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recursive structures

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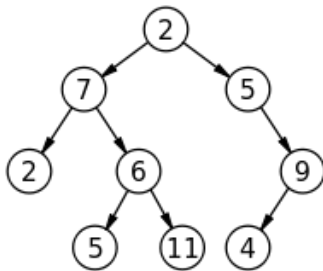
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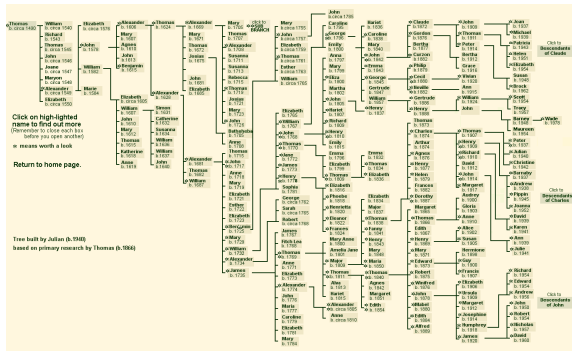


recursion, natural and otherwise



structure to organize information

patriarchal family tree...



terminology

- ▶ set of **nodes** (possibly with values or labels), with directed **edges** between some pairs of nodes
- ▶ One node is distinguished as **root**
- ▶ Each non-root node has exactly one parent.
- ▶ A **path** is a sequence of nodes n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k , where there is an edge from n_i to n_{i+1} . The **length** of a path is the number of edges in it
- ▶ There is a unique path from the root to each node. In the case of the root itself this is just n_1 , if the root is node n_1 .
- ▶ There are no **cycles** — no paths that form loops.



more terminology

- ▶ **leaf**: node with no children
- ▶ **internal node**: node with one or more children
- ▶ **subtree**: tree formed by any tree node together with its descendants and the edges leading to them.
- ▶ **height**: $1 +$ the maximum path length in a tree. A node also has a height, which is $1 +$ the maximum path length of the tree rooted at that node
- ▶ **depth**: length of the path from the root to a node, so the root node itself has depth 0.
- ▶ **arity, branching factor**: maximum number of children for any node.



general tree implementation

```
class Tree:
    """
    A bare-bones Tree ADT that identifies the root with the entire tree
    """
    def __init__(self, value=None, children=None):
        """
        Create Tree self with content value and 0 or more children

        @param Tree self: this tree
        @param object value: value contained in this tree
        @param list[Tree] children: possibly-empty list of children
        @rtype: None
        """
        self.value = value
        # copy children if not None
        self.children = children.copy() if children else []
```



general form of recursion:

if $\langle \text{condition to detect a base case} \rangle$:

$\langle \text{do something without recursion} \rangle$

else: # $\langle \text{general case} \rangle$

$\langle \text{do something that involves recursive call(s)} \rangle$



how many leaves?

```
def leaf_count(t):  
    """  
    Return the number of leaves in Tree t.  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to count number of leaves of  
    @rtype: int  
  
    >>> t = Tree(7)  
    >>> leaf_count(t)  
    1  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(7),  
                                   [0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13], 3)  
    >>> leaf_count(t)  
    6  
    """
```



height of this tree?

```
def height(t):  
    """  
    Return 1 + length of longest path of t.  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to find height of  
    @rtype: int  
  
    >>> t = Tree(13)  
    >>> height(t)  
    1  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(13),  
                                   [0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13], 3)  
    >>> height(t)  
    3  
    """  
    # 1 more edge than the maximum height of a child, except  
    # what do we do if there are no children?
```



arity, or branching factor

```
def arity(t):  
    """  
    Return the maximum branching factor (arity) of Tree t.  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to find the arity of  
    @rtype: int  
  
    >>> t = Tree(23)  
    >>> arity(t)  
    0  
    >>> tn2 = Tree(2, [Tree(4), Tree(4.5), Tree(5), Tree(5.75)])  
    >>> tn3 = Tree(3, [Tree(6), Tree(7)])  
    >>> tn1 = Tree(1, [tn2, tn3])  
    >>> arity(tn1)  
    4  
    """
```

pass in a function

```
def list_if(t, p):  
    """  
    Return a list of values in Tree t that satisfy predicate p(value).  
  
    Assume predicate p is defined on t's values  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to list values that satisfy predicate p  
    @param (object)->bool p: predicate to check values with  
    @rtype: list[object]  
  
    >>> def p(v): return v > 4  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(0),  
                                   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], 3)  
    >>> list_ = list_if(t, p)  
    >>> list_.sort()  
    >>> list_  
    [5, 6, 7, 8]  
    >>> def p(v): return v % 2 == 0  
    >>> list_ = list_if(t, p)  
    >>> list_.sort()  
    >>> list_
```

list the leaves

```
def list_leaves(t):  
    """  
    Return list of values in leaves of t.  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to list leaf values of  
    @rtype: list[object]  
  
    >>> t = Tree(0)  
    >>> list_leaves(t)  
    [0]  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(0),  
                                   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], 3)  
    >>> list_ = list_leaves(t)  
    >>> list_.sort() # so list_ is predictable to compare  
    >>> list_  
    [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]  
    """
```



pre-order visit

```
def preorder_visit(t, act):  
    """  
    Visit each node of Tree t in preorder, and act on the nodes  
    as they are visited.  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to visit in preorder  
    @param (Tree)->Any act: function to carry out on visited Tree node  
    @rtype: None  
  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(0),  
                                   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7], 3)  
    >>> def act(node): print(node.value)  
    >>> preorder_visit(t, act)  
    0  
    1  
    4  
    5  
    6  
    2  
    7  
    3
```



postorder

```
def postorder_visit(t, act):  
    """  
    Visit each node of t in postorder, and act on it when it is visited  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to be visited in postorder  
    @param (Tree)->Any act: function to do to each node  
    @rtype: None  
  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(0),  
                                   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7], 3)  
    >>> def act(node): print(node.value)  
    >>> postorder_visit(t, act)  
    4  
    5  
    6  
    1  
    7  
    2  
    3  
    0  
    """
```



levelorder

```
def levelorder_visit(t, act):  
    """  
    Visit every node in Tree t in level order and act on the node  
    as you visit it.  
  
    @param Tree t: tree to visit in level order  
    @param (Tree)->Any act: function to execute during visit  
  
    >>> t = descendants_from_list(Tree(0),  
                                   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7], 3)  
    >>> def act(node): print(node.value)  
    >>> levelorder_visit(t, act)  
    0  
    1  
    2  
    3  
    4  
    5  
    6  
    7  
    """
```



queues, stacks, recursion

You may have noticed in the last slide there were no recursive calls, and a **queue** was used to process a recursive structure in level order.

Careful use of a **stack** allows you to process a tree in preorder or postorder.

