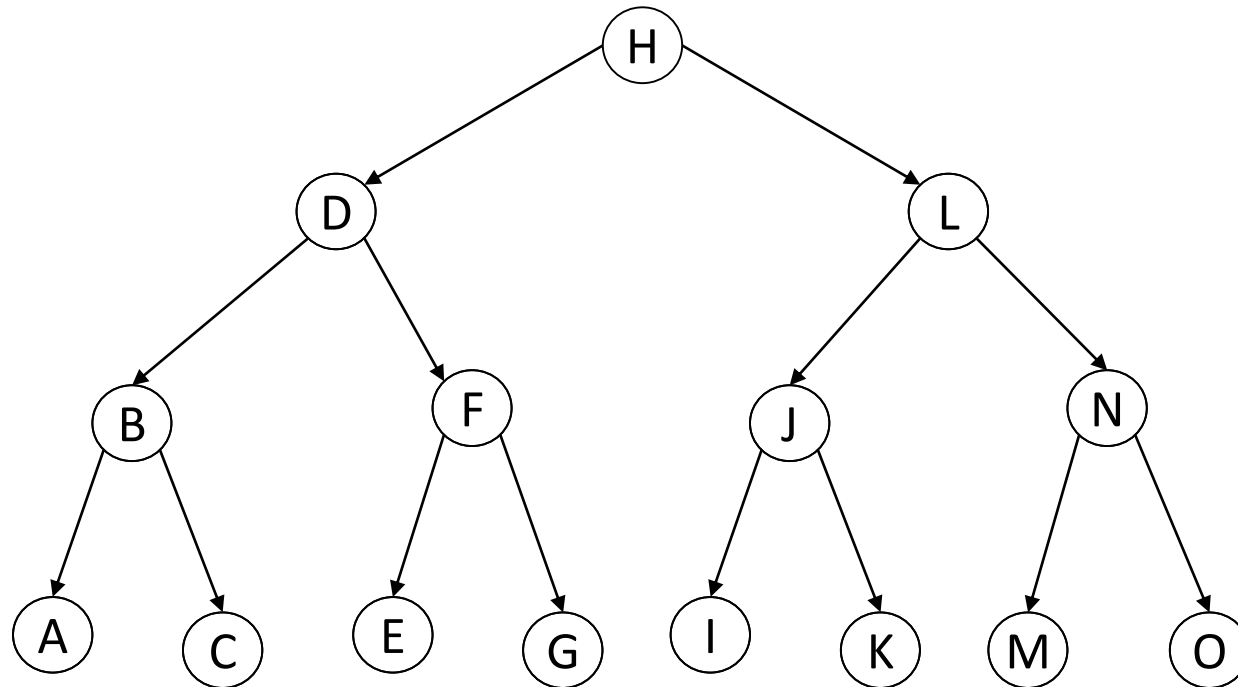 - Each element of the linked list is a subtree of the current node
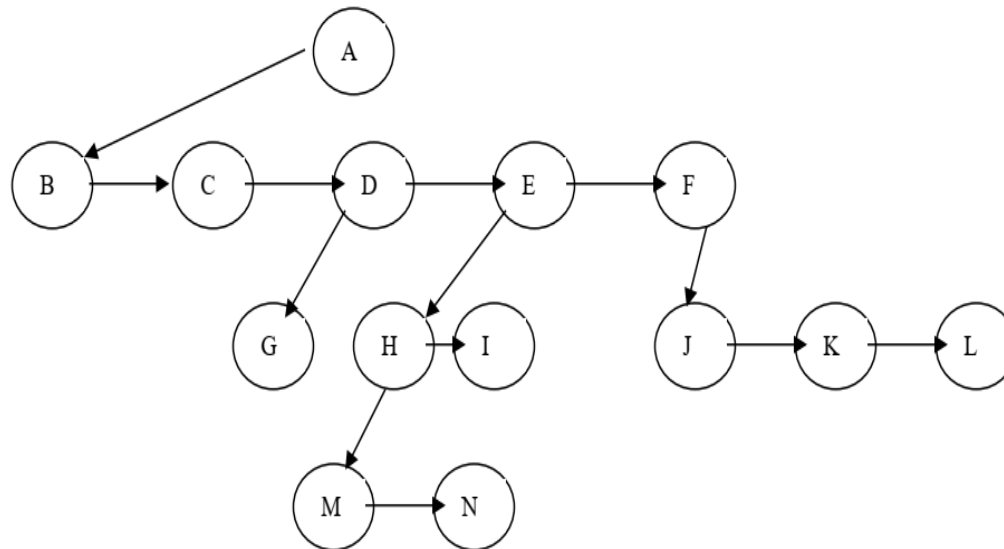
Tree Traversal

- Visiting (e.g. printing) all nodes.
- Three methods
  - Pre-order   : root-Left-Right
  - In-order   : Left-root-Right
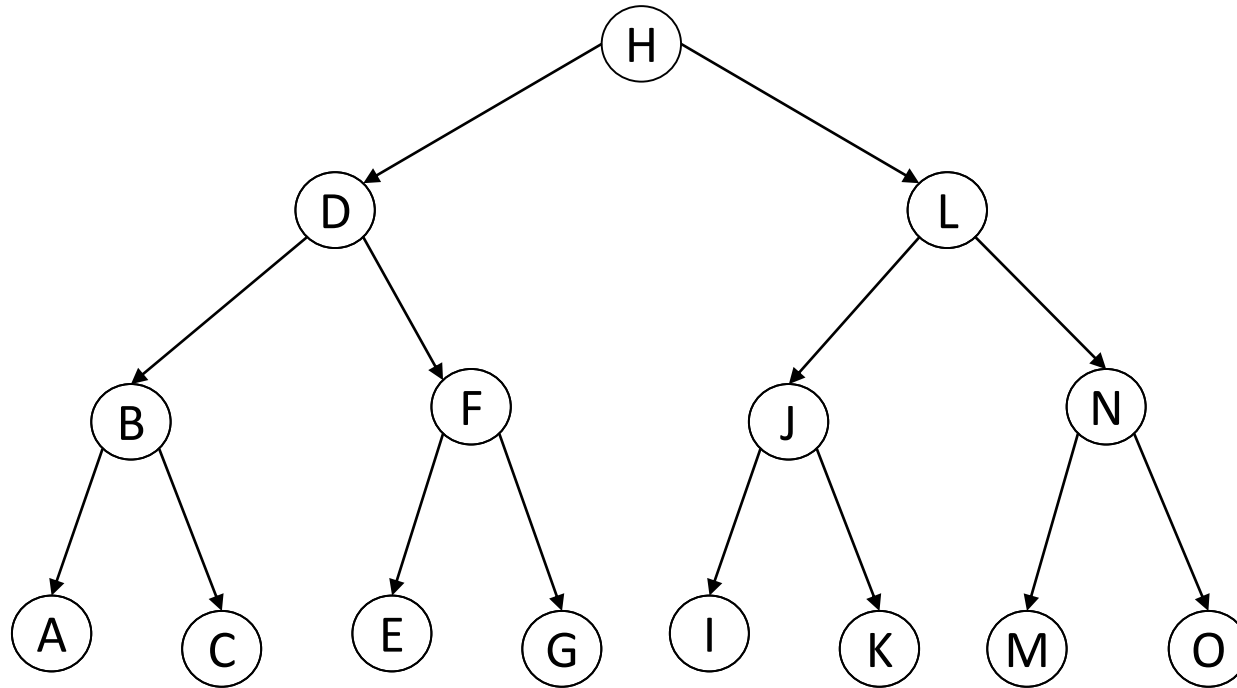 - Post-order : Left-Right-root

Preorder   **root-L-R**
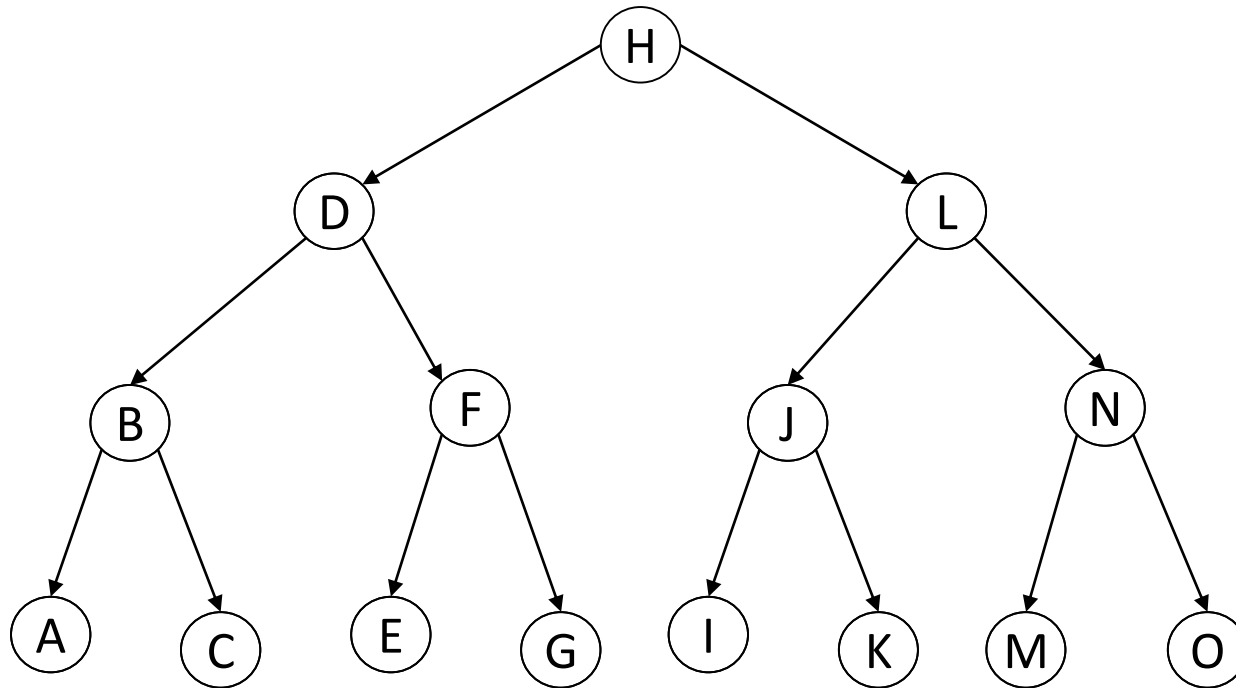
In-order   **L-root-R**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O

Post-order

L-R-root

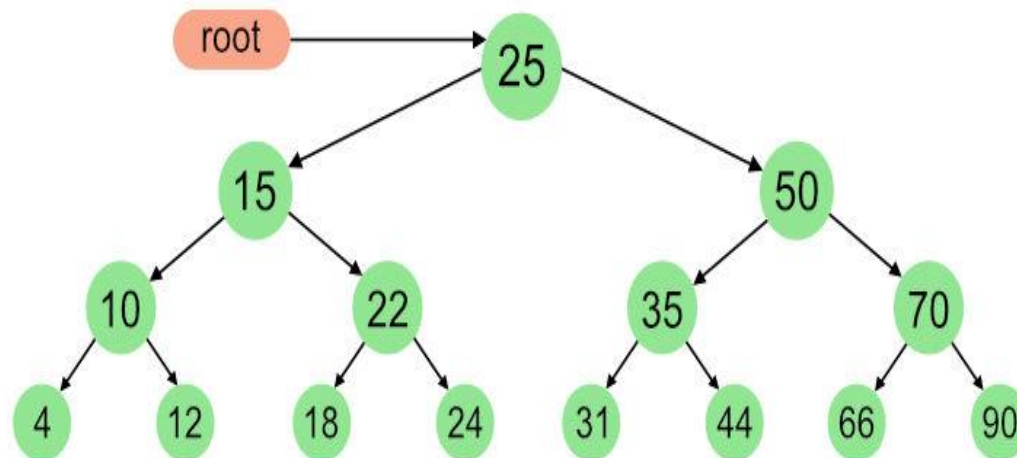| A | C | B | E | G | F | D | I | K | J | M | O | N | L | H |

InOrder(root) visits nodes in the following order:

4, 10, 12, 15, 18, 22, 24, 25, 31, 35, 44, 50, 66, 70, 90

A Pre-order traversal visits nodes in the following order:

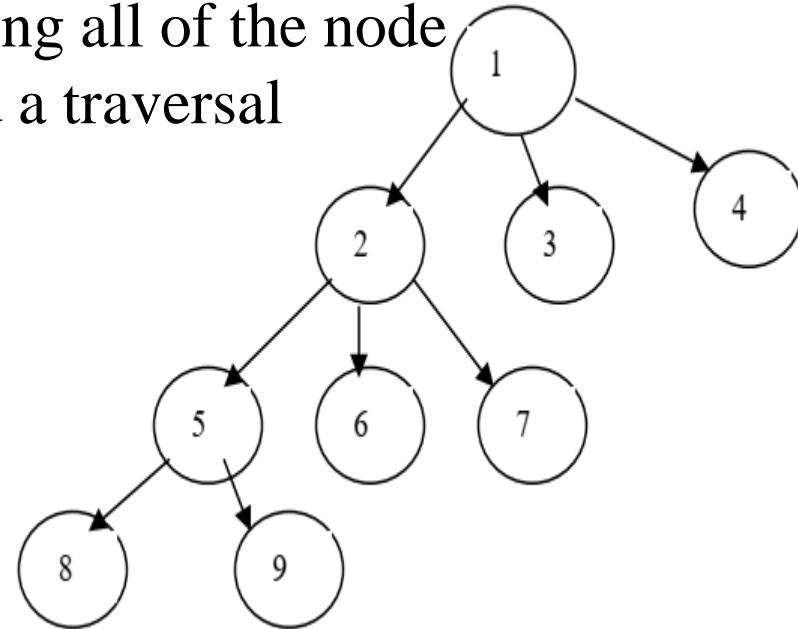25, 15, 10, 4, 12, 22, 18, 24, 50, 35, 31, 44, 70, 66, 90

A Post-order traversal visits nodes in the following order:

4, 12, 10, 18, 24, 22, 15, 31, 44, 35, 66, 90, 70, 50, 25

Tree Traversal

- Any process for visiting all of the node in some order is called a traversal

1) Pre order
root ,left , right
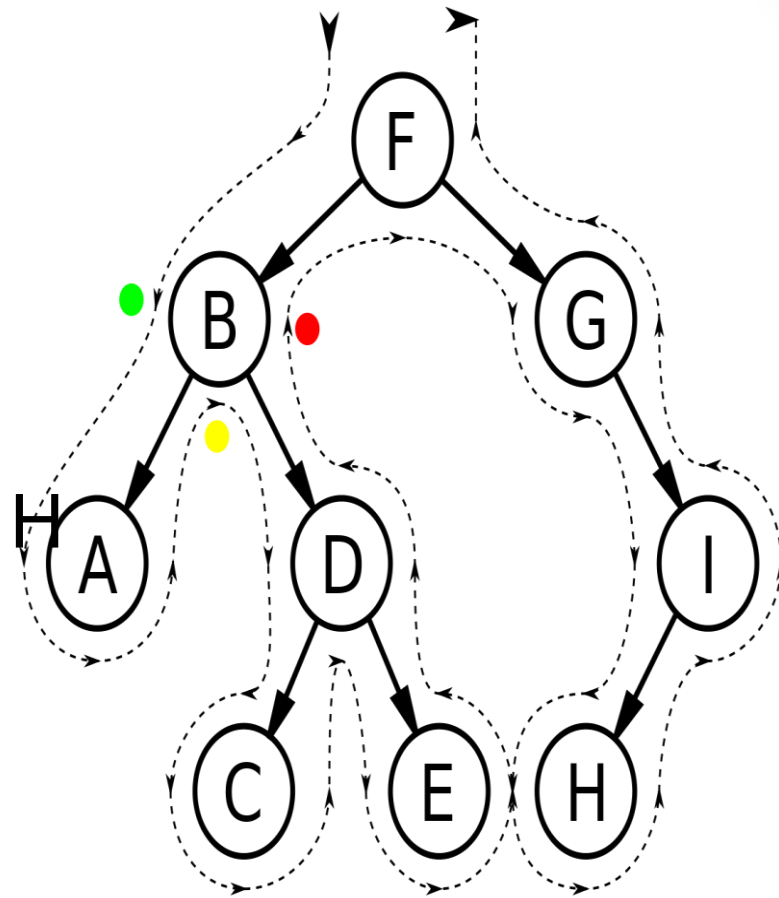1, 2, 5, 8, 9,6,7, 3, 4
2) Post order
left , right , root
8, 9, 5, 6, 7, 2, 3, 4, 1
3) In order
left , root , right
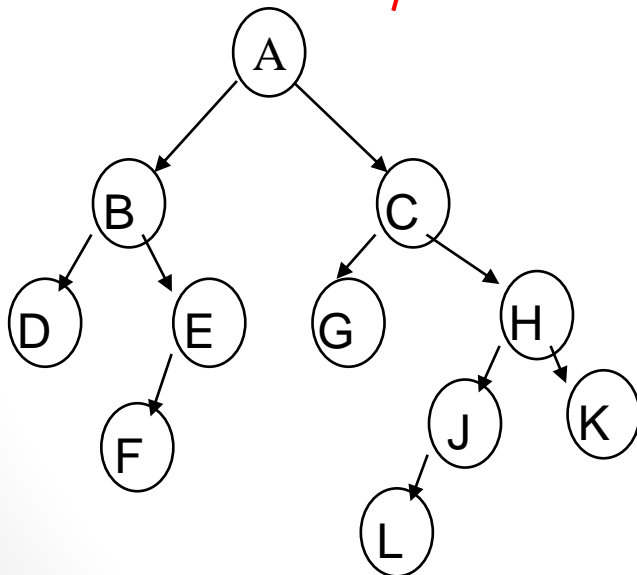8, 5, 9, 2, 6, 7, 1, 3, 4

1) Pre order
root ,left, right
F, B, A,D, C, E,G,I, H
2) Post order
left , right , root
A, C, E, D, B, H, I,
G,F
3) In order
left , root , right
A, C, D, E, B, F, H, I,
G

Construct the binary tree whose traversal are given below

- In order : D B F E A G C L J H K
- Pre order : A B D E F C G H J L K

- In order : (D B F E) A (G C (L J H K))
- Pre order : A B D E F C G H J L K

Exercise (very Important)

Construct the binary tree whose traversal are given below

Preorder	H	D	B	A	C	F	E	G	L	J	I	K	N	M	O

Postorder	A	C	B	E	G	F	D	I	K	J	M	O	N	L	H

N1=predecessor of root in postorder (right)
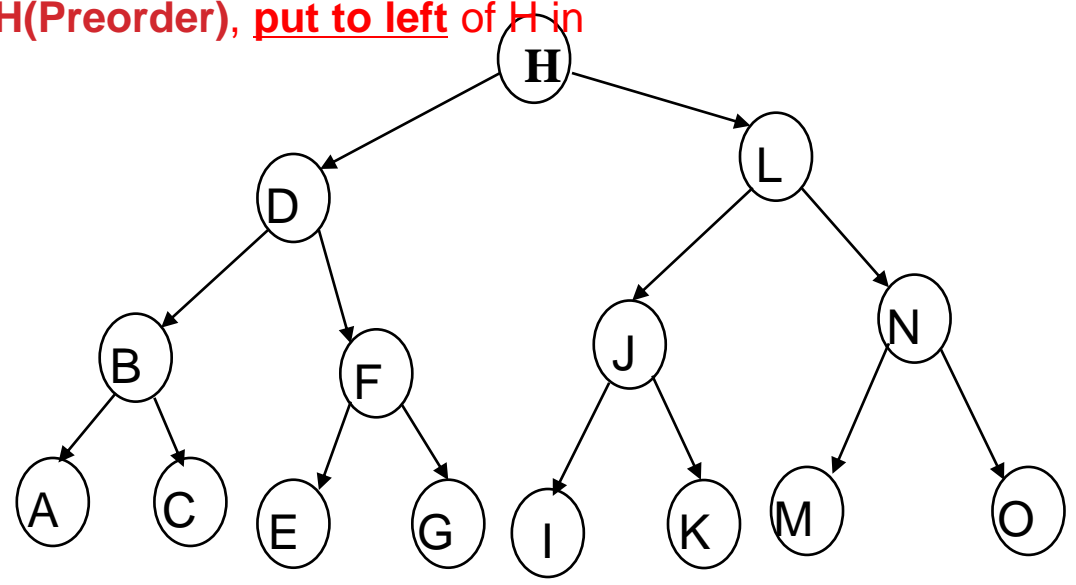N2=successor of root in preorder (left)

Preorder | H | D | B | A | C | F | E | G | L | J | I | K | N | M | O

Postorder | A | C | B | E | G | F | D | I | K | J | M | O | N | L | H
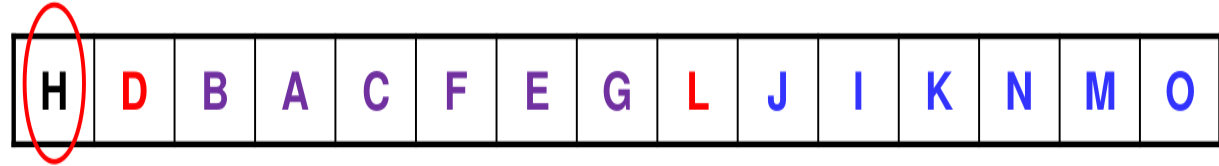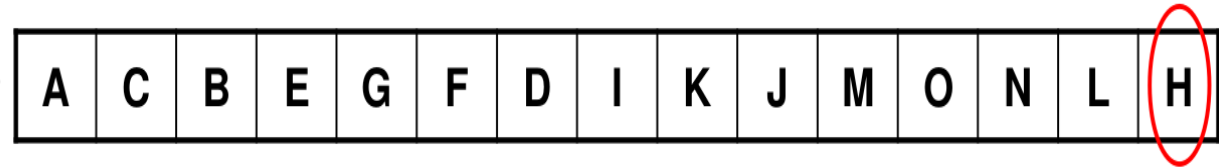
The left of node **H (postorder)** ,**put on right** of H in tree
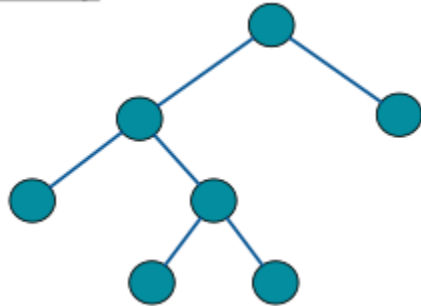The right of node **H(Preorder)**, **put to left** of H in tree

Binary Trees

- A binary tree is a tree in which node can **have no more than two** children
- Thus, a binary tree is either:
  1. An empty tree, or
  2. A tree consisting of a root node and at most two non-empty binary subtrees.
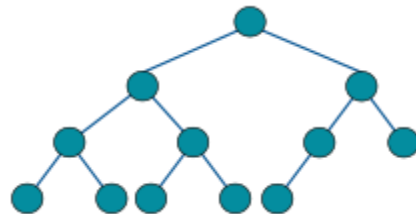
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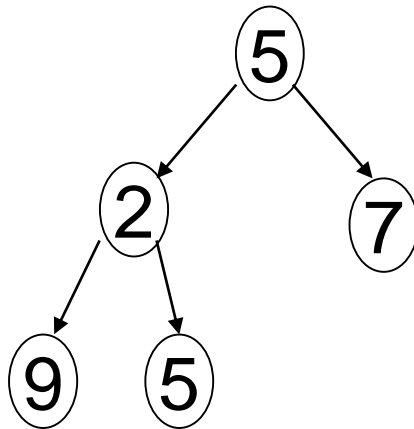
Types of Binary Trees

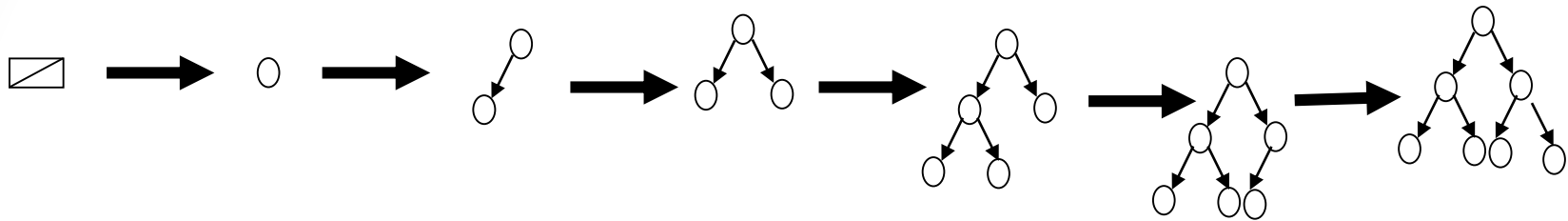- A <u>full binary</u> if every node has 0 or 2 children.

- A <u>complete binary</u> every level, *except possibly the last*, is completely filled, and all nodes in the last level are as far left as possible.
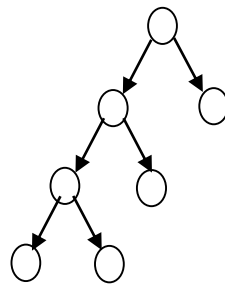
Binary Trees (Contd.)

- Example showing the growth of a complete binary tree:

- **Full, but not complete**: Huffman coding example
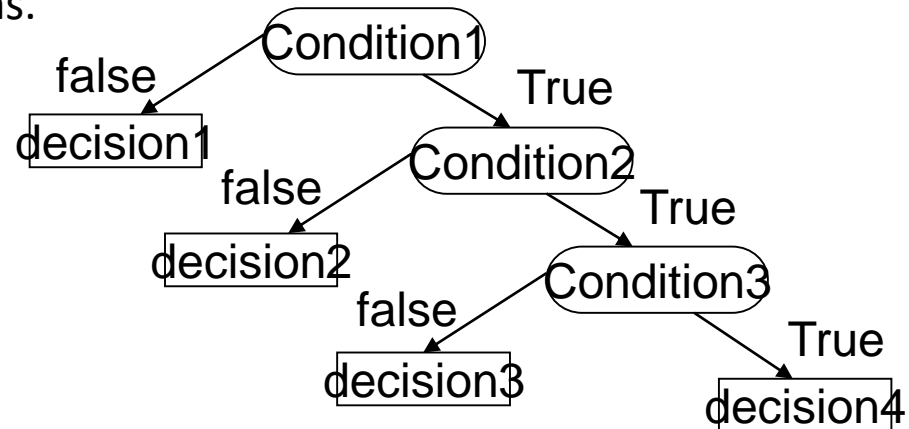
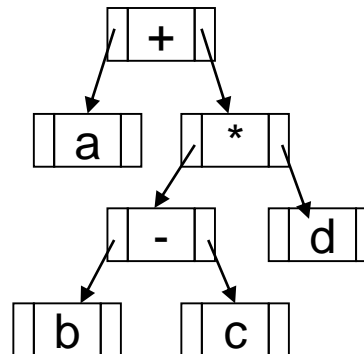# Application of Binary Trees

- Binary trees have many important uses. Two examples are:

1. **Binary decision trees.**

    - Internal nodes are conditions. Leaf nodes denote decisions.

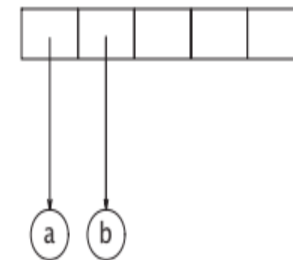2. **Expression Trees**

Constructing an Expression Tree

Since we already have an algorithm to convert **<u>infix to postfix</u>**, we can generate expression trees from the two common types of input

We read our **expression one symbol at a time**. If the symbol is an operand, we create a **one-node tree** and **push it onto a stack**. If the symbol is an operator, we pop two trees T_1 and T_2 from the stack (T_2 is popped first) and form a new tree whose root is the operator and whose left and right children are T_1 and T_2, respectively. This new tree is then pushed onto the stack.

As an example, suppose the input is

a b + c d e + * *

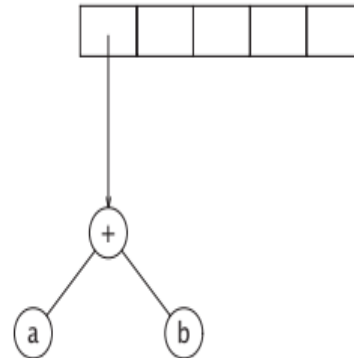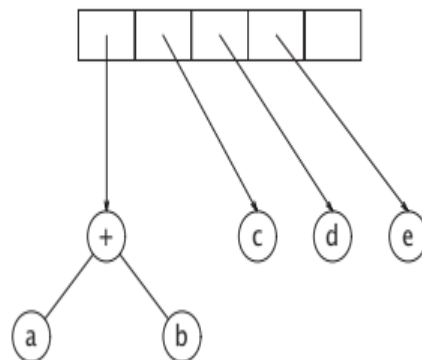The first two symbols are operands, so we create one-node trees and push them onto a stack.

a b + c d e + * *

Next, a **+** is read, so two trees are
popped, a new tree is formed, and it is
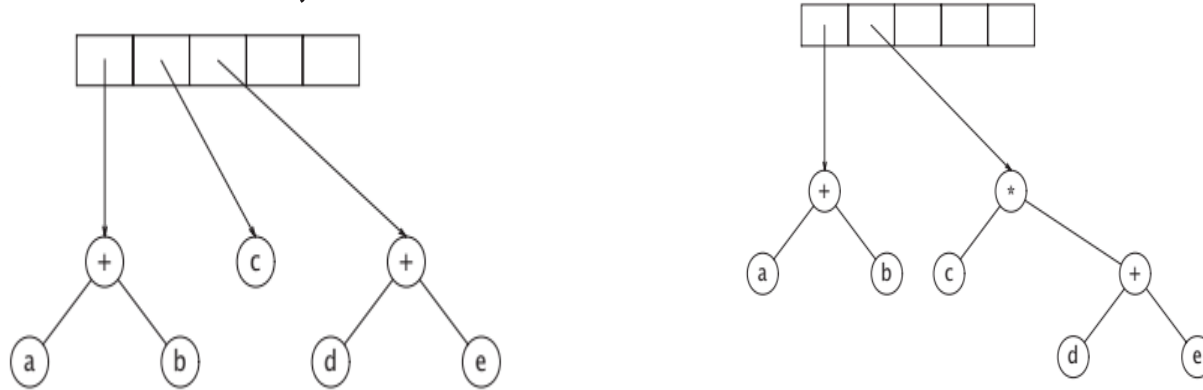pushed onto the stack

a b + c d e + * *

Next, c, d, and e are read, and for each a
one-node tree is created and the
corre   s pushed onto the
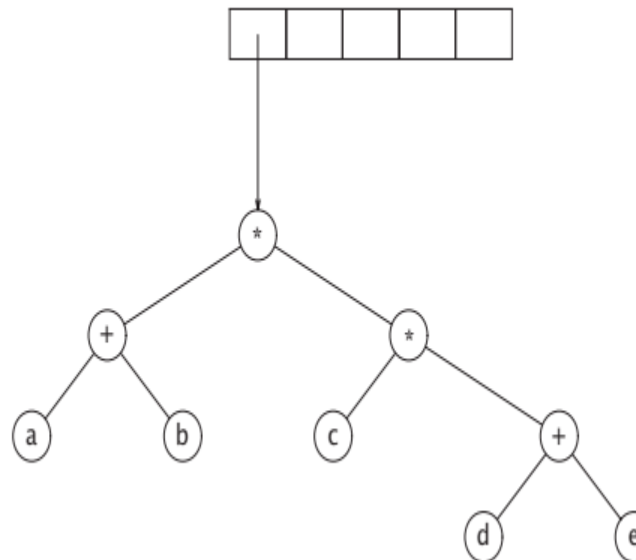stack

Now a + is read, so two trees are merged

a b + c d e + * *

Continuing, a * is read, so we pop two trees and form a new tree with a * as root.

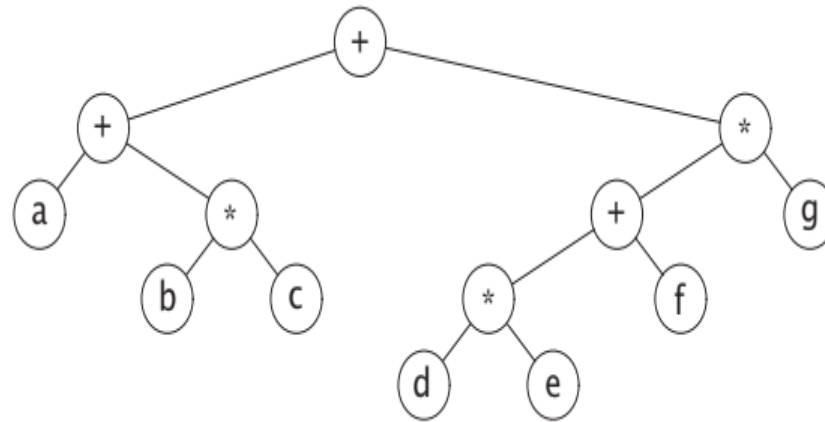Finally, the last symbol is read, two trees are merged, and the final tree is left on the stack.

Post order a b c* + d e * f + g * +**Postfix**

Pre order   + + a * b c * + * d e f   **Prefix**
g

Pre order + + a * b c * + * d e f g **Prefix**

Post order a b c* + d e * f + g * + **Postfix**

In order (a + (b * c)) + (((d * e) + f) * g). **Infix**
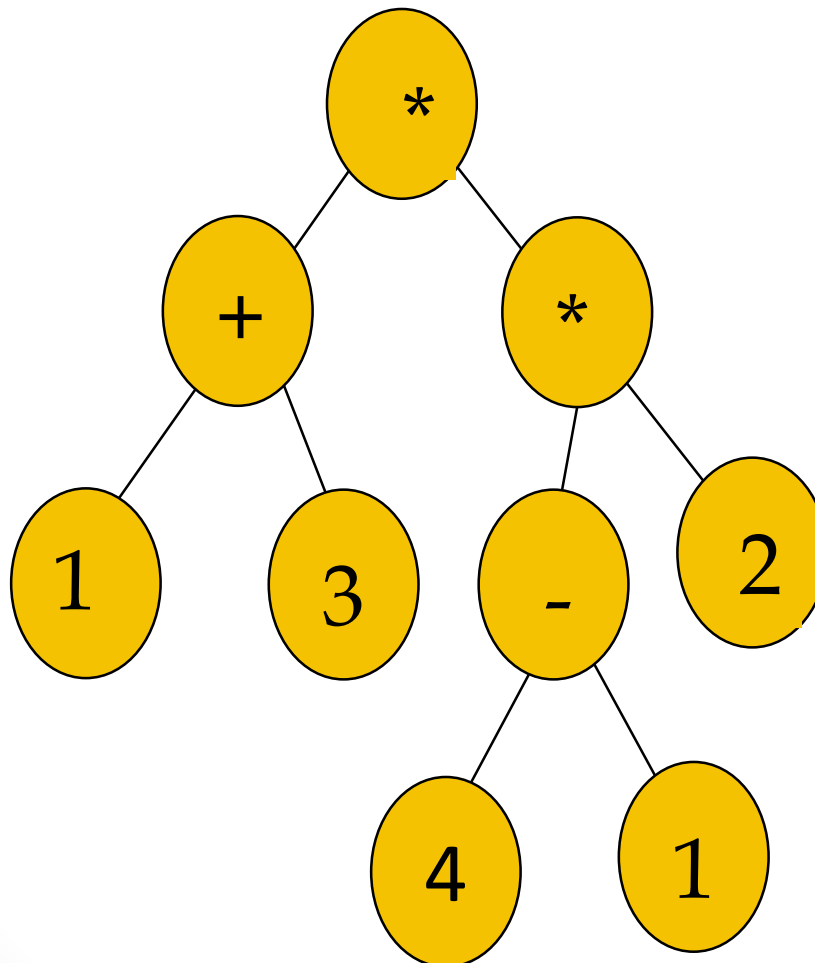
Construct expression tree?
Excercise (Try at home)

A) preorder :   * + 1 3 * - 4 1 2

B) postorder :   1 3 + 4 1 - 2 * *

Traversing an expression tree
Excercise (Try at home :answer)

preorder (1ˢᵗ touch)
* + 1 3 * - 4 1 2

postorder (last touch)
1 3 + 4 1 - 2 * *

inorder (2ⁿᵈ touch)
1 + 3 * 4 - 1 * 2