

# L17: Binary Trees & Tree Recursion

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# Announcements, Coming up

- Wednesday 3/20
  - Midterm 2, linked list through 3/4 + Binary Search from 3/6
  - Practice exams available on Sakai resources
- Next Monday 3/25
  - Project P4: Autocomplete due
- Next Wednesday 3/27
  - APT 7 (tree recursion problems) due

# Midsemester Survey

- Thanks!
- Results: ~60% completion rate, wanted >70%
- Exam 2 Extra Credit:
  - +1 pt to everyone
    - Feedback is insightful and greatly appreciated
  - +1 pt to everyone who submitted

# Today's Agenda

1. Binary Trees
  1. Definitions
  2. Binary ***Search*** Trees
2. Tree Recursion problems
  1. TreeCount
  2. HeightLabel
  3. Diameter

# Binary Trees

# Comparing TreeSet/Map with HashSet/Map

## TreeSet/Map

- $O(\log(N))$  add, contains, put, get ***are not amortized***.
- Stored in sorted order
  - Natural ordering by default; can provide Comparator
- Can get range of values in sorted order efficiently

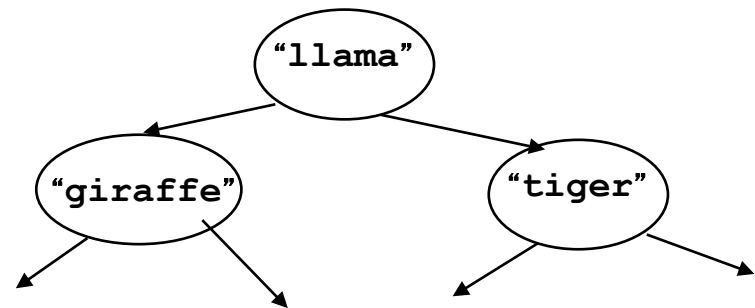
## HashSet/Map

- $O(1)$  add, contains, put, get, are ***amortized***.
- Unordered data structures
- Cannot get range efficiently, stored unordered

# TreeNode to store Strings

```
public class TreeNode {  
    TreeNode left;  
    TreeNode right;  
    String info;  
    TreeNode(String s, TreeNode llink, TreeNode rlink){  
        info = s;  
        left = llink;  
        right = rlink;  
    }  
}
```

Like LinkedList but each node has 2 references/pointers instead of 1



# APT TreeNode to store ints

APT TreeNode will only hold integer. Would need to create another class to hold Strings? Another for...?

```
public class TreeNode {  
    int info;  
    TreeNode left;  
    TreeNode right;  
    TreeNode(int x){  
        info = x;  
    }  
    TreeNode(int x, TreeNode lNode, TreeNode rNode){  
        info = x;  
        left = lNode;  
        right = rNode;  
    }  
}
```



# FAQ: Making a tree with nodes?

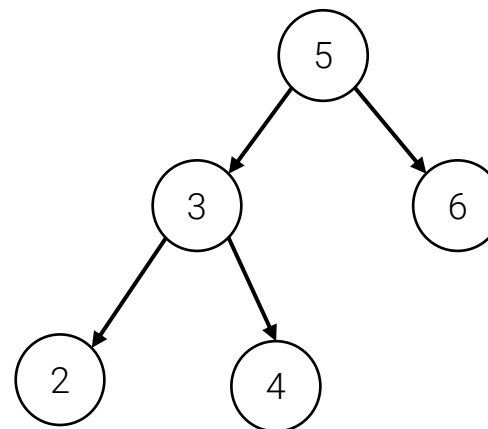
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        left = lNode;  
        right = rNode;  
    }  
}
```

Just call the  
TreeNode  
constructor for  
each new node  
and connect them.

```
TreeNode root = new TreeNode(x: 5);  
root.left = new TreeNode(x: 3);  
root.right = new TreeNode(x: 6);  
root.left.left = new TreeNode(x: 2);  
root.left.right = new TreeNode(x: 4);
```

More terse  
version

```
TreeNode myTree = new TreeNode(x: 5,  
    new TreeNode(x: 3,  
        new TreeNode(x: 2),  
        new TreeNode(x: 4)),  
    new TreeNode(x: 6));
```



# Aside: Generic TreeNode?

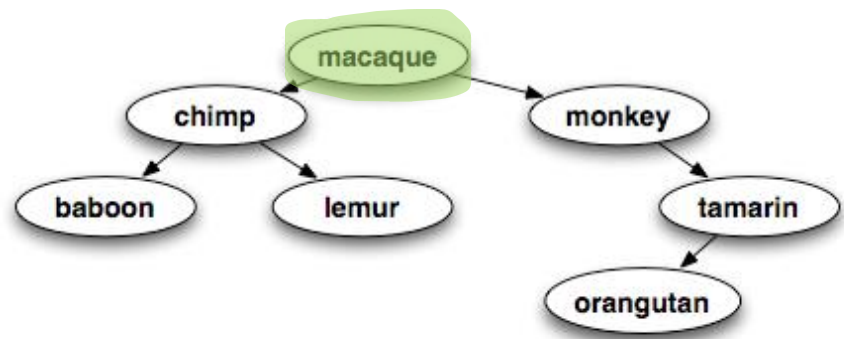
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1 public class TreeNode<T> {  
2     T info;  
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7     }  
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9         info = x;  
10        left = lNode;  
11        right = rNode;  
12    }
```

Generics allow us to write one kind of Node (or List, or Set, ...) that can hold different types.

```
14 public static void main(String[] args) {  
15     TreeNode<String> sTree = new TreeNode<>("hi");  
16     TreeNode<Integer> iTree = new TreeNode<>(201);
```

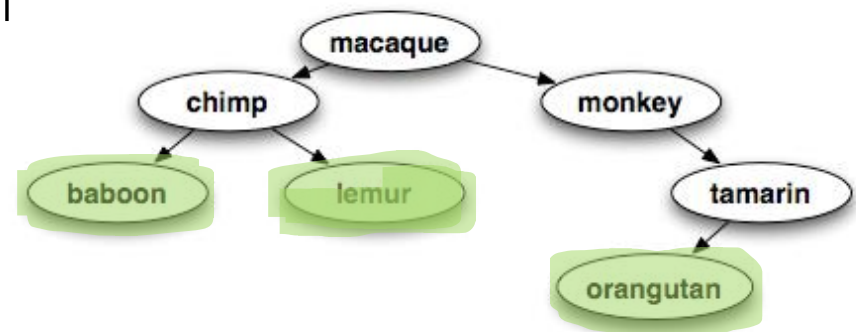
# Tree terminology

- **Root:** "top node", has no parent, node you pass for the whole tree/subtree.
  - **Example:** "macaque"
- **Leaf:** "bottom" nodes, have no children / both `null`
  - Example: "orangutan"
- **Path:** sequence of parent-child nodes
  - Example: "macaque", "chimp", "lemur"
- **Subtree:** nodes at and beneath
  - "chimp", "baboon", "lemur"



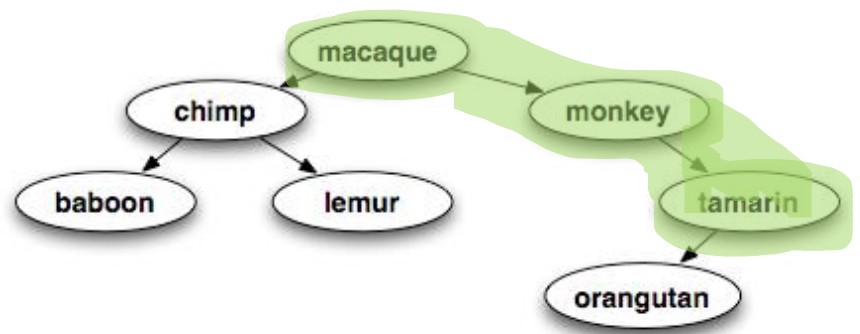
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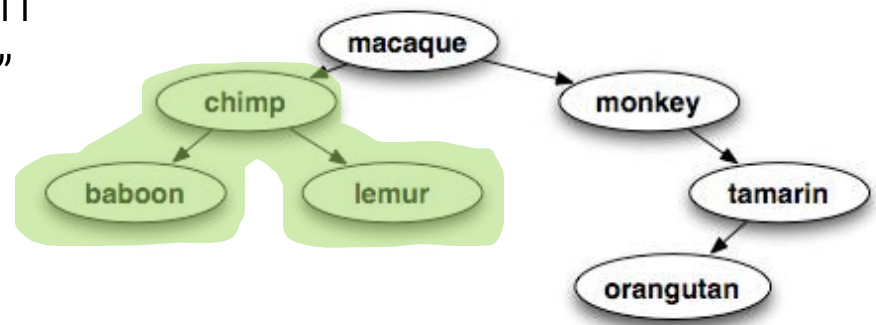
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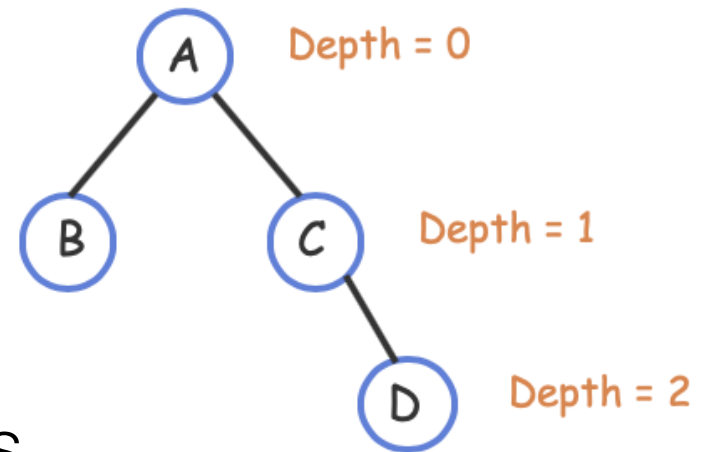


# More tree terminology

The **depth** of a node is the number of edges from the root to the node.

The **height** of a tree is the maximum depth of any node.

- (Sometimes defined as maximum number of nodes on any root-to-leaf path)
- $= 1 + \text{max depth.}$ )



# In-Order Traversal

- How to “loop over” nodes in a tree?
  - One option: In-order traversal and visit/print/process
  - Search tree values printed “in order”
    - Left subtree, then current node, then right subtree

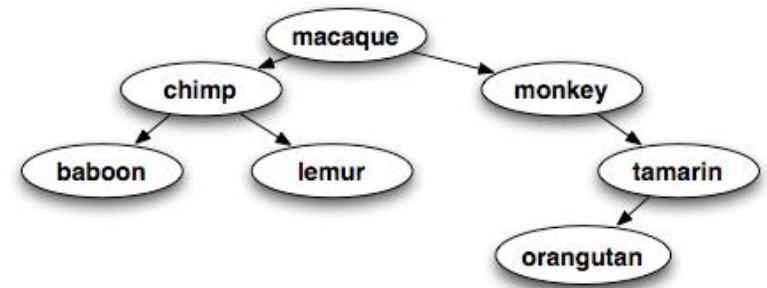
baboon, chimp, lemur

macaque

monkey, orangutan, tamarin

baboon, chimp, lemur, macaque, monkey, orangutan, tamarin

```
49 public void inOrder(TreeNode root) {  
50     if (root != null) {  
51         inOrder(root.left);  
52         System.out.println(root.info);  
53         inOrder(root.right);  
54     }  
55 }
```





# Helper method to return List of nodes' info

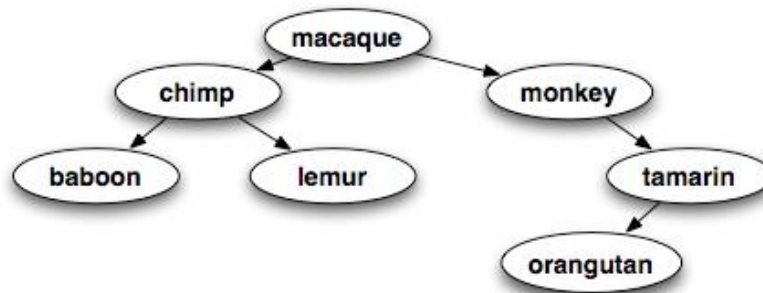
```
101 public ArrayList<String> visit(TreeNode root) {  
102     ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<>();  
103     doInOrder(root, list);  
104     return list;  
105 }  
106  
107 private void doInOrder(TreeNode root, ArrayList<String> list) {  
108     if (root != null) {  
109         doInOrder(root.left, list);  
110         list.add(root.info);  
111         doInOrder(root.right, list);  
112     }  
113 }
```

- In order traversal → Store in a list?
  - Similar to prev. slide, but add nodes to a list instead of print
- Create empty list, call helper with list, then return it
- Values in returned list are in traversal order

# Three ways to recursively traverse a tree

- Difference is in where the *non-recursive* part is

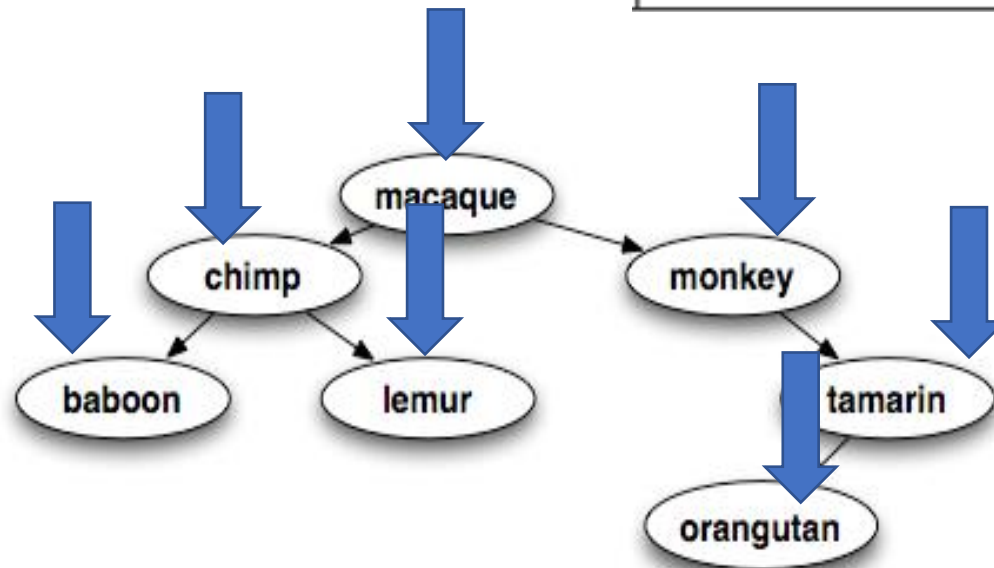
inorder	preorder	psotorder
<pre>void inOrder(TreeNode t) {     if (t != null) {         inOrder(t.left);         System.out.println(t.info);         inOrder(t.right);     } }</pre>	<pre>void preOrder(TreeNode t) {     if (t != null) {         System.out.println(t.info);         preOrder(t.left);         preOrder(t.right);     } }</pre>	<pre>void postOrder(TreeNode t) {     if (t != null) {         postOrder(t.left);         postOrder(t.right);         System.out.println(t.info);     } }</pre>



# Preorder Traversal

- macaque
- chimp
- baboon
- lemur
- monkey
- tamarin
- orangutan

```
preorder
void preOrder(TreeNode t) {
    if (t != null) {
        System.out.println(t.info);
        preOrder(t.left);
        preOrder(t.right);
    }
}
```



# Binary Search Tree Invariant

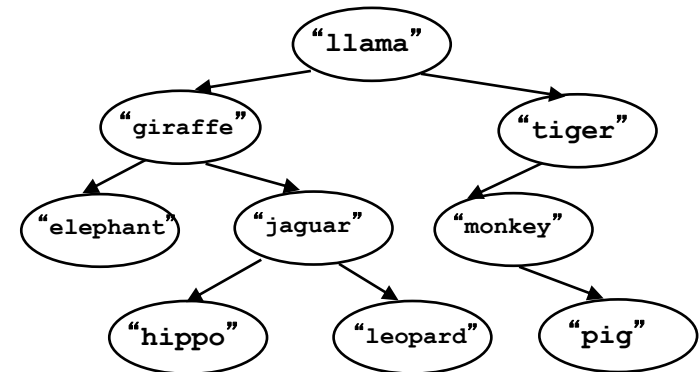
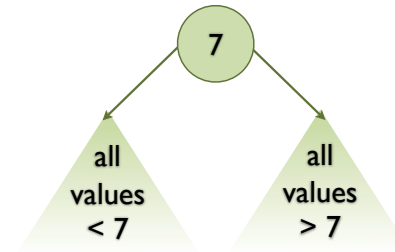
A binary tree is a binary *search* tree if *for every node*:

- Left subtree values are all *less than* the node's value

AND

- Right subtree values are all *greater than* the node's value

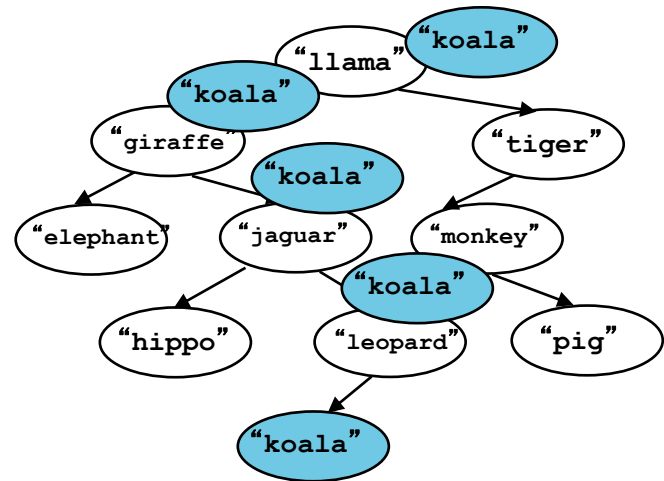
According to some ordering  
(natural ordering if Comparable  
or defined by Comparator)



Enables efficient search, similar to binary search!

# Recursive Search in Binary Search Tree

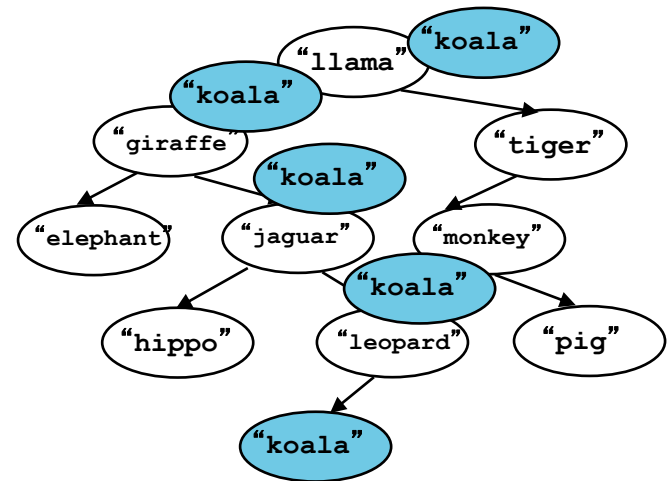
- Code for search
  - Insertion is very similar
  - **target.compareTo(...)**



```
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public boolean contains(TreeNode tree, String target) {  
    if (tree == null) return false;  
    int result = target.compareTo(tree.info);  
    if (result == 0) return true;  
    if (result < 0) return contains(tree.left, target);  
    return contains(tree.right, target);  
}
```

# Iterative search in binary search tree

```
48 // assumes node is a search tree, else may return false negatives
49 public static boolean contains(TreeNode<String> node, String target) {
50     while (node != null) {
51         int comp = node.info.compareTo(target);
52         if (comp == 0) {
53             return true;
54         }
55         else if (comp > 0) {
56             node = node.left;
57         }
58         else {
59             node = node.right;
60         }
61     }
62     return false;
63 }
```



Again, insertion is very similar

# L17-WOTO1-SearchTree-Sp24

Hi, Alexander. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

\* Required

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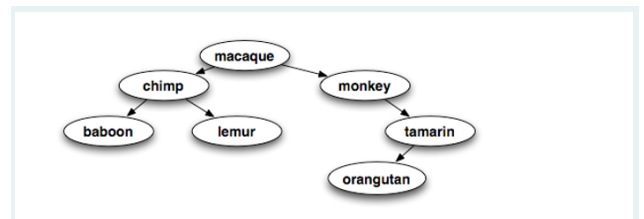
NetID \* 

Enter your answer

2

If we define the root to have depth 0 and the height of a tree to be the maximum depth of any node, then the height of the tree shown is...

\* 



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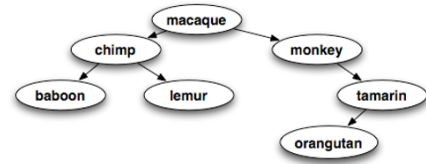
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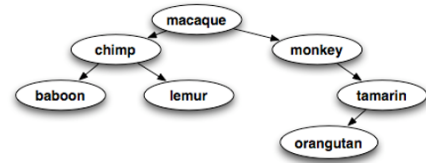
The leaves of the tree shown are... \*



- ☐ baboon, chimp, lemur, monkey, orangutan, tamarin
- ☐ baboon, lemur, monkey, orangutan, tamarin
- ☒ baboon, lemur, orangutan
- ☐ orangutan

4

The subtree rooted at monkey has how many nodes? \*



- ☐ 2
- ☒ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 7

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Printing the values of this tree using a **post-order** traversal of this tree would print... \*

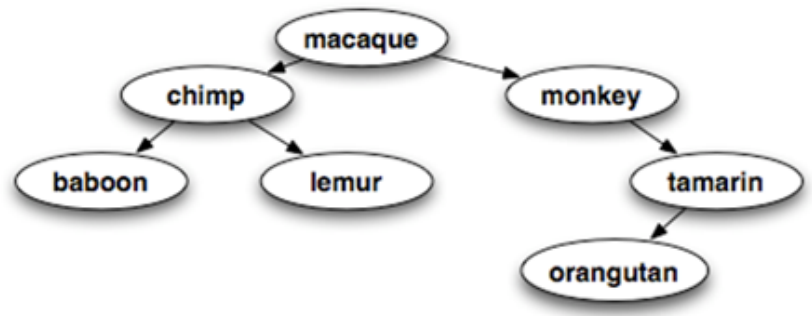




```

psotorder
void postOrder(TreeNode t) {
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    }
}

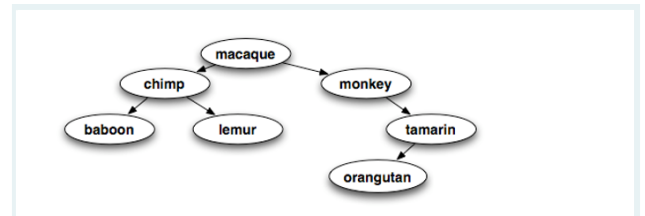
```



- ☐ baboon, chimp, lemur, macaque, monkey, orangutan, tamarin
- ☒ baboon, lemur, chimp, orangutan, tamarin, monkey, macaque
- ☐ macaque, chimp, baboon, lemur, monkey, tamarin, orangutan

6

If "capuchin" is added and the tree is still a search tree, where is it added? \*



- ☐ left child of lemur
- ☒ right child of baboon
- ☐ right child of lemur
- ☐ left child of baboon



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# Tree Recursion and Problem-Solving

# Tree Recursion tips / common mistakes

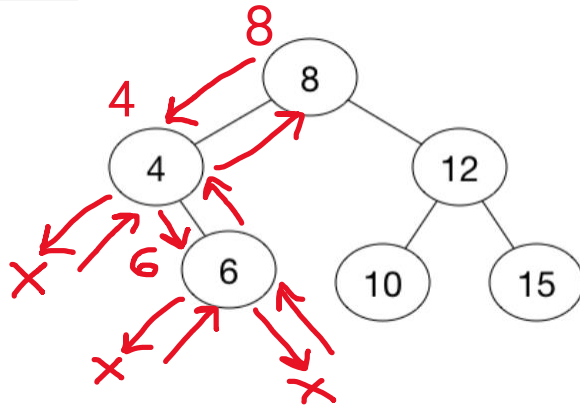
1. Draw it out! Trace your code on small examples.
2. Return type of the method. Do you need a helper method?
3. Base case first, otherwise infinite recursion / null pointer exception.
4. If you make a recursive call, (usually) make sure to use what it returns.

# TreeCount APT and pre-order string representation

## Problem Statement

Write a method that returns the number of nodes of a binary tree. The `TreeNode` class will be accessible when your method is tested.

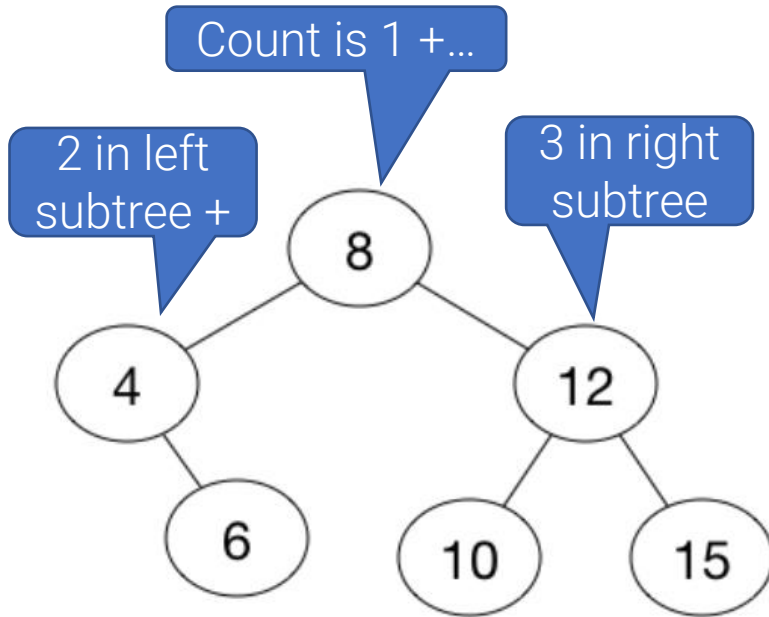
```
public class TreeCount {  
    public int count(TreeNode tree) {  
        // replace with working code  
        return 0;  
    }  
}
```



is characterized by the pre-order string **8, 4, x, 6, x, x, 12, 10, x, x, 15, x, x**

# Live Coding TreeCount

# Solving TreeCount in Picture & Code



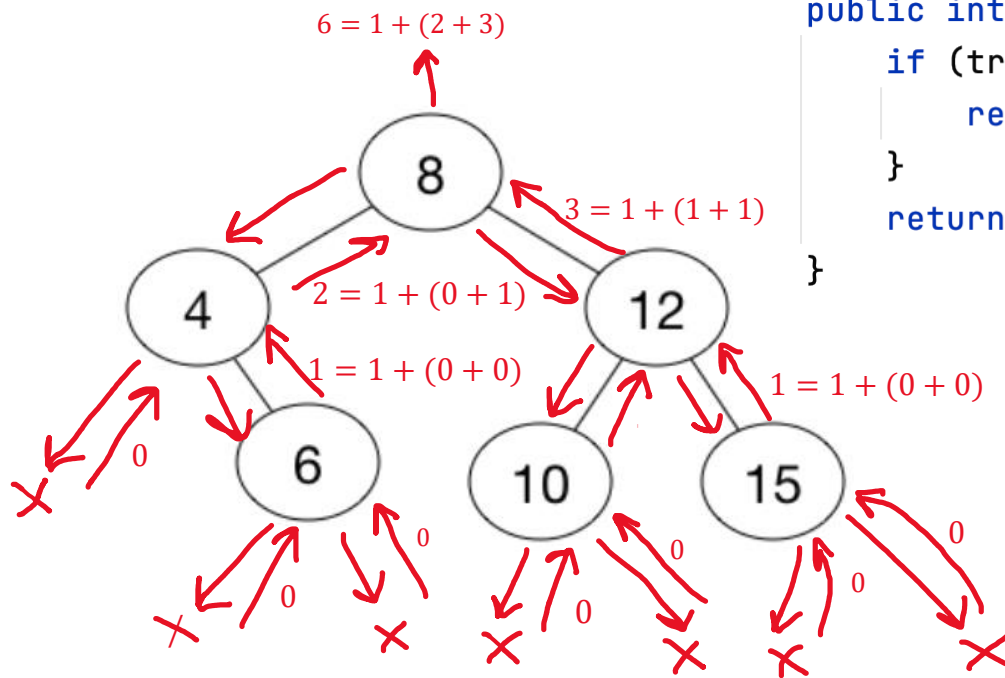
Base case: 0 nodes in an empty tree / null

Recursive case:

- 1 (count current node)
- + count of left subtree
- + count of right subtree

```
public int count(TreeNode tree) {  
    if (tree == null) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    return 1 + count(tree.left) + count(tree.right);  
}
```

# Messy Details of TreeCount Solution



```
public int count(TreeNode tree) {  
    if (tree == null) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    return 1 + count(tree.left) + count(tree.right);  
}
```

# Analyzing Recursive Runtime

Develop a recurrence relation of the form

The diagram shows the recurrence relation  $T(N) = a \cdot T(g(N)) + f(N)$  with three blue callout boxes pointing to its components:

- A box labeled "Total runtime" points to  $T(N)$ .
- A box labeled "Recursive call(s)" points to  $T(g(N))$ .
- A box labeled "Non-recursive runtime" points to  $f(N)$ .

Where:

- $T(N)$  - runtime of method with input size  $N$
- $a$  is the number of recursive calls
- $g(N)$  - how much input size decreases on each recursive call
- $f(N)$  - runtime of non-recursive code on input size  $N$



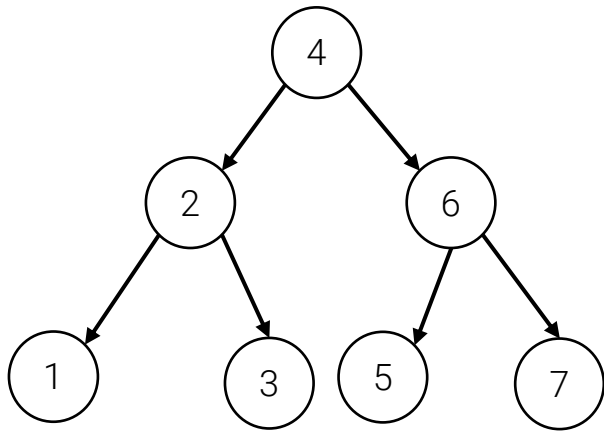
# Table of Recurrences

Recurrence	Algorithm	Solution
$T(n) = T(n/2) + O(1)$	binary search	$O(\log n)$
$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$	sequential search	$O(n)$
$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(1)$	tree traversal	$O(n)$
$T(n) = T(n/2) + O(n)$	qsort partition, find $k^{\text{th}}$	$O(n)$
$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$	mergesort, quicksort	$O(n \log n)$
$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n)$	selection or bubble sort	$O(n^2)$

We expect you to be able to derive a recurrence relation from an algorithm, but not necessarily to solve. We will provide a table of solutions like this for exams.

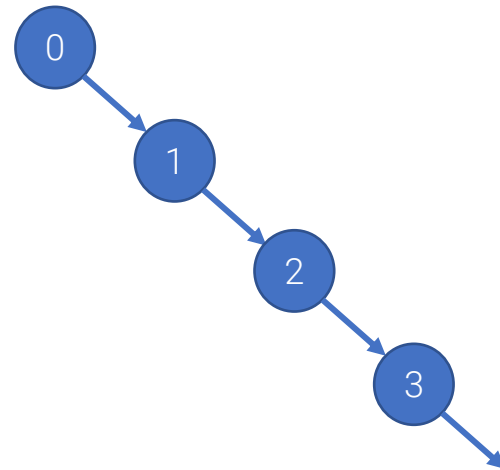
# Balance and Trees

Balanced



For each node, left and right subtrees have roughly equal number of nodes.

Unbalanced



One subtree has many more nodes than the other.

# Recurrence relation and runtime for traversing a *balanced* tree

- $T(n)$  time for **count(tree)** with  $n$  nodes (balanced)

```
public int count(TreeNode tree) {  
    if (tree == null) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    return 1 + count(tree.left) + count(tree.right);  
}
```

$n/2$  nodes in  
this subtree

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this subtree

- $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(1)$
- $= O(n)$

# Recurrence relation and runtime for traversing *unbalanced* tree

- $T(n)$  time for **count(tree)** with  $n$  nodes (unbalanced)

```
public int count(TreeNode tree) {  
    if (tree == null) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    return 1 + count(tree.left) + count(tree.right);  
}
```

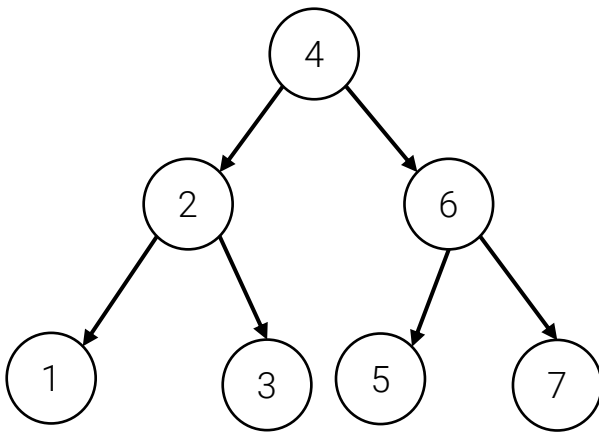
1 node in this subtree

$n-1$  nodes in this subtree

- $T(n) = T(1) + T(n-1) + O(1)$
- $= O(1) + T(n-1) + O(1)$
- $= O(n)$

# Balance Binary Search Tree Runtime (add, contains)

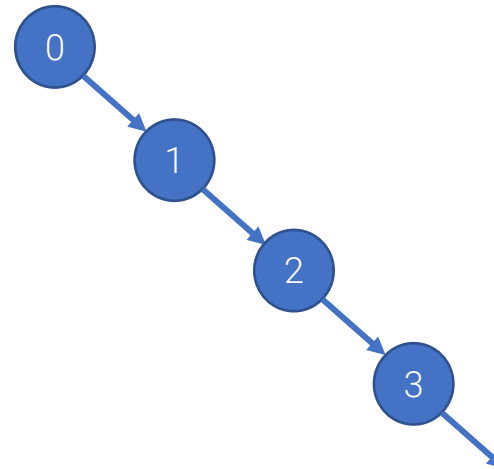
Balanced



$$T(n) = T(n/2) + O(1) \\ = O(\log(n))$$

We will return  
to this problem  
later!

Unbalanced



$$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1) \\ = O(n)$$