

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

Today

- New material:
 - Size vs height of trees: patterns and proofs
- Review for test next class
 - 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 after that:
 - Hardy's Taxi, part two: efficiency boost!
 - Meet partner now

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 $n >= n_0$:
 - Prove that p(n₀) 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)

Exam Review

The Big Picture

- All data structures really boil down to:
 - Continuous memory (arrays), or
 - Nodes and pointers (linked lists, trees, graphs)
- Let's draw pics of each
- Then you do the questions on the back with a partner as exam review
- Then time for questions