

CS 10:

Problem solving via Object Oriented Programming

Hierarchies 1: Binary Trees

Agenda

1. General-purpose binary trees

Key points:

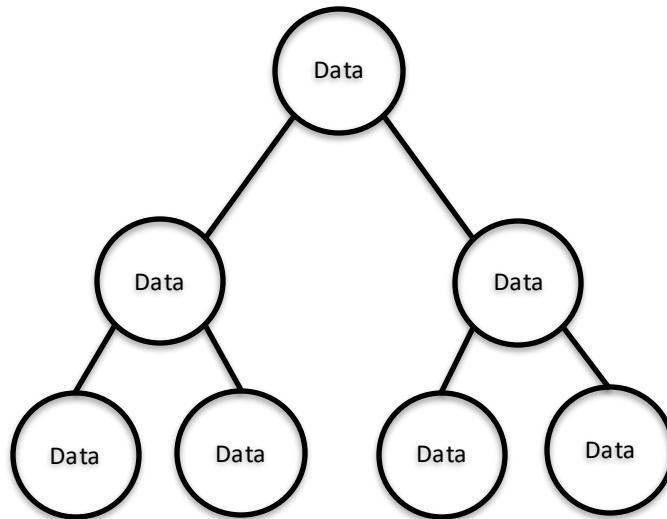
1. Trees are useful for hierarchical data
2. Binary trees have 0, 1, or 2 children at each node
3. Not all trees are binary (PS-2 isn't)
4. Trees may not be balanced
5. Trees lead to beautiful recursive code (so beautiful it brings a tear to my eye!)

2. Accumulators

3. Tree traversal

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Tree data structure



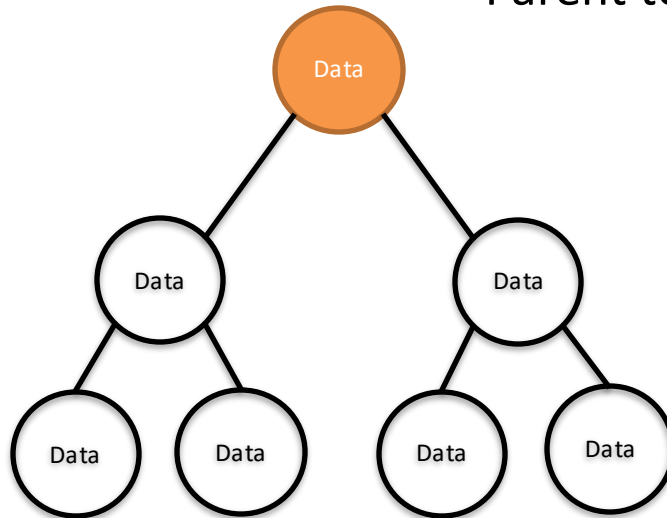
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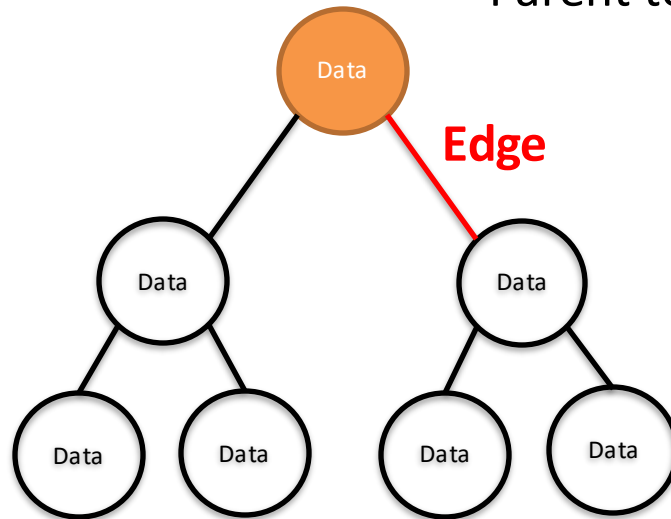
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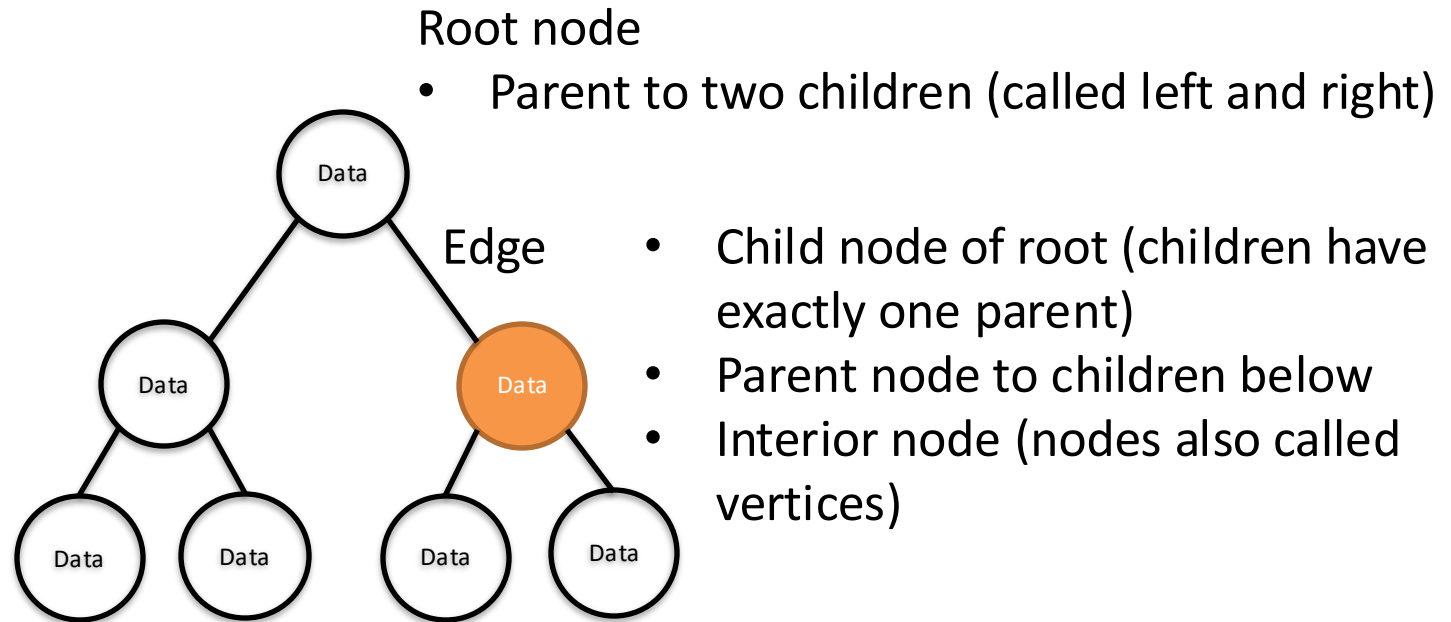
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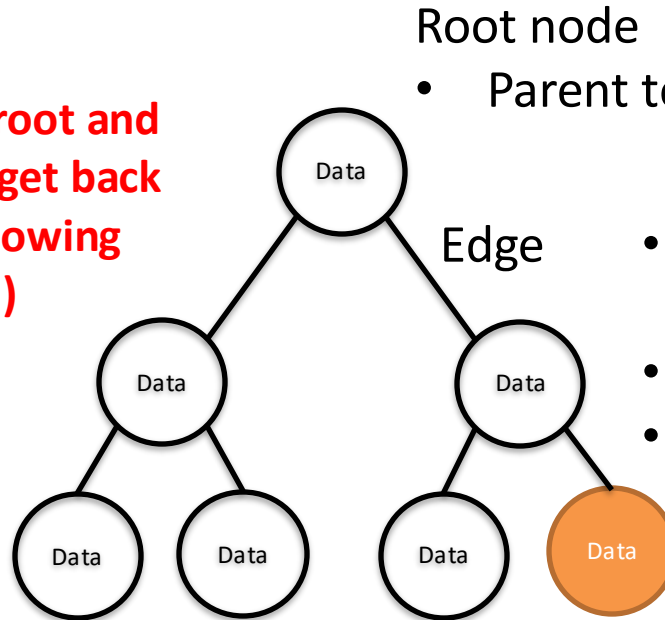


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Trees have one root and no cycles (can't get back to parent by following edge to children)



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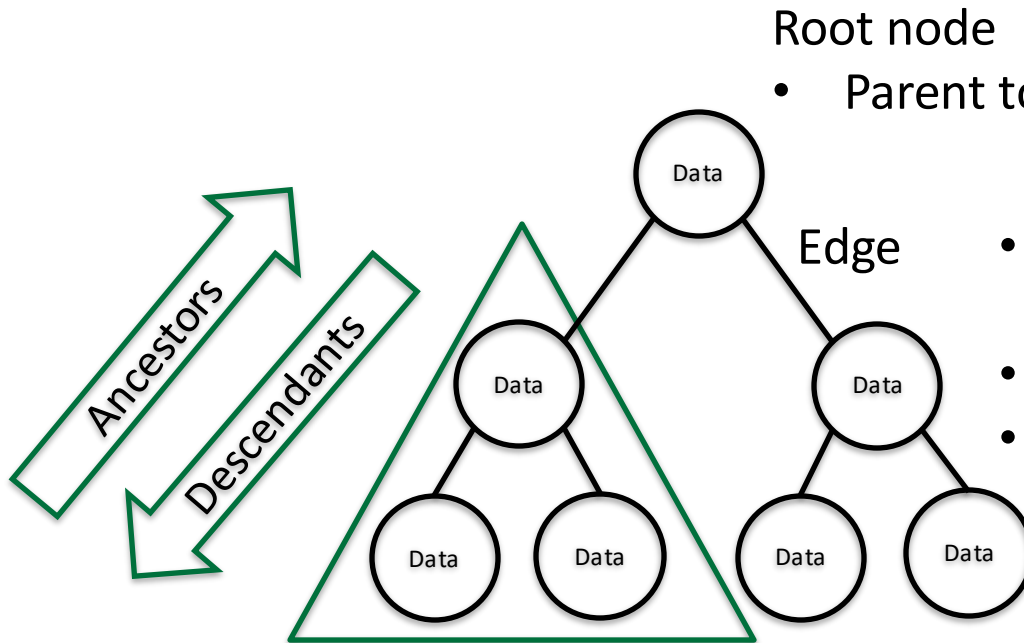
Edge

- Child node of root (children have exactly one parent)
- Parent node to children below
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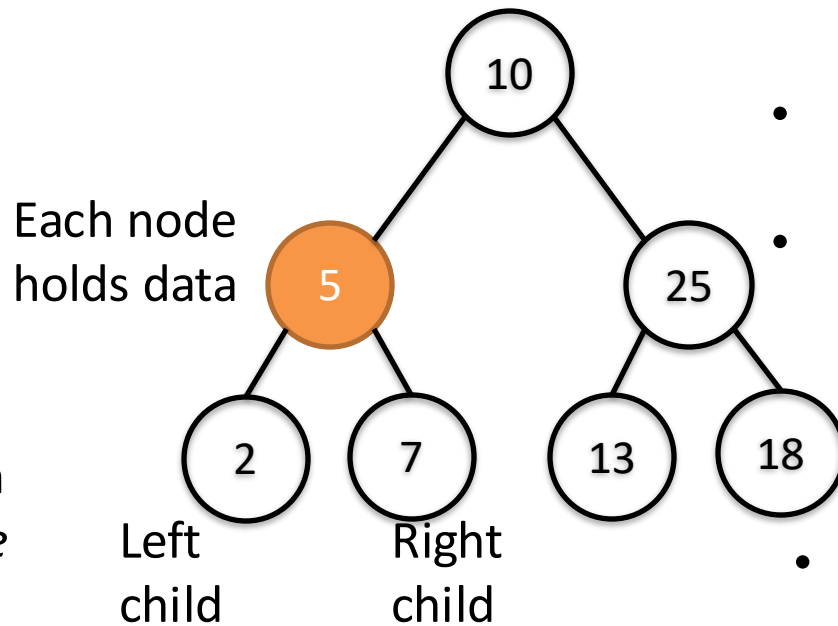
Each node can be thought of as the root of a subtree

Subtree

Meant for hierarchical data where there is a relationship between the data each node holds

In a Binary Tree, each nodes has data plus 0, 1, or 2 children

Binary Tree data structure

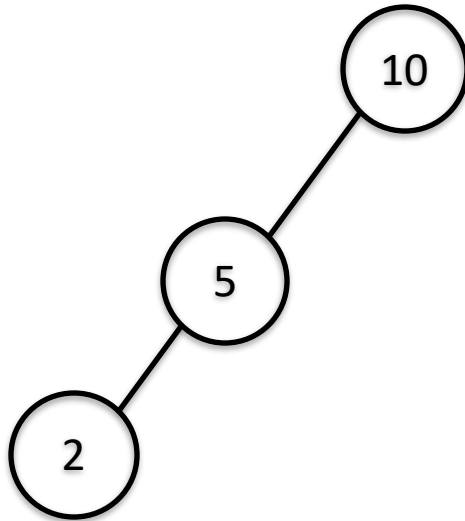


- An *interior* node has at least one non-null child
- It could have two non-null children

- Leaf nodes have left and right children too, they are both just null
- We will commonly talk about them, however, as having no children

A Binary Tree does not need to be balanced

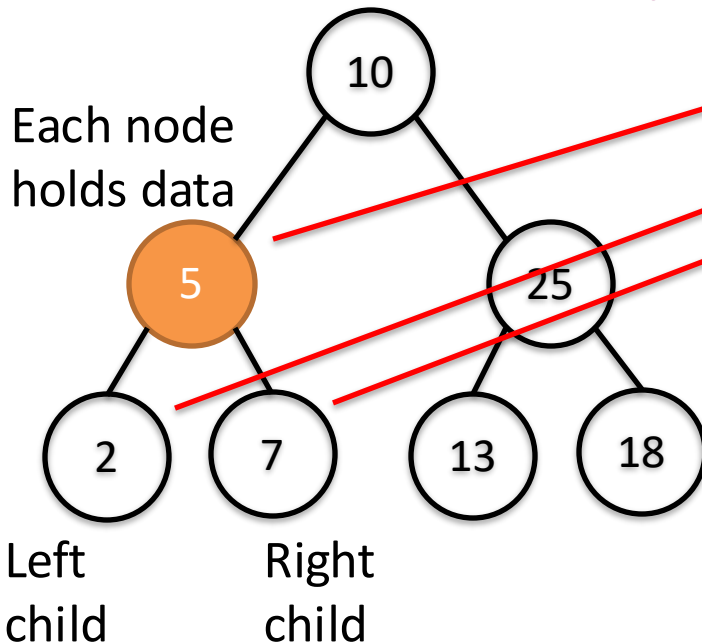
Binary Tree data structure



- This is a valid Binary Tree, each node has 0, 1, (or 2) children
- For now we make no guarantees a tree is balanced
- Later we will look at ways to ensure balance
- Balance will allow us to make stronger statements about run time performance

Each node in a tree can be thought of as the root of its own subtree

BinaryTree.java



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    E data;

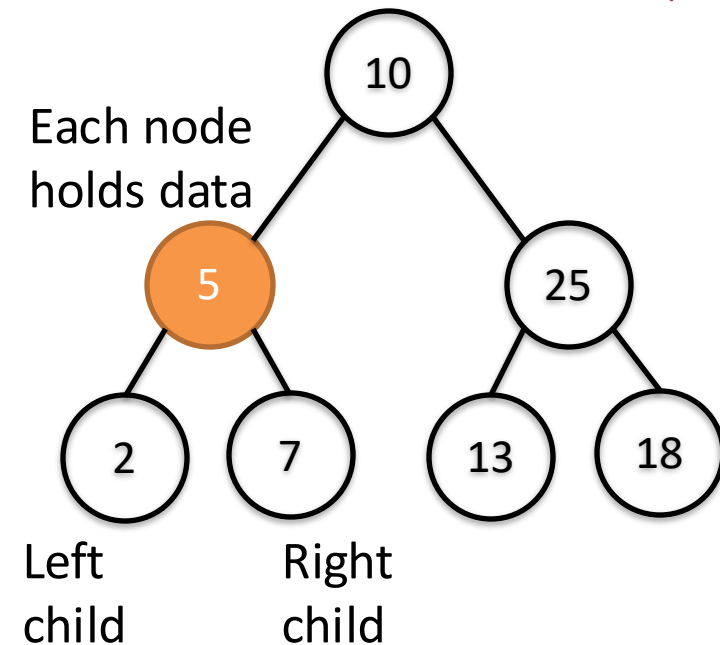
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     * Constructs leaf node -- left and right are null
     */
    public BinaryTree(E data) {
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     * Constructs inner node
     */
    public BinaryTree(E data, BinaryTree<E> left, BinaryTree<E> right) {
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    }
}
```

- Define a Tree with data element of generic type E plus left and right children
- Children are (sub) Trees themselves, so their type is BinaryTree
- No need to define a Tree Class and separate TreeNode Class
- Because of this structure, most Tree code is recursive

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Two constructors

- One for leaf node
- One for interior node

Building a BinaryTree

BinaryTree.java

Create root node

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    BinaryTree<String>temp = root.left;  
    temp.left = new BinaryTree<String>("A");  
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    temp = root.right;  
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    System.out.println(root);  
}
```

root

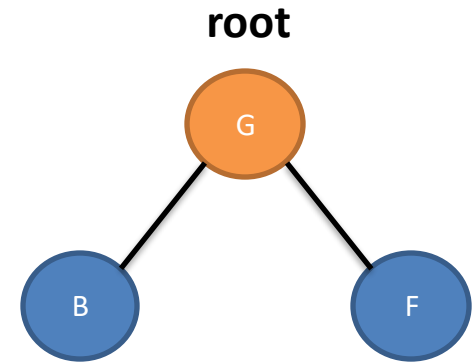


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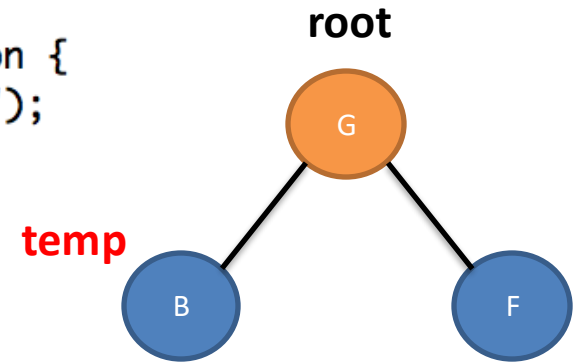


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Make temp node and traverse
down to left child



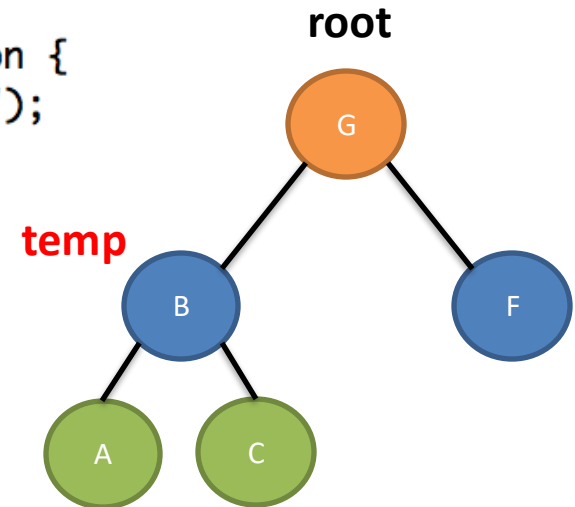
- What would happen if didn't create *temp = root.left*, but instead set *root = root.left*
- Would lose pointer to *root* node (*root* would be garbage collected)

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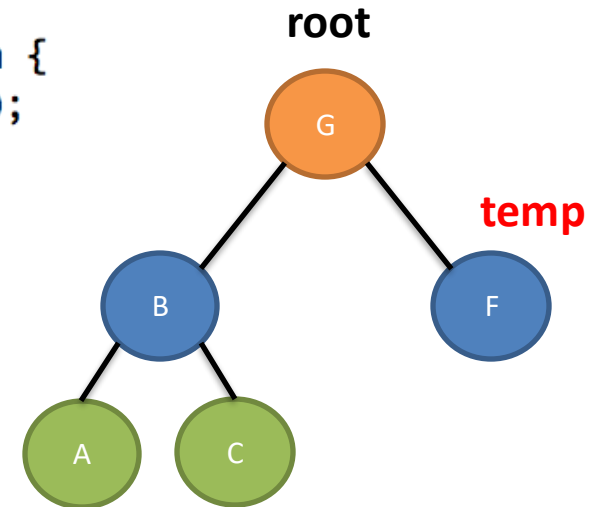


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Move temp to root's right child

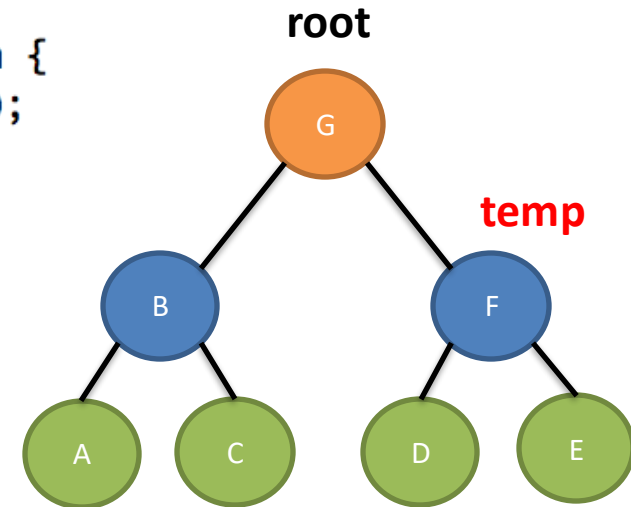


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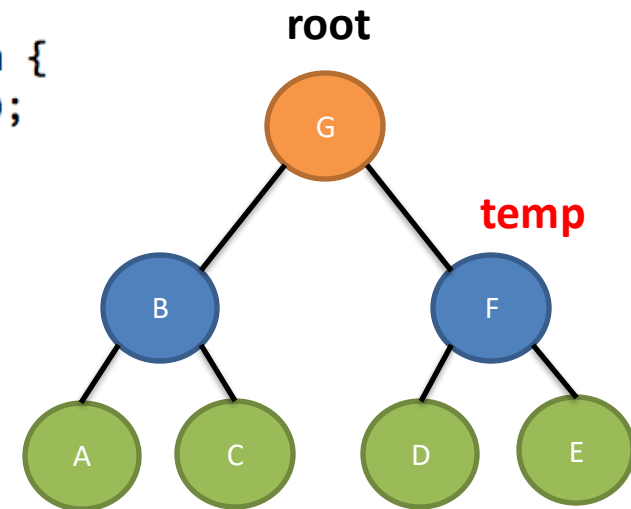
Add children




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- Print tree from root
- Implicitly calls *toString()*
- Will define in a few slides
- Note: Nodes are not *required* to be in alphabetical order in this tree (check F and E)




```
G  
|-- B  
|   |-- A  
|   |-- C  
|-- F  
|   |-- D  
|   |-- E
```

BinaryTree has three useful helper methods: hasLeft, hasRight, isLeaf


```
public boolean hasLeft() { return left != null; }
```

True if left child not null,
indicates has a left child




```
public boolean hasRight() { return right != null; }
```

True if right child not null,
indicates has a right child



```
public boolean isLeaf() { return left == null && right == null; }
```

True if left and right
children are null, indicates
no children (leaf)



Use recursion to calculate tree size from any given node = size of both children + 1

BinaryTree.java

size() returns the number of nodes in the (sub) tree

```
75  /**
76   * Number of nodes (inner and leaf) in tree
77   */
78  public int size() {
79      int num = 1;
80      if (hasLeft()) num += left.size();
81      if (hasRight()) num += right.size();
82      return num;
83  }
84
```

One to account for this node

hasLeft() and *hasRight()* return true if node has those children
Only make recursive call if node

Ask each child to return its size and add to *num*

Return size of this subtree

If leaf node, will return 1

Recursion will then “bubble up” until it gets back to the original node on which *size()* was called

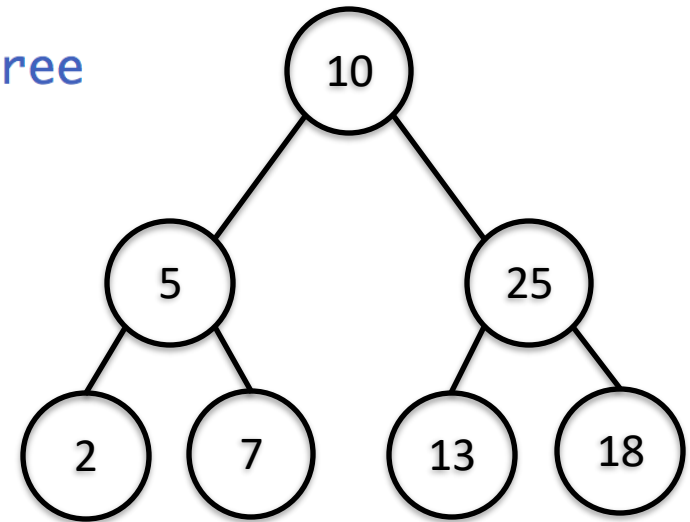
In that node *num* will then have the size of the entire subtree

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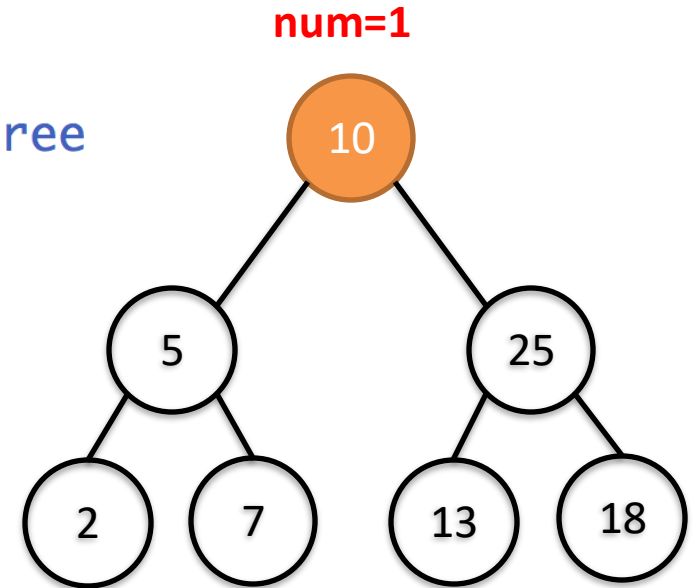
Call *size()* on root node



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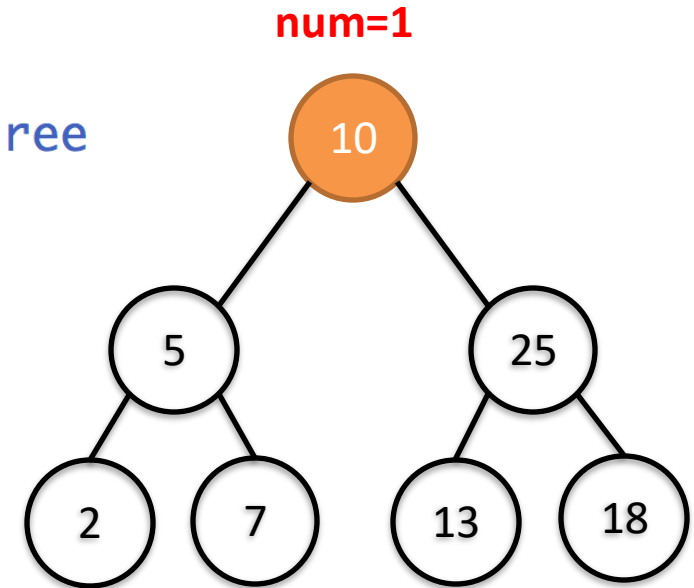
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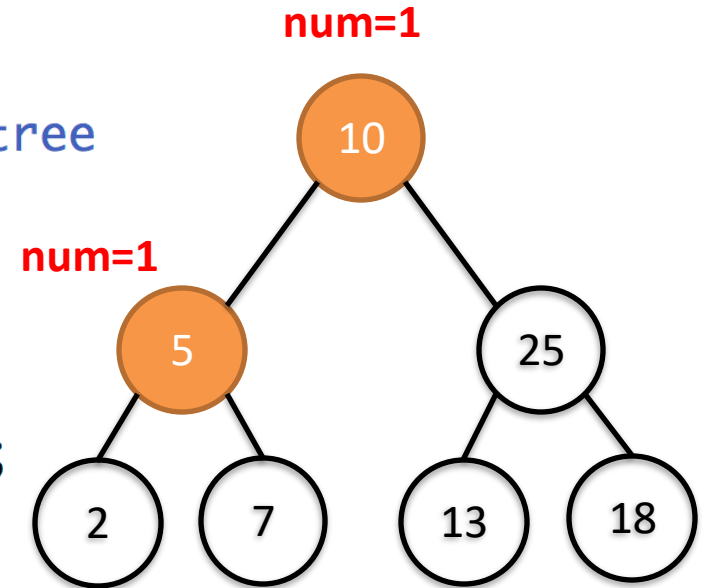


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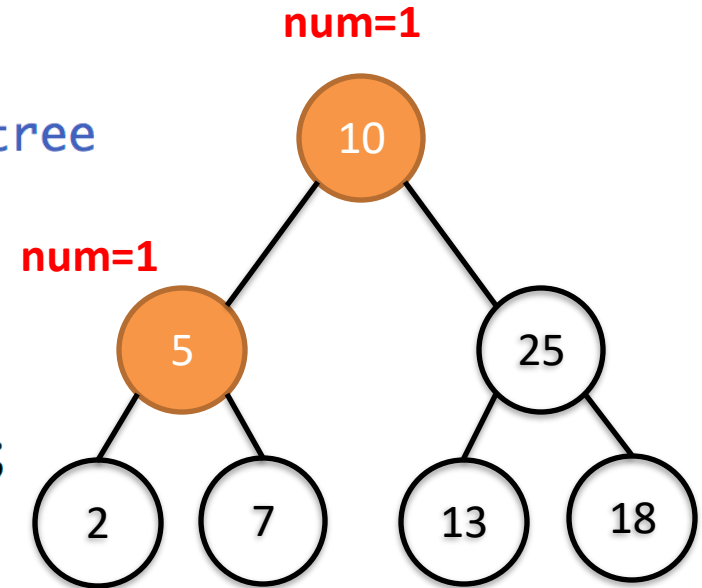
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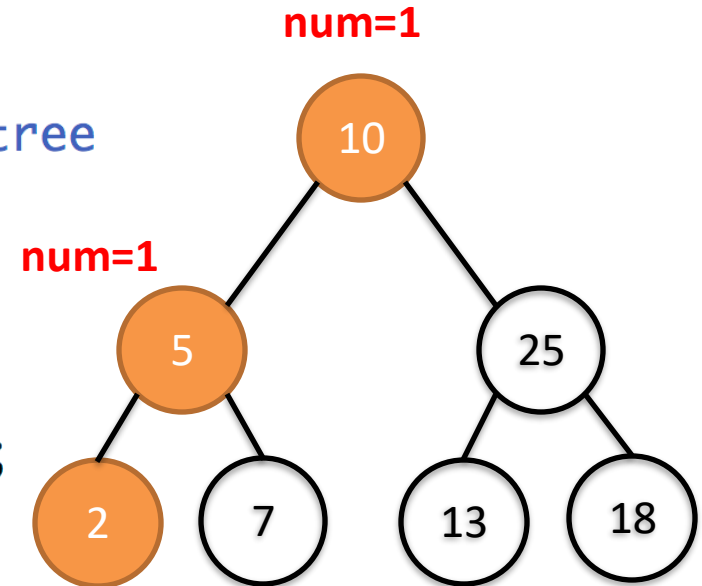


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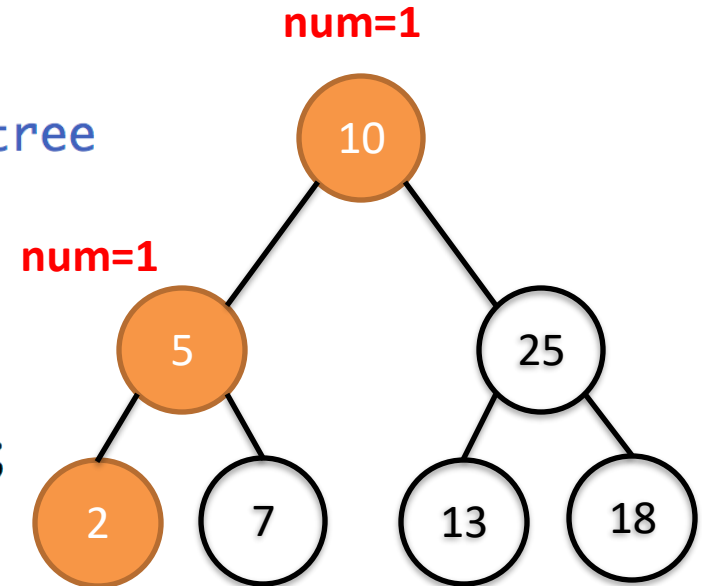
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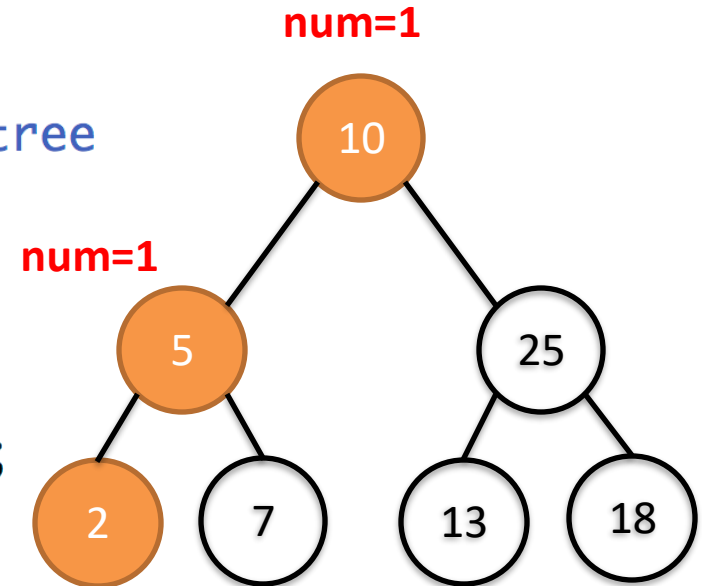
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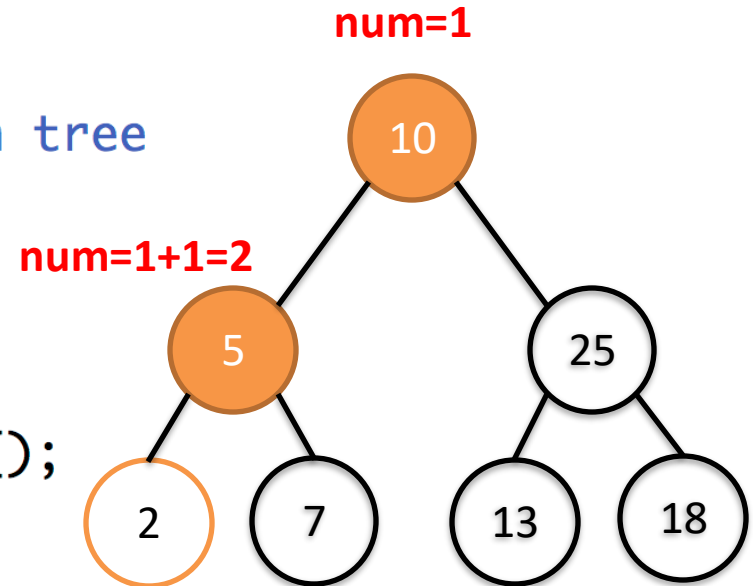


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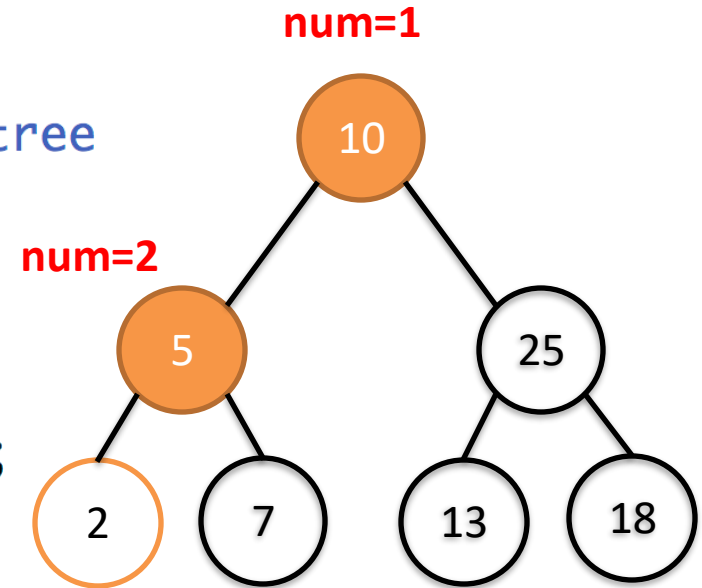


- Increment num on Node 5

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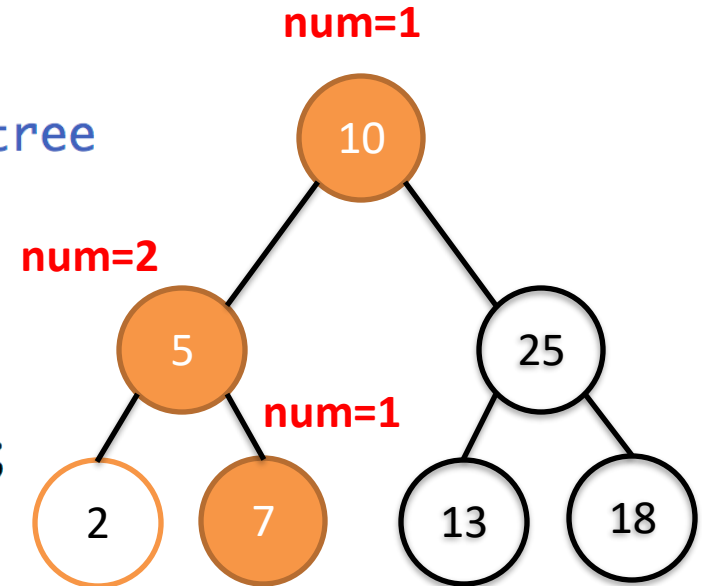


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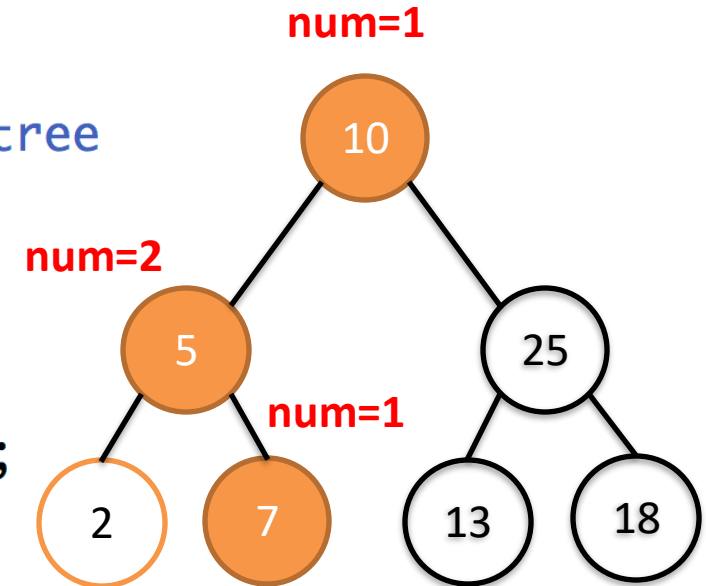
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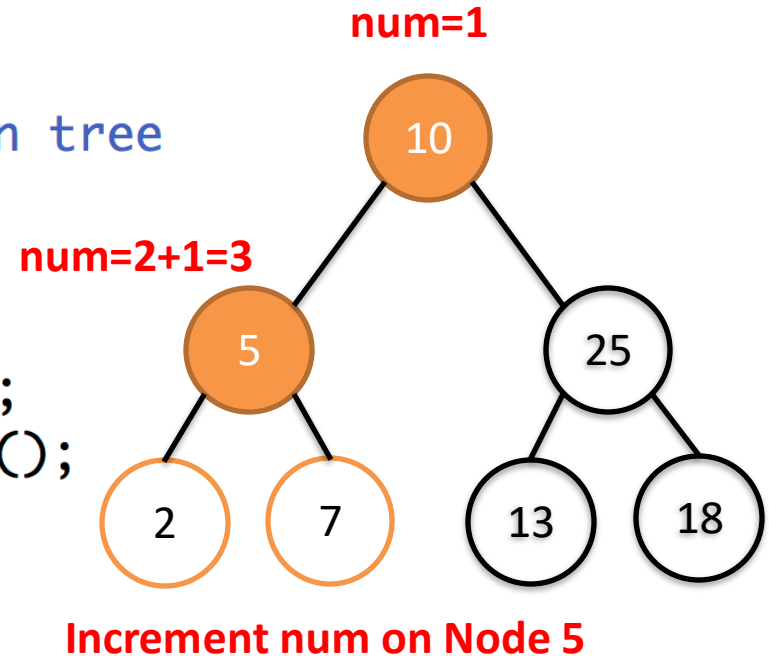


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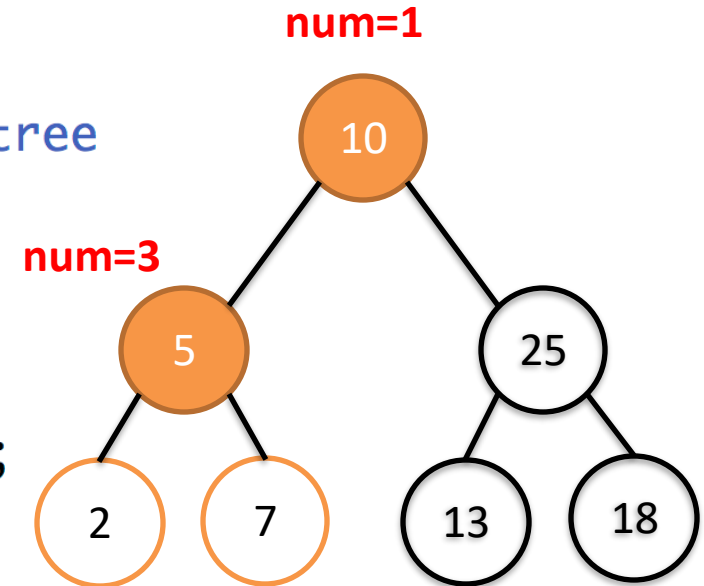
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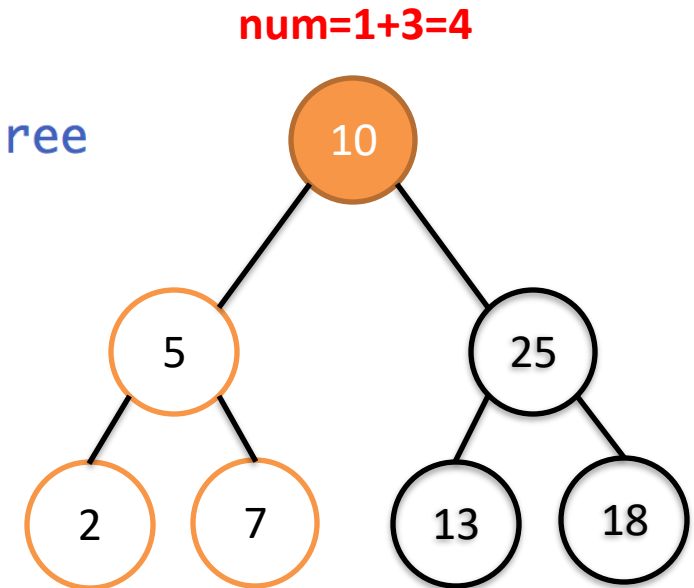


- Node 5 is done
- Return 3 to root

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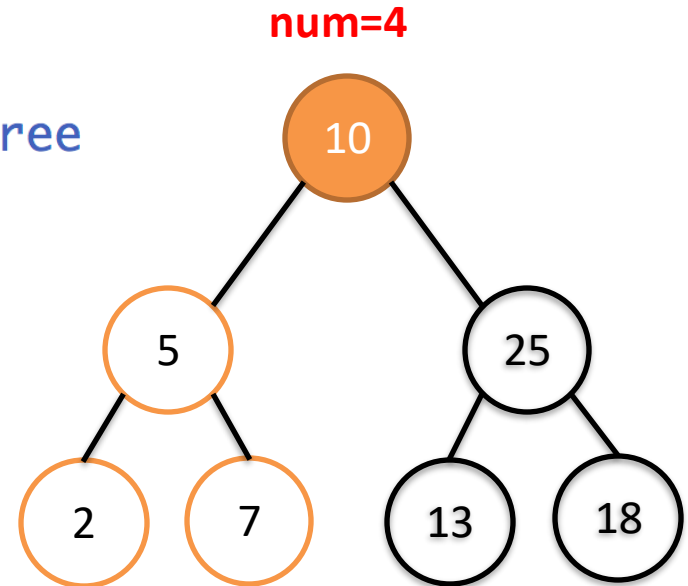


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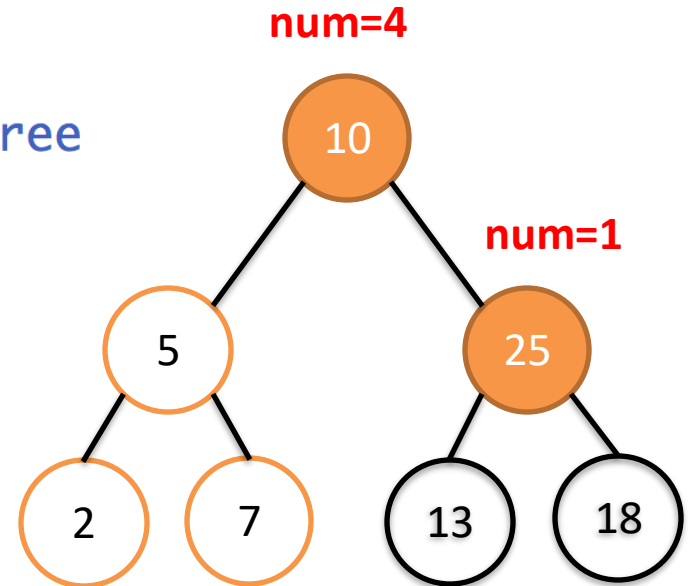


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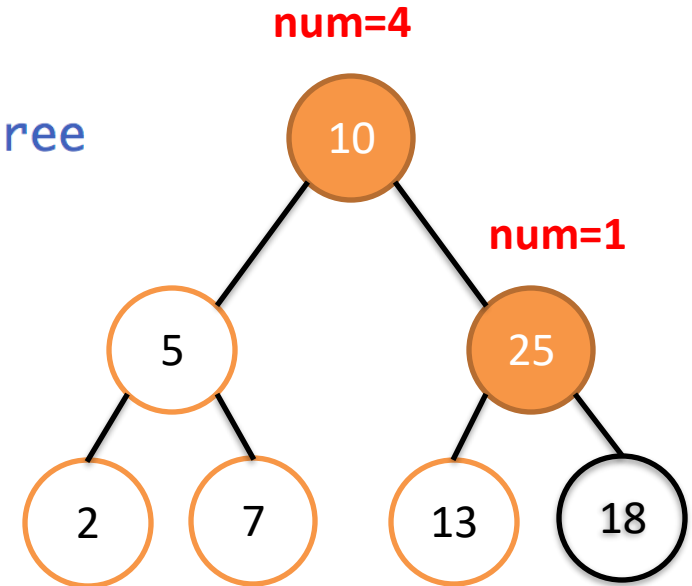
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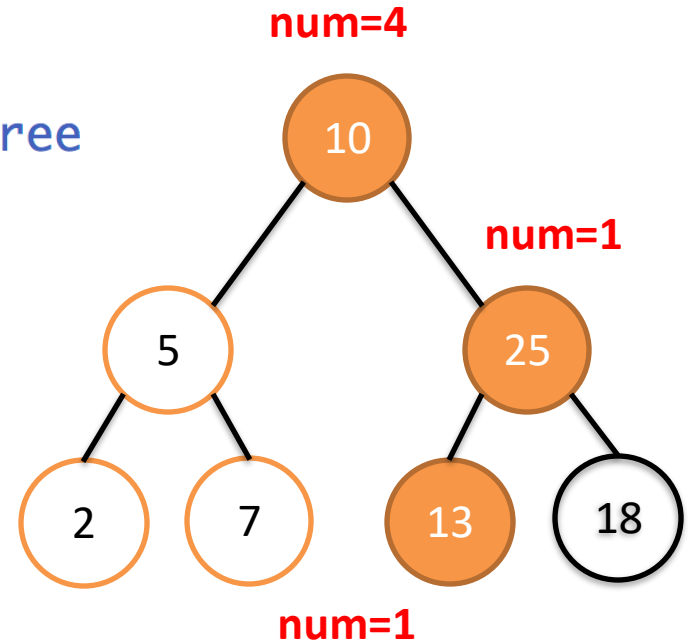


- Has left child
- Make recursive call on left child

Use recursion to calculate tree size from any given node = size of both children + 1

BinaryTree.java

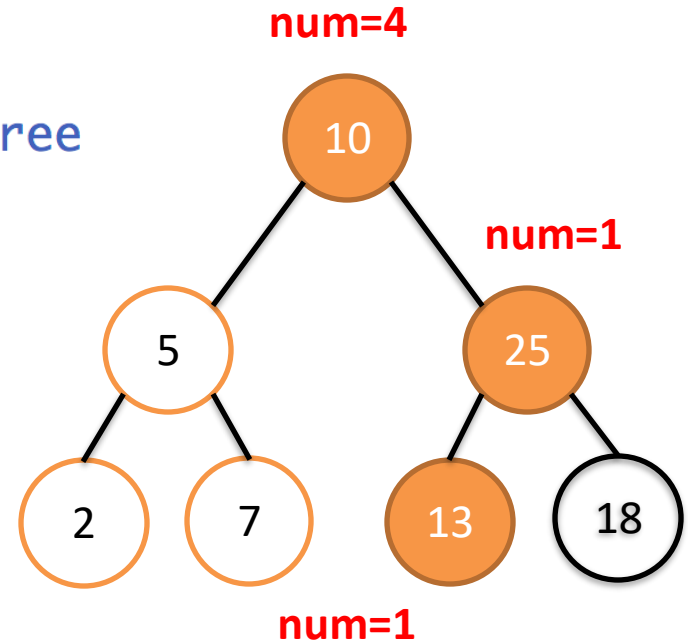
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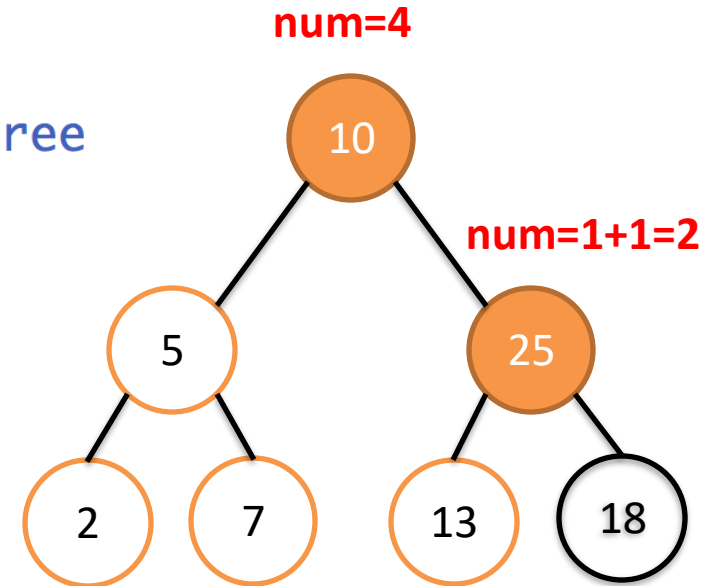


- No children
- Return 1 back to Node 25

Use recursion to calculate tree size from any given node = size of both children + 1

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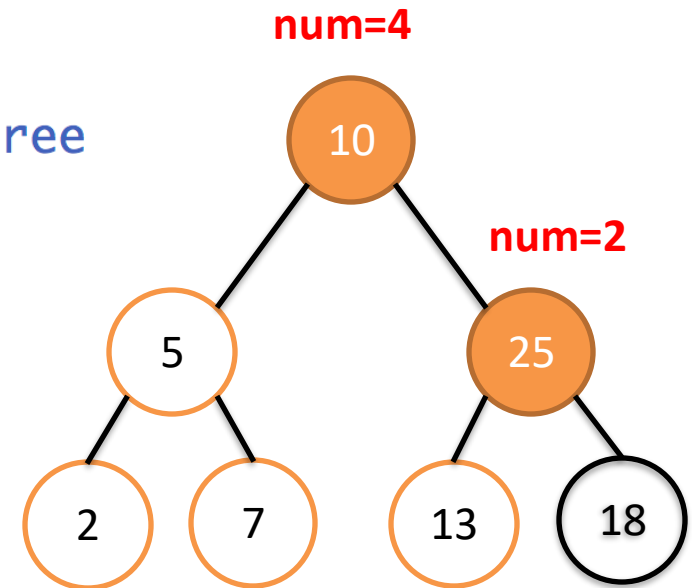
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- Increment num on Node 25

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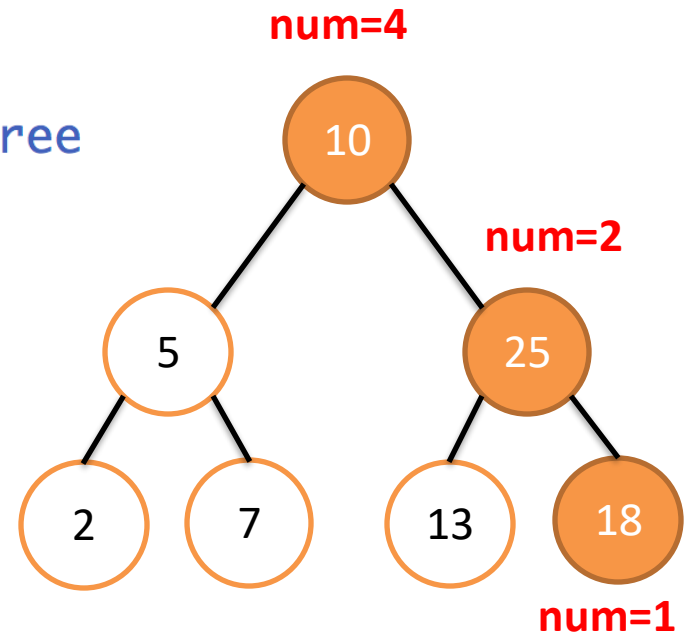


- Has right child
- Make recursive call on right child

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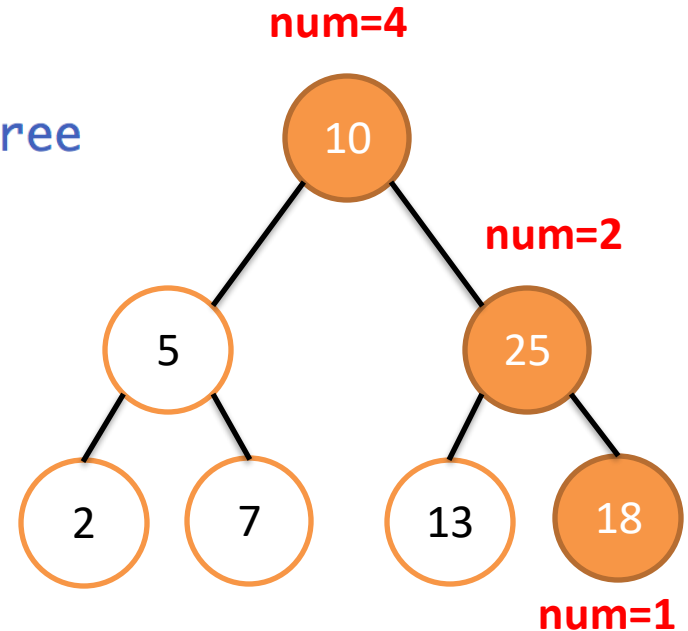
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 */
public int size() {
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        if (hasLeft()) num += left.size();
    25 → if (hasRight()) num += right.size();
        return num;
}
```



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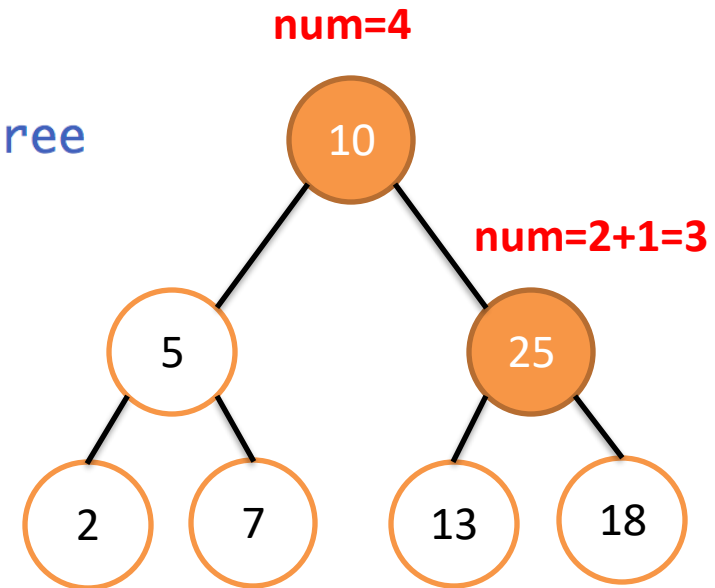


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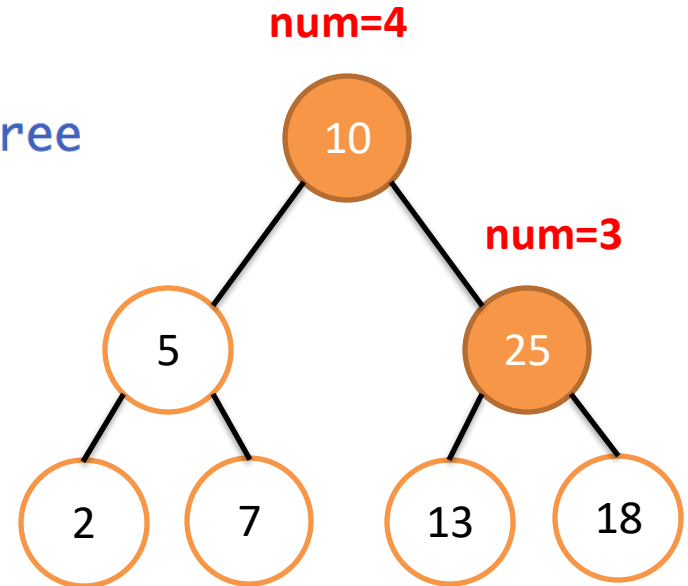


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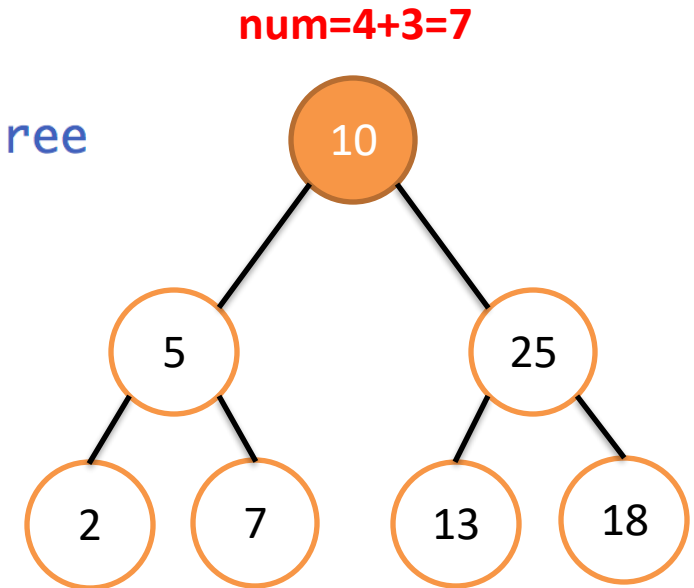


- Node 25 is done
- Return 3 back to root

Use recursion to calculate tree size from any given node = size of both children + 1

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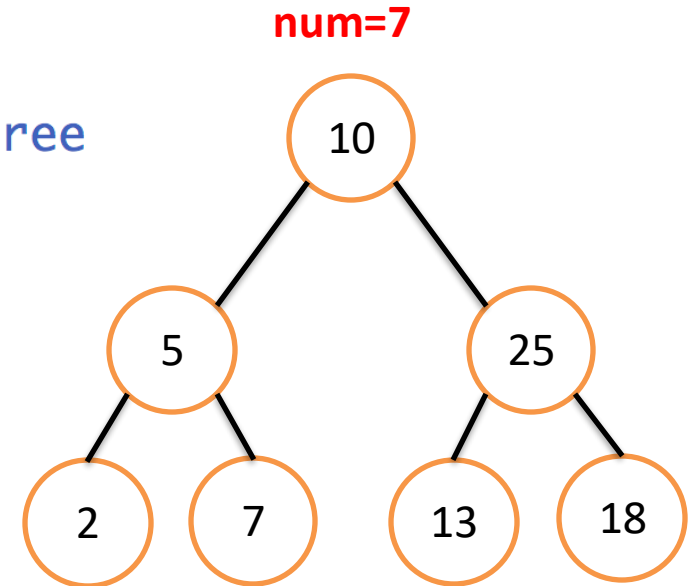


Increment num on root

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    return num;  
}
```



Done!
Return 7

height() uses a similar recursive strategy to calculate the longest path to a leaf

BinaryTree.java

```
86  * Longest length to a leaf node from here
87  */
88  public int height() {
89      if (isLeaf()) return 0;
90      int h = 0;
91      if (hasLeft()) h = Math.max(h, left.height());
92      if (hasRight()) h = Math.max(h, right.height());
93      return h+1; // inner: one higher than highest child
94  }
95
```

- Height is the number of edges on the longest path from root to leaf
- By convention, a tree with one node (a leaf by definition) has height 0

- Recursively compute the height on the left and right child
- Keep the max

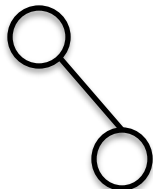
// inner: one higher than highest child

- Add one for this node
- This node isn't a leaf because if it was it would have returned zero in line 89

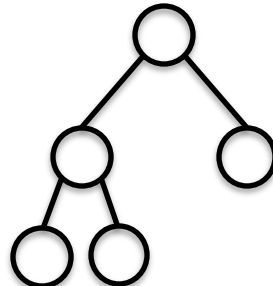
Height 0



Height 1



Height 2



equals uses recursion to see if two trees have same data and structure

BinaryTree.java

```
/**  
 * Same structure and data  
 * @param t2 compare with this tree  
 * @return true if this tree and t2 have the have structure and data in each node, else false  
 */  
public boolean equals(BinaryTree<E> t2) {  
    if (hasLeft() != t2.hasLeft() || hasRight() != t2.hasRight()) return false;  
    if (!data.equals(t2.data)) return false;  
    if (hasLeft() && !left.equals(t2.left)) return false;  
    if (hasRight() && !right.equals(t2.right)) return false;  
    return true;  
}
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Instead, we traverse the tree, comparing node by node with the tree passed in as a parameter

First check if same number number of children



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Next compare data is the same in each node

Right way to compare objects is the *equals()* method

equals uses recursion to see if two trees have same data and structure

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Finally, ask each child to compare itself

Trees are equal if same shape and same data at all nodes

Agenda

1. General-purpose binary trees



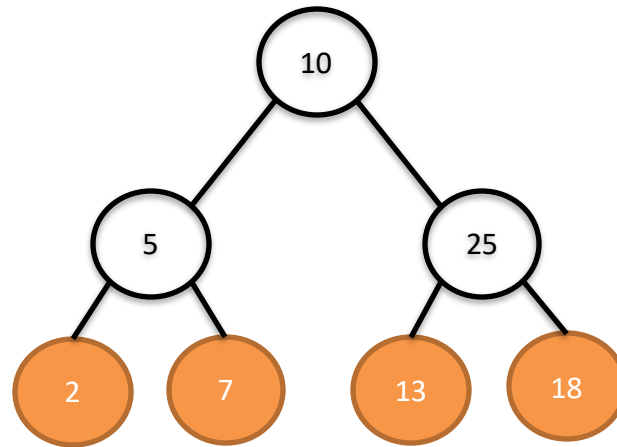
2. Accumulators

Key points:

1. Accumulators are a way to “build up” a value as a tree is traversed
2. Accumulators allow efficient code

3. Tree traversal

Accumulators are commonly used with trees for efficient operations



The *fringe* of a tree is the list of *leaves* in order from left to right
Here the fringe is [2, 7, 13, 18]

An efficient way to compute the fringe is to traverse the Tree and use an accumulator (course web page talks about an inefficient solution)

An accumulator keeps track of a variable during recursion

fringe() uses an accumulator pattern to get the leaves in order

BinaryTree.java

```
110 public ArrayList<E> fringe() {
111     ArrayList<E> f = new ArrayList<E>();
112     addToFringe(f);
113     return f;
114 }
115
116 /**
117  * Helper for fringe, adding fringe data to the list
118  */
119 private void addToFringe(ArrayList<E> fringe) {
120     if (isLeaf()) {
121         fringe.add(data);
122     }
123     else {
124         if (hasLeft()) left.addToFringe(fringe);
125         if (hasRight()) right.addToFringe(fringe);
126     }
127 }
```

fringe() method creates a variable *f* that will be used to *accumulate* results of tree traversal

Here we create a new *ArrayList f* as the accumulator, then pass it to a helper function that does recursion

After *addToFringe()* completes, *f* has fringe of Tree

Helper function uses accumulator during recursion

Node data added to fringe if leaf
Descend recursively

NOTE: *addFringe()* does not have a return value, it doesn't need one!

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126     }
127 }
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- Why use a helper method here?
- Why not just recursively call *fringe()*?
- Because we'd *new* an *ArrayList* at each recursive call
- Here we create a *new ArrayList* in *fringe()* and pass it to *addToFringe()*
- *addToFringe* updates *ArrayList* as it goes
- More notes on course web page

Similarly, `toString()` uses an accumulator to create a String representation of the tree

BinaryTree.java

Idea: keep an accumulator of
how many spaces to indent

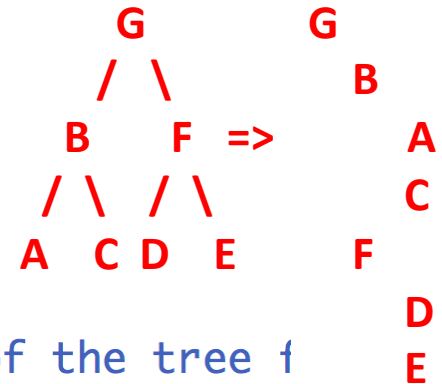
`toString()` called by Java if object
is in `println` statement

Want to print Tree indented by
level

```
129 /**
130  * Returns a string representation of the tree
131  */
132 public String toString() {
133     return toStringHelper("");
134 }
135
136 /**
137  * Recursively constructs a String representation of the tree f
138  * starting with the given indentation and indenting further gc
139  */
140 public String toStringHelper(String indent) {
141     String res = indent + data + "\n";
142     if (hasLeft()) res += left.toStringHelper(indent+" ");
143     if (hasRight()) res += right.toStringHelper(indent+" ");
144     return res;
145 }
```

Note: `toString()` doesn't take a parameter
How can we keep an accumulator?
Use a helper method!

Note: the `BinaryTree.java` linked from the
course web page prints in a slightly more
sophisticated way



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142     if (hasLeft()) res += left.toStringHelper(indent+"  ");
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144     return res;
145 }
```

`toString()` passes empty indent accumulator String to helper function

`indent` will be the number of spaces before element so that String output looks like a tree (e.g., first level not indented, second level indented 2 spaces, third level indented 4 spaces...)

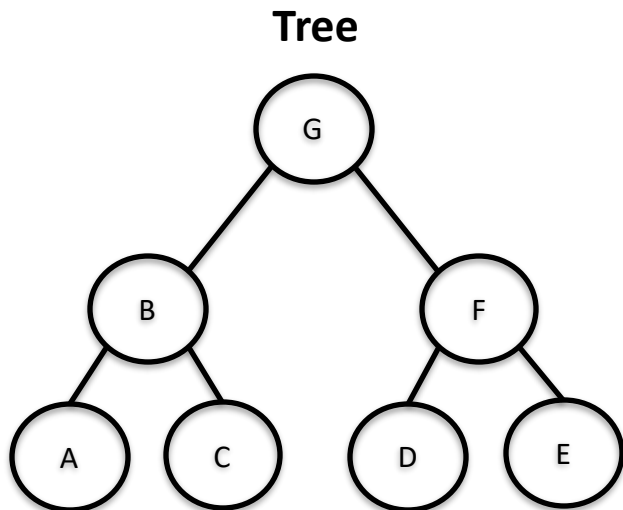
Helper function does recursion using `indent` variable

Adds 2 extra spaces to indent every time go down a level in tree

NOTE: "\n" means new line

Remember, `toString` returns a String, it doesn't print!

Similarly, *toString()* uses an accumulator to create a String representation of the tree



Output of `System.out.println(tree)`

G

B

A

C

F

D

E

←

Each level in tree printed two spaces indented from parent level in tree

Each time *toString()* descended a level, it added two spaces to *indent*

Agenda

1. General-purpose binary trees

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3. Tree traversal

Key points:

Trees are commonly traversed in three ways

- 1. Pre-order**
- 2. Post-order**
- 3. In-order**

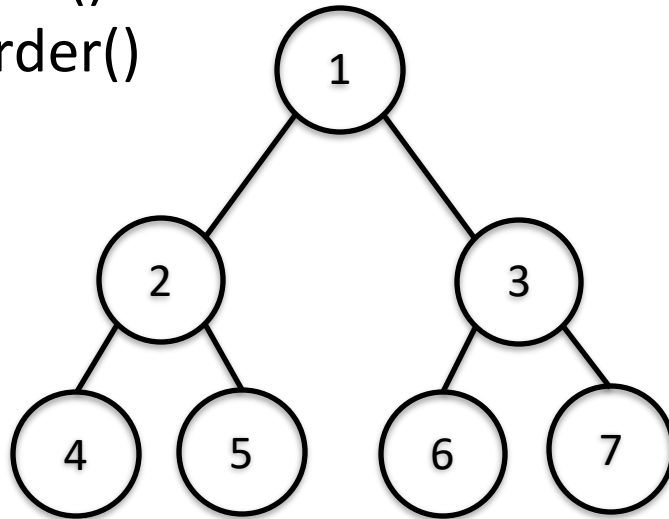
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**“visit” means
“handle this
node”, might print
it, might do
something else**



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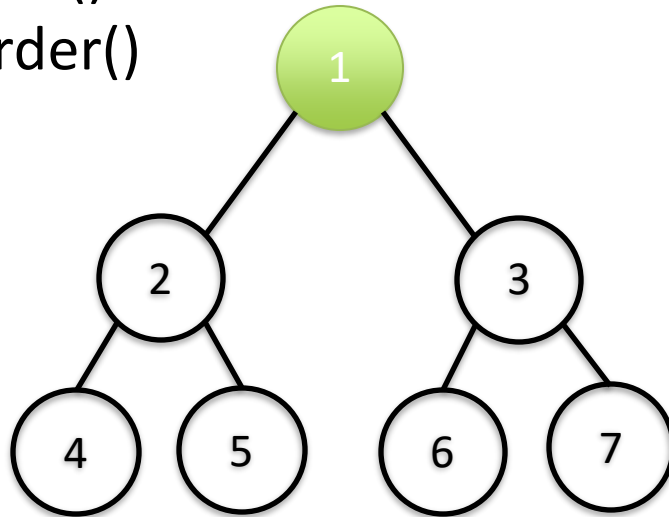
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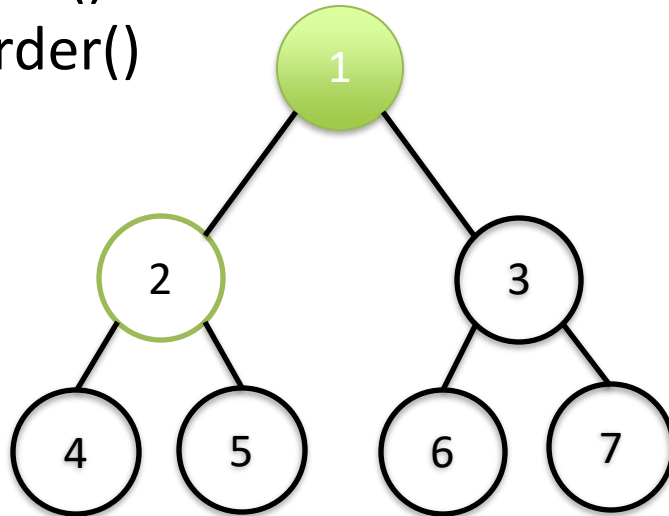
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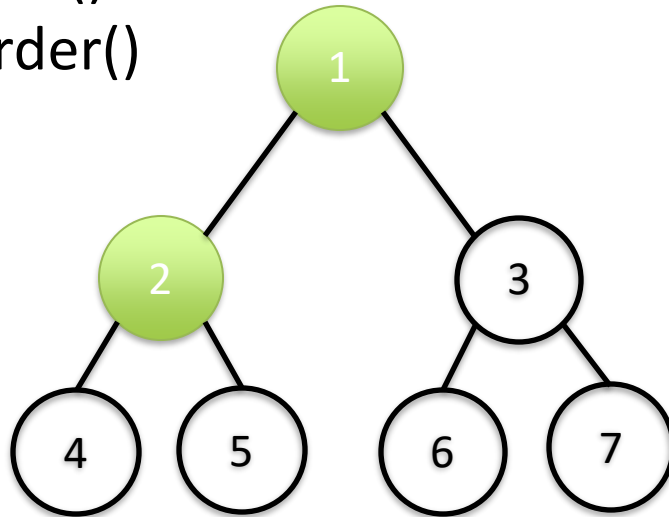
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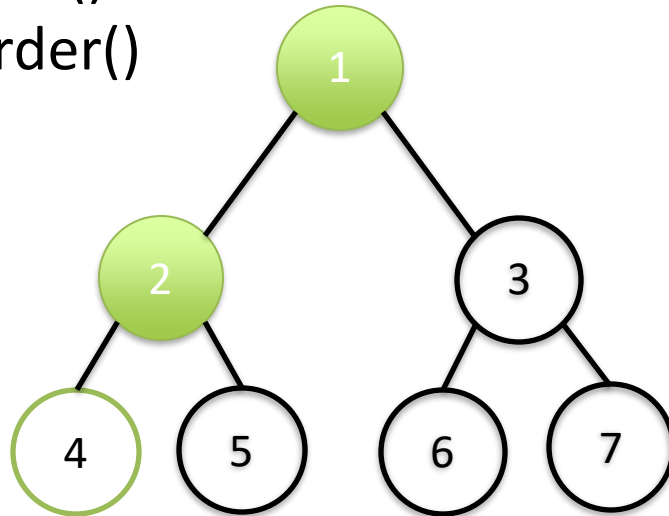
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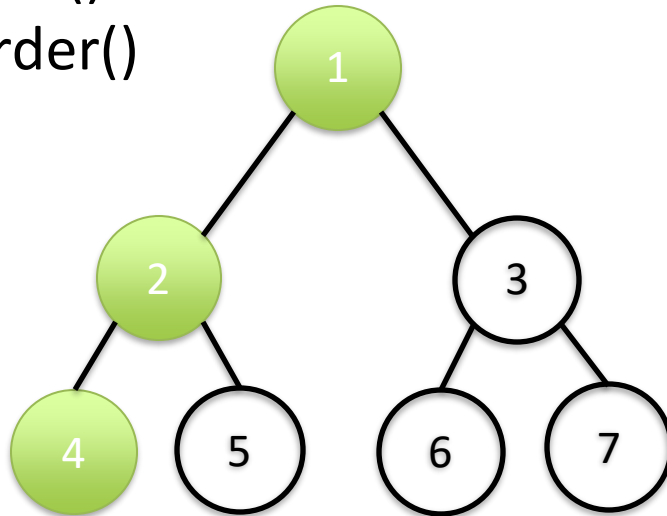
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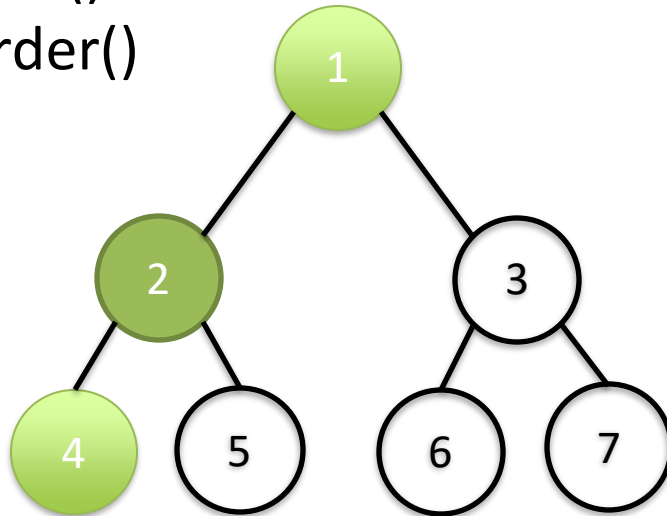
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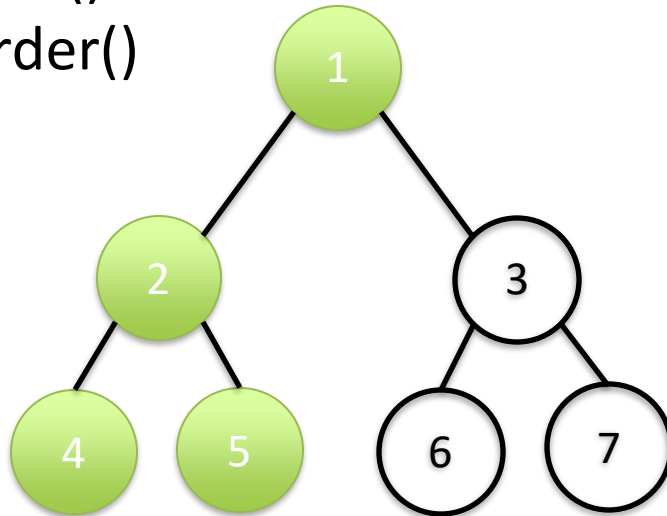
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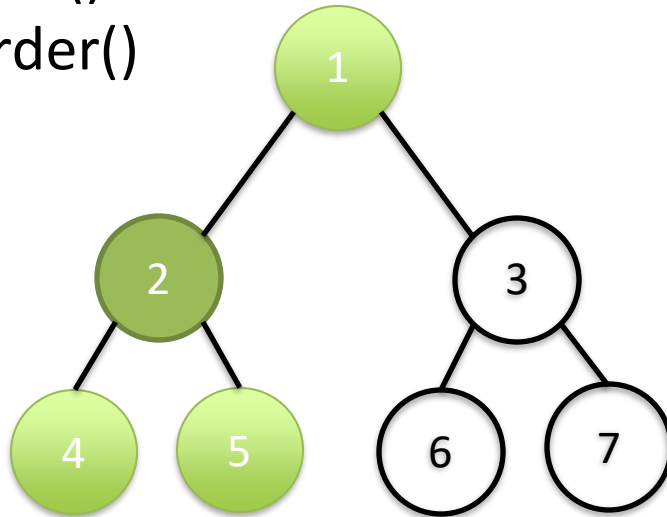
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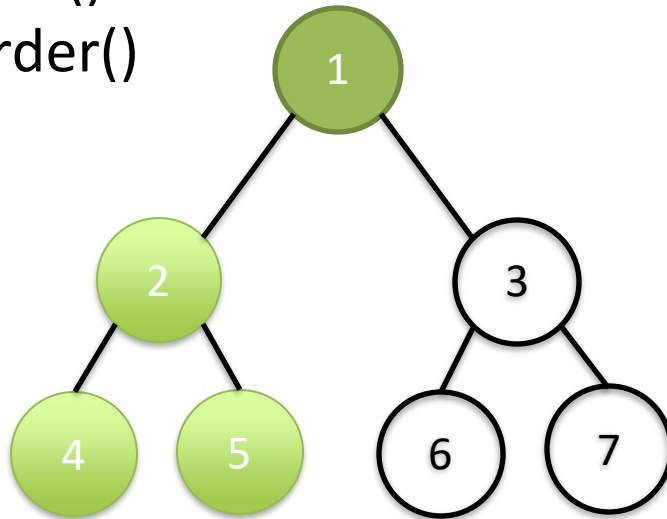
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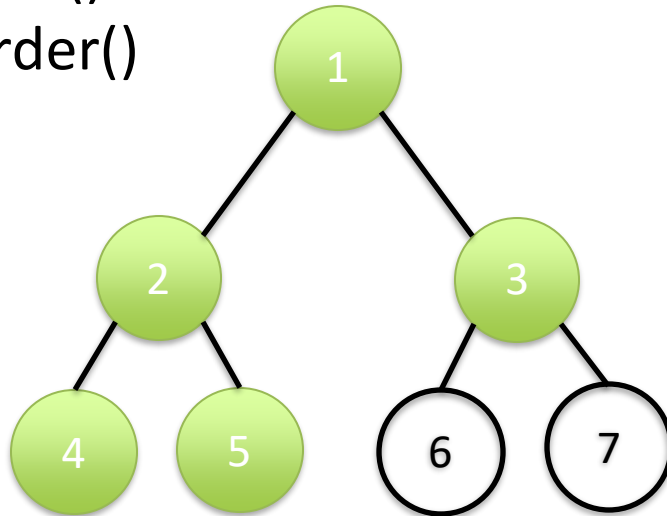
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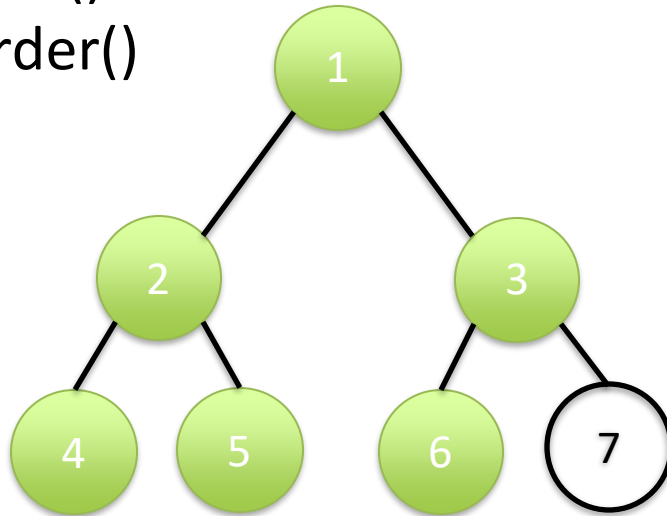
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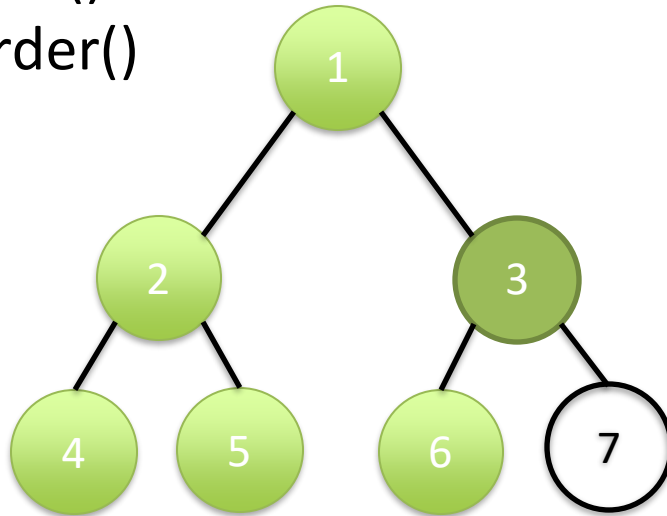
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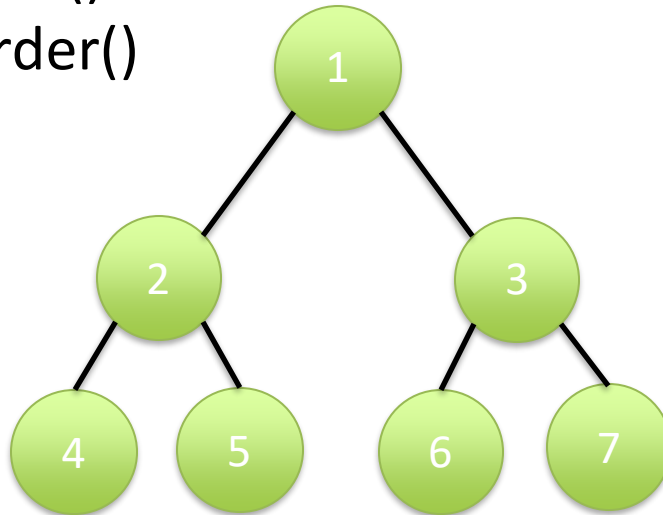
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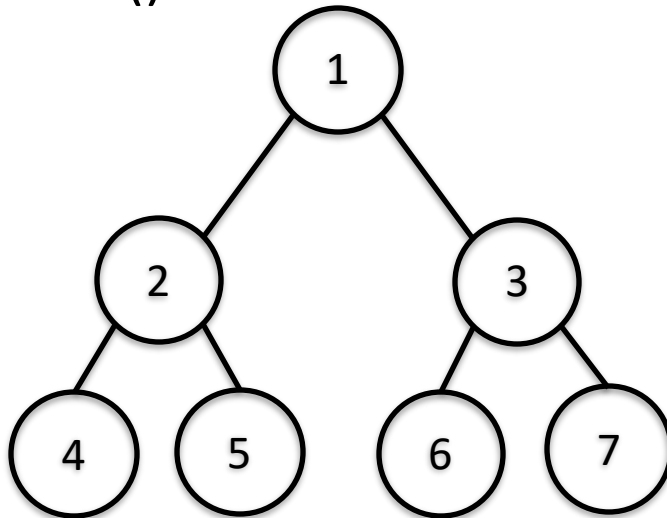
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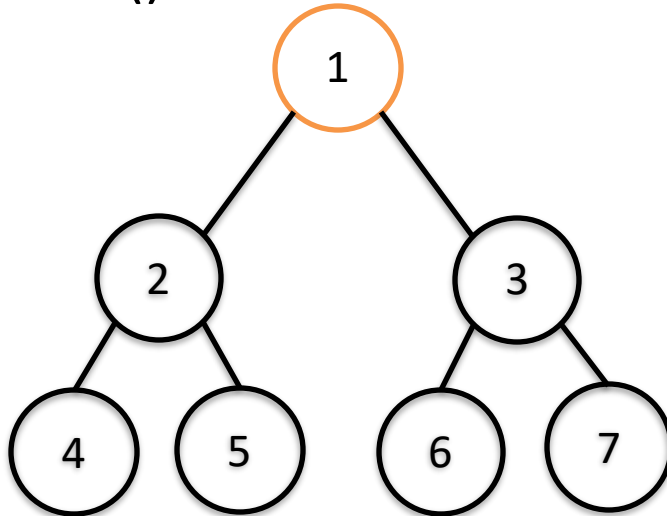
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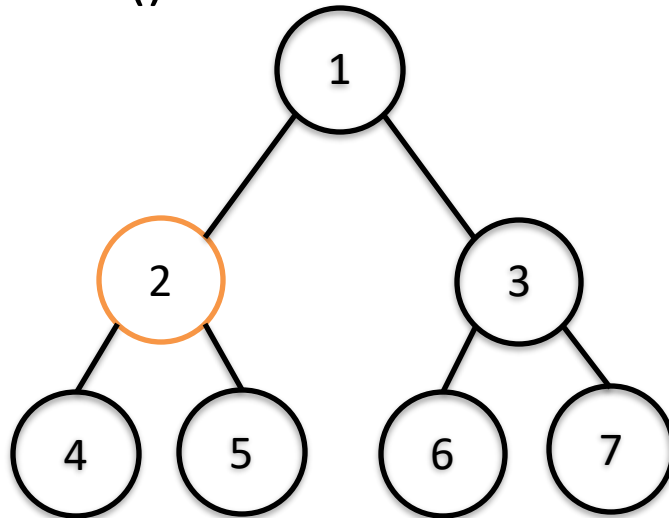
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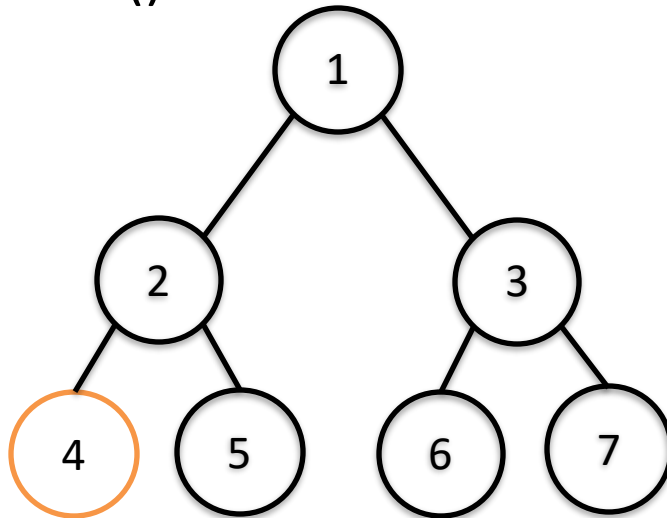
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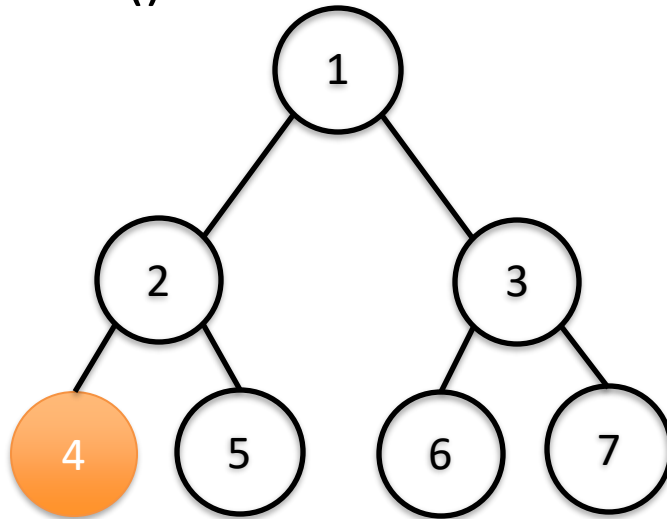
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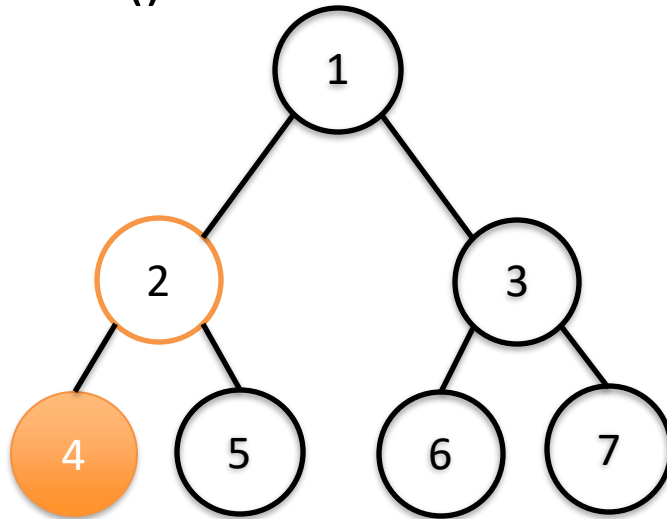
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Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

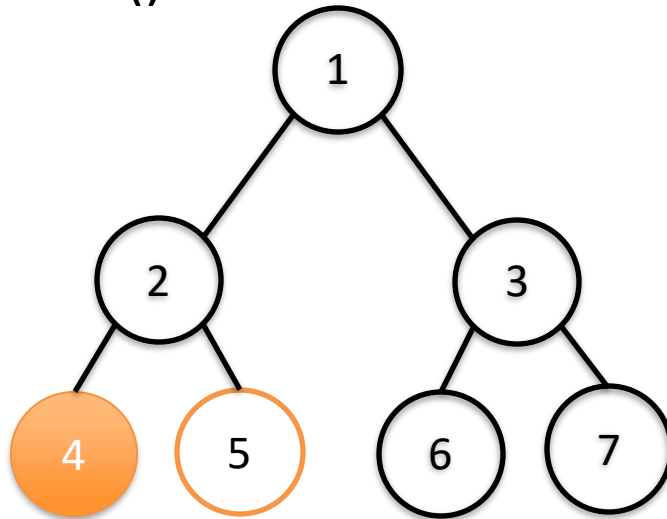
There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

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Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

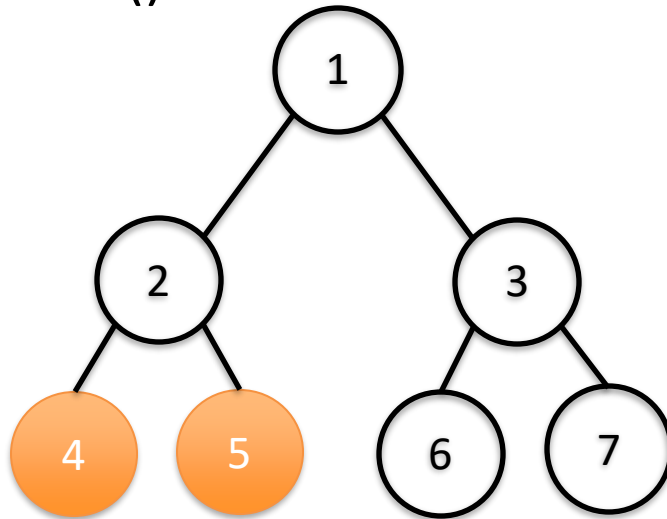
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4, 5

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

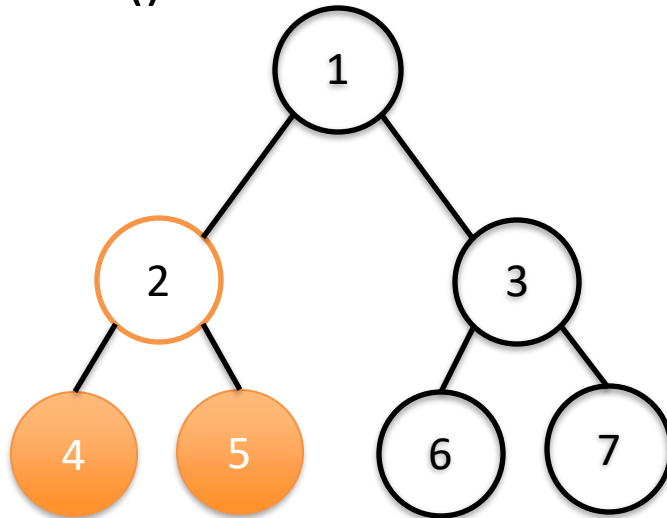
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4, 5

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

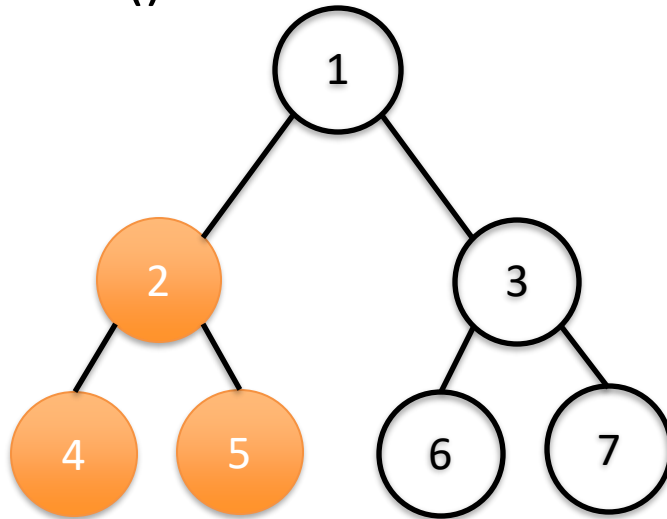
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left.postorder()

right.postorder()

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4, 5, 2

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

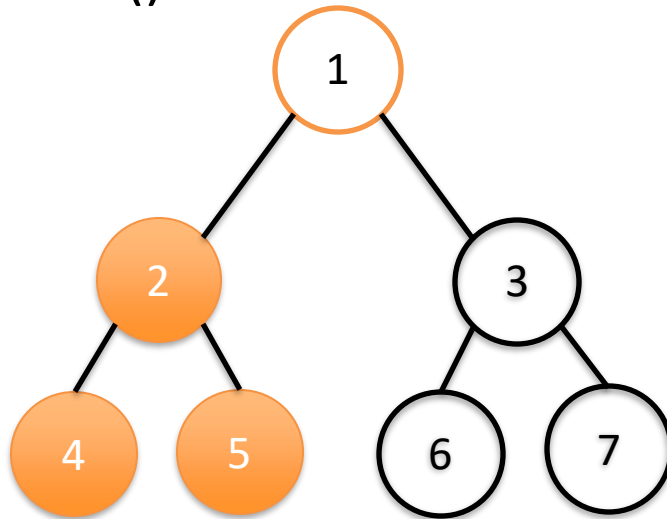
There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

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4, 5, 2

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

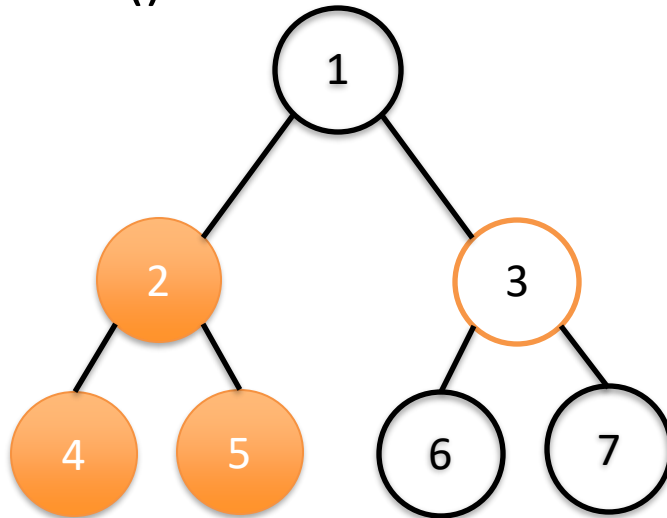
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4, 5, 2

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

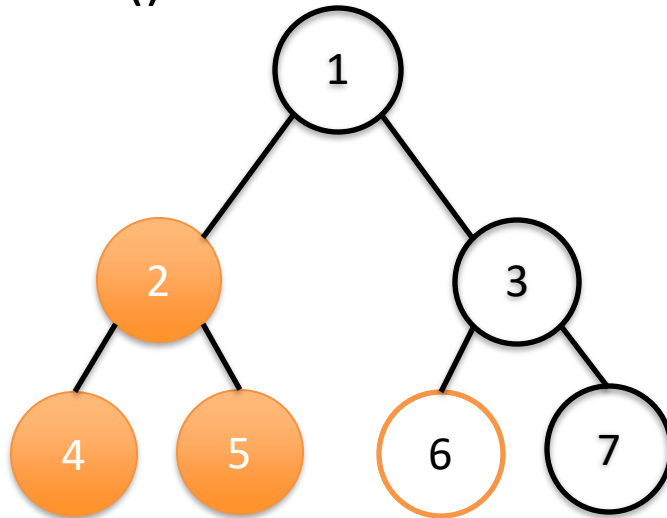
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4, 5, 2

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

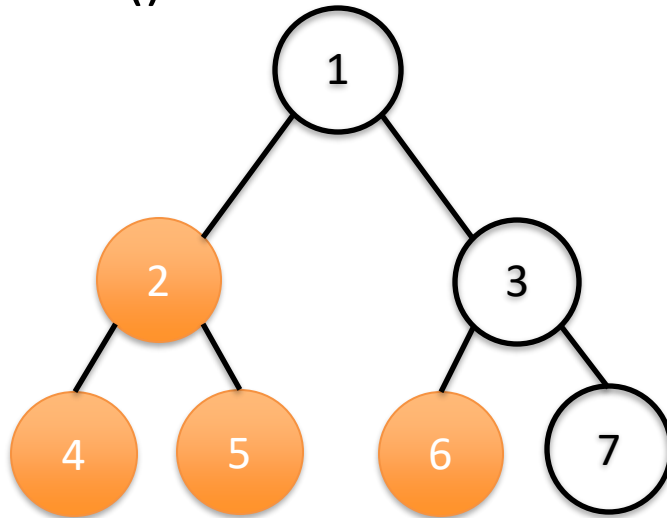
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left.postorder()

right.postorder()

visit



Visited

4, 5, 2, 6

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

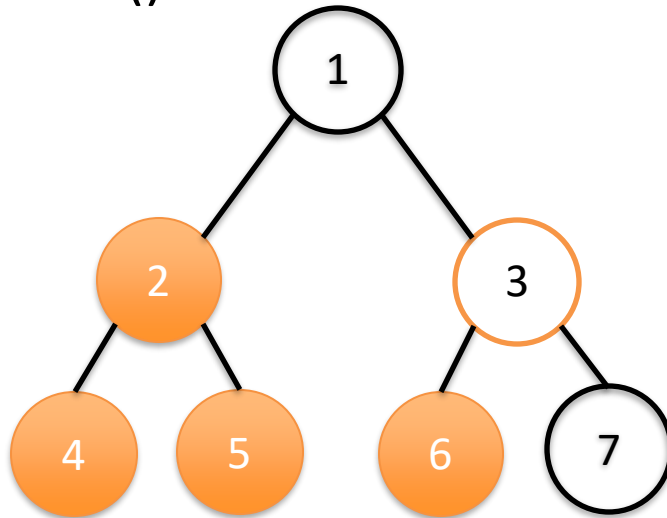
There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

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Visited

4, 5, 2, 6

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

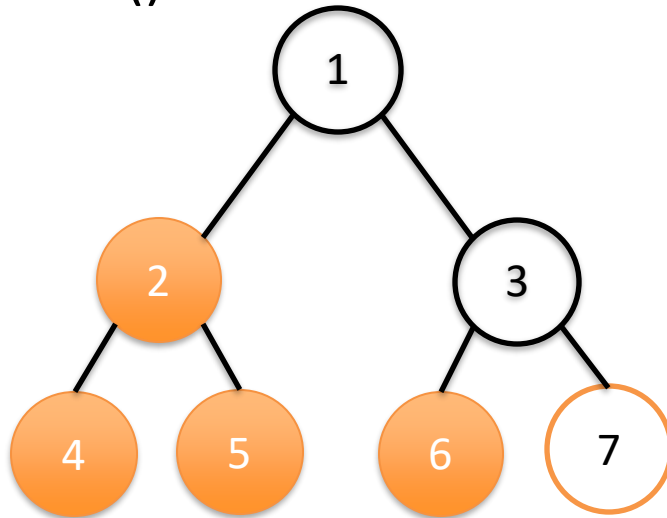
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postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

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Visited

4, 5, 2, 6

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

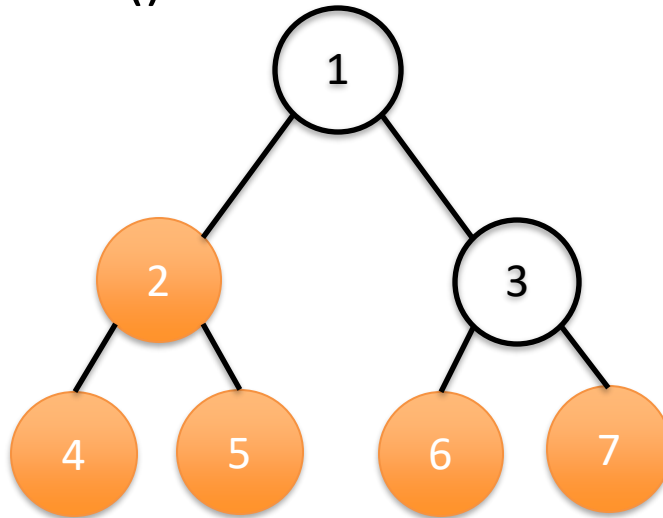
There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

visit



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4, 5, 2, 6, 7

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

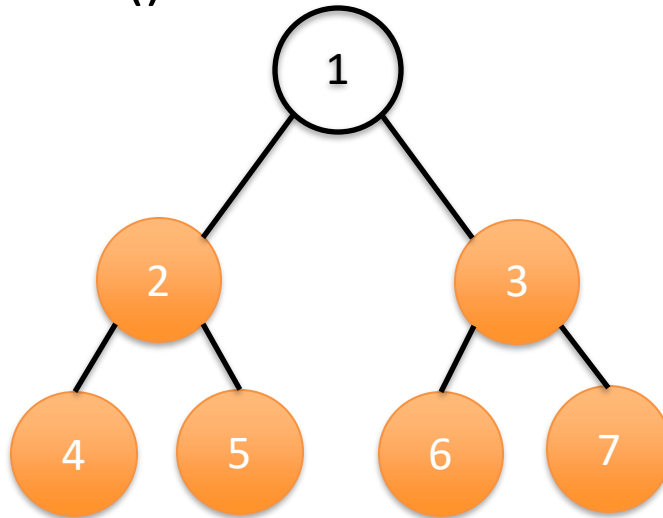
There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

visit



Visited

4, 5, 2, 6, 7, 3

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

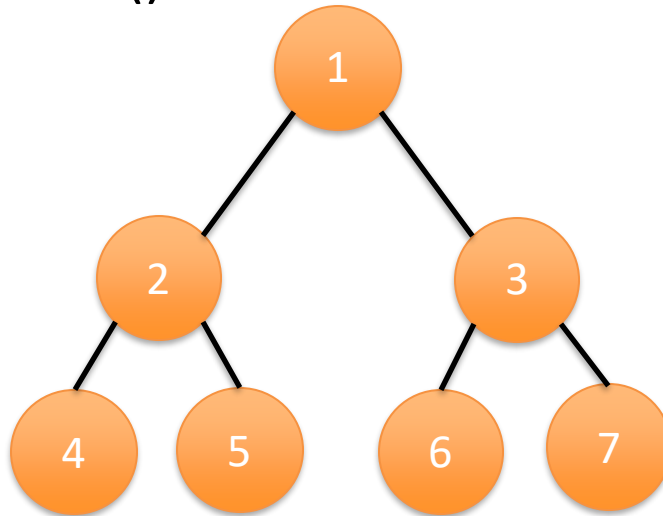
There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

postorder()

left.postorder()

right.postorder()

visit



Visited

4, 5, 2, 6, 7, 3, 1

Example:

Compute disk space (not sure how many bytes in each directory until you search all children)

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

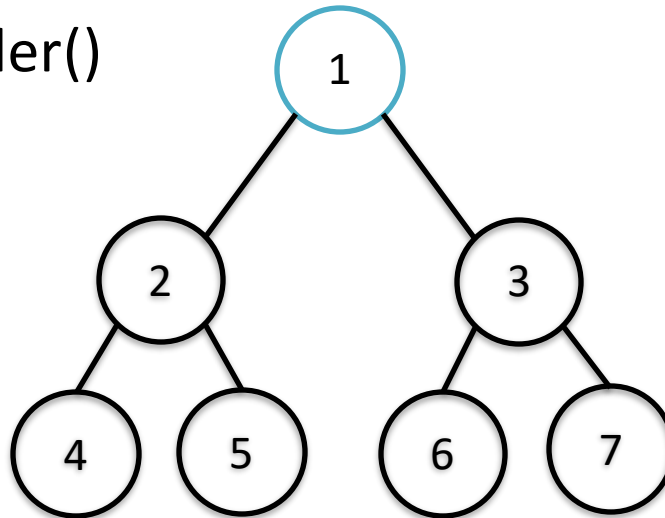
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

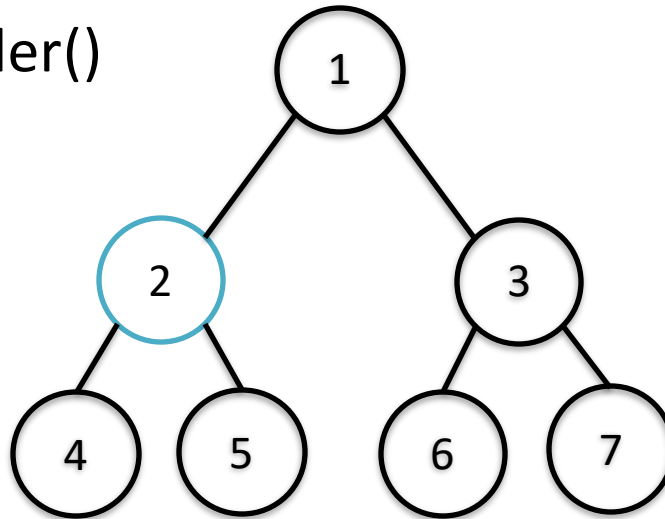
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

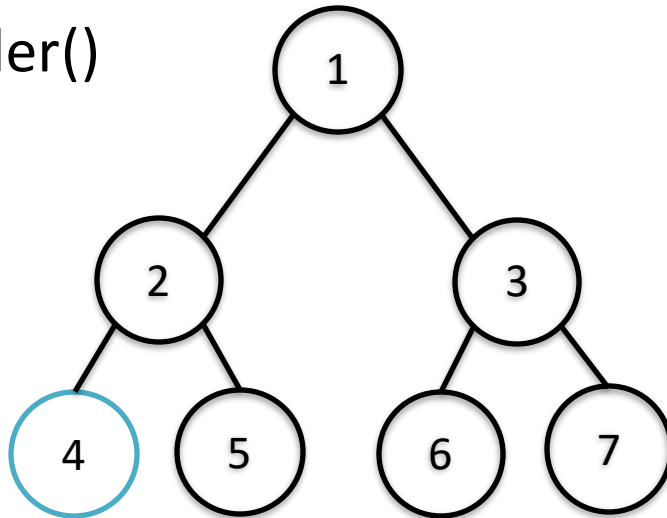
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

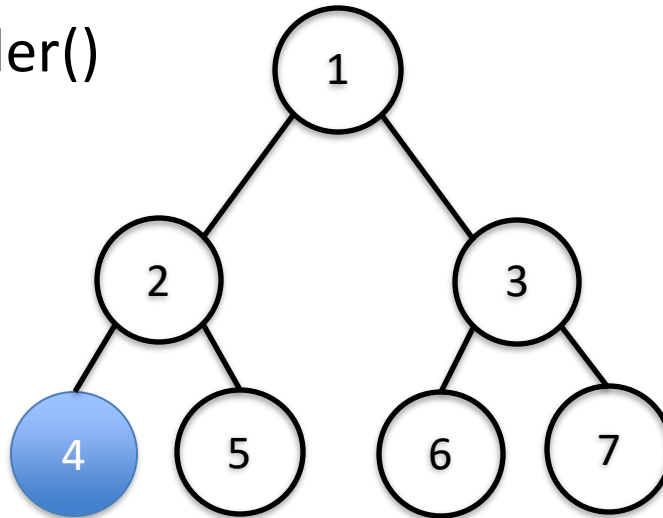
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

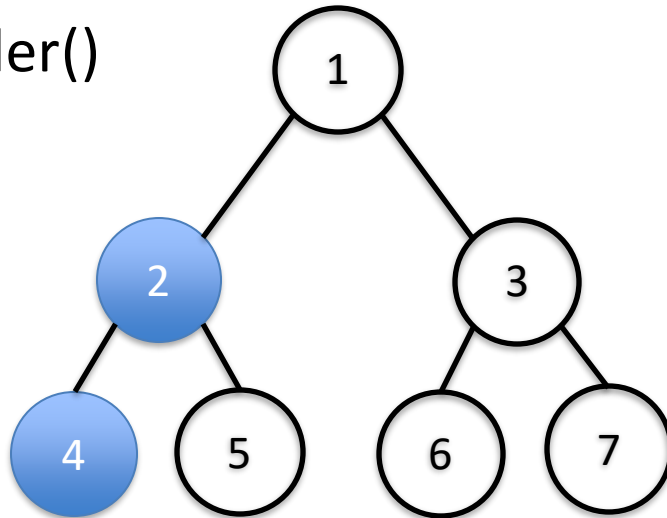
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

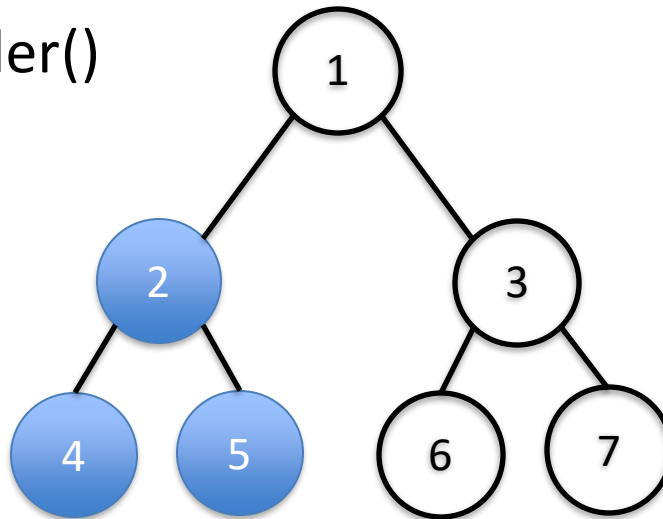
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

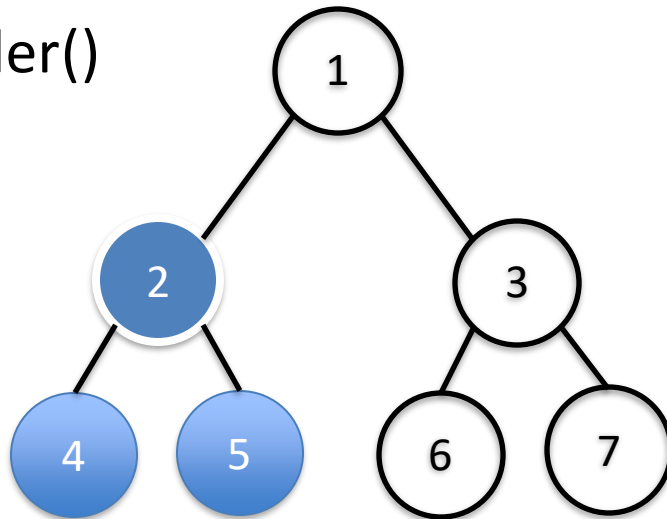
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

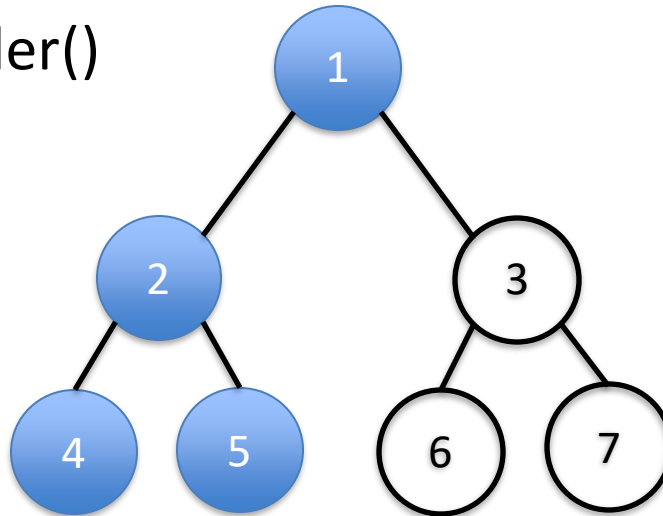
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5, 1

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

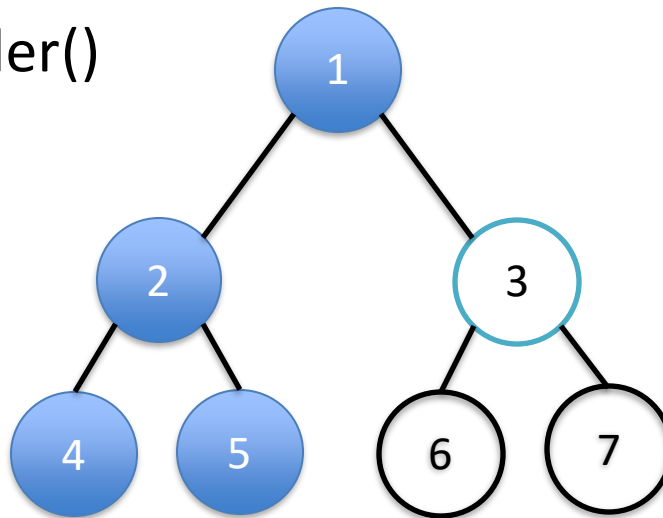
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5, 1

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

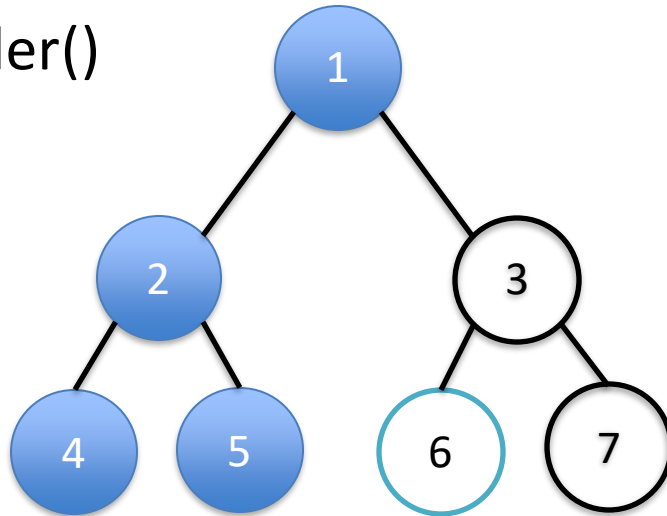
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5, 1

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

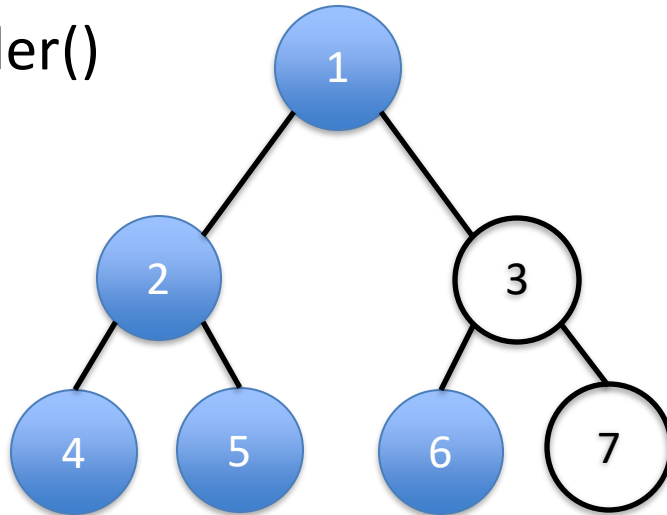
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5, 1, 6

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

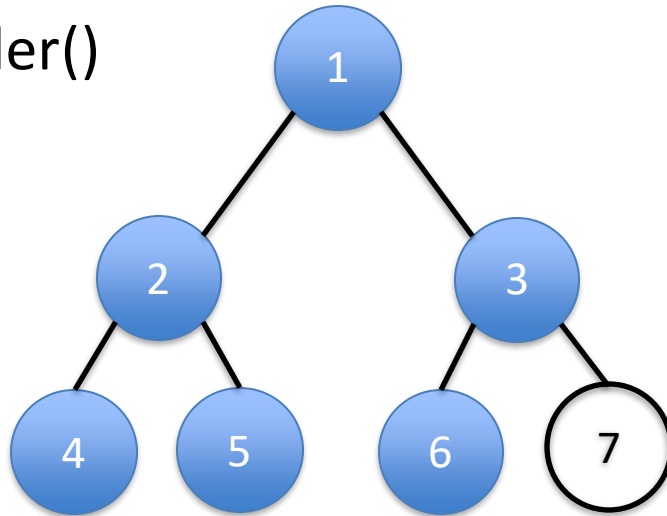
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree



Visited

4, 2, 5, 1, 6, 3

There are different ways to traverse a tree, depending on what needs to be done

inorder()

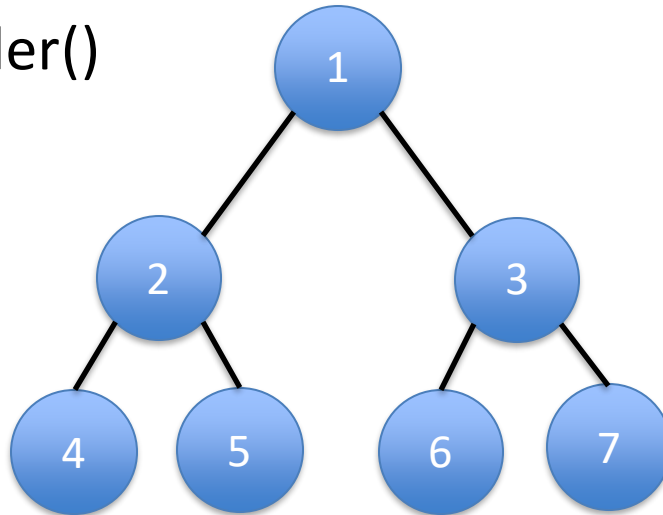
left.inorder()

visit

right.inorder()

Example:

Drawing a tree

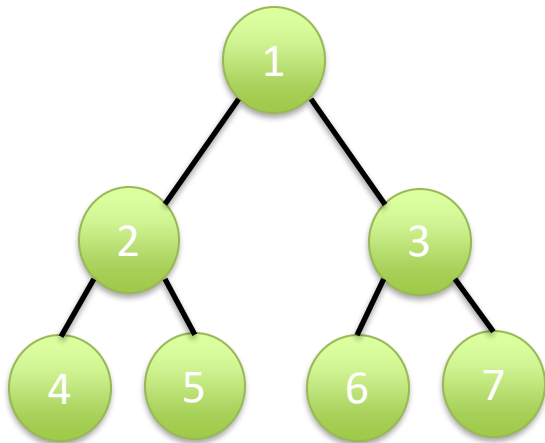


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4, 2, 5, 1, 6, 3, 7

Summary: order in which nodes are visited depends on the type of traversal

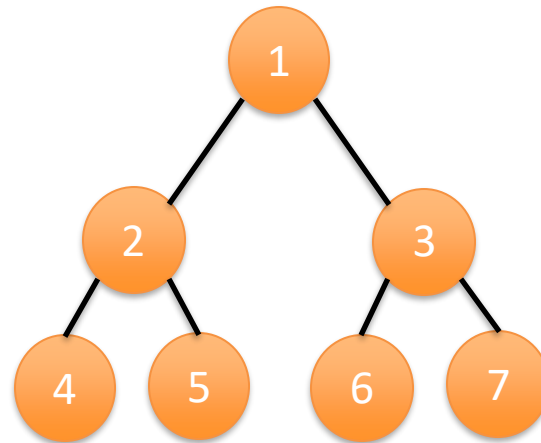
Preorder



Visited

1, 2, 4, 5, 3, 6, 7
Book chapters
toString()

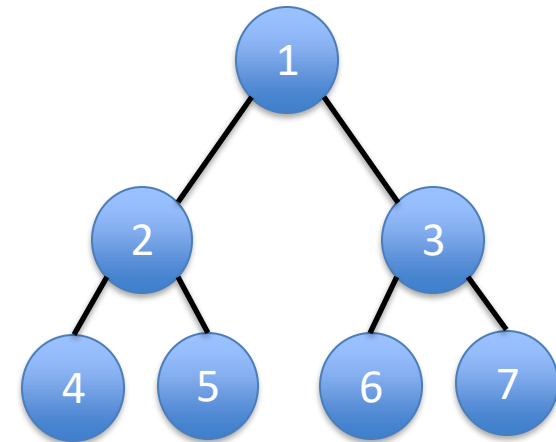
Postorder



Visited

4, 5, 2, 6, 7, 3, 1
Calculate disk space

Inorder



Visited

4, 2, 5, 1, 6, 3, 7
Drawing a tree
(left to right)

Key points

1. Trees are useful for hierarchical data
2. Binary trees have 0, 1, or 2 children at each node
3. Not all trees are binary (PS-2 isn't)
4. Trees may not be “balanced”
5. Trees lead to beautiful recursive code (so beautiful it brings a tear to my eye!)
6. Accumulators are a way to “build up” a value as a tree is traversed
7. Accumulators allow efficient code
8. Trees are commonly traversed in three ways
 1. Pre-order
 2. Post-order
 3. In-order