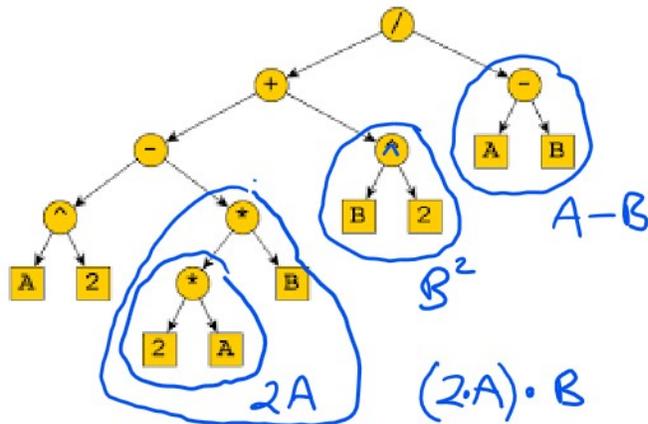


Lecture 30: Rooted Trees

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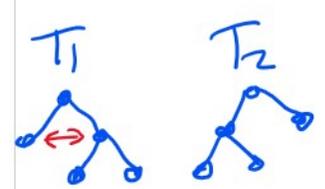
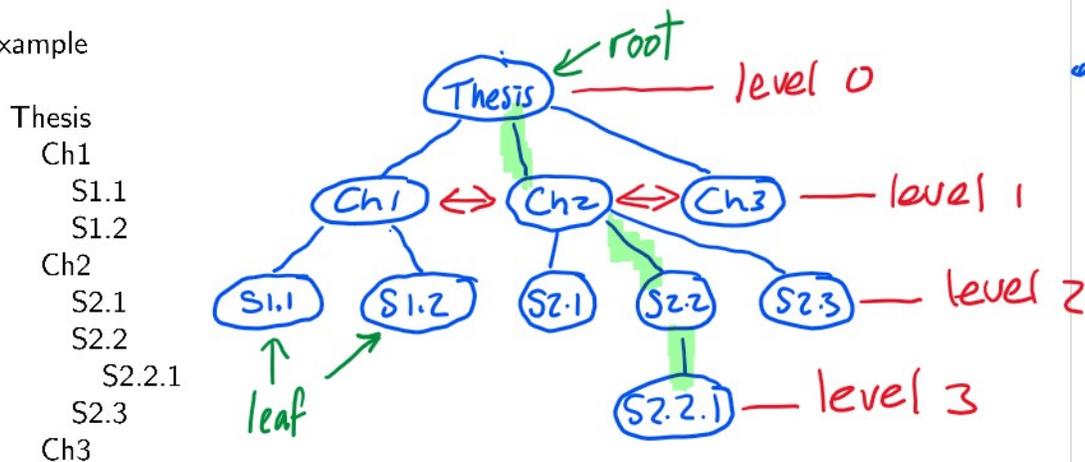


What formula does this tree encode?

Ordered rooted trees

For some applications it is essential to have not just a rooted tree, but also an ordering of the children for each internal vertex.

Example



Height = 3 = length of the longest path from a leaf to the root

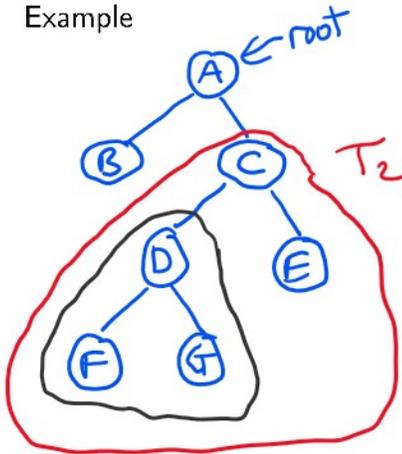
How do we walk through and process a rooted tree?

Definition (preorder, postorder tree traversals)

A **preorder traversal** of a tree T first visits the root vertex then visits, in preorder, the vertices of the subtrees T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k of T .

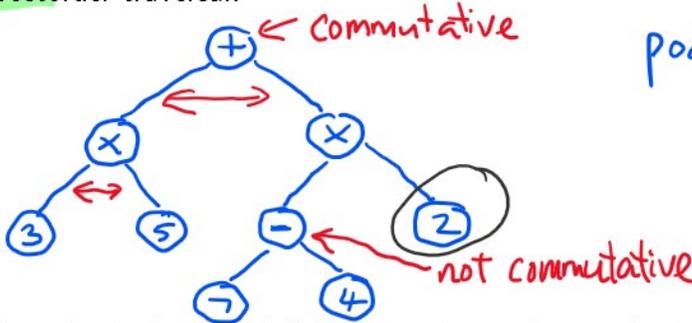
A **postorder traversal** of a tree T visits, in postorder, the vertices of the subtrees T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k of T then visits the root.

Example



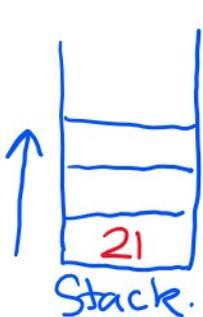
preorder : A B C D F G E
 postorder : B F G D E C A

Exercise. Draw the expression tree for $(3 \times 5) + ((7 - 4) \times 2)$ and give the postorder traversal.



postorder : 3 5 x 7 4 - 2 x +

Preorder is also called Polish notation and postorder is also called reverse Polish notation. HP calculators used postorder and a stack to evaluate expressions.



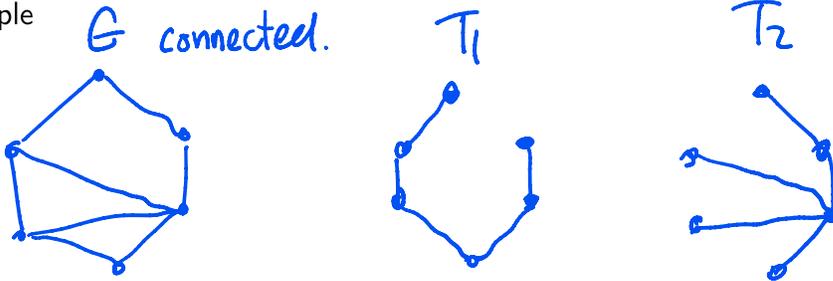
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Rules. Number? Put it on top of the stack
 Operator? Take the top two items off the stack, operate, put the result on top of the stack.
 15 + 6 = 21

Definition (spanning tree)

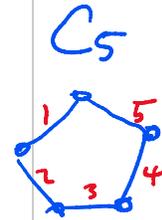
Let G be a connected multigraph. A subgraph T of G is a **spanning tree** if T spans G (so T contains all vertices in G) and T is a tree.

Example



How many spanning trees does C_n have?

n



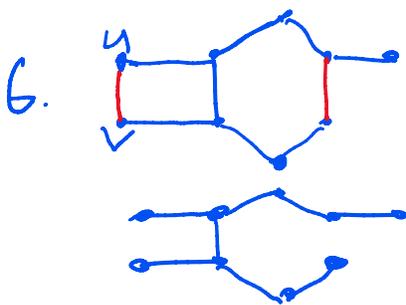
Theorem (existence of spanning trees)

Every connected multigraph $G = (V, E)$ has a spanning tree.

Here are two algorithms to select a spanning tree in G :

- (1) Start from G . If there is a cycle C in G delete an edge from C . Repeat this until G has no cycles. Output G .
- (2) Create the graph $H = (V, \phi)$. For each edge e in G add e to H if it does not make H have a cycle. Output H .

Proof (sketch).



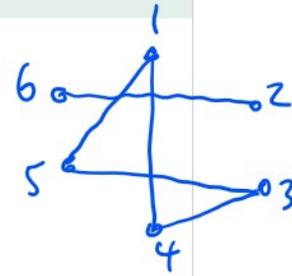
Proof (2) is an exercise.

Proof (1)

Deleting an edge on a cycle of E preserves connectivity.
 End up with a connected graph with no cycles.
 A tree with all vertices.
 This is a spanning tree.

Graph Algorithms

Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$ where $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $E = \{\{1, 5\}, \{5, 3\}, \{4, 1\}, \{4, 3\}, \{2, 6\}\}$.

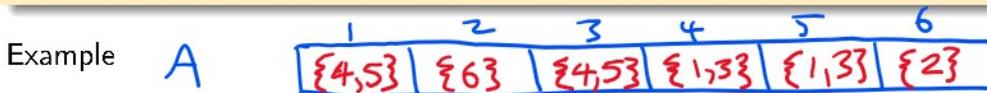


How can a computer test if G is connected? planar?
 If G is connected, how can it find a spanning tree in G ?
 If G is planar, how can it find a planar embedding of G ?

Most algorithms need to visit the **neighbors** of a vertex.
Question: What is a good way to store the edges?

Definition (list of neighbors)

The **list of neighbors** representation for E is an array A of size $n = |V|$ where A_i is the set of neighbors of vertex i (the vertices adjacent to i).



Question: How do algorithms walk through the graph?

The Depth-First Search (DFS) algorithm

Input. A graph $G = (V, E)$.

Output. A set E_T of edges such that (V, E_T) is a spanning tree of G .

1. **Let** $v = 1$, $E_T = \phi$ and mark vertex 1 as visited.
2. **If** all neighbors of v have been visited **Then**
 - a) **If** $v = 1$ **Then Return** (V, E_T) .
 - b) **Else** (backtrack step) **Let** $v = \text{parent}(v)$ and **Goto** step 2.
3. **Else**
 - a) **Let** i be the smallest neighbor of v that has not been visited.
 - b) Mark i as visited.
 - c) Add the edge $\{v, i\}$ to E_T and **Let** $\text{parent}(i) = v$.
 - d) **Let** $v = i$ and **Goto** step 2.

Example

