

# CMSC 341

## Lecture 8

# Introduction to Trees

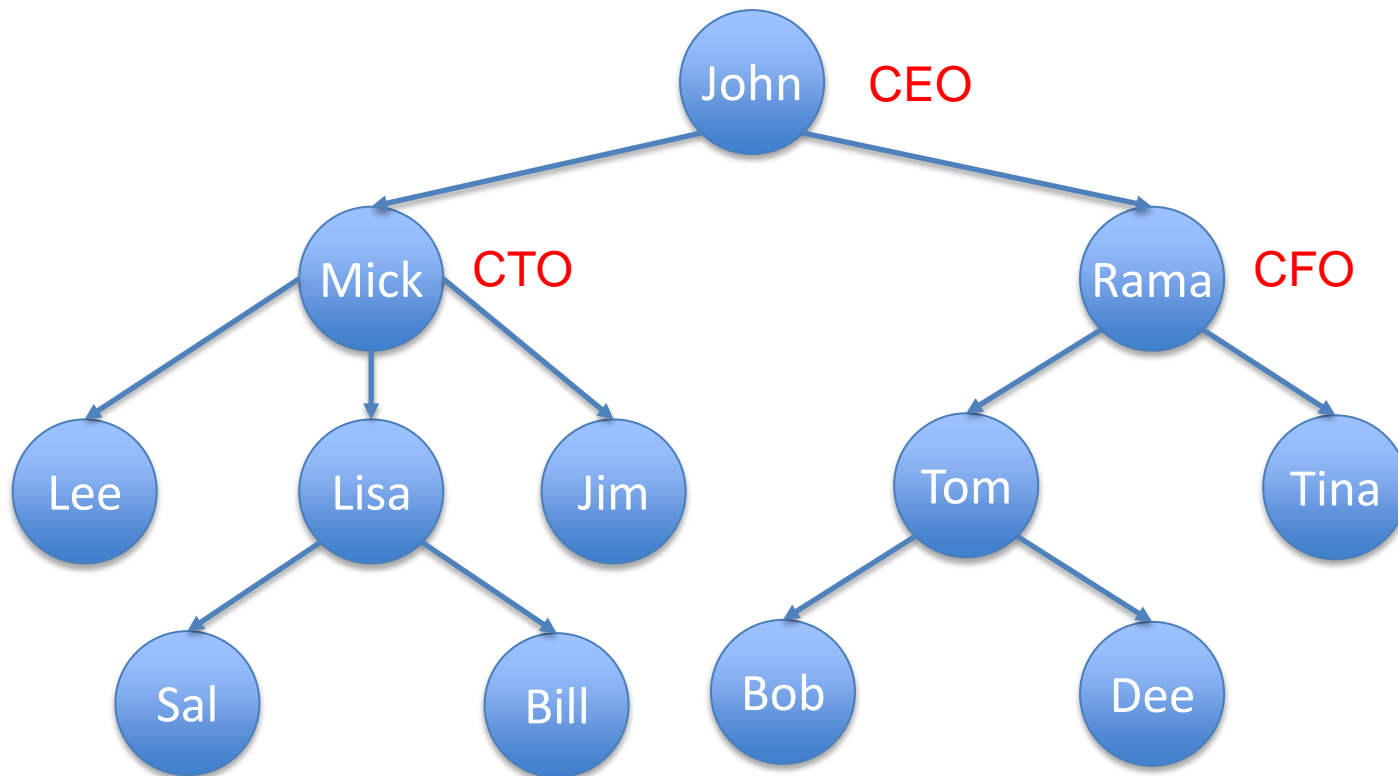
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# Introduction to Trees

# What is a Tree?

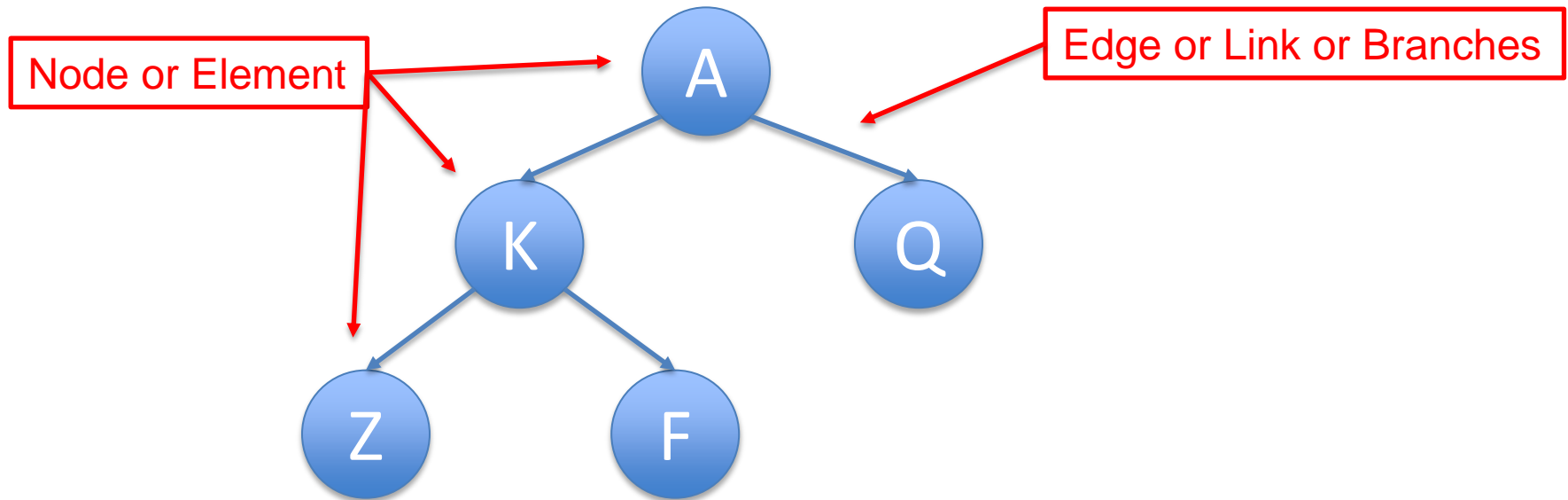
- In computer science, a tree is an abstract model of a hierarchical structure
- Applications:
  - Organization charts
  - File systems
  - Programming environments

# Tree Example – Org Chart



# What is a Tree?

- A tree is a collection of nodes (elements)

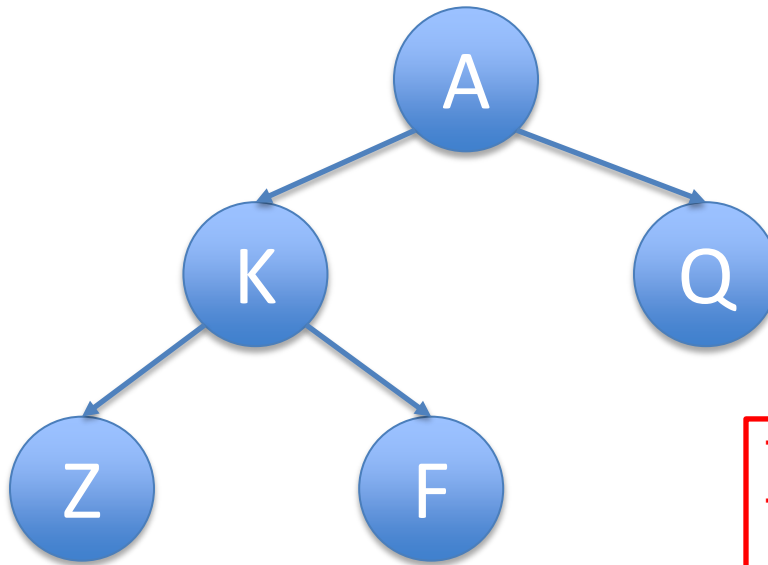


# Tree Terminology

- There are two main ways that trees are described.
  1. Terms are related to “trees” such as *root*, *branches*, and *leaves*
  2. Terms are related to “ancestry” such as *parent*, *children*, *sibling*, *ancestors*, and *descendants*

# What is a Tree?

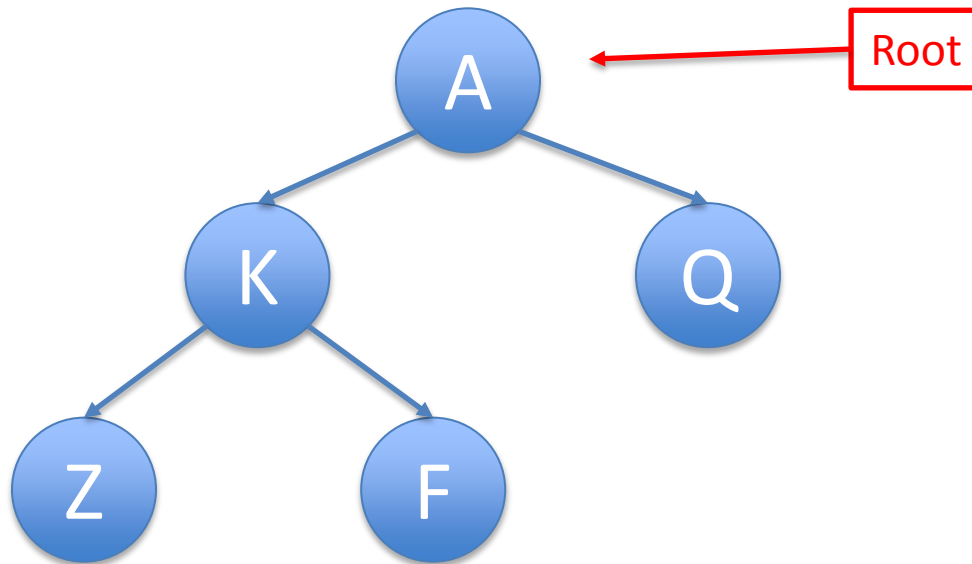
- Each node may have 0 or more children



The children of A are K and Q.  
The children of K are Z and F.  
Q, Z, and F have no children.

# What is a Tree?

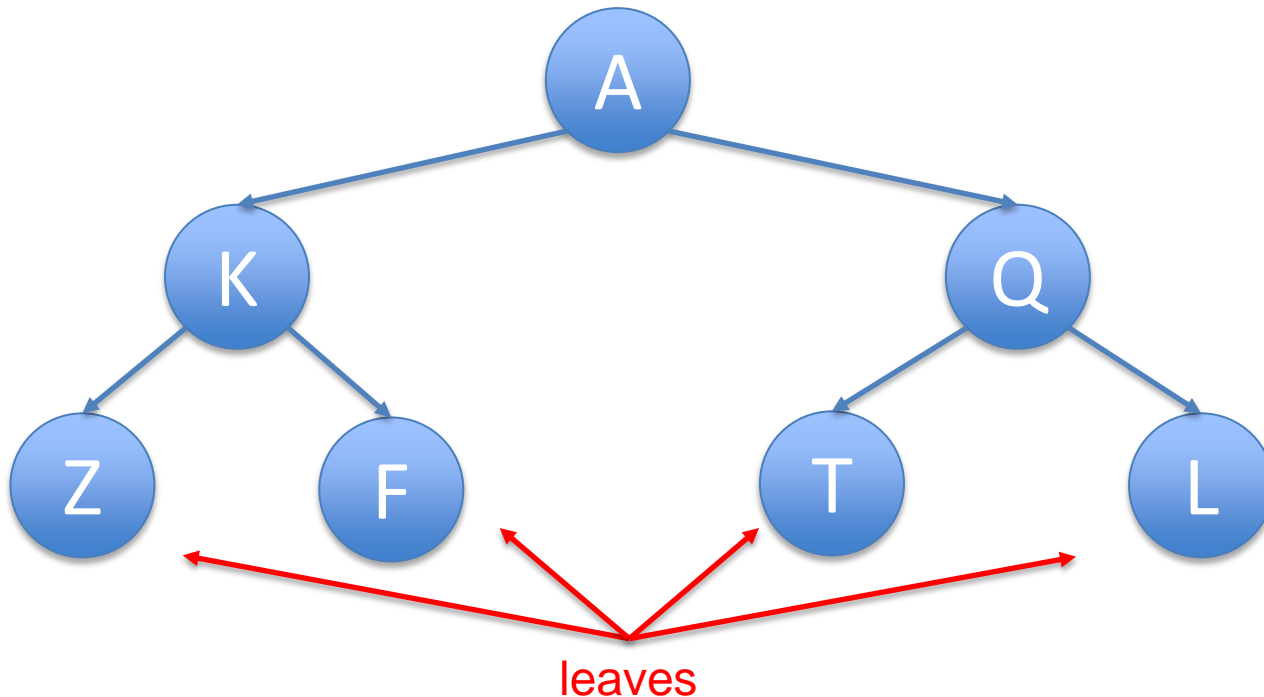
- Each node has **exactly one** parent
  - Except the starting / top node, called the root



The parent of K is A.  
The parent of Q is A.  
The parent of Z is K.  
The parent of F is K.

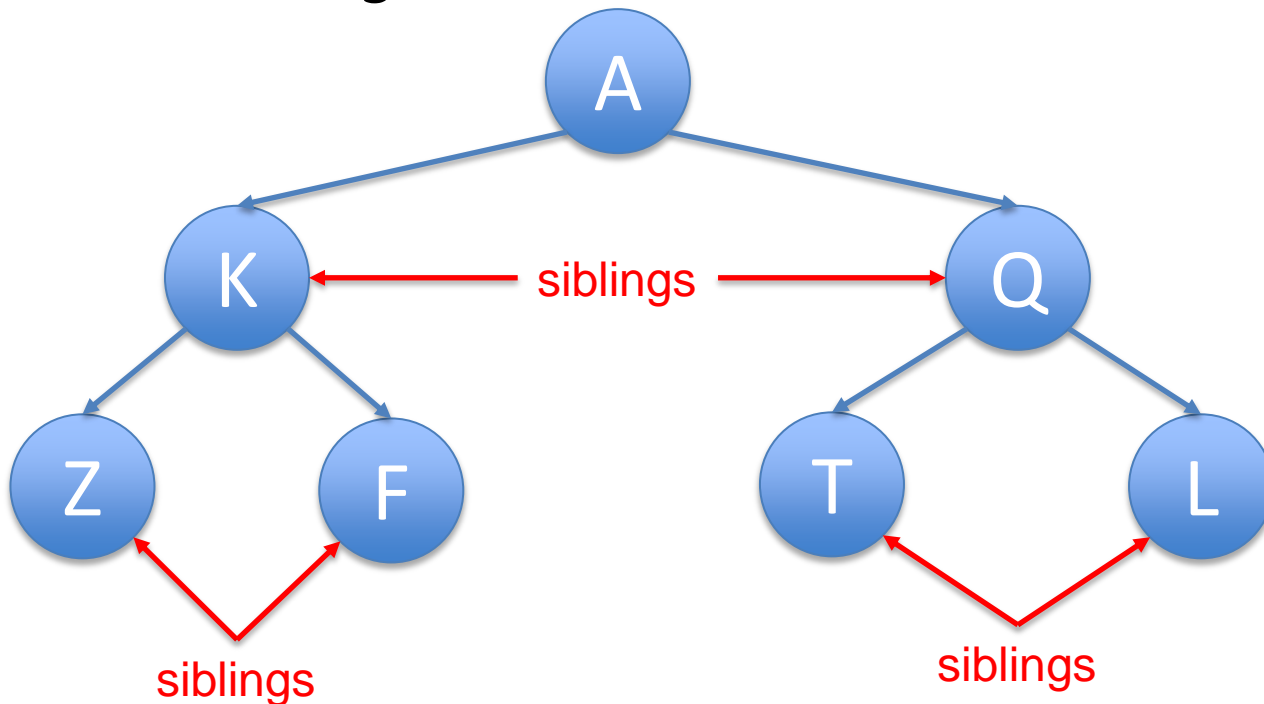
# What is a Tree?

- Nodes with no children are called leaves
- Which are leaves?



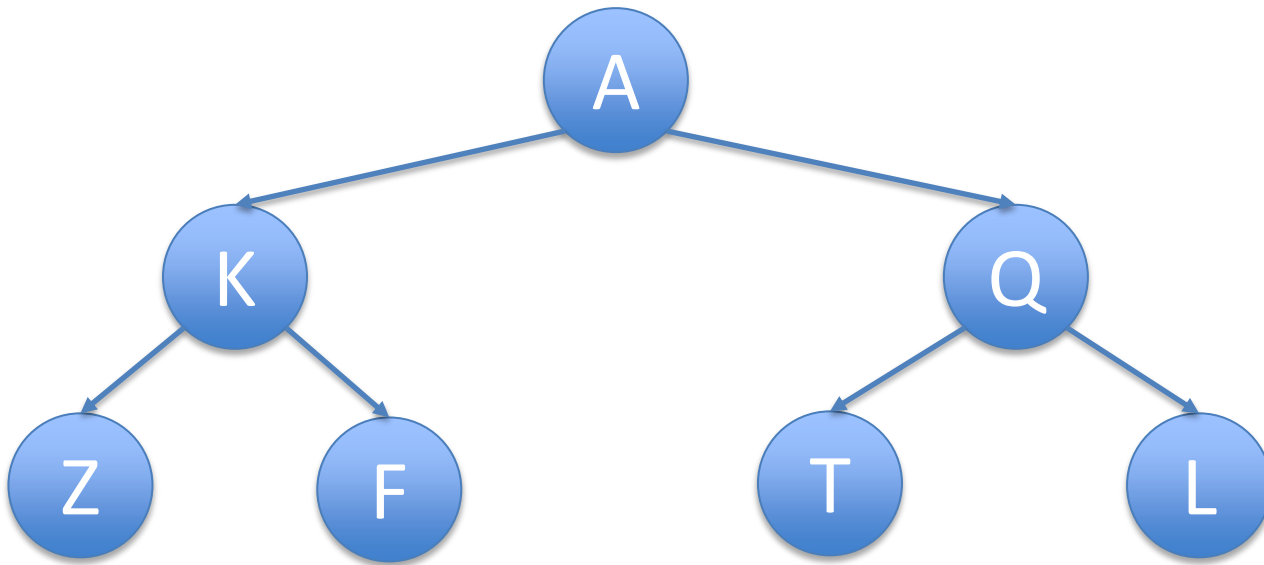
# What is a Tree?

- Nodes with same parent are siblings
- *Which are siblings?*



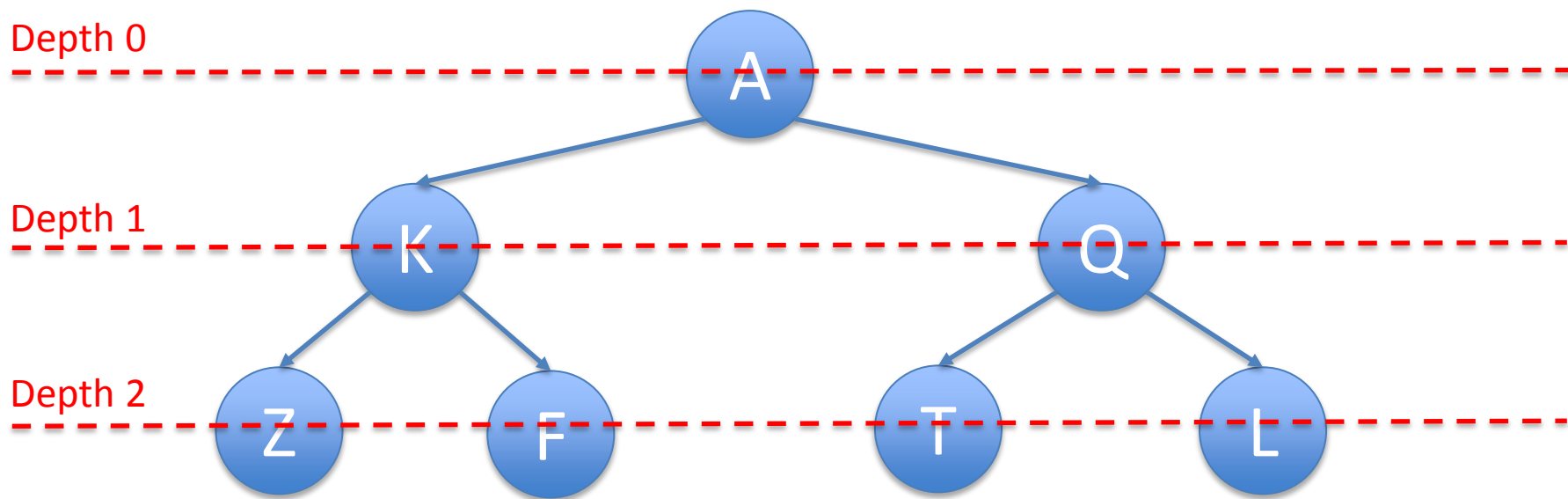
# What is a Tree?

- If there is a path between node A and node Z:  
Z is a descendant of A  
A is an ancestor of Z



# What is a Tree?

- Depth of a node: The number of ancestors excluding itself.



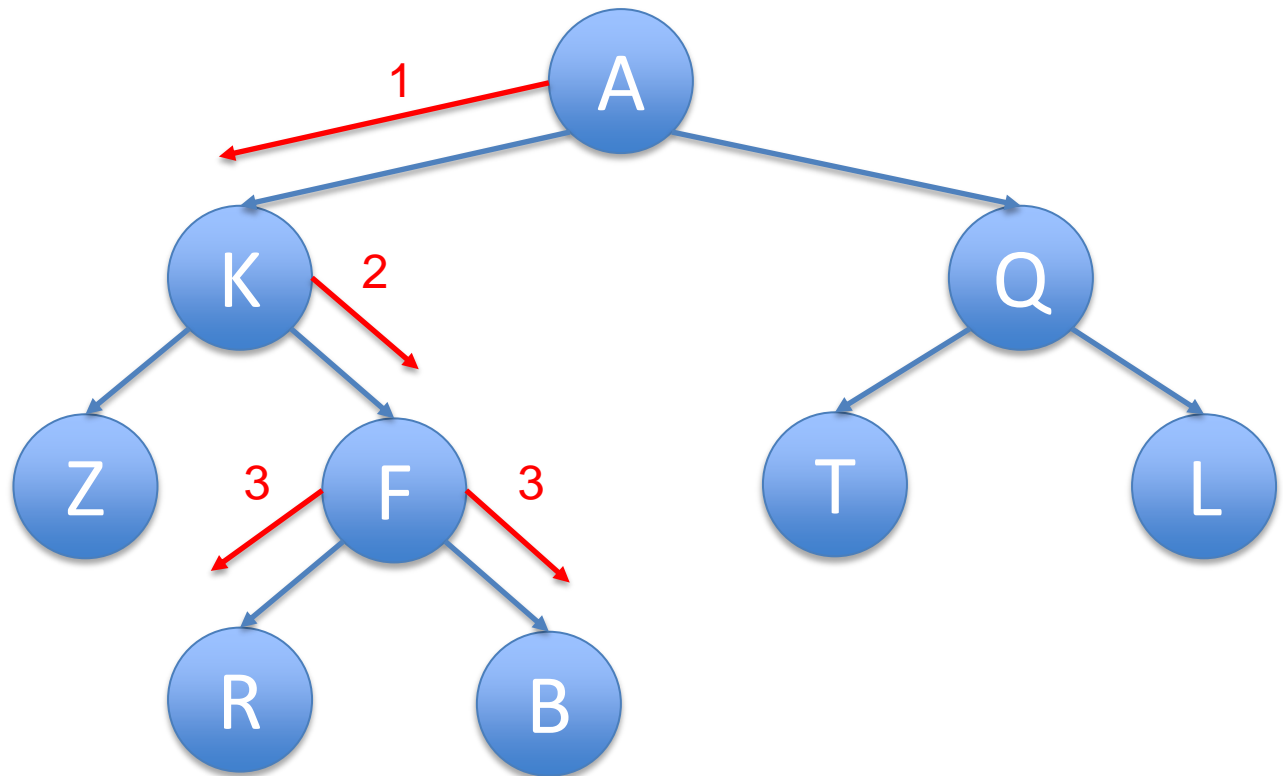
Count number of edges between root and node for depth

# What is a Tree?

- Height of a tree: Number of edges between root and farthest leaf

What is the height of this tree?

Height = 3

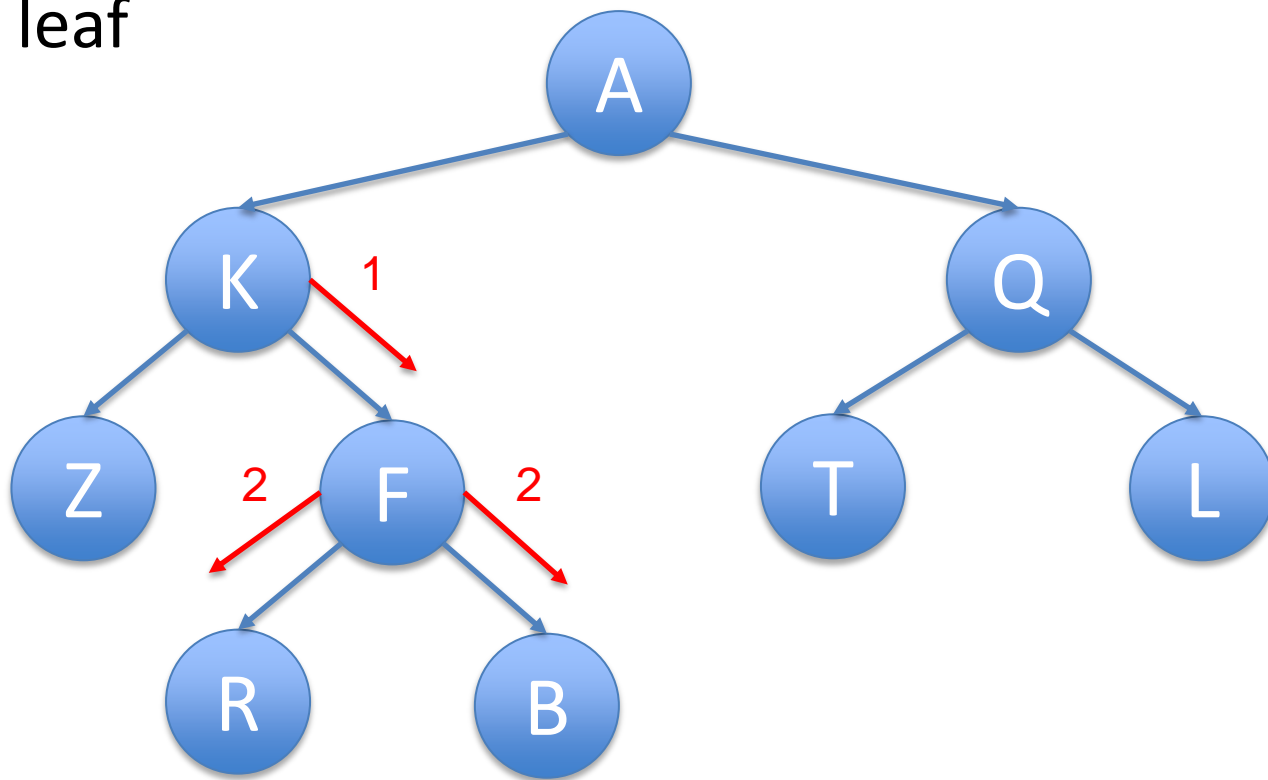


# What is a Tree?

- Height of a node: Number of edges between node and deepest leaf

What is the height of node K?

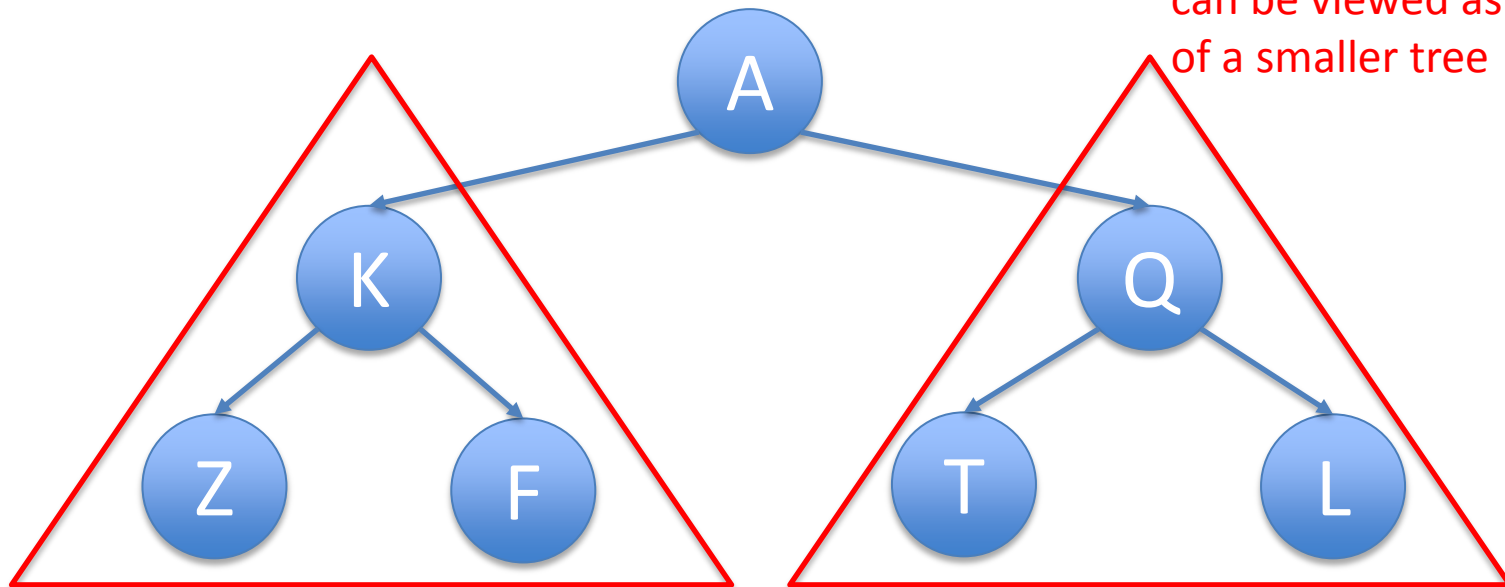
Height = 2



# What is a Tree?

- Subtree: A tree that consists of a child and the child's descendants

Considered **recursive**  
because each sub-tree  
can be viewed as the root  
of a smaller tree

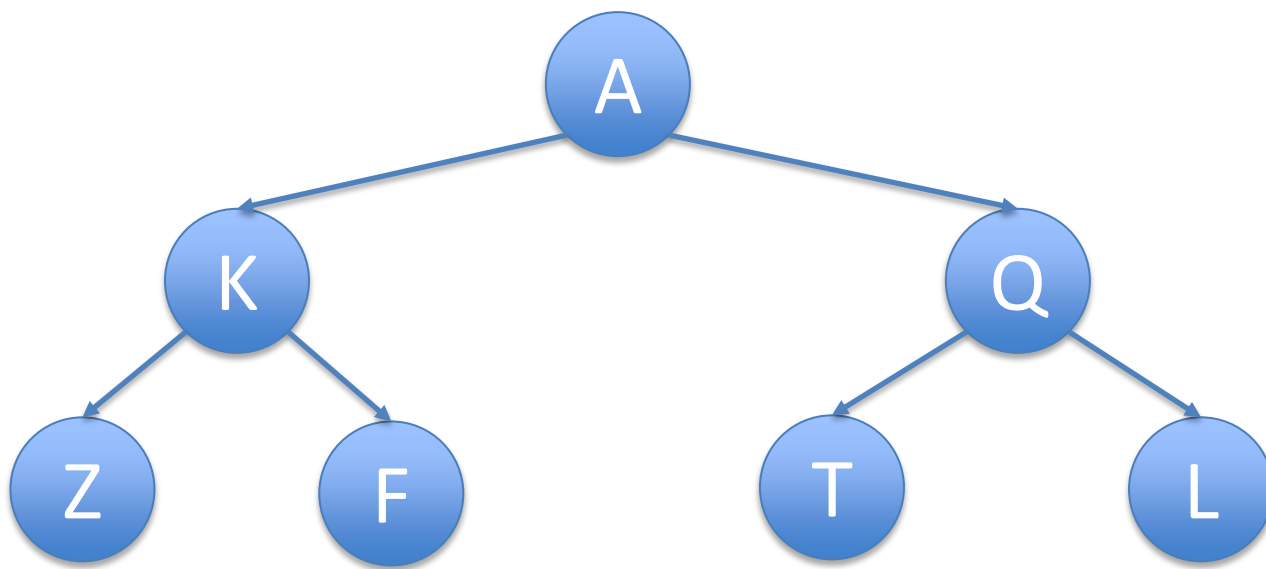


Subtree 1  
Includes K, Z, and F

Subtree 2  
Includes Q, T, and L

# Tree Terminology Practice

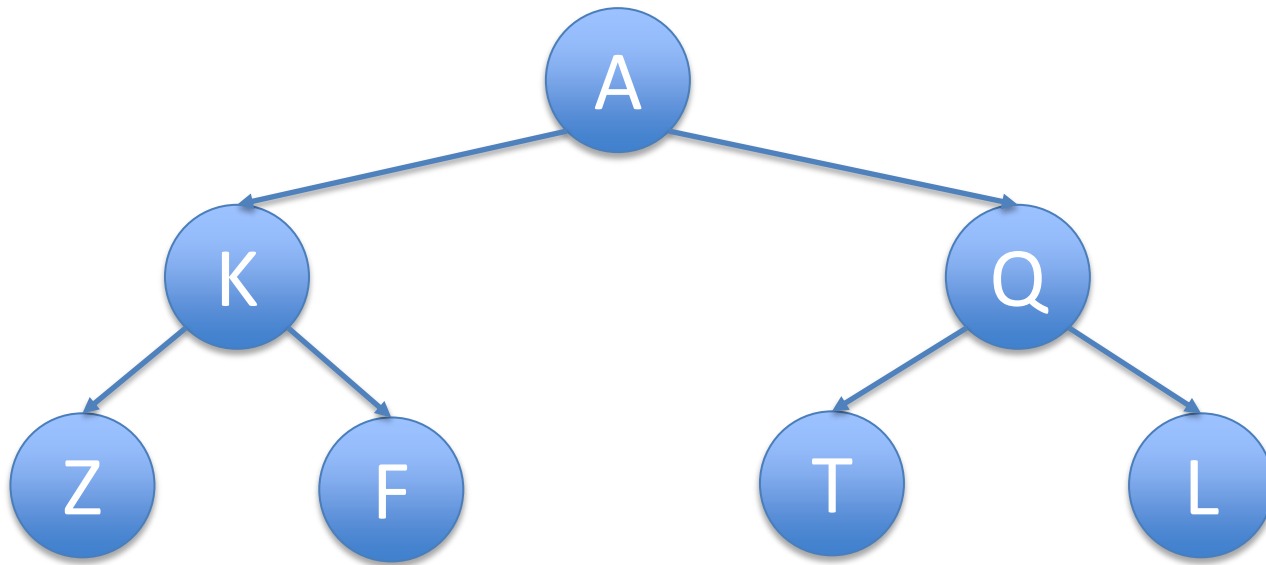
1. How could we describe Z?



Z is a node, a leaf, a sibling of F and a child of K

# Tree Terminology Practice

2. How could we describe the relationship between T and L?



T is a sibling of L and they are both leaves

# Tree Terminology Summary

- A tree is a collection of nodes(elements)
- Each node may have 0 or more children
  - (Unlike a list, which has 0 or 1 successors)
- Each node has *exactly one* parent
  - Except the starting / top node, called the root
- Links from a node to its successors are called edges or branches
- Nodes with same parent are siblings
- Nodes with no children are called leaves

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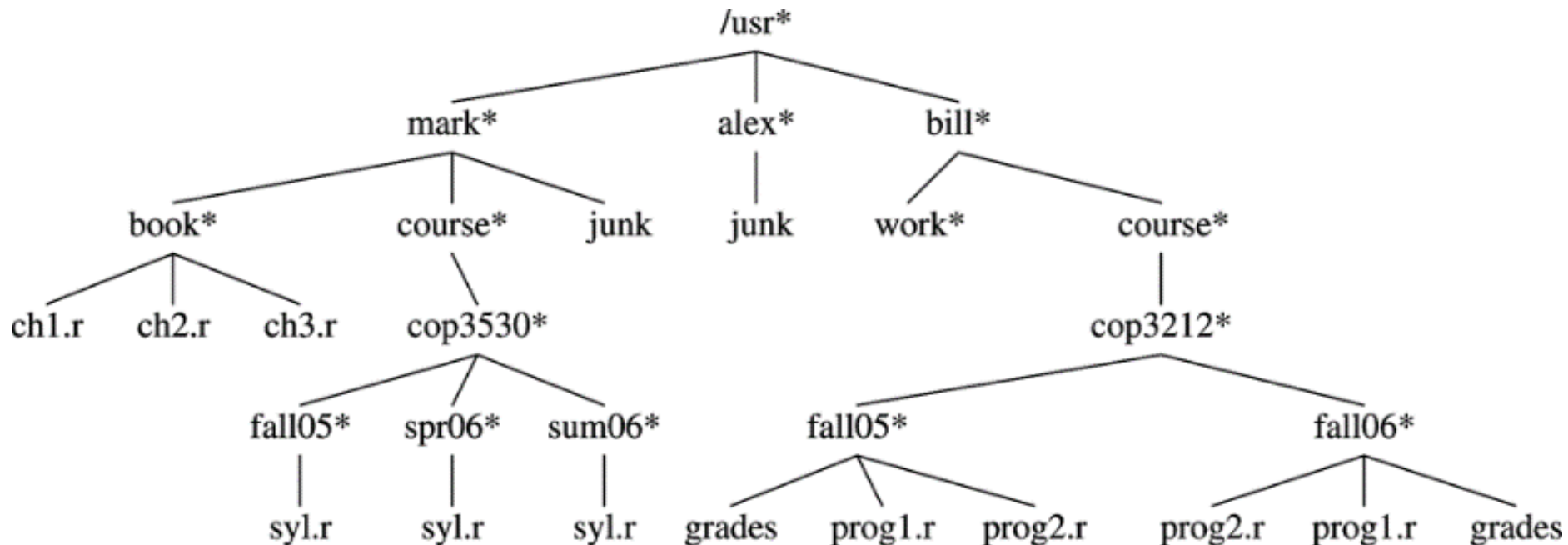
- Regular Tree
- Regular Binary Tree
- Binary Search Tree (BST)

All regular binary trees are also regular trees.

All binary search trees (BST) are also regular binary trees.

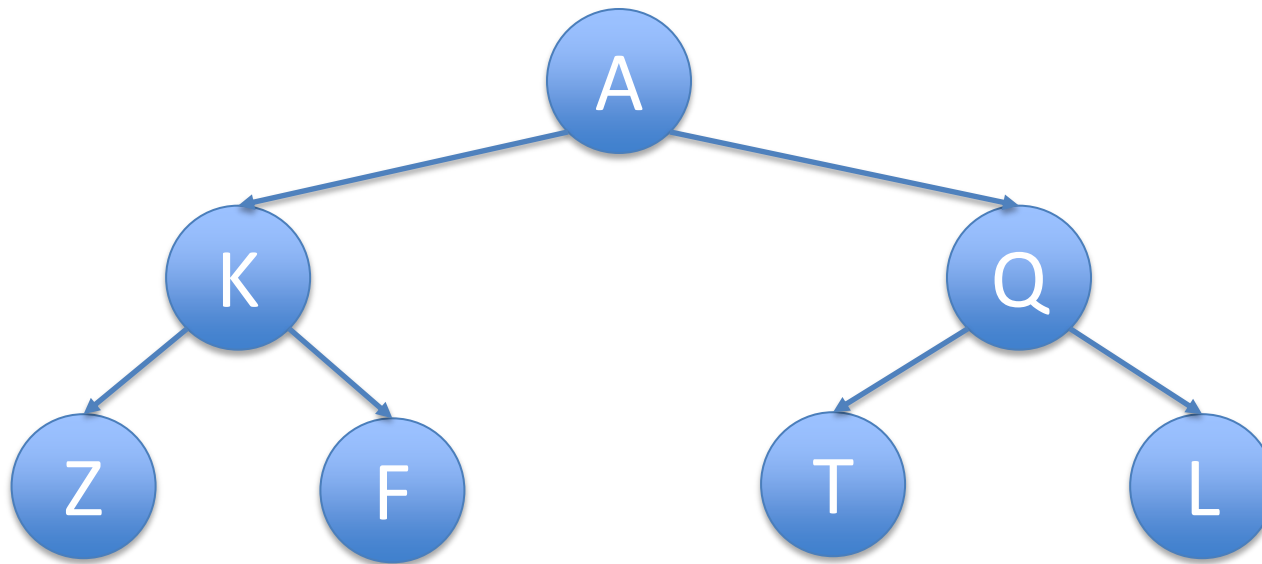
# Regular (Non-binary) Tree

- Many links to many children



# Regular Binary Tree

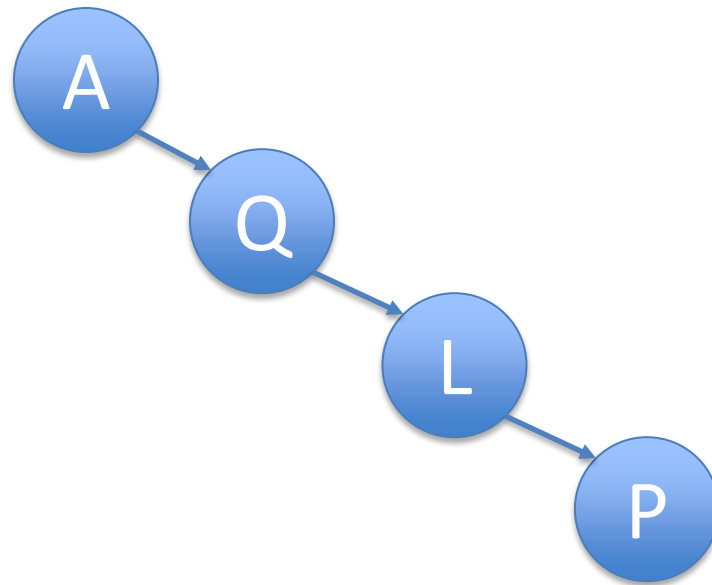
- No node can have more than two children.



Average depth is  $O(\sqrt{n})$

# Regular Binary Tree

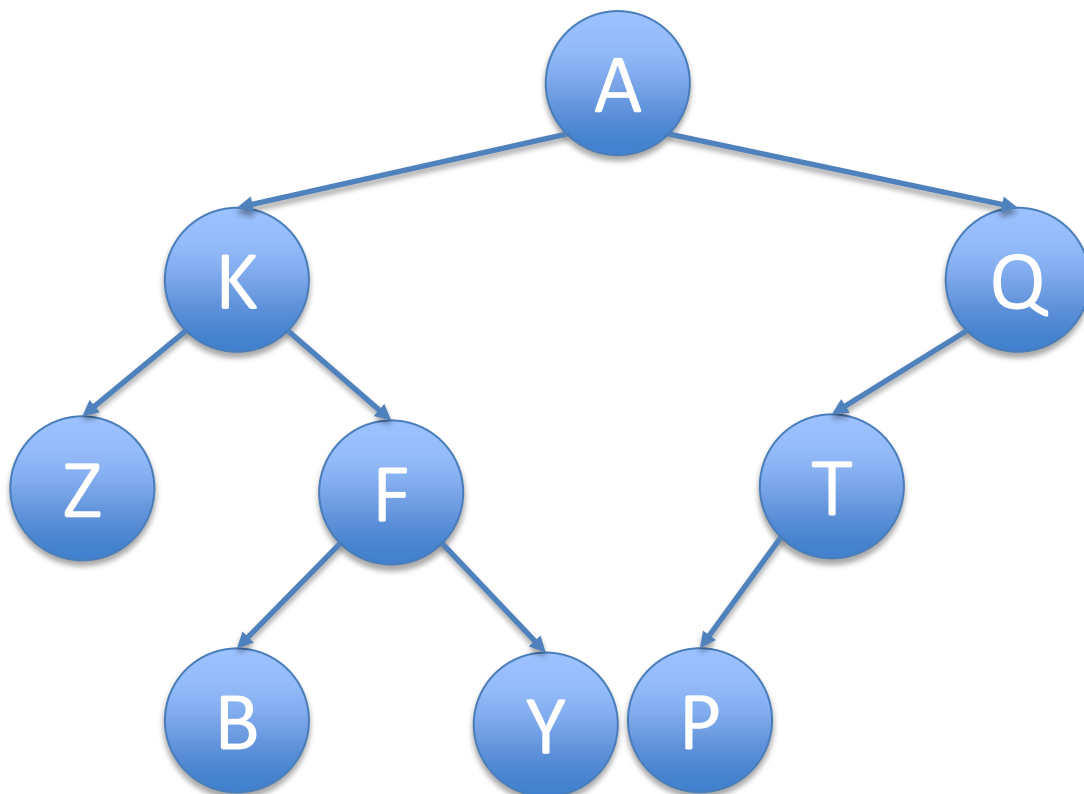
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**Worst scenario depth is  $O(n - 1)$**

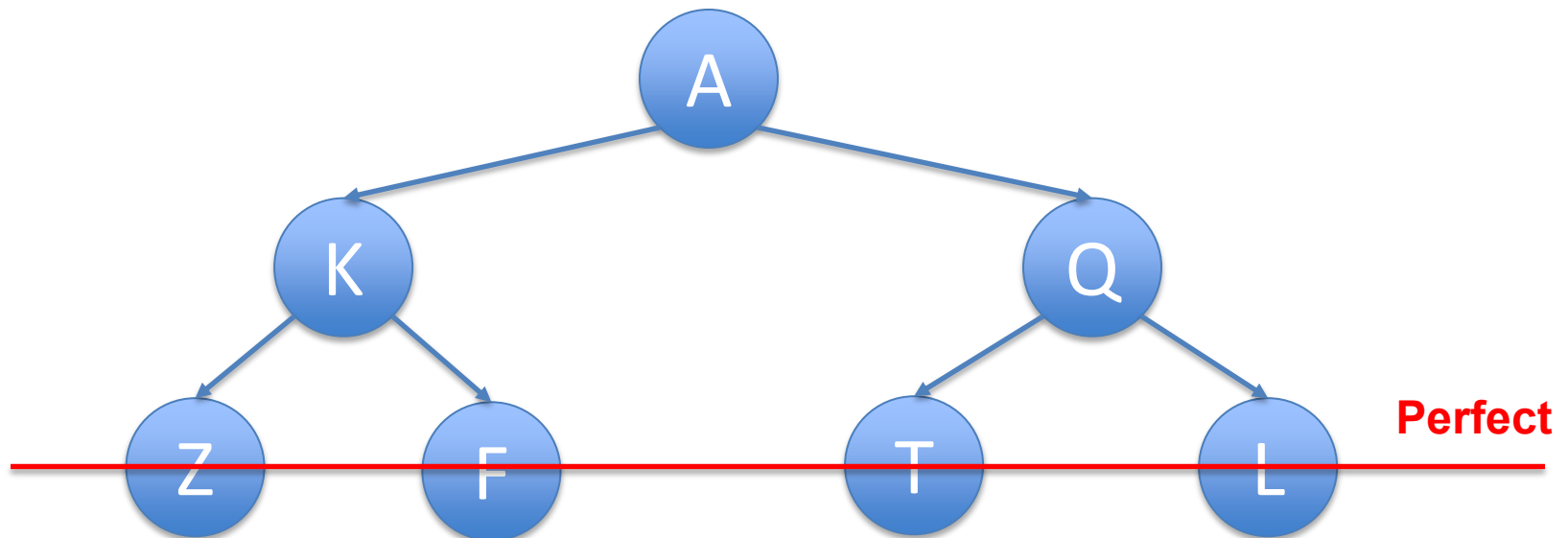
# Binary Search Tree (BST)

- Has at **MOST** two children



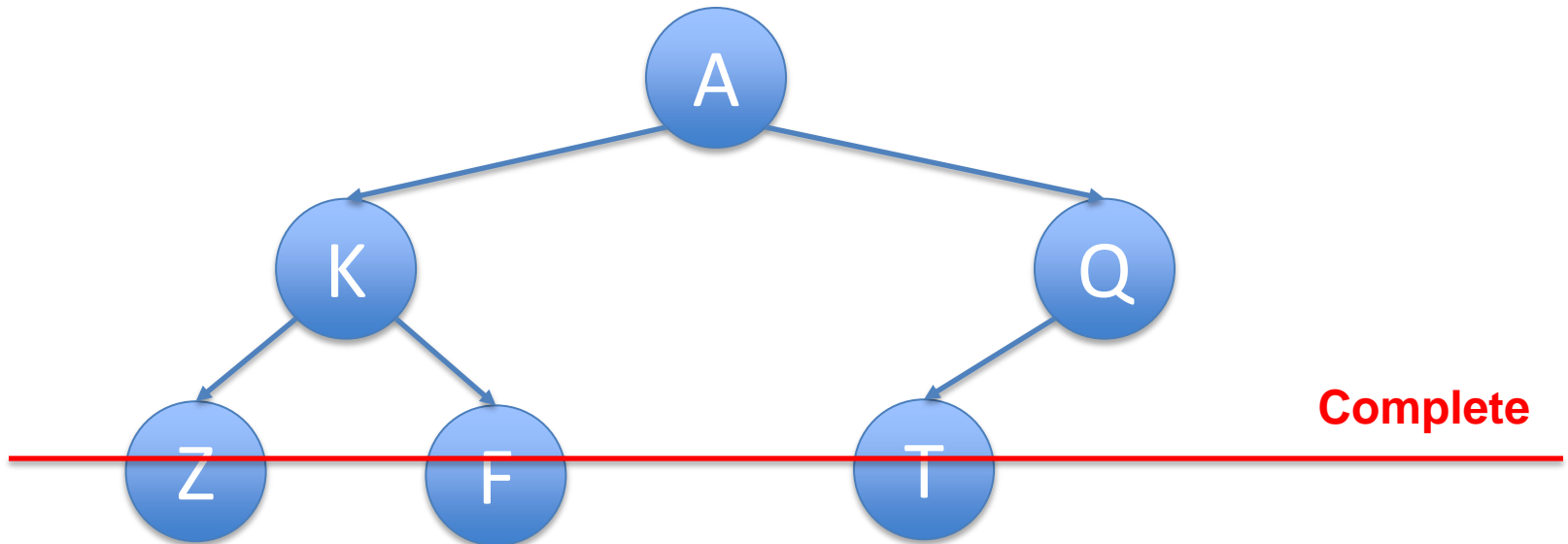
# Perfect Binary Tree

- A binary tree is perfect if all leaves are at the same level



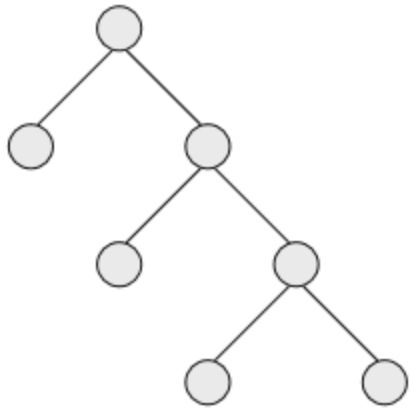
# Complete Binary Tree

- A binary tree is complete if:
  - All leaves are at level  $h$  or level  $h-1$  (for some  $h$ )
  - All leaves are as far to the left as possible

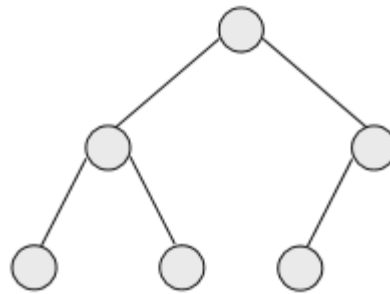


## Complete & Full Binary Trees

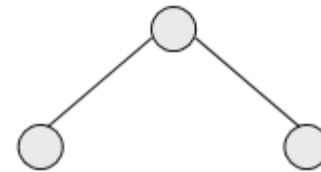
- Is each tree full, complete, neither, or both?



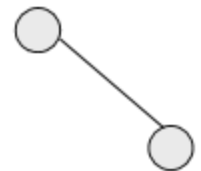
**Full, but  
not complete**



**Complete,  
but not full**



**Full and  
complete  
("perfect")**



**Neither full  
nor complete**

# Properties of Proper Binary Trees

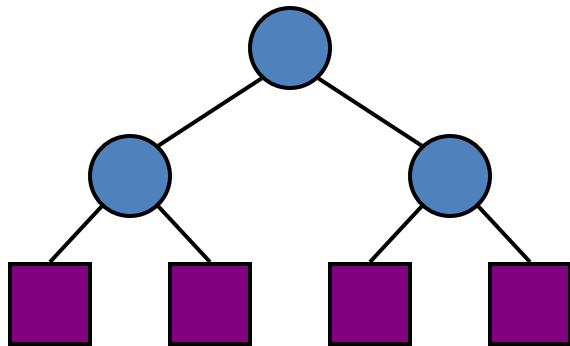
- Notation

$n$  number of nodes

$e$  number of external nodes

$i$  number of internal nodes

$h$  height



Properties:

- $e = i + 1$

- $n = 2e - 1$

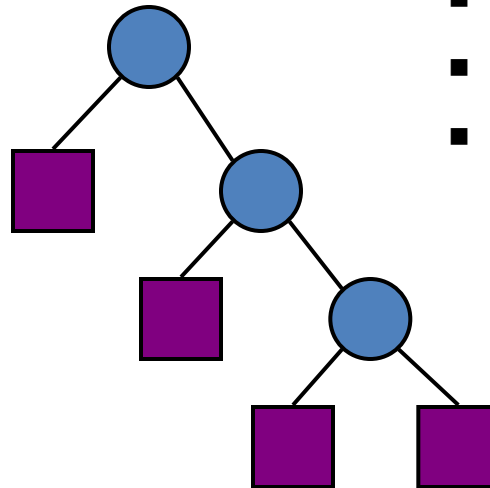
- $h \leq i$

- $h \leq (n - 1)/2$

- $e \leq 2^h$

- $h \geq \log_2 e$

- $h \geq \log_2 (n + 1) - 1$



# Binary Search Tree (BST)

- A **binary search tree (BST)** or **ordered binary tree** is a type of binary tree where the nodes are arranged in order:
  - For each node, all elements in its left subtree are less than or equal to the node ( $\leq$ )
  - All the elements in its right subtree are greater than the node ( $>$ )

BSTs Next Class!

# Other Binary Tree Information

- Trees are **SHALLOW** – they can hold many nodes with very few levels
- A height of 20 can hold 1,048,575 nodes
- $2^{\text{height}} - 1$  = How many TOTAL nodes can be held by this tree
  - Can also be expressed as  $2^{(\text{depth}+1)} - 1$

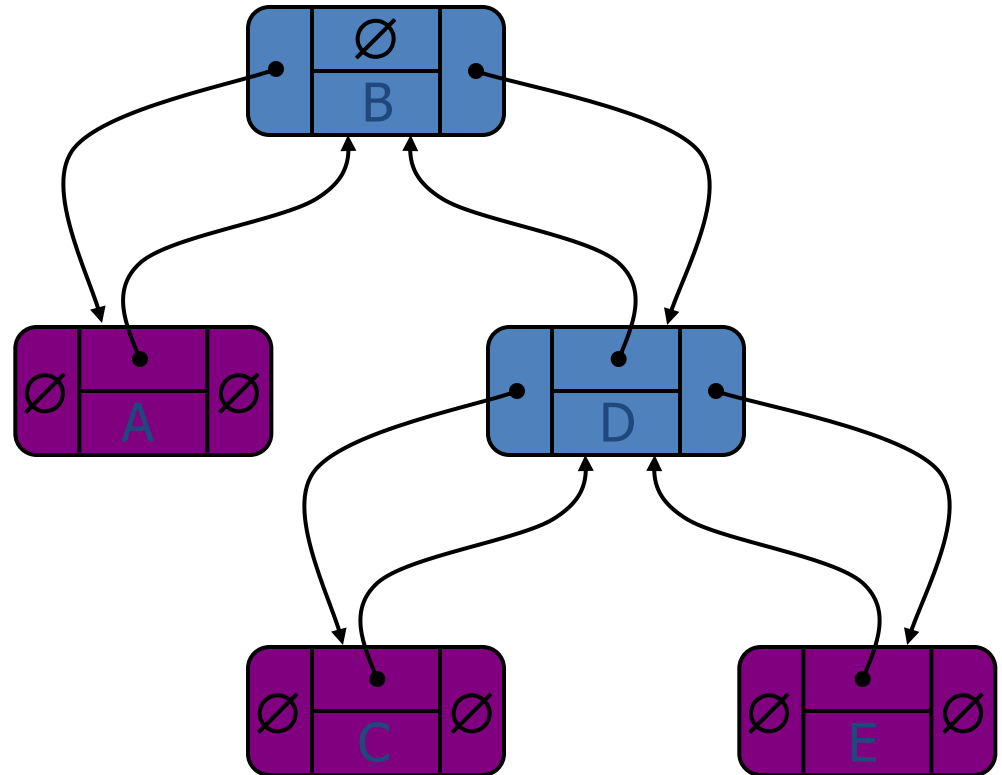
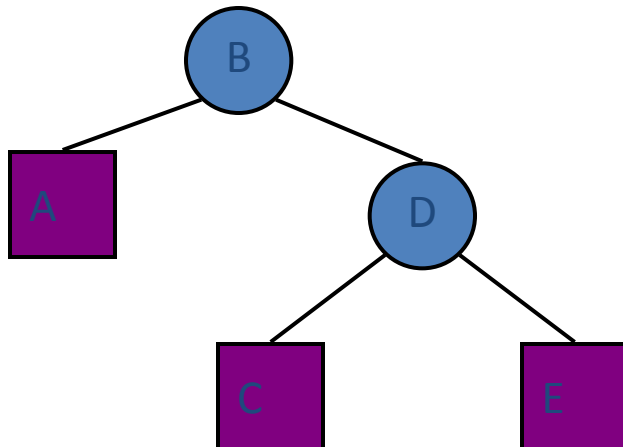
# Tree Implementations

# Tree Implementation

- There are two ways to construct trees
  - Linked Lists
    - Use links to connect to the other nodes in the tree
  - Array (K-ary)
    - Can only use if we know the MAXIMUM number of children allowed

# Linked Structure for Binary Trees

- A node is represented by an object storing
  - Element
  - Parent node
  - Left child node
  - Right child node
- Node objects implement the Position ADT



# K-ary Trees (also called M-ary)

- “k” is the number of children (links)
- Built as an array of nodes
- Will only work if we know the MAXIMUM number of children
- Empty spots in the array to denote a missing node
- Useful in coding since we can dictate the number of nodes we want
  - Also since there is a formula to calculate the node’s kids
- Child and grandchild index and corresponding items can be found in constant time.

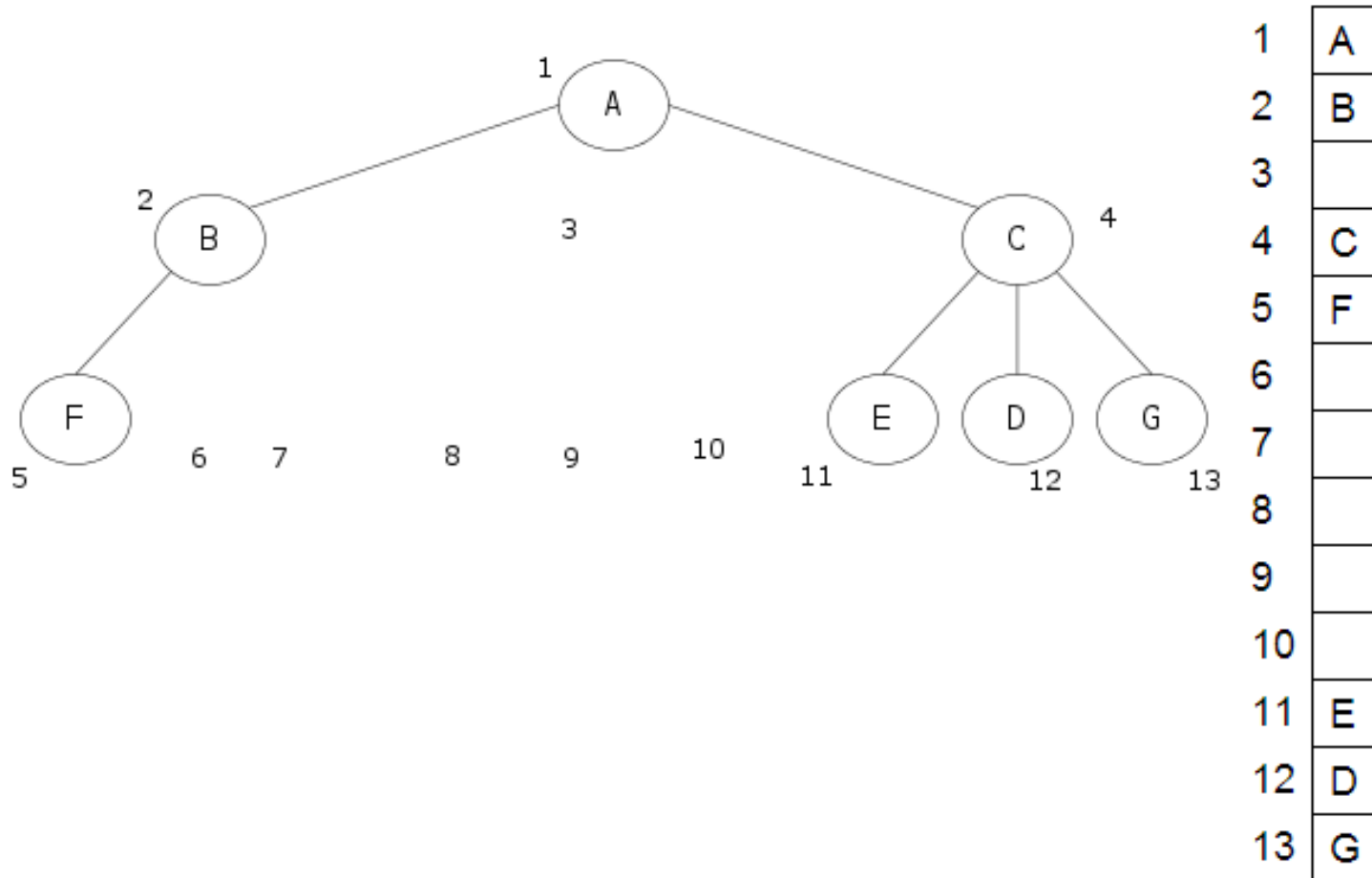
# K-ary Trees

- A k-ary tree is a tree in which the children of a node appear at distinct index positions in  $0..k-1$
- This means the maximum number of children for a node is k

# K-ary Trees

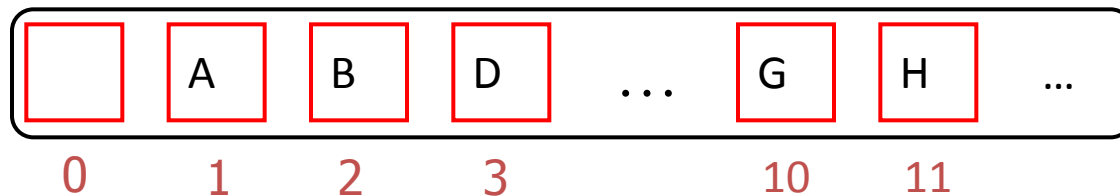
- Some k-ary trees have special names
  - 2-ary trees are called **binary trees**
  - 3-ary trees are called **trinary trees** or **ternary trees**
  - 1-ary trees are called **lists**

## Array Representation Of A Tree

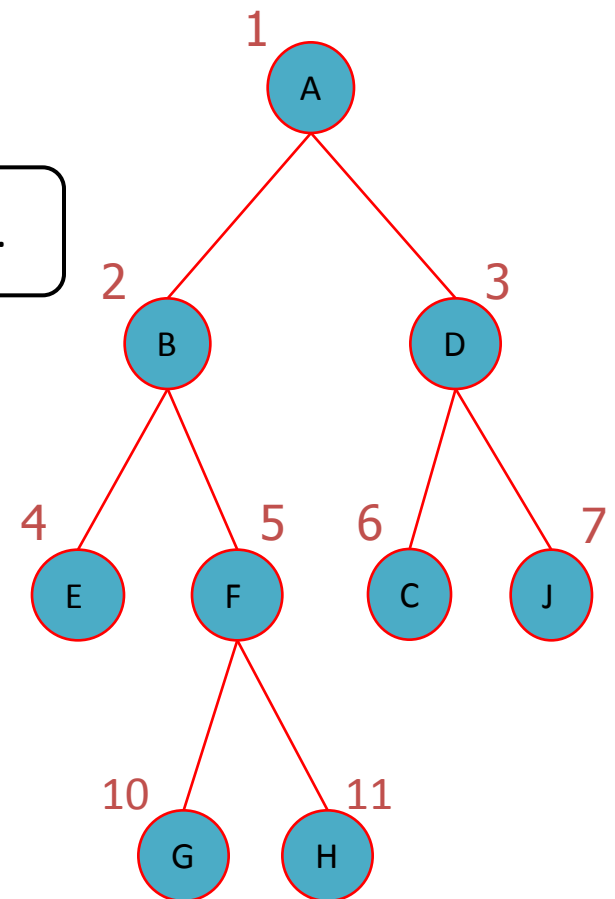


# Array-Based Representation of Binary Trees

- Nodes are stored in an array A



- Node v is stored at  $A[\text{rank}(v)]$ 
  - $\text{rank}(\text{root}) = 1$
  - if node is the left child of  $\text{parent}(\text{node})$ ,  
 $\text{rank}(\text{node}) = 2 \cdot \text{rank}(\text{parent}(\text{node}))$
  - if node is the right child of  $\text{parent}(\text{node})$ ,  
 $\text{rank}(\text{node}) = 2 \cdot \text{rank}(\text{parent}(\text{node})) + 1$



# Tree Traversals

# Traversals of Binary Trees

- To iterate over and process the nodes of a tree
  - We walk the tree and visit the nodes in order
  - This process is called **tree traversal**
- Three kinds of binary tree traversal:
  - **Preorder**
  - **Inorder**
  - **Postorder**

# Traversals of Binary Trees

- *Preorder*: Visit root, traverse left, traverse right
- *Inorder*: Traverse left, visit root, traverse right
- *Postorder*: Traverse left, traverse right, visit root

## Algorithm for Preorder Traversal

1. if the tree is empty
2. Return
- else
3. Visit the root.
4. Preorder traverse the left subtree.
5. Preorder traverse the right subtree.

## Algorithm for Inorder Traversal

1. if the tree is empty
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- else
3. Inorder traverse the left subtree.
4. Visit the root.
5. Inorder traverse the right subtree.

## Algorithm for Postorder Traversal

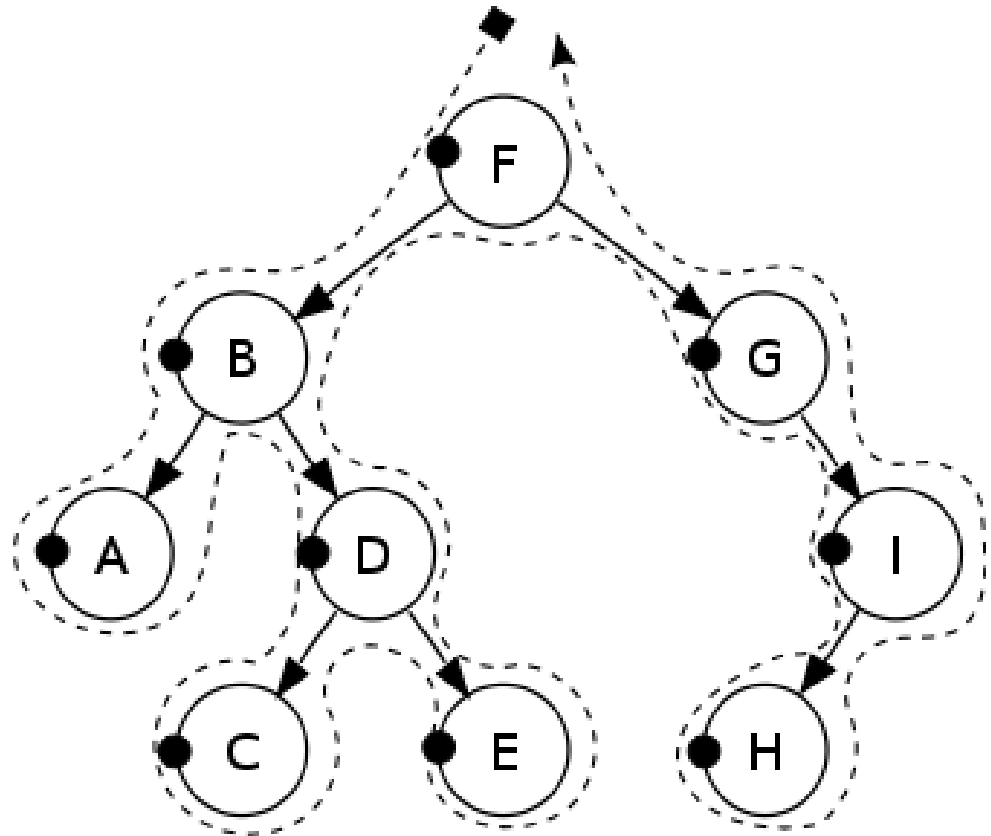
1. if the tree is empty
2. Return
- else
3. Postorder traverse the left subtree.
4. Postorder traverse the right subtree.
5. Visit the root.

# Preorder Traversals

**Preorder:**

**F, B, A, D, C, E, G, I, H**

**Display a node's data  
as soon as you see it**



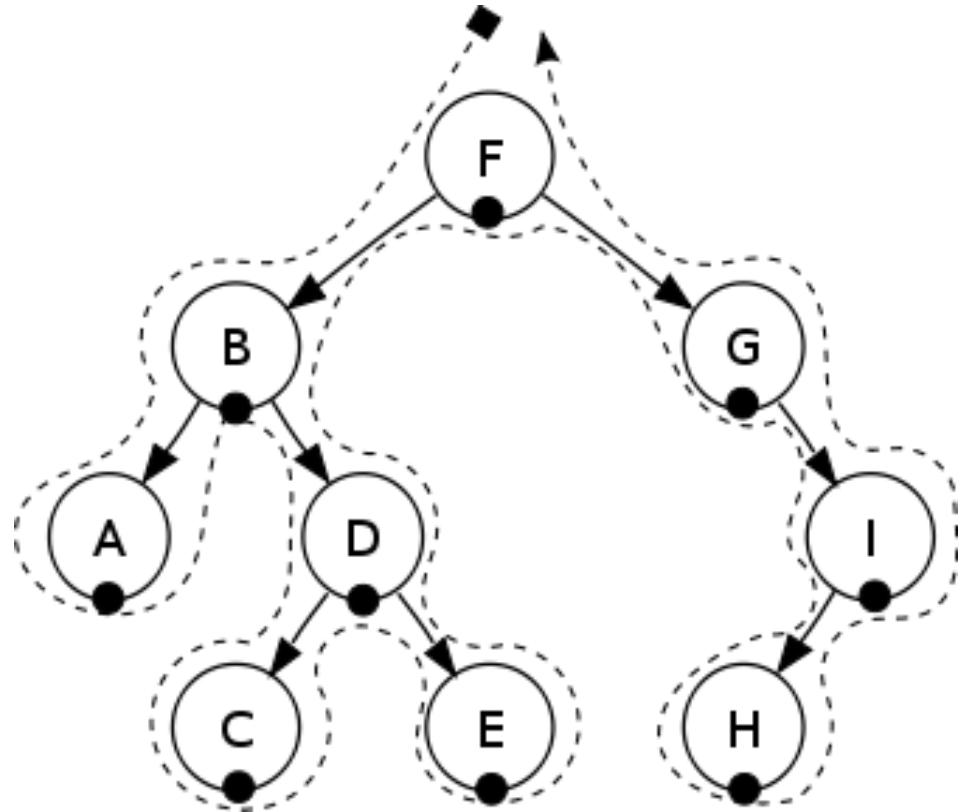
1. Display the data part of root element (or current element)
2. Traverse the left subtree by recursively calling the pre-order function.
3. Traverse the right subtree by recursively calling the pre-order function.

# Inorder Traversals

**Inorder:**

**A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I**

**Display the nodes in order (sort of from left to right, with the lower nodes first)**



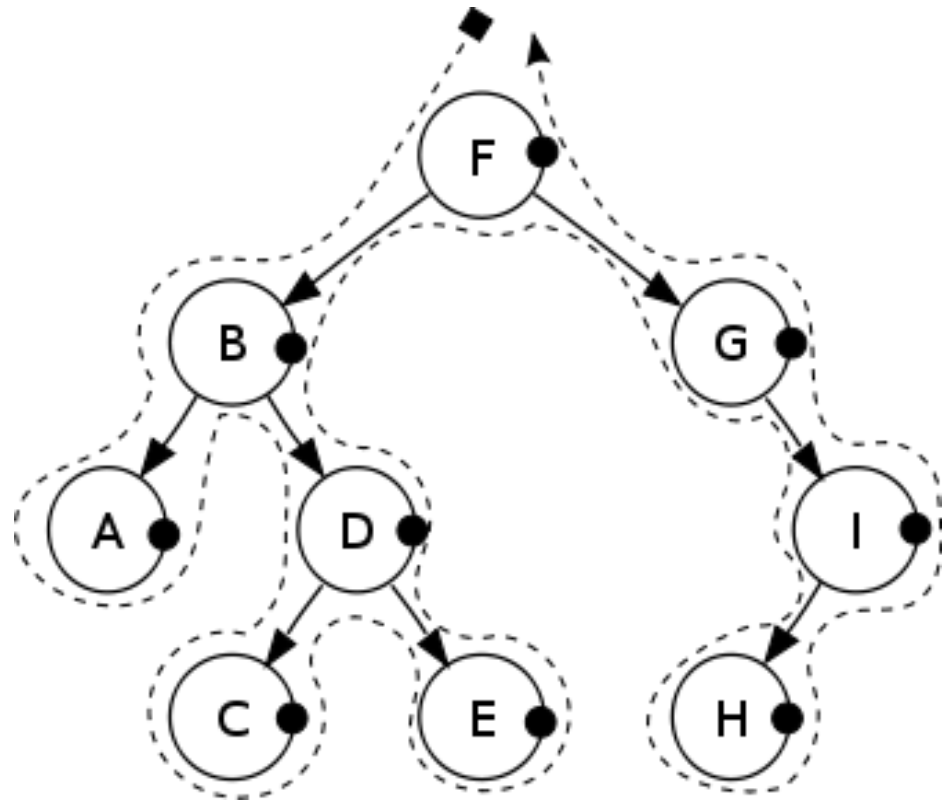
1. Traverse the left subtree by recursively calling the in-order function
2. Display the data part of root element (or current element)
3. Traverse the right subtree by recursively calling the in-order function

# Postorder Traversals

**Postorder:**

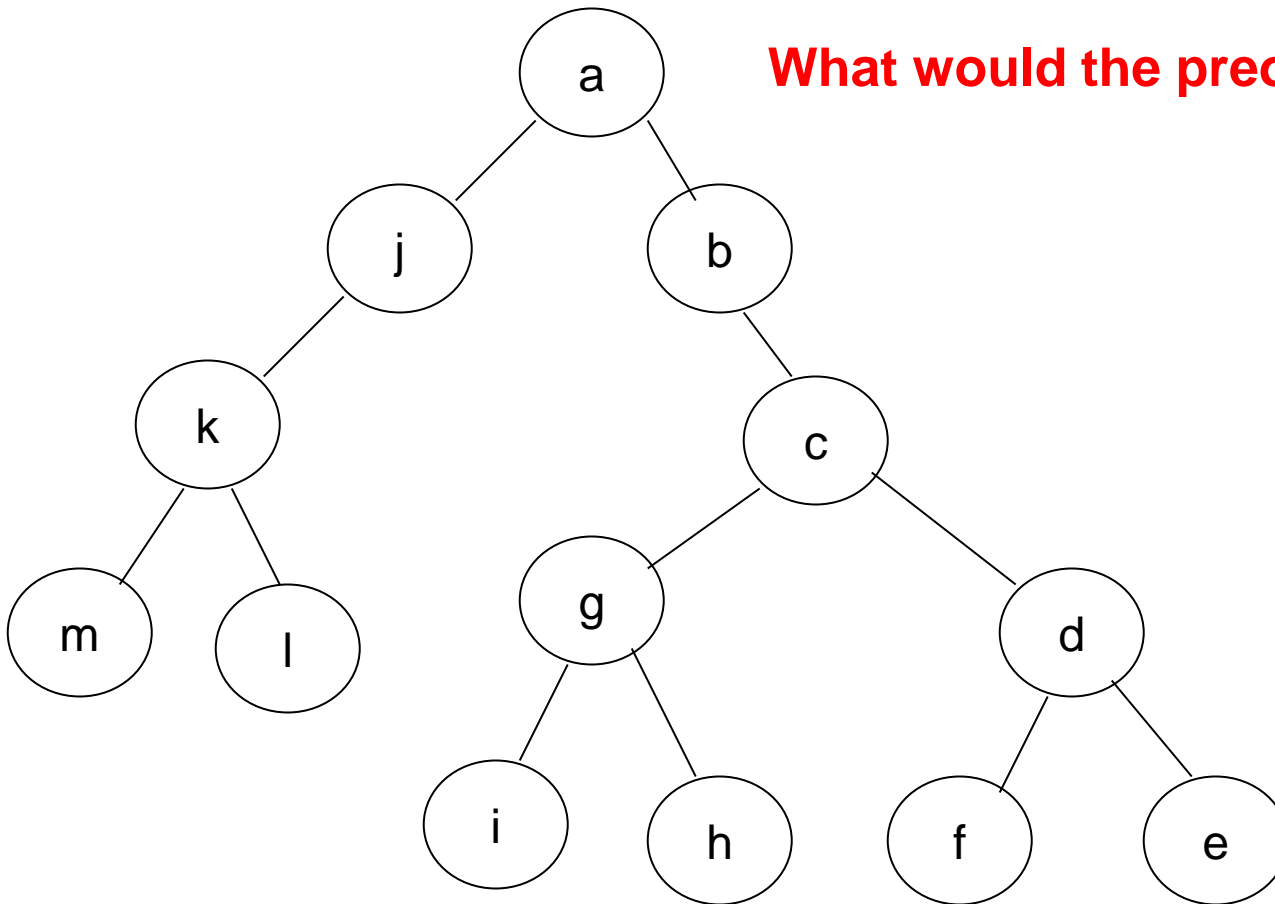
**A, C, E, D, B, H, I, G, F**

**Display a node's data  
the last time you see it**



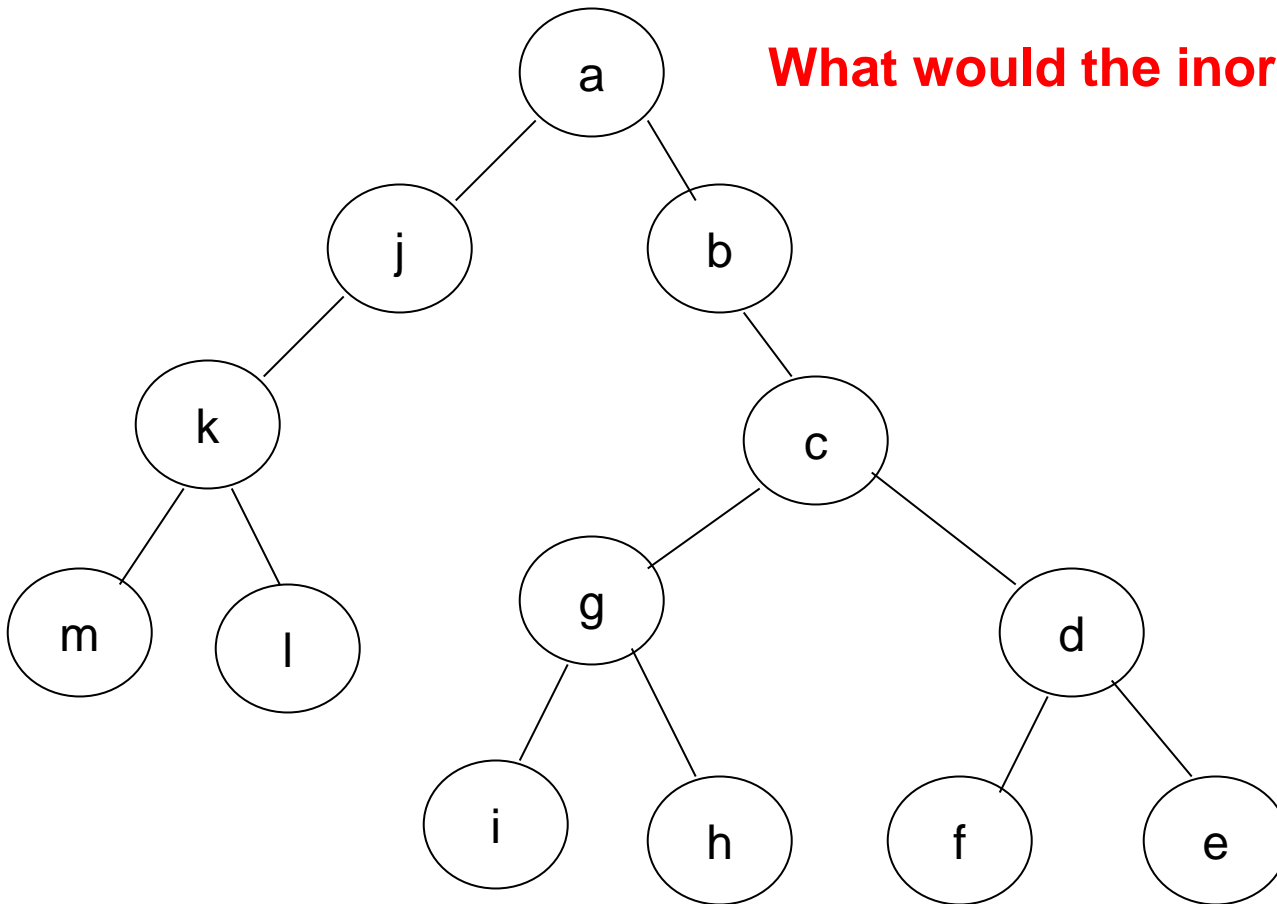
1. Traverse the left subtree by recursively calling the post-order function.
2. Traverse the right subtree by recursively calling the post-order function.
3. Display the data part of root element (or current element).

# Tree Traversal Example



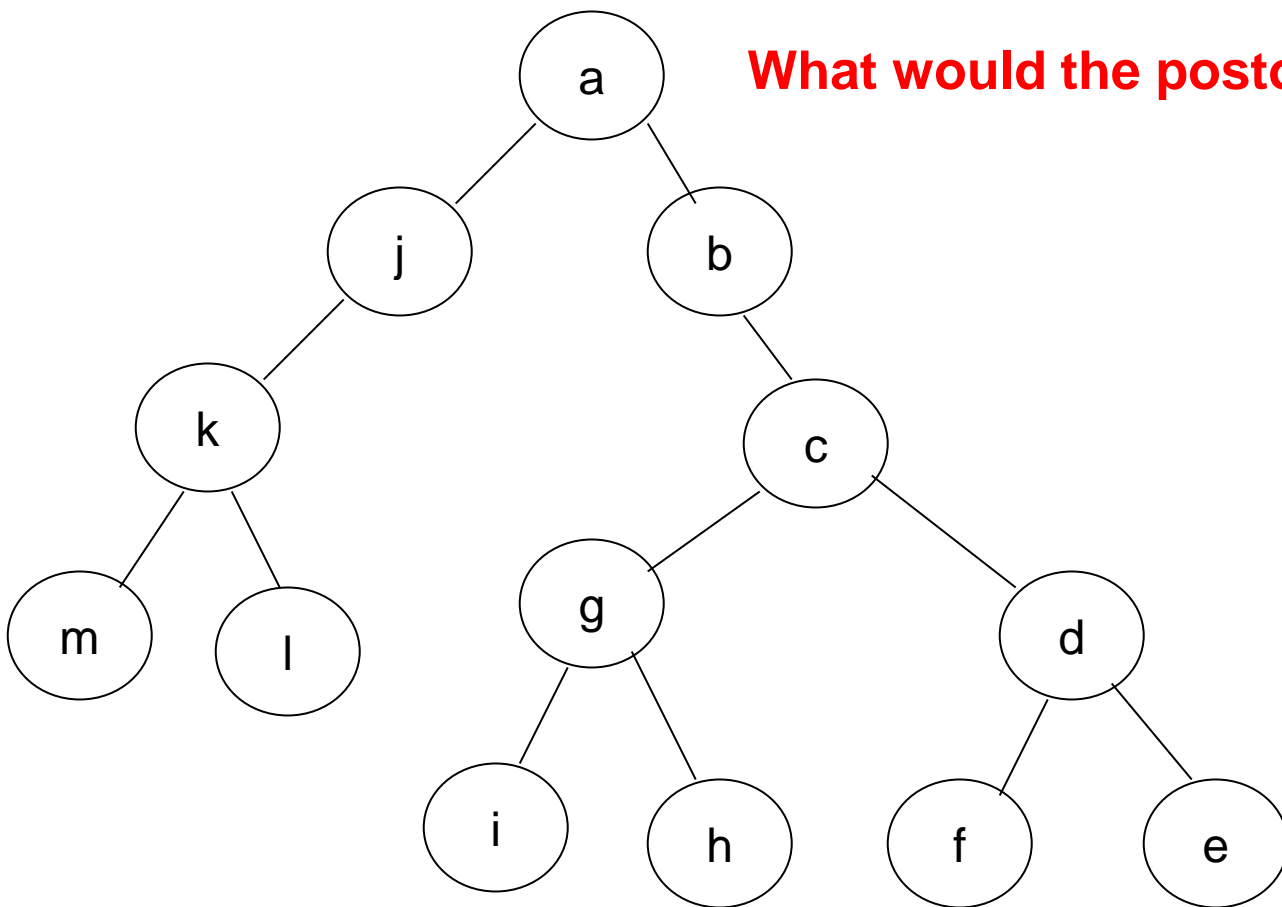
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# Tree Traversal Example



**What would the inorder traversal look like?**

# Tree Traversal Example



**What would the postorder traversal look like?**

# Preorder Traversals

```
preorder (Node t)
    if (t == null)
        return;
```

**Preorder**  
**N L R**

```
    visit (t.value());
    preorder (t.lchild());
    preorder (t.rchild());
```

```
} // preorder
```

# Inorder Traversals

```
inorder (Node t)
    if (t == null)
        return;
```

**Inorder**  
**L N R**

```
    inorder (t.lchild());
    visit (t.value());
    inorder (t.rchild());
```

```
} // inorder
```

# Postorder Traversals

```
postorder (Node t)
    if (t == null)
        return;
```

**Postorder**  
**LRN**

```
    postorder (t.lchild());
    postorder (t.rchild());
    visit (t.value());
```

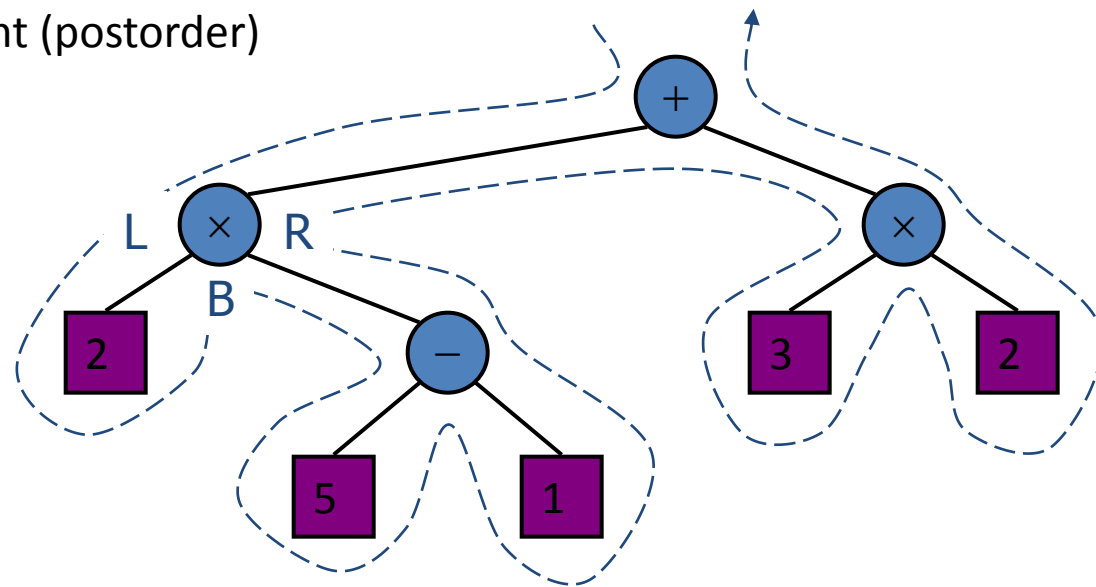
```
} // postorder
```

# Another Tree Traversal

- A level-order walk effectively performs a breadth-first search over the entire tree
- Nodes are traversed level by level
  - Root node is visited first
  - Followed by its direct child nodes
  - Followed by its grandchild nodes
  - Until all nodes in the tree have been traversed

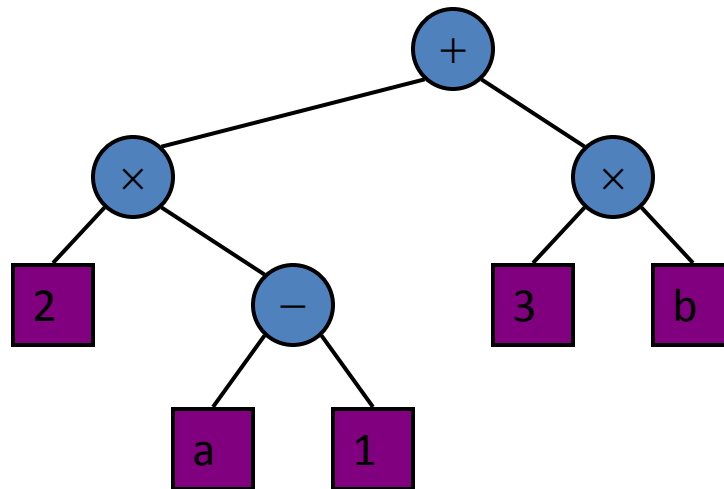
# Euler Tour Traversal

- Generic traversal of a binary tree
- Includes a special cases the preorder, postorder and inorder traversals
- Walk around the tree and visit each node three times:
  - on the left (preorder)
  - from below (inorder)
  - on the right (postorder)



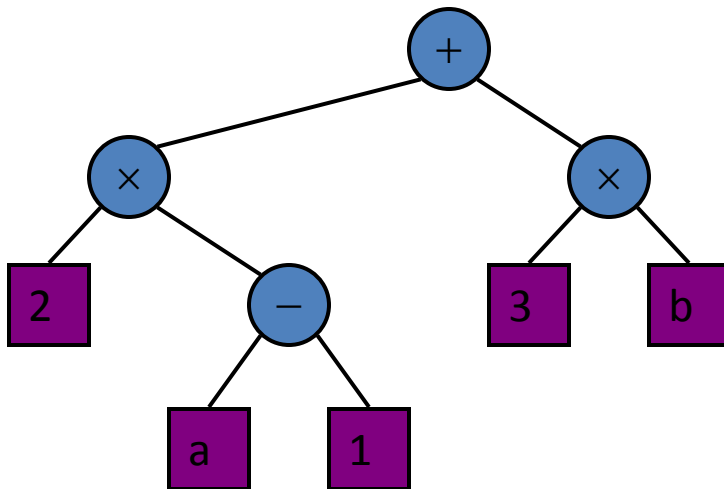
# Arithmetic Expression Tree

- Binary tree associated with an arithmetic expression
  - internal nodes: operators
  - external nodes: operands
- Example: arithmetic expression tree for the expression  $(2 \times (a - 1) + (3 \times b))$



# Print Arithmetic Expressions

- Specialization of an inorder traversal
  - print operand or operator when visiting node
  - print "(" before traversing left subtree
  - print ")" after traversing right subtree



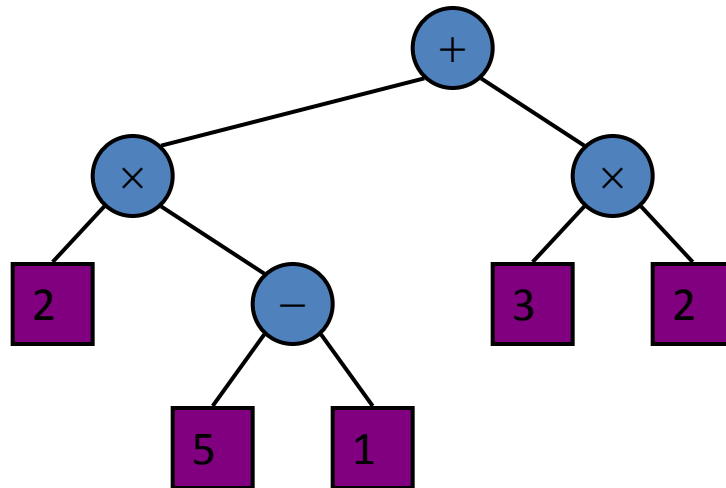
**Algorithm** *printExpression(v)*

```
if  $\neg v.isExternal()$ 
    print("(")
    inOrder(v.left())
    print(v.element())
if  $\neg v.isExternal()$ 
    inOrder(v.right())
    print(")")
```

$((2 \times (a - 1)) + (3 \times b))$

# Evaluate Arithmetic Expressions

- Specialization of a postorder traversal
  - recursive method returning the value of a subtree
  - when visiting an internal node, combine the values of the subtrees



**Algorithm** *evalExpr(v)*

**if** *v.isExternal()*

**return** *v.element()*

**else**

*x*  $\leftarrow$  *evalExpr(v.left())*

*y*  $\leftarrow$  *evalExpr(v.right())*

$\diamond \leftarrow$  operator stored at *v*

**return** *x*  $\diamond$  *y*

# Tree Functions

# Binary Tree Functions

## Node Setup

<code>void insert( x )</code>	--> Insert x
<code>void remove( x )</code>	--> Remove x
<code>boolean contains( x )</code>	--> Return true if x is present
<code>Comparable findMin( )</code>	--> Return smallest item
<code>Comparable findMax( )</code>	--> Return largest item
<code>boolean isEmpty( )</code>	--> Return true if empty; else false
<code>void makeEmpty( )</code>	--> Remove all items
<code>void printTree( )</code>	--> Print tree in sorted order

# Generic Struct for Binary Tree

```
private struct BinaryNode
{

    Comparable element; // Data in the node
    BinaryNode *left;    // Left child
    BinaryNode *right;   // Right child

    // Constructors
    BinaryNode(const Comparable & theElement,
               BinaryNode *lt, BinaryNode *rt )
    {
        element    = theElement;
        left       = lt;
        right      = rt;
    }
}
```

# Questions about Trees?

# Announcements

- Homework 3 will be out tomorrow
  - Due Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:59:59 PM
- Project 2 is out
  - Due Tuesday, October 10th at 8:59:59 PM
- Next Time:
  - Project 2