

## CS122 Algorithms and Data Structures

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Lecture 10: Binary Search Trees and  
Binary Expression Trees

## Uses for Binary Trees...

### -- Binary Search Trees

- n Use for storing and retrieving information
- n Insert, delete, and search faster than with a linked list
- n Take advantage of  $\log n$  height
- n Idea: Store information in an ordered way (keys)

## A Property of Binary Search Trees

- n The key of the root is larger than any key in the left subtree
- n The key of the root is smaller than any key in the right subtree
- n Note: Duplicated keys are not allowed

## Traversing Binary Search Trees

- n There are three ways to traverse a binary tree
- n Inorder Traversal:
  - Visit left subtree;
  - Visit root;
  - Visit right subtree;

## Traversing Binary Search Trees (cont.)

- n An Example:

```
void inorder_print(Node *root) {  
    if (root != NULL) {  
        inorder_print(root->left_child);  
        cout << root->info;  
        inorder_print(root->right_child);  
    }  
}
```

## Searching a Binary Search Trees

- n Locate an element in a binary search tree

```
void search(Node *root, object key) {  
    if (root == NULL) return -1;  
    if (root->info == key) return root->info;  
    else {  
        if (key < root->info)  
            search(root->left_child, key);  
        else search(root->right_child, key);  
    }  
}
```

## Inserting an Element in a Binary Search Trees

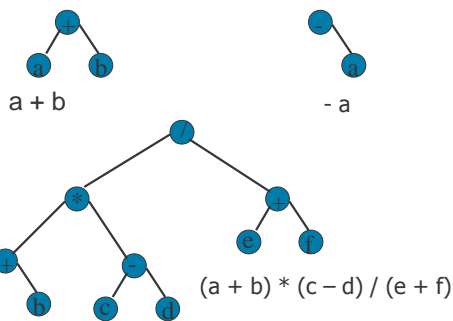
- n Search for the Position in the tree where the element would be found
- n Insert the element in the position
- n Note: a newly inserted node is a leaf
- n Running time is:
  - $O(n)$  the worst case
  - $O(\lg n)$  if the tree is **balanced**

## Uses for Binary Trees...

### -- Binary Expression Trees

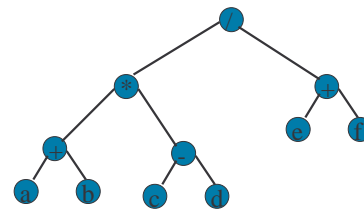
- n Binary trees are a good way to express arithmetic expressions.
  - The leaves are operands and the other nodes are operators.
  - The left and right subtrees of an operator node represent **subexpressions** that must be evaluated **before** applying the operator at the root of the subtree.

## Binary Expression Trees: Examples



## Merits of Binary Tree Form

- n Left and right operands are easy to visualize
- n Code optimization algorithms work with the binary tree form of an expression
- n Simple recursive evaluation of expression



## Levels Indicate Precedence

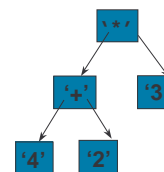
The levels of the nodes in the tree indicate their relative precedence of evaluation (we do not need parentheses to indicate precedence).

**Operations at lower levels of the tree are evaluated later** than those at higher levels.

The operation at the root is always the last operation performed.

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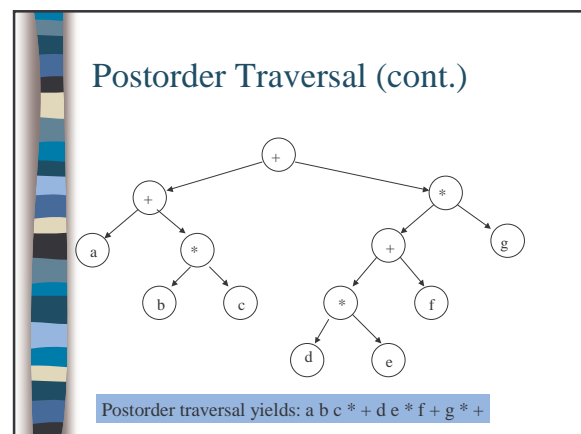
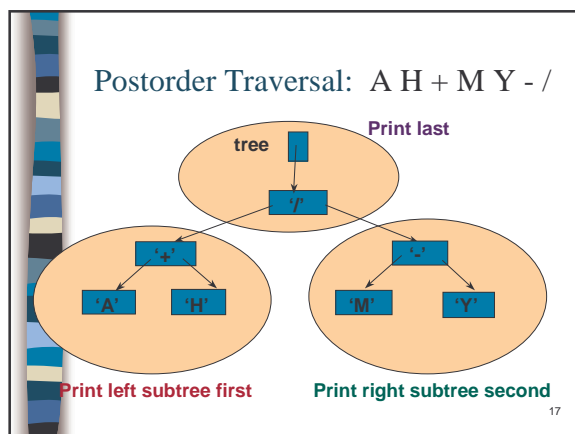
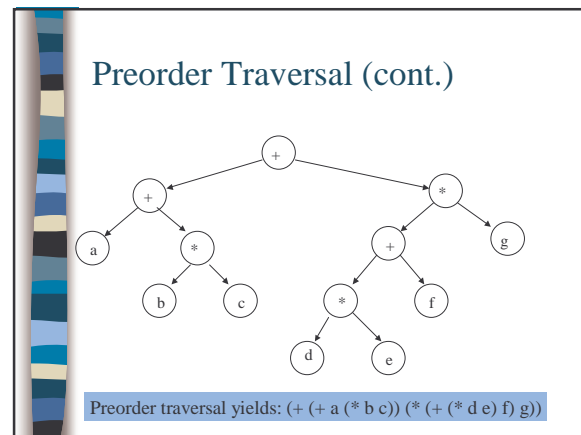
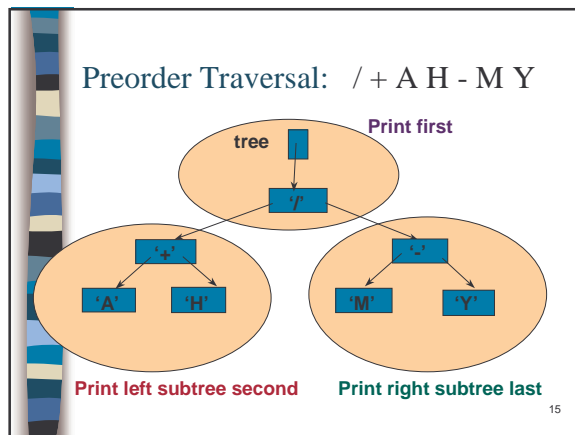
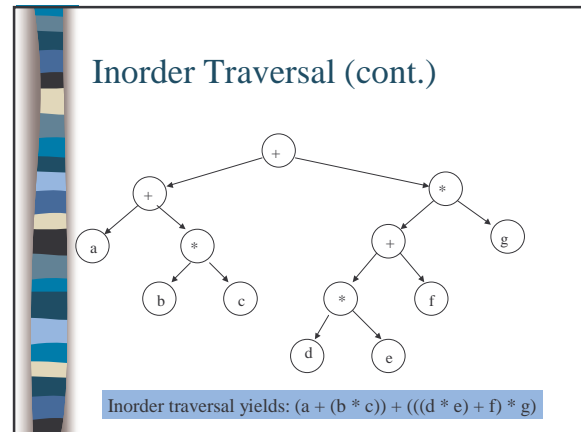
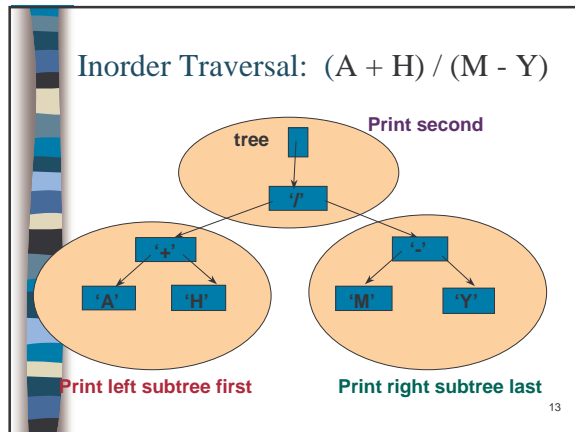
## A Binary Expression Tree



What value does it have?

$(4 + 2) * 3 = 18$

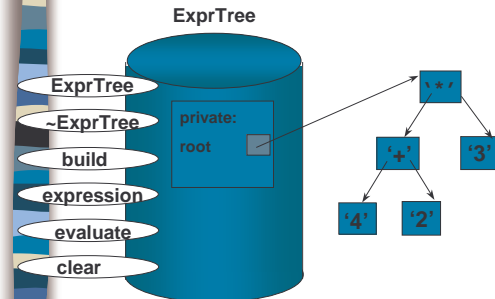
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## Traversals and Expressions

- n Note that the postorder traversal produces the postfix representation of the expression.
- n Inorder traversal produces the infix representation of the expression.
- n Preorder traversal produces a representation that is the same as the way that the programming language Lisp processes arithmetic expressions!

## class ExprTree



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```

class ExprTree {
public:
    ExprTree ();           // Constructor
    ~ExprTree ();          // Destructor
    void build ();          // build tree from prefix expression
    void expression () const; // output expression in fully parenthesized infix form
    float evaluate () const; // evaluate expression
    void clear ();         // clear tree
    void showStructure () const; // display tree

private:
    void showSub();        // recursive partners
    struct TreeNode *root;
};
    
```

## Each node contains two pointers

```

struct TreeNode
{
    InfoNode info; // Data member
    TreeNode* left; // Pointer to left child
    TreeNode* right; // Pointer to right child
};
    
```

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## InfoNode has 2 forms

```

enum OpType { OPERATOR, OPERAND };
struct InfoNode
{
    OpType whichType; // ANONYMOUS union
    union
    {
        char operation;
        int operand;
    };
};
    
```

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```

int Eval ( TreeNode* ptr )
{
    switch ( ptr->info.whichType )
    {
        case OPERAND : return ptr->info.operand;
        case OPERATOR :
            switch ( ptr->info.operation )
            {
                case '+' : return ( Eval ( ptr->left ) + Eval ( ptr->right ) );
                case '-' : return ( Eval ( ptr->left ) - Eval ( ptr->right ) );
                case '*' : return ( Eval ( ptr->left ) * Eval ( ptr->right ) );
                case '/' : return ( Eval ( ptr->left ) / Eval ( ptr->right ) );
            }
        }
    }
}
    
```

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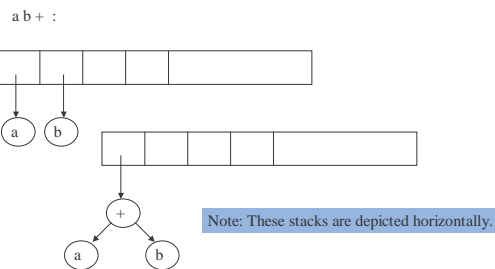
## Constructing an Expression Tree

- n There is a simple  $O(N)$  stack-based algorithm to convert a postfix expression into an expression tree.
- n Recall we also have an algorithm to convert an infix expression into postfix, so we can also convert an infix expression into an expression tree without difficulty (in  $O(N)$  time).

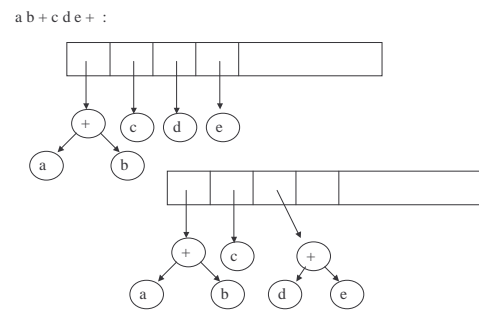
## Expression Tree Algorithm

- n Read the postfix expression one symbol at a time:
  - If the symbol is an operand, create a one-node tree and push a pointer to it onto the stack.
  - If the symbol is an operator, pop two tree pointers  $T1$  and  $T2$  from the stack, and form a new tree whose root is the operator, and whose children are  $T1$  and  $T2$ .
  - Push the new tree pointer on the stack.

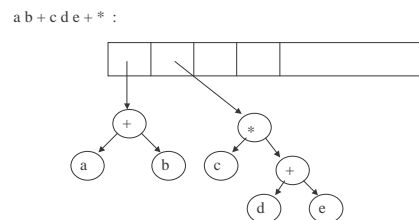
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