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BinaryTree

Change our generic **Tree** design so that we have two named children, **left** and **right**, and can represent an empty tree with **None**

```
class BinaryTree:
    """
    A Binary Tree, i.e. arity 2.
    """

    def __init__(self, data, left=None, right=None):
        """
        Create BinaryTree self with data and children left and right.

        @param BinaryTree self: this binary tree
        @param object data: data of this node
        @param BinaryTree|None left: left child
        @param BinaryTree|None right: right child
        @rtype: None
        """
        self.data, self.left, self.right = data, left, right
```

special methods...

We'll want the standard special methods:

- `__eq__`

- `__str__`

- `__repr__`

contains

you've implemented contains on linked lists, nested Python lists, general
Trees before; implement this function, then modify it to become a method

```
def contains(node, value):
    """
    Return whether tree rooted at node contains value.

    @param BinaryTree|None node: binary tree to search for value
    @param object value: value to search for
    @rtype: bool

    >>> contains(None, 5)
    False
    >>> contains(BinaryTree(5, BinaryTree(7), BinaryTree(9)), 7)
    True
    """
```

arithmetic expression trees

Binary arithmetic expressions can be represented as binary trees:
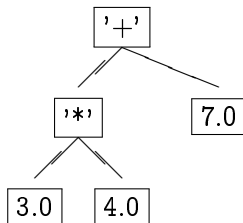
evaluating a binary expression tree

- there are no empty expressions
- if it's a leaf, just return the value
- otherwise...
  - evaluate the left tree
  - evaluate the right tree
  - combine left and right with the binary operator

Python built-in **eval** might be handy.

A2 uses set

some uses:

```
>>> {1, 2, 3} == {2, 3, 1}
True
>>> {1, 2, 3} - {3, 4, 5}
{1, 2}
>>> 2 in {1, 2, 3}
True
>>> {1, 2, 3}.union({3, 4, 5})
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
>>> set([1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4])
{1, 2, 3, 4}
```

inorder

A **recursive** definition:

- ▶ visit the left subtree **inorder**
- ▶ visit this node itself
- ▶ visit the right subtree **inorder**

The code is almost identical to the definition.

preorder

- visit this node itself
- visit the left subtree in **preorder**
- visit the right subtree in **preorder**

postorder

- visit the left subtree in **postorder**
- visit the rightsubtree in **postorder**
- visit this node itself

level order

- visit this node
- visit this node's children
- visit this node's grandchildren
- visit this node's greatgrandchildren
- ...

tracing redux

some students report being a bit bewildered by the execution of
def **visit_level(t, n, act)**, which means tracing is needed...

- ▶ trace **visit_level(None, 7, act)** (for any function **act** you devise)
- ▶ trace **visit_level(t, 0, act)** (for some **BinaryTree** with a few levels)
- ▶ trace **visit_level(t, 1, act)** (for some **BinaryTree** with a few levels)
- ▶ trace **visit_level(t, 2, act)** (for some **BinaryTree** with a few levels)
- ▶ trace **visit_level(t, 3, act)** (for some **BinaryTree** with a few levels)
- ▶ ...

definition

Add ordering conditions to a binary tree:

- ▶ data are comparable
- ▶ data in left subtree are less than node.data
- ▶ data in right subtree are more than node.data

why binary search trees?

Searchs that are directed along a single path are efficient:

- a BST with 1 one has height 1
- a BST with 3 nodes may have height 2
- a BST with 7 nodes may have height 3
- a BST with 15 nodes may have height 4
- a BST with n nodes may have height $\lceil \lg n \rceil$.

bst_contains

If node is the root of a "balanced" BST, then we can check whether an element is present in about $\lg n$ node accesses.

```
def bst_contains(node, value):
    """
    Return whether tree rooted at node contains value.

    Assume node is the root of a Binary Search Tree

    @param BinaryTree|None node: node of a Binary Search Tree
    @param object value: value to search for
    @rtype: bool

    >>> bst_contains(None, 5)
    False
    >>> bst_contains(BinaryTree(7, BinaryTree(5), BinaryTree(9)), 5)
    True
    """
    # use BST property to avoid unnecessary searching
```

mutation: insert

```
def insert(node, data):
    """
    Insert data in BST rooted at node if necessary, and return new root

    Assume node is the root of a Binary Search Tree.

    @param BinaryTree|None node: root of a binary search tree.
    @param object data: data to insert into BST, if necessary.

    >>> b = BinaryTree(8)
    >>> b = insert(b, 4)
    >>> b = insert(b, 2)
    >>> b = insert(b, 6)
    >>> b = insert(b, 12)
    >>> b = insert(b, 14)
    >>> b = insert(b, 10)
    >>> print(b)
            14
        12
            10
    8
```