

# CSSE 230 Day 10

#### Size vs height in a Binary Tree

After today, you should be able to...

... use the relationship between the size and height of a tree to find the maximum and minimum number of nodes a binary tree can have

...understand the idea of mathematical induction as a proof technique

#### Announcements

- Today:
  - Size vs height of trees: patterns and proofs
  - Q/A and worktime for BSTs
- Tomorrow: Test
  - Written (50–70%):
    - big  $O/\theta/\Omega$ : true/false, using definitions, code analysis
    - Choosing an ADT to solve a given problem
    - Maybe a bit with binary trees
  - Programming (30-50%):
    - Implementing one ADT using another ADT
- Due next Tuesday:
  - Displayable Binary Tree
  - Meet partner today

## Questions?

## Size and Height of Binary Trees

#### Notation:

- Let **T** be a tree
- Write **h(T)** for the height of the tree, and
- **N(T)** for the size (i.e., number of nodes) of the tree
- Given h(T), what are the bounds on N(T)?
  N(T) <= \_\_\_\_\_ and N(T) >= \_\_\_\_\_
- Given N(T), what are the bounds on h(T)?
  Solve each inequality for h(T) and combine

### **Extreme Trees**

- A tree with the maximum number of nodes for its height is a **complete** tree.
  - Its height is O(log N)
- A tree with the minimum number of nodes for its height is essentially a \_\_\_\_\_
  - Its height is O(N)
- Height matters!
  - Recall that the algorithms for search, insertion, and deletion in a binary search tree are O(h(T))

To prove recursive properties (on trees), we use a technique called mathematical induction

Actually, we use a variant called *strong induction*:



The former governor of California

#### Q6-8

### **Strong Induction**

- To prove that p(n) is true for all  $n \ge n_0$ :
  - Prove that  $p(n_0)$  is true (base case), and
  - For all  $k > n_0$ , prove that if we assume p(j) is true for  $n_0 \le j < k$ , then p(k) is also true
- An analogy for those who took MA275:
  - Regular induction uses the previous domino to knock down the next
  - Strong induction uses all the previous dominos to knock down the next!
- Warmup: prove the arithmetic series formula
- Actual: prove the formula for N(T)

### Current assignment

Questions and answers Worktime