

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
 - $\,\circ\,$ Q/A and worktime for BSTs

- Due after that:
 - 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 **full** 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

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 Meet partner Worktime

Implementation issues, part 2

- Modifying (inserting/deleting) from a tree should cause any current iterators to fail (throw a ConcurrentModificationException).
 - How do you detect this?
- How do you remove from an iterator?
 - Just call BST remove().
 - But throw exceptions if next() hasn't been called, or if remove is called twice in a row. (Javadoc for TreeSet iterator has details.)