

# 10 Trees

## 10.1 Introduction to Trees

**Definition 1** A tree is an *ugraph* if and only if there is a **unique simple path** between every pair of two vertices.

**Definition 2** A **rooted tree** is a tree one vertex has designated **root** and every edge is **directed away from the root**.

*parent, children*

*siblings*

*ancestor, decendents*

*leaves, internal vertices*

*subtree*

*forests*

**Recursive definition of rooted tree(see 4.3) in digraph**

**Definition 3** A rooted tree is called ***n*-ary** if every vertex has **no more than *n* children**. The tree is called **full** if **every internal (non-leaf) vertex has exactly *n* children**.

A 2-ary tree is called **binary tree**.

**left/right child**

**left/right subtree**

An **ordered rooted tree**

**children are ordered from left to right**

Computer file system

Hierarchical structure

Family tree

## Properties of Trees

**Theorem 2** A tree with  $n$  vertices has  $e = n-1$  edges.

**Theorem 3**, A full  $m$ -ary tree with  $i$  internal vertices has  $n = mi+1$  nodes and  $l = (m-1)i + 1$  leaves.

**proof** Every vertices except **root** is a child of internal vertices.

$\therefore mi + 1$  nodes.

Since  $n = i + l$ ,  $l = (m-1)i + 1$  leaves.

Consider a **full**  $m$ -ary tree.

$$e = n-1$$

$$n = i + l$$

$$n = mi+1$$

Four variable  $e$ ,  $i$ ,  $n$ ,  $l$ . If you know any one of them you can compute the other three.

See **Theorem 4** and note that  $e = n-1$ .

*The **level** of a **node** is the **length** of the **path** from **root** to the **node**.*

*The **height** of a **tree** is **maximum** **node** **level**.*

*The  $m$ -ary tree with height  $h$  is called **balanced**,  
if every **leaves** are **level**  $h$  or  $h-1$ .*

***Theorem 5** There are at most  $m^h$  leaves in  $m$ -ary tree of **height**  $h$ .*

***proof** Consider a **full**, **balanced**  $m$ -ary tree  
and every leaves are of level  $h$ .*

*It has  $m^h$  leaves.*

***Corollary 1** If an  $m$ -ary tree with  $l$  leaves has height  $h$ , then  $h \geq \lceil \log_m l \rceil$ .*

*If the tree is **full** and **balanced**  $h = \lceil \log_m l \rceil$ .*

## 10.2 Application of Trees

### Binary Search Tree

*procedure search&insert( $T = (V, E, r)$ : binary Tree,  $x$ : item)*

*if  $r \neq \text{null} \rightarrow v = r$ ;*

*do  $v \neq \text{null} \wedge \text{label}(v) \neq x \rightarrow$*

*if  $x < \text{label}(v) \rightarrow$*

*if left child( $v$ )  $\neq \text{null} \rightarrow v := \text{left child}(v)$*

*| left child( $v$ ) = null  $\rightarrow$  add new vertex  $v(\text{label}(x))$  as a left child*

*fi*

*|  $x > \text{label}(v) \rightarrow$*

*if right child( $v$ )  $\neq \text{null} \rightarrow v := \text{right child}(v)$*

*| right child( $v$ ) = null  $\rightarrow$  add new vertex  $v(\text{label}(x))$  as a right child*

*od fi fi*

*|  $r = \text{null} \rightarrow$  add new vertex  $v(\text{label}(x))$  as root of the tree*

*fi*

*label( $v$ ) =  $x$ .*

**procedure** *search&insert*( $T = (V, E, r)$ : binary Tree,  $x$ : item)

$v := r$ ;

**if**  $v \neq \text{null}$   $\rightarrow$

**if**  $x < \text{label}(v)$   $\rightarrow$  **return** *search&insert*(*leftSubtree*( $T$ ),  $x$ )

    |  $x > \text{label}(v)$   $\rightarrow$  **return** *search&insert*(*rightSubtree*( $T$ ),  $x$ )

    |  $x = \text{label}(v)$   $\rightarrow$  **return** “already present”

**fi**

    |  $v = \text{null}$   $\rightarrow$

$r :=$  add a new vertex with label  $x$ ;

**return** “Not present and inserted”

**fi**

## Decision Trees

*One counterfeit coin in  $n$  coins  
balance*

*Three groups of  $\lceil n/3 \rceil$  coins*

*if first group < second group  $\rightarrow$  counterfeit in the first group*

*| first group > second group  $\rightarrow$  counterfeit in the second group*

*| first group = second group  $\rightarrow$  counterfeit in the third group*

*fi*

*$\lceil \log_3 n \rceil$  comparisons*

*The complexity of sorting algorithms*

*$n$  elements*

*$n!$  permutations*

*binary comparisons*

*$n!$  leaves in the binary decision tree*

*Height of the decision tree is  $\log n!$*

*$O(n \log_2 n)$*

*The **lower bound** for sorting based on binary search is  $\Omega(n \log_2 n)$*

*The **average bound** for sorting based on binary search is  $\Theta(n \log_2 n)$*



**Prefix code**

26 letters                      5 bits ( $2^4 < 26 \leq 2^5$ )

But more **frequent** letters have **shorter** sequence.

*e*      00

*t*      01

*w*      0001

0001          *w* or *et*

*e* is a prefix of *w*

A set of sequences (codes) is a **prefix code**, if no sequence in the set is the **prefix** of other sequences in the set.

Full binary tree           $\leftrightarrow$  prefix code

**Algorithm 2 Huffman coding**

**procedure** *Huffman*( $V$ : set of symbols,  $w: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$  is a weigh of a symbol)

$F :=$  **for**  $a \in V$  **do** make a **tree** with symbol  $a$  and weight  $w(a)$  **od**

**do**  $F$  is not a tree  $\rightarrow$

    Find **two minimum** weighted trees  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ ;

    Make a **new tree**  $T$  with weight  $w(T) = w(T_1) + w(T_2)$

        and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  as **subtrees**.

**od**

<i>internal vertices</i>	<i>weight of the subtree</i>
<i>leaf</i>	<i>symbol</i>

## 10.3 Tree Traversal

### Universal Address System in a Rooted Ordered Tree

Label root as  $\varepsilon$ .

If Subtree  $T$  is labeled as  $x$  and  $n$  children

then  $n$  children of  $x$  are labeled as  $x.1, x.2, \dots, x.n$ .

We may use  $0$  instead of  $\varepsilon$ .

We may use  $n$  instead of  $\varepsilon.n = .n$ .

Label root as  $1$ .

If Subtree  $T$  is labeled as  $x$  and  $n$  children

then  $n$  children of  $x$  are labeled as  $x.1, x.2, \dots, x.n$ .

Prefix code

**Lexicographic ordering**

$x_1.x_2.\dots.x_n < y_1.y_2.\dots.y_m$ , if  $\exists i, 0 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq \forall j < i, x_j = y_j, x_i < y_i$  or  
 $n < m, 1 \leq \forall j \leq n, x_j = y_j$ .

**procedure** preorder(*T* with root *r*)

visit *r*;      preorder(left child(*r*));      preorder(right child(*r*))

**end** preorder

**procedure** inorder(*T* with root *r*)

inorder(left child(*r*))      visit *r*;      inorder(right child(*r*))

**end** inorder

**procedure** postorder(*T* with root *r*)

posrorder(left child(*r*))      postorder(right child(*r*));      visit(*r*)

**end** postorder

**Infix, Prefix(Polish), and Postfix(Reverse Polish) notation**

## 10.4 Spanning Trees

**Definition 1** Let  $G$  be a ugraph. A **spanning tree** of  $G$  is a subgraph of  $G$  that is tree containing every vertex of  $G$ .

### Algorithm 1 Depth-First Search

**procedure** DFS( $G = (V, E)$ : connected graph)

$T :=$  Tree with vertex  $v \in V$  only;

    visit( $v$ );

**end** DFS;

**procedure** visit( $v \in V$ )

**for**  $\{v, w\} \in E \wedge w \notin T$  **do** add  $v$  and  $\{v, w\}$  to  $T$ ; visit( $w$ ) **od**

**end** visit

**Algorithm 2 Breadth-First Search**

**procedure** *BFS*( $G = (V, E)$ : connected graph)

$T :=$  Tree with vertex  $v \in V$  only;  $L :=$  list with vertex  $v \in V$ ;

**do**  $L$  is not empty  $\rightarrow$

    remove the first vertex,  $v$ , from  $L$ ;

**for**  $\{v, w\} \in E \wedge w \notin T \wedge w \notin L$  **do**

        add  $v$  and  $\{v, w\}$  to  $T$ ; add  $w$  to the end of  $L$ ;

**end** *BFS*;

## 10.5 Minimum Spanning Trees

**Definition 1** A *minimum spanning tree* in a connected weighted graph is a spanning tree that has the *smallest sum of weight of its edges*.

### Algorithm 1 Prim's Algorithm

*procedure* Prim( $G = (V, E)$ : connected weighted graph)

$T :=$  a minimum weighted edge;

*for*  $i := 1$  to  $|V| - 2$  *do*

$e :=$  a *minimum* weighted edge *incident* to a vertex in  $T$   
and *not* forming a simple circuit in  $T$ , if added to  $T$ ;

$T := T$  with  $e$  added

*od*

*end* Prim

**Algorithm 2 Kruskal's Algorithm**

**procedure** *Kruskal*( $G = (V, E)$ : connected weighted graph)

$T :=$  empty graph;

**for**  $i := 1$  to  $|V| - 1$  **do**

$e :=$  any edge in  $G$  with **smallest** weight

that does **not** form a simple circuit in  $T$ , if added to  $T$ ;

$T := T$  with  $e$  added

**od**