Binary Tree Properties & Representation



Binary Tree

- Finite (possibly empty) collection of elements.
- A nonempty binary tree has a root element.
- The remaining elements (if any) are partitioned into two binary trees.
- These are called the left and right subtrees of the binary tree.

Differences Between A Tree & A Binary Tree

- No node in a binary tree may have a degree more than 2, whereas there is no limit on the degree of a node in a tree.
- The subtrees of a binary tree are ordered; those of a tree are not ordered.

left sub-tree



- Are different when viewed as binary trees.
- Are the same when viewed as trees.

Minimum Number Of Nodes

- Minimum number of nodes in a binary tree whose height is **h**.
- At least one node at each of first **h** levels.



Number Of Nodes & Height

- Let **n** be the number of nodes in a binary tree whose height is **h**.
- $h \le n \le 2^h 1$
- $\log_2(n+1) \le h \le n$

Full Binary Tree

A full binary tree of a given height h has 2^h – 1 nodes.



Height 4 full binary tree.

Numbering Nodes In A Full Binary Tree

- Number the nodes 1 through $2^{h} 1$.
- Number by levels from top to bottom.
- Within a level number from left to right.



Node Number Properties



- Parent of node i is node i / 2, unless i = 1.
- Node 1 is the root and has no parent.

Node Number Properties



- Left child of node i is node 2i, unless 2i > n, where n is the number of nodes.
- If 2i > n, node i has no left child.

Node Number Properties



- Right child of node i is node 2i+1, unless 2i+1
 n, where n is the number of nodes.
- If 2i+1 > n, node i has no right child.

Complete Binary Tree With n Nodes

- Start with a full binary tree that has at least n nodes.
- Number the nodes as described earlier.
- The binary tree defined by the nodes numbered 1 through n is the unique n node complete binary tree.



Binary Tree Representation

- Array representation.
- Linked representation.

• Complete binary tree with 10 nodes.

Array Representation

• Number the nodes using the numbering scheme for a full binary tree. The node that is numbered i is stored in tree[i].





 An n node binary tree needs an array whose length is between n+1 and 2ⁿ.



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rightChild

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Homework

• Sec. 5.2 Exercise 3 @P258