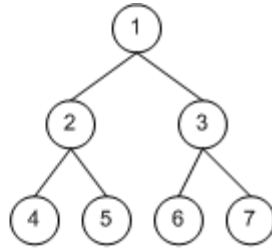


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CSSE 230 Day 11

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

Term project starts Day 13

Preferences for partners for the term project (groups of 3)

Partner preference survey on Moodle – Day 11

- Preferences balanced with experience level + work ethic
 - If course grades are close, I'll honor “prearranged teammate” preferences
 - If no “prearranged teammate”, best to list several potential members
 - If you don't want to work with someone, that preference will be honored
 - Historical evidence indicates working with others in a similar current CSSE230 grade attainment level often pans out best

Some questions you might consider asking potential programming partners:

- What final grade range are you aiming for in CSSE230?
- Do you like to get it done early or to procrastinate?
- Do you prefer to work daytime, evening, late night?
- Do you normally get a lot of help on the homework? Survey is due 24 December – do it as soon as you can

Some meme humor

If pants wore pants...
would they wear them



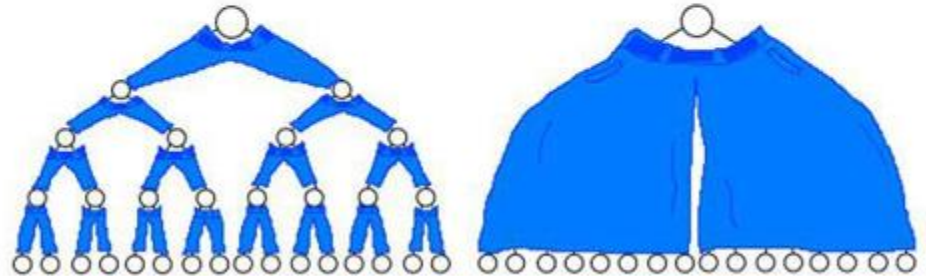
like this? or like this?

If a binary tree wore pants, would it wear them

like this

or

like this?



Other announcements

- Today:
 - Size vs height of trees: patterns and proofs
- Wrapping up the BST assignment, and worktime.

Extreme Trees

- A tree with the maximum number of nodes for its height is a **full *binary*** tree.
- full binary tree – each node is either a leaf or has exactly two children
- A tree with the minimum number of nodes for its height is essentially a _____
- Height matters!
 - Recall that the algorithms for search, insertion, and deletion in a binary search tree are **$O(h(T))$**

Mathematical Induction

To prove that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq n_0$:

- *Basis step*: Prove that $P(n_0)$ is true (base case), and
- *Induction step*: Prove that if $P(k)$ is true for any $k \geq n_0$, then $P(k+1)$ is also true.

[This part of the proof must work for all such k !]

$P(n)$ – propositional function, i.e., a declarative statement parameterized by n that is either true or false

$$(P(1) \wedge \forall k(P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1))) \rightarrow \forall nP(n)$$

DIRECT MATHEMATICAL PROOFS

def: A *direct proof* is a mathematical argument where one starts with the premises and reasons to the conclusion by using rules of inference.

Direct proofs and implication

- In this case we're trying to prove $p \rightarrow q$
- We need only show that *if* p is true, that q cannot be false
- The direct proof *assumes* p to be true and then shows that q cannot be false
- We don't have to show that p is true, because if p is false, then the implication is true no matter if q is true or false

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

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



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Strong Induction

- To prove that $p(n)$ is true for all $n \geq n_0$:
 - 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 $n_0 \leq j < k$, then $p(k)$ is also true
- An analogy:
 - 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 $N(T)$