

Binary Trees

Discussion 09

Announcements

- Weekly Survey due Tuesday 03/15
- Project 2 Checkpoint due Friday 03/18
- Lab 9 due Friday 03/18
- HW6 due 3/29 after spring break
- Next week is Spring Break!

Review

Trees

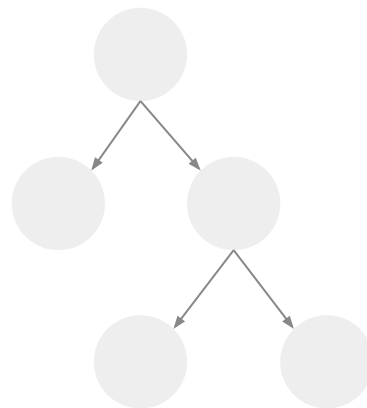
Trees are structures that follow a few basic rules:

1. If there are N nodes, there are $N-1$ edges
2. There is exactly 1 path from every node to every other node
3. The above two rules means that trees are fully connected and contain no cycles

A **parent** node points towards its **child**.

The **root** of a tree is a node with no parent nodes.

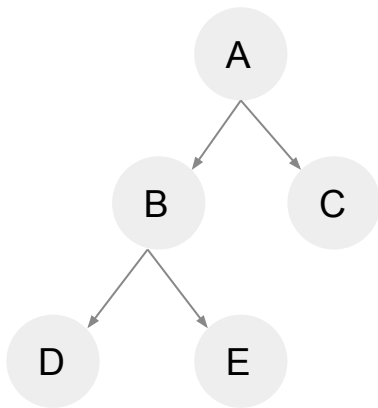
A **leaf** of a tree is a node with no child nodes.



Breadth First Traversal

In a **Breadth First Traversal (BFS)** we visit nodes based off of their distance to the source, or starting point. For trees, this means visiting the nodes of a tree level by level. Breadth first search is one way of traversing a tree.

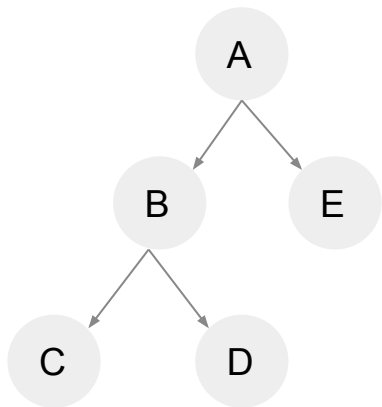
BFS is usually done using a **queue**.



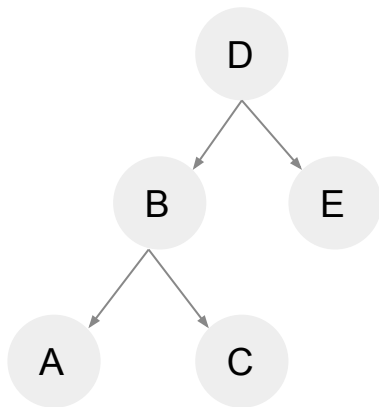
Depth First Traversal

In a **Depth First Traversal (DFS)** we visit each subtree in some order recursively.

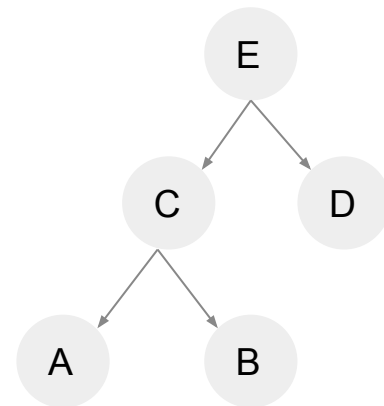
DFS is usually done using a **stack**.



Pre-order traversals visit the parent node before visiting child nodes.



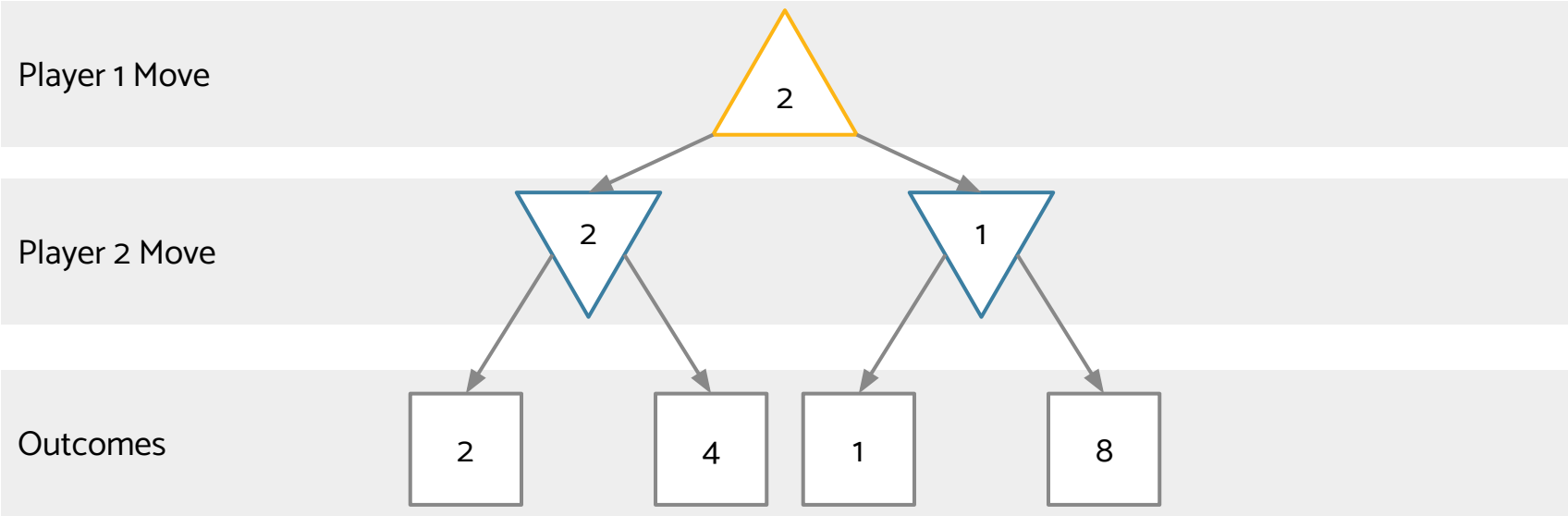
In-order traversals visit the left child, then the parent, then the right child.



Post-order traversals visit the child nodes before visiting the parent nodes

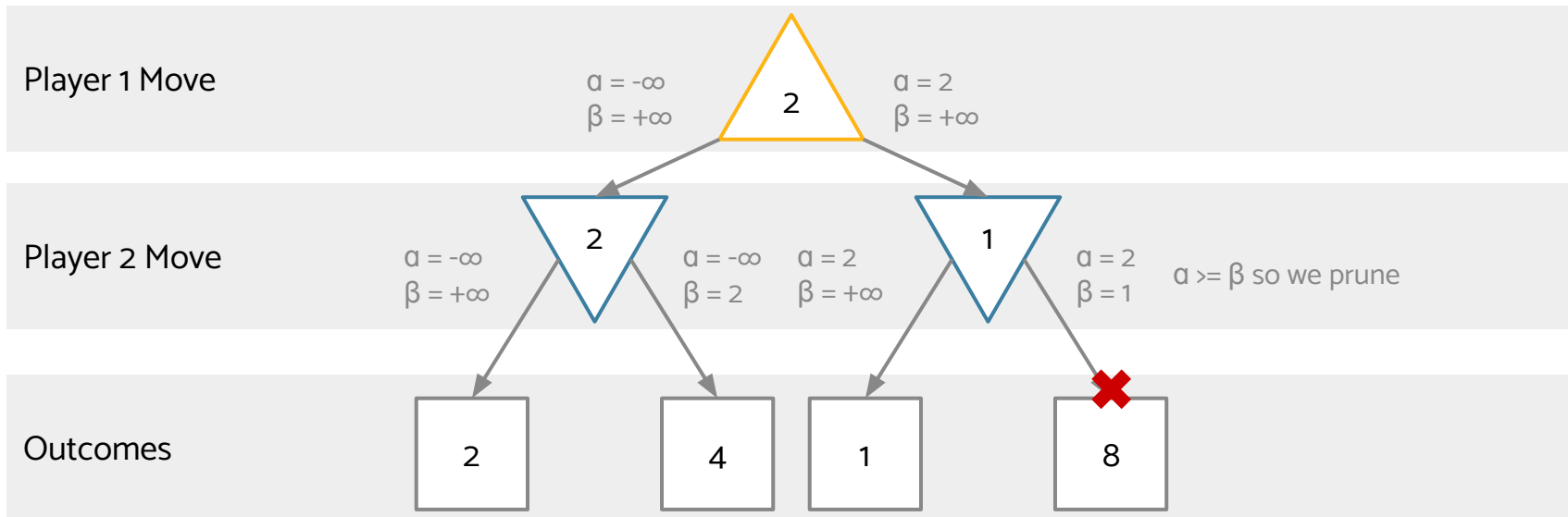
Game Trees

Game Trees or min-max trees allow us to showcase the outcomes of a two-player game where one person is trying to maximize the total score and one person is trying to minimize the total score.



Alpha-Beta Pruning

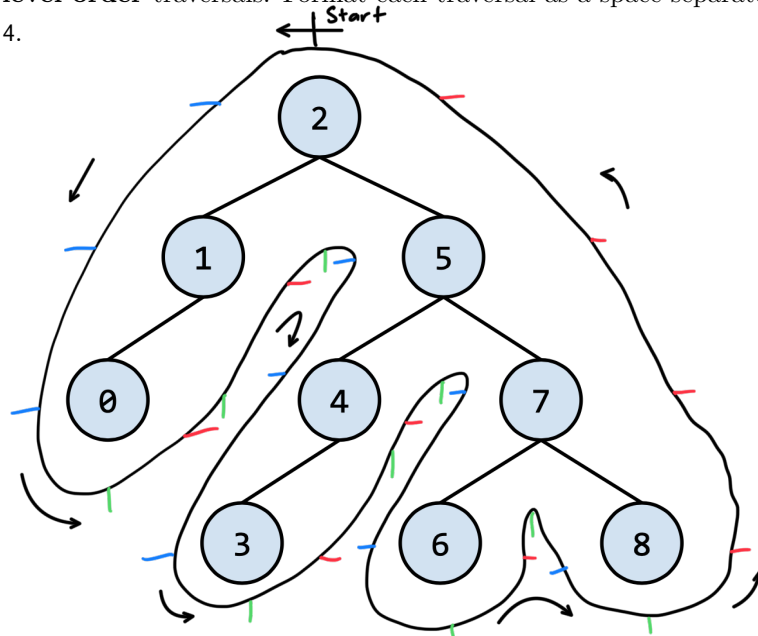
Alpha-Beta Pruning allows us to reduce the number of nodes we need to visit to determine the best possible move for player 1, since game trees get combinatorially large.



1 Traversals

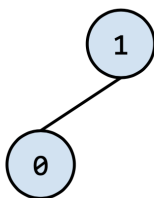
Taken from Summer 2021 MT2.

a) (1 Point). Given the tree below, give its **preorder**, **inorder**, **postorder**, and **level order** traversals. Format each traversal as a space separated list, e.g. 1 2 3 4.



Preorder: 2 1 0 5 4 3 7 6 8
 Inorder: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 Postorder: 0 1 3 4 6 8 7 5 2
 Level Order: 2 1 5 0 4 7 3 6 8

b) (1.5 Points). It's possible that 2 *different* traversals on the same tree produce the same ordering. For instance, on the tree below,



notice the postorder and inorder traversals are both 0 1.

Looking at the tree from the previous part, notice that none of the traversals produce the same ordering. However, we may be able to remove **some leaf nodes** from the tree such that running **two** of the above traversals on the modified tree produce the

same ordering. Prioritizing removing the **minimum** amount of leaf nodes possible, select the leaf nodes that need to be removed and the two traversals that become the same. If you select more leaf nodes than the minimum, you won't receive any credit. If it isn't possible, select "impossible" for both options below.

Leaf nodes to remove: 0 3 6 8 impossible

Traversals: Preorder Inorder Postorder Level Order
 impossible

Inorder = Preorder if only right children

Inorder = Postorder if only left children

Preorder = Postorder if only one node

So, use level order.

Remove 0 (so not before 5), 3 (so not before 7)

2 Binary Trees

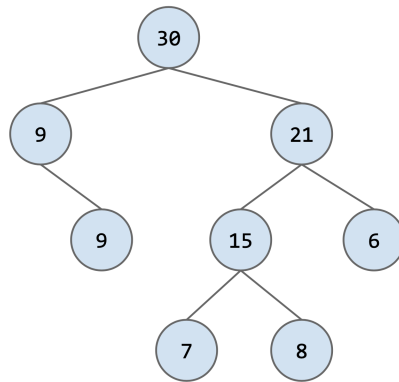
For each of the following question, use the following Tree class for reference.

```

1 public class Tree {
2     public Tree(Tree left, int value, Tree right) {
3         _left = left;
4         _value = value;
5         _right = right;
6     }
7     public Tree(int value) {
8         this(null, value, null);
9     }
10    public int value() {
11        return _value;
12    }
13    public Tree leftChild() {
14        return _left;
15    }
16    public Tree rightChild() {
17        return _right;
18    }
19    private int _value;
20    private Tree _left, _right;
21 }

```

- (a) Given a binary tree, check if it is a sum tree or not. In a sum tree, the value at *each* non-leaf node is equal to the sum of its children. For example, the following binary tree is a sum tree:



```

1 public boolean isSumTree(Tree t) {
2   if (t == null || (t.leftChild() == null && t.rightChild() == null)) {
3     return true;
4   }
5   int left, right;
6   if (t.leftChild() != null) {
7     left = t.leftChild().value();
8   }
9   if (t.rightChild() != null) {
10    right = t.rightChild().value();
11  }
12  }

```

Need to check non-nullity to avoid NullPointerException

Last line: return t.value() == left + right && isSumTree(t.leftChild()) && isSumTree(t.rightChild());

- (b) Given a binary tree with distinct elements, an input list, and an empty output list, add all the elements in the input list that appear in the tree to the output list. The elements in the output list should be ordered in the same order that would be returned from an inorder traversal.

For example, for the tree in Q.2(a), assuming either of the duplicate 9s have been removed, if the input list is [15, 9, 8, 30, 6], then after the operation the output list should be [9, 30, 15, 8, 6].

Inorder Traversal:
 goLeft()
 visit()
 goRight()

```

1 public static void sortRelative(Tree t,
2                               List<Integer> inputList,
3                               List<Integer> outputList) {
4   if (t == null) {
5     return;
6   }
7   sortRelative(t.leftChild(), inputList, outputList);
8   if (inputList.contains(t.value())) {
9     outputList.add(t.value());
10  }
11  sortRelative(t.rightChild(), inputList, outputList);
12 }

```

3 An Unintuitive Game

Sumer challenges Sohum to the following game. In this game, there is a maximizing player and a minimizing player. Both players take turns adding numbers to the end of the sequence. The maximizing player wants to maximize the **last** number in the sequence, and the minimizing player wants to minimize it.

On a player's turn, they take the previous number in the sequence and create the next number by either:

- floor dividing it by 2
- multiplying it by 3 and adding 1

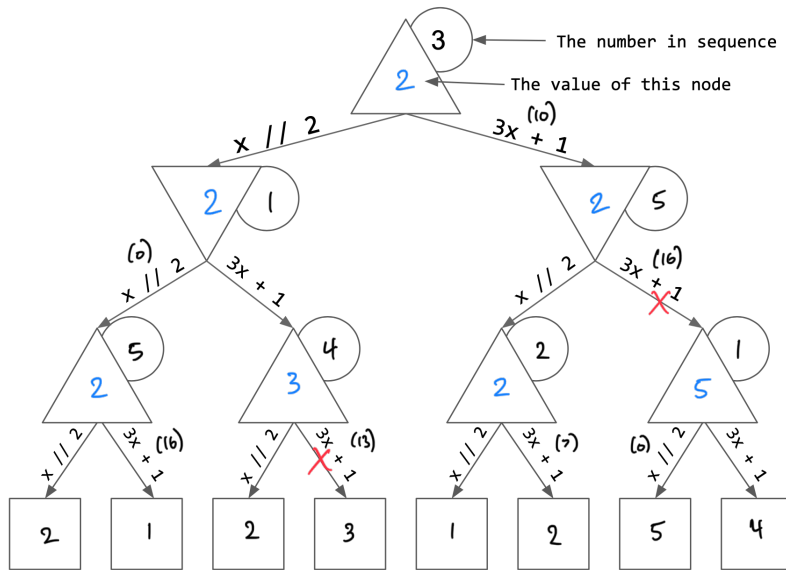
The sequence starts with 3, and can only contain numbers in the range 1 - 5. If a number goes out of bounds after an operation, it wraps around. For example, floor dividing 1 by 2 is zero, which wraps around to 5. Finally, the maximizing player will always start and get two turns. The minimizing player will get one turn, giving there a total of three turns.

Here is an example of a sequence.

1. We start with **3**.
2. The maximizer chooses to multiply 3 by 3 and add 1, giving us 10, which wraps around to **5**.
3. The minimizer chooses to floor divide 5 by 2 to get **2**.
4. The maximizer chooses to multiply 2 by 3 and add 1, giving us 7, which wraps around to **2**.
5. The last number in the sequence is **2**.

- (a) Fill in the minimax game tree for the following game. Typically in game trees only store the **value** of each node, but for this game it will be helpful to keep track of the current number in the sequence, so an additional circle has been given for that.

Note that no circle is written besides the leaf nodes because the value of each leaf node is the current number! Also note that we wrote 3 in the first circle to get you started (since the sequence starts with 3).



- (b) Assuming both players play optimally, what is the last number in the sequence?

2 - first go down possibilities of sequences, then work way back up

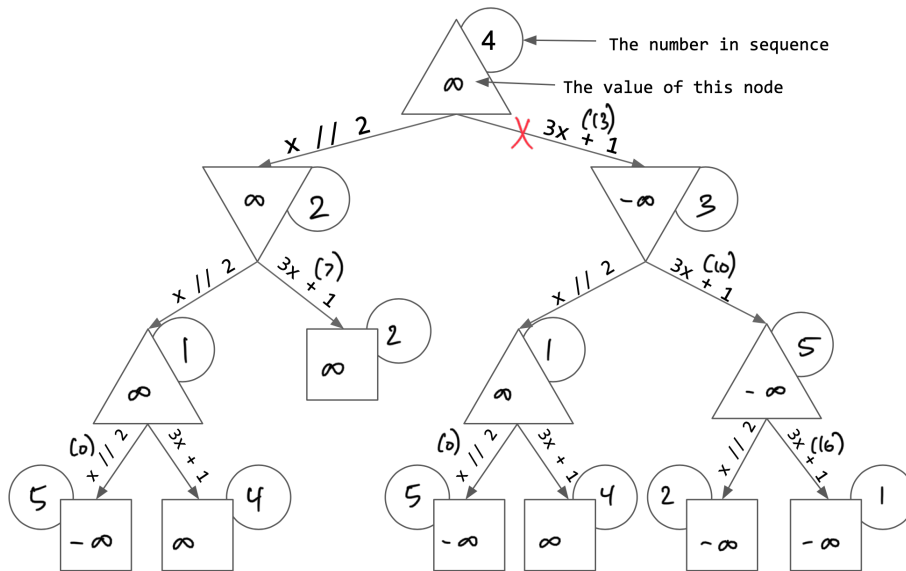
- (c) Using the game tree from the part a, which branches can be pruned with alpha beta pruning? Cross out the branches, if any, in the previous tree.

Cut 1: Once 2 is seen, maximizer is at least 2, but minimizer is already at most 2.

Cut 2: Top-level maximizer is already at least 2, minimizer knows it is at most 2, so top-level can cut search early.

- (d) Now, suppose that we keep the game *exactly* the same but we change two things:
1. We start with 4.
 2. The maximizer **wins** if there is a duplicate in the sequence and the minimizer wins if the numbers are unique.

Fill in the game tree for the modified game. Note that a circle is written beside each leaf node because the value of each leaf node isn't the current number! Hint: Use ∞ and $-\infty$ to represent the maximizer winning and the minimizer winning, respectively.



- (e) Assuming both players play optimally in this modified game, who wins?

Maximizer (can tell early from left side of tree)

- (f) Using the game tree from part c, which branches can be pruned with alpha beta pruning? Cross out the branches, if any, in the previous tree.

Root's left child means win for maximizer- so can just go down this path without checking right child at all (if it's now a binary).