

# 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

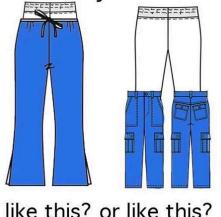
- Preferences balanced with experience level + work ethic
  - If course grades are close, I'll honor "prearranged teammate" preferences
  - If no "prearranged teammate", best to list several potential members
  - If you don't want to work with someone, that preference will be honored
  - Historical evidence 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:

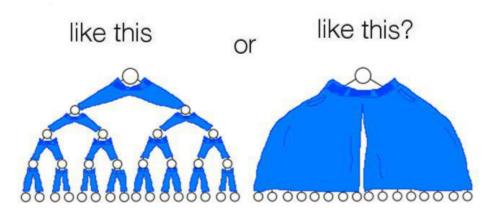
- What final grade range are you aiming for in CSSE230?
- Do you like to get it done early or to procrastinate?
- Do you prefer to work daytime, evening, late night?
- Do you normally get a lot of help on the homework?
- Survey is due Wed Oct 2, 5 PM do it as soon as you can

### Some meme humor

If pants wore pants... would they wear them



If a binary tree wore pants, would it wear them



http://www.smosh.com/smosh-pit/memes/internets-best-reactions-if-dog-wore-pants http://knowyourmeme.com/photos/1272773-if-a-dog-wore-pants

### Other announcements

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

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### **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  $n \ge n_0$ :

- Basis step: Prove that  $P(n_0)$  is true (base case), and
- *Induction step*: Prove that **if P(k) is true** for any  $k \ge n_0$ , 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

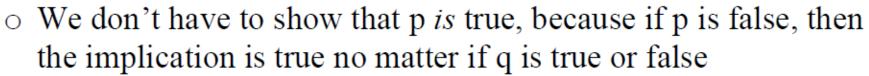
$$(P(1) \& \forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))) \rightarrow \forall n P(n)$$

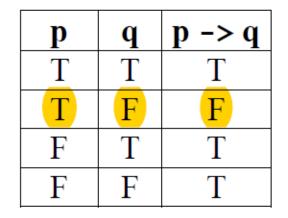
#### **DIRECT MATHEMATICAL PROOFS**

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

- $\circ$  In this case we're trying to prove p -> 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





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**

### **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:
  - 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)