

**EE 368**

**Weeks 5 (Notes)**

# Chapter 5: Trees

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- If A is the root of a tree and B is the root of a subtree of that tree, then A is B's **parent** (or father or mother) and B is A's **child** (or son or daughter).
- A node with no children is a **leaf/terminal node**.
- The node A is the **ancestor** of node B if A is B's parent or is the parent of some ancestor of B. Then ancestors of a node are all the nodes along the path from the root to that node.
- **Siblings** (brothers, sisters) Two nodes are siblings if they are children of the same parent.

# Some Definitions

**Degree** of a node: The numbers of children of this node.

**Degree** of a tree: Maximum degree of nodes in that tree

**Level:** Node at Level  $i$  has its children at level  $i + 1$ . Root's level is 0.

**Height (depth):** Maximum level of leaves in a tree

# Binary Trees:

## Types:

Strictly Binary Tree

Complete Binary Tree

Almost Complete Binary Tree

Advanced Binary Trees: Balanced and AVL

Others

## Applications:

Expression Trees

Heaps

Search Trees

Counting Trees

Huffman Coding

Representing General Trees

# Binary Trees:(cont.)

## **Representation:**

Arrays

Linked Lists

Threaded Binary Trees

# Binary Tree: More Definitions

- **Left child.**
- **Right child.**
- A node with no children is a **leaf node**.
- **left and right descendants**
  - B is a **left descendant** of A if B is a left child of A or is a descendant of a left child of A.
  - similarly for **right descendants**

# Some Binary Trees:

**Strictly Binary Tree:** Every non-leaf node has exactly two children

**Complete Binary Tree of height  $d$**  is a strictly binary tree whose all leaves are at level  $d$ . Its size is  $2^{d+1} - 1$

**Almost Complete Binary Tree of depth  $d$ :**

1. Each leaf in the tree is either at level  $d$  or at level  $d - 1$ . Any node at level less than  $d - 1$  has two sons.
2. For any node  $(x)$  in the tree if there is a right descendant at level  $d$ , it must have a left son and every left descendant of  $(x)$  is either a leaf at level  $d$  or has two sons.

# More Definitions

- **A complete binary tree of depth  $d$**  is a strictly binary tree whose leaves are all at level  $d$ .

Example: {a level 0 complete binary tree}

Example: {complete binary tree of depth 1}

Example: {complete binary tree of depth 2}



# Size of a Complete Binary Tree

If # of nodes at level  $k = m$

How many nodes at level  $k + 1$ ?

Finding the maximum # of nodes in a binary tree of height  $d$  (to be done in class):

# Labeling (Numbering) of Binary Trees

The nodes of a complete and an almost complete binary tree can be labeled intelligently. Let the label for the root be 1.

Then the left son's label =  $(2 * \text{parent's label number})$

Right son's label =  $(2 * \text{parent's label number}) + 1$

This rule is applied to every node.

# Summary of Binary Trees:

## Strictly Binary Tree:

Every non-leaf node has two children.

If  $n$  leaf nodes, it has  $2n - 1$  nodes.

## Complete Binary Tree:

All levels are full. Therefore, leaf nodes only at the last level. Its size is

$$2^{d+1} - 1$$

## Almost Complete Binary Tree:

1. Each leaf in the tree is either at level  $d$  or at level  $d - 1$ . Any node at level less than  $d - 1$  has two sons.
2. For any node  $(x)$  in the tree if there is a right descendant at level  $d$ , it must have a left son and every left descendant of  $(x)$  is either a leaf at level  $d$  or has two sons.

$$2^d - 1 < \text{number of nodes} < 2^{d+1} - 1$$

# Applications of Binary Tree

- 1 To encode information where 2-way decisions are made at each point (Huffman Coding) Binary
- 2 Expression trees
- 3 Sorting (Heaps) (to be discussed later on)
- 4 Search (to be discussed later on)

# Applications of Binary Tree

Two phases for the application on binary trees:

1. Building
2. Traversal

# Huffman Coding

Suppose we want to code a message with letters A . . . D using bits. A sequence of 2 bits is appropriate.

Symbol	Code (Code 1)
A	00
B	01
C	10
D	11

To code a message with n symbols

(out of k distinct symbols) will always require ?? bits.

# Huffman Coding

Suppose we want to minimize the amount of storage for a string of symbols.

With a variable length of code depending on how frequent the symbol is in the message, we can achieve a savings!

Reason: We will be using a variable length code, we must not allow one code for a certain letter be the prefix of another (Ambiguity!)

# Example

Consider Code 2:

Symbol	Code
A	0
B	110
C	10
D	111

Variable Length Code



# Example

Compare Code 1 with Code 2 for the message: ABACCD A

	A	B	A	C	C	D	A
Code 1	00	01	00	10	10	11	00
							14 bits

Code 2	0	110	0	10	10	111	0
							13 bits

With Code 2, since no string is a prefix of another, we can recover the original symbols by scanning the bit stream from left to right!

# Huffman Coding Procedure

Generation of Huffman code for alphabets A, B, C, D to encode the message

A B A C C D A

How do we choose code word for the alphabet? Depends on the message!

Two Steps:

- Build a binary tree (Huffman Tree).
- Generate code for each alphabet from the tree.

# Huffman Tree Generation

## Bottom up Approach:

- From the given message, find frequency of each symbol.
- Select two symbols with the smallest frequency, join them to generate a single “symbol” having a frequency as the sum the two corresponding frequencies.
- Repeat Step 2, until all the symbols in the message are merged to form a single symbol.

This process allows us to build a binary tree (Huffman Tree).

Each leaf represents a symbol of original alphabet.

Each non-leaf node is a “symbol”.

# Huffman Coding Procedure

Once the tree is generated, traverse and encode it as follows:

- To root, do not assign any bit.
- Start from root and move downward and assign
  - 0 to each L child
  - 1 to each R child
- Traverse path from root to each leaf node to identify the Huffman Code for each leaf node.

# Example

For the message, ABACCD A, we find:

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symbol	A	B	C	D
frequency	3	1	2	1

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- Select two symbols with the smallest frequency, B and D, and make a single “BD” node with frequency 2.

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symbol	A	BD	C
frequency	3	2	2

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# Example

- Again select two symbols with the smallest frequency, joining them, BD and C --> CBD with the frequency 4.

symbol	A	BDC
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frequency	3	4
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- Again, we pick two symbols to finish up.  
“ACDB” --> frequency = 7

Use this bottom up approach to build the Huffman coding tree.

# Huffman Coding Procedure

(to be discussed in class)

Assign 0 and 1 to nodes (root is assigned nothing “e”) and traverse paths from root.

A - 0

C - 10

B - 110

D - 111

# Binary Tree Representation

- Arrays. Tree labels for the complete and almost complete binary tree can be mapped into index values of a 1-dimensional array. (see homework problem)
- linked list (ECE264 material, see notes on the Web)