

# **CS 2336: Discrete Mathematics**

## **Chapter 12**

### **Trees**

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# Tree

- Consider a loop-free undirected graph  $G=(V,E)$ . It is a **tree** if  $G$  is **connected** and contains **no cycles**
- We often refer to a tree as  $T$  instead of (more general)  $G$
- **Spanning tree**: a spanning subgraph that is also a tree
- **Spanning forest**: a disconnected spanning subgraph

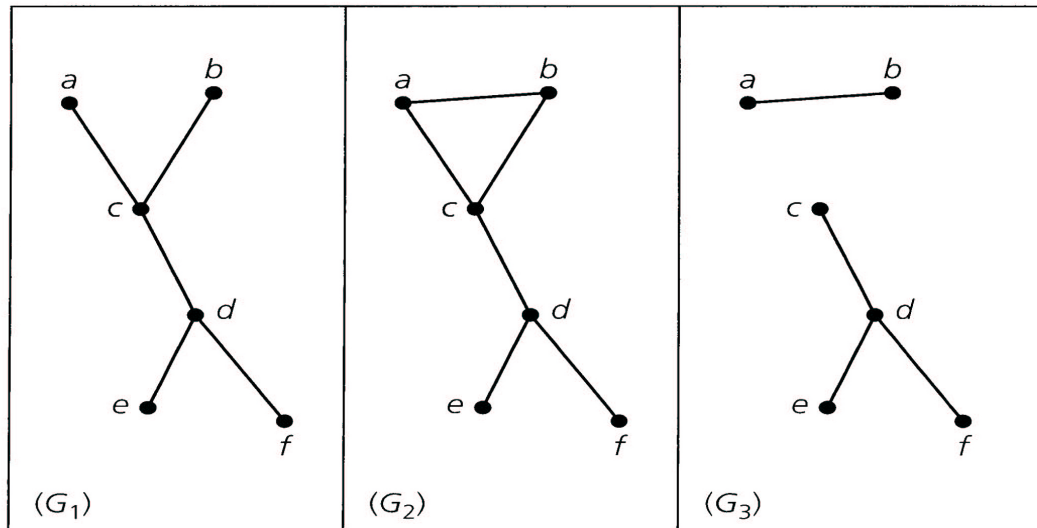


Figure 12.1

# Properties of Trees

- Unique path: there exists a **unique path** between any two distinct vertices in  $T=(V,E)$ 
  - Proof Sketch:  $T$  is connected, so there must be at least one path. Moreover, if there are two paths, connecting them gives us a cycle.
- If  $G=(V,E)$  is an undirected graph,  $G$  is connected iff  $G$  has a spanning tree
  - Proof Sketch: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) by  $G$  is connected. ( $\rightarrow$ ) Build a spanning tree by iteratively removing an edge on any cycle.

# Relation between $|V|$ and $|E|$

- Counts  $|V|$  and  $|E|$  in these trees

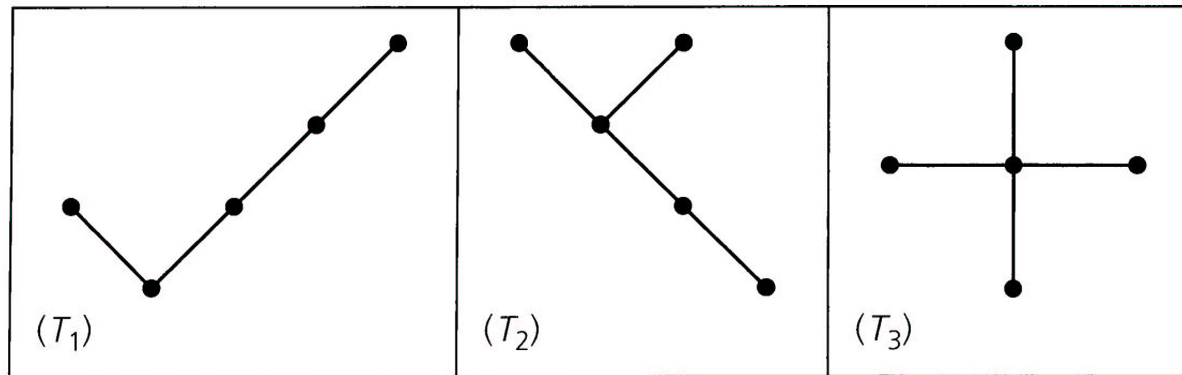


Figure 12.2

- In any tree  $T=(V,E)$ , we have  $|V| = |E|+1$ 
  - Proof Sketch: by mathematical induction

# Pendant Vertices

- Counts no. pendant vertices in these trees

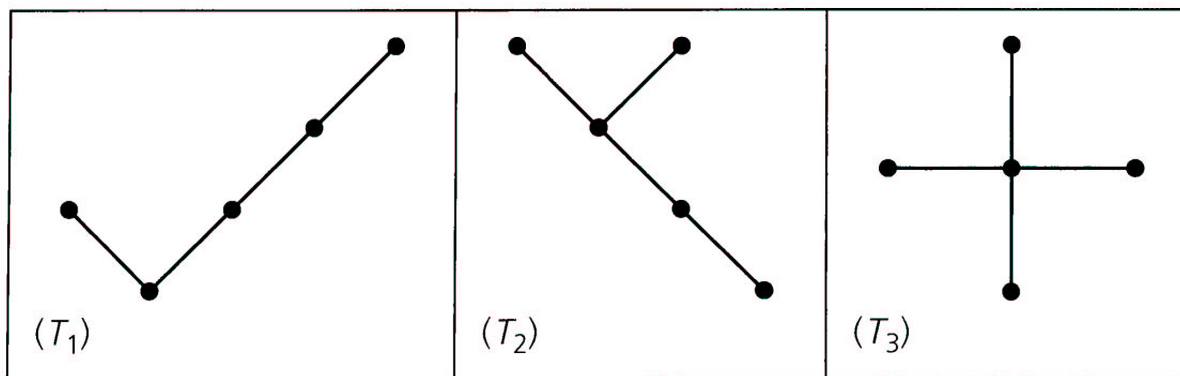


Figure 12.2

- In any tree  $T=(V,E)$ , where  $|V| \geq 2$ ,  $T$  has at least two pendant vertices
  - Proof Sketch: by the previous theorem and  $2|E| = \sum_{v \in V} deg(v)$

# Examples

- Ex 12.1: Are the two trees isomorphic? Why?

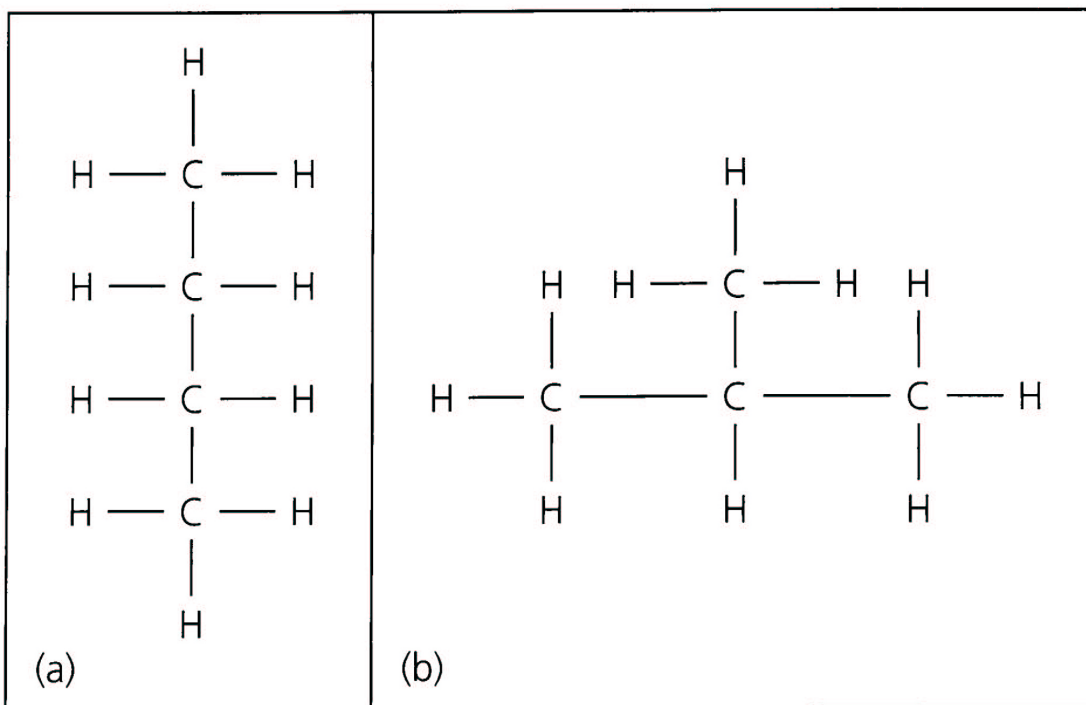


Figure 12.5

# Examples

- Ex 12.2: If a saturated hydrocarbon (acyclic) has  $n$  carbon atoms, show that it has  $2n+2$  hydrogen atoms.
- Proof:
  - Let  $k$  denote the number of hydrogen atoms. The total degree of all atoms is  $4n+k$ , which equals to  $2|E|$
  - We also know  $|E|=|V|-1$ , so the total degree= $2|V|-1$
  - This leads to  $k = 2n+2$



# When Can We Call a Graph Tree?

- The following statements are equivalent for a loop-free undirected graph  $G=(V,E)$ 
  - $G$  is a tree
  - $G$  is connected, but remove any edge from  $G$  turns  $G$  into two trees
  - $G$  contains no cycles, and  $|V|=|E|+1$
  - $G$  is connected, and  $|V|=|E|+1$
  - $G$  contains no cycle and if  $\{a,b\}$  is not an edge of  $G$ , adding  $\{a,b\}$  to  $G$  results in exactly one cycle

# A Sample Proof

- Prove if
  - $G$  is a tree,
  - then  $G$  is connected, but remove any edge from  $G$  turns  $G$  into two trees
- Proof:
  - Let  $G' = G - \{a, b\}$ . Assume  $G'$  is still connected, which means there is a path between  $a$  and  $b$ . But this contradicts the fact that a tree is acyclic. Hence,  $G'$  is not connected!
  - Then consider the two components in  $G'$ , they must contain no cycles (otherwise  $G$  is not a tree). Then they are both trees. This yields our proof.
- See text and exercises for more proofs.

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# Directed and Rooted Trees

- If  $G$  is a directed graph,  $G$  is a **directed tree** if its associated undirected graph is a tree
- A directed tree is a **rooted tree**, if there is a unique vertex  $r$  with in-degree 0,  $\text{id}(r)=0$ , while all other vertex  $v$  has in-degree 1,  $\text{id}(v)=1$ . We call this  $v$  as the **root**.

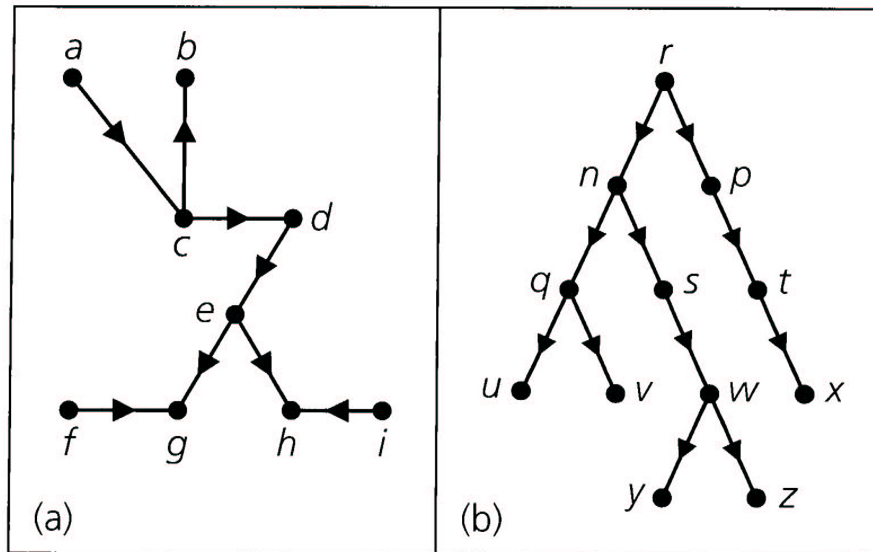


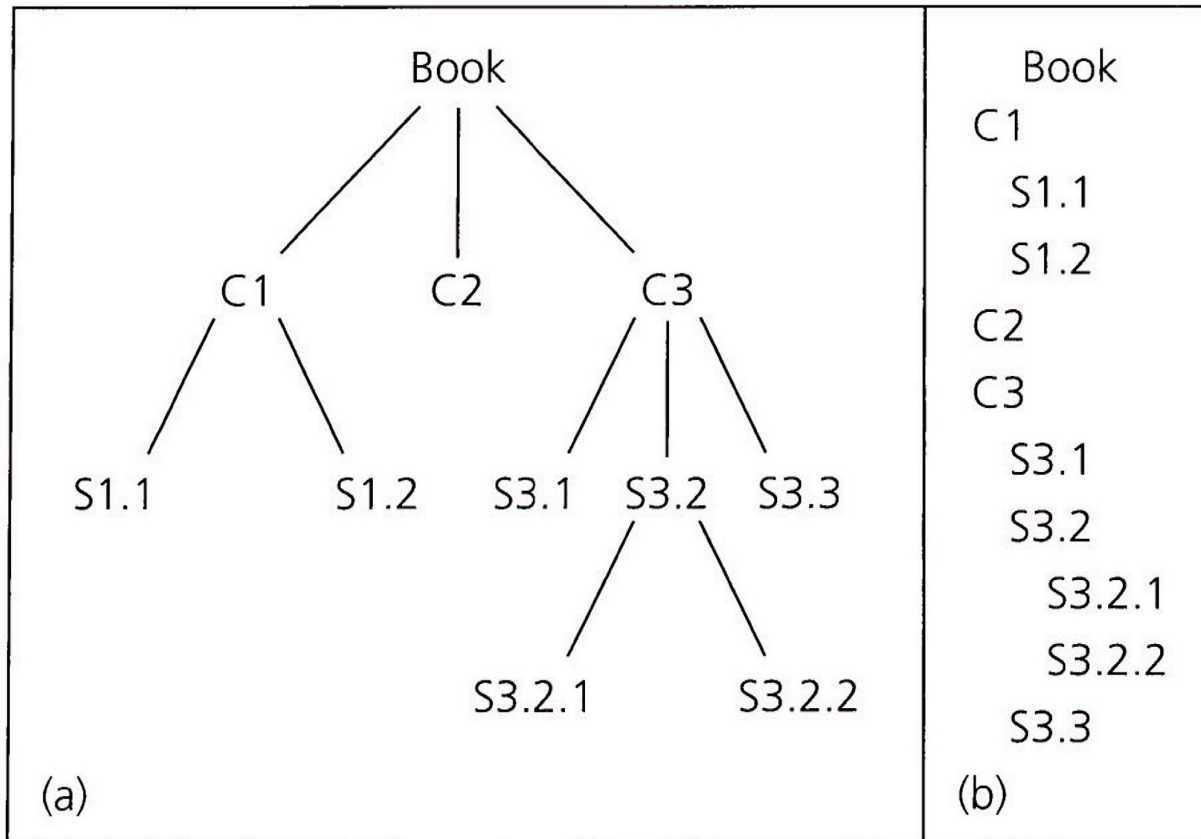
Figure 12.10

# Conventions and Terminology

- Arrows are going downwards
- Vertices with zero out degree are call **leaves (terminal vertices)**
- All other leaves are called **branch nodes (or internal vertices)**
- **Level** is defined as the distance to the root
- **Parent-child** relation, **Ancestors-descendants** , **Siblings**
- **Subtree**, induced by a vertex  $v$ , includes  $v$  and all its descendants

# Vertex Ordering

- Ex 12.3: Consider a book with 3-level structure. What is the nature order of its contents?



**Figure 12.11**

# Ordered Rooted Tree

- Ex 12.4: If all edges leaving an internal vertex are ordered from left to right, then  $T$  is called an **ordered rooted tree**.
- Ordering algorithm
  - Assign 0 to the root
  - Assign positive integer to vertices at level 1, from left to right
  - For an internal vertex  $v$ , suffix a positive integer to  $v$ 's label, from left to right

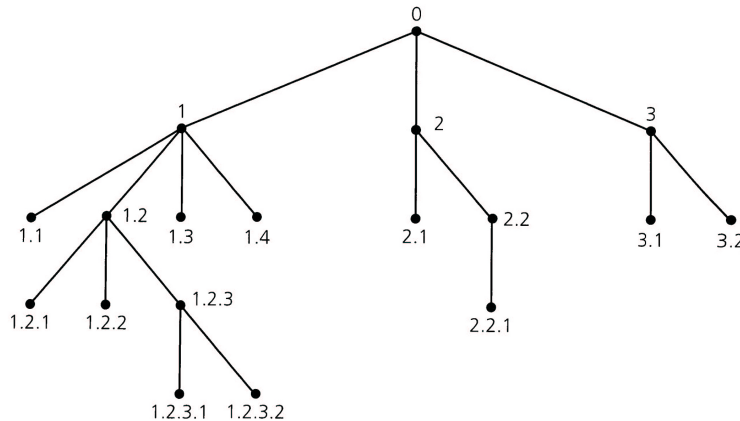


Figure 12.12

# Ordered Rooted Tree (cont.)

- This leads to the order:

- 0, 1, 1.1
- 1.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.2
- 1.2.3, 1.2.3.1, 1.2.3.2
- 1.3, 1.4, 2
- 2.1, 2.2, 2.2.1
- 3, 3.1, 3.2

- **Lexicographic order**

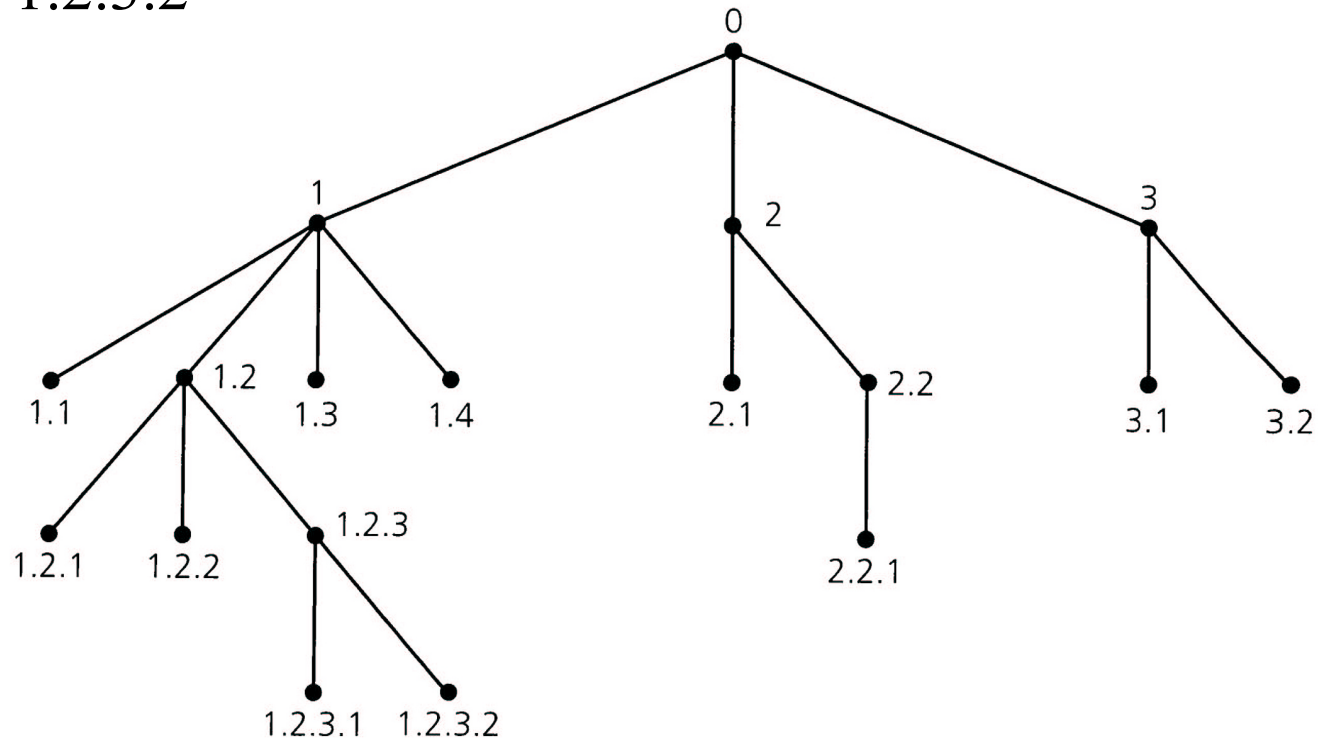


Figure 12.12



# Binary Rooted Tree

- Ex 12.5: Binary rooted tree:  $\text{od}(v)=0,1,2$ . Complete binary tree:  $\text{od}(v)=0,2$
- They can represent binary operations

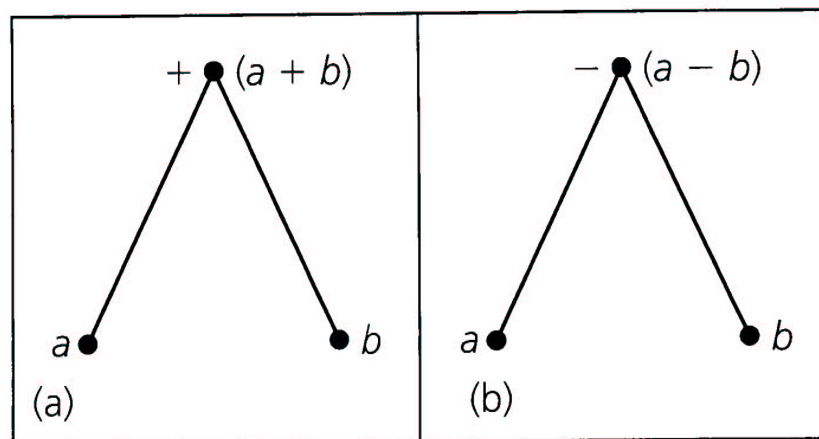


Figure 12.13

# Binary Rooted Tree (cont.)

- A tree for  $((7-a)/5)*((a+b)^3)$

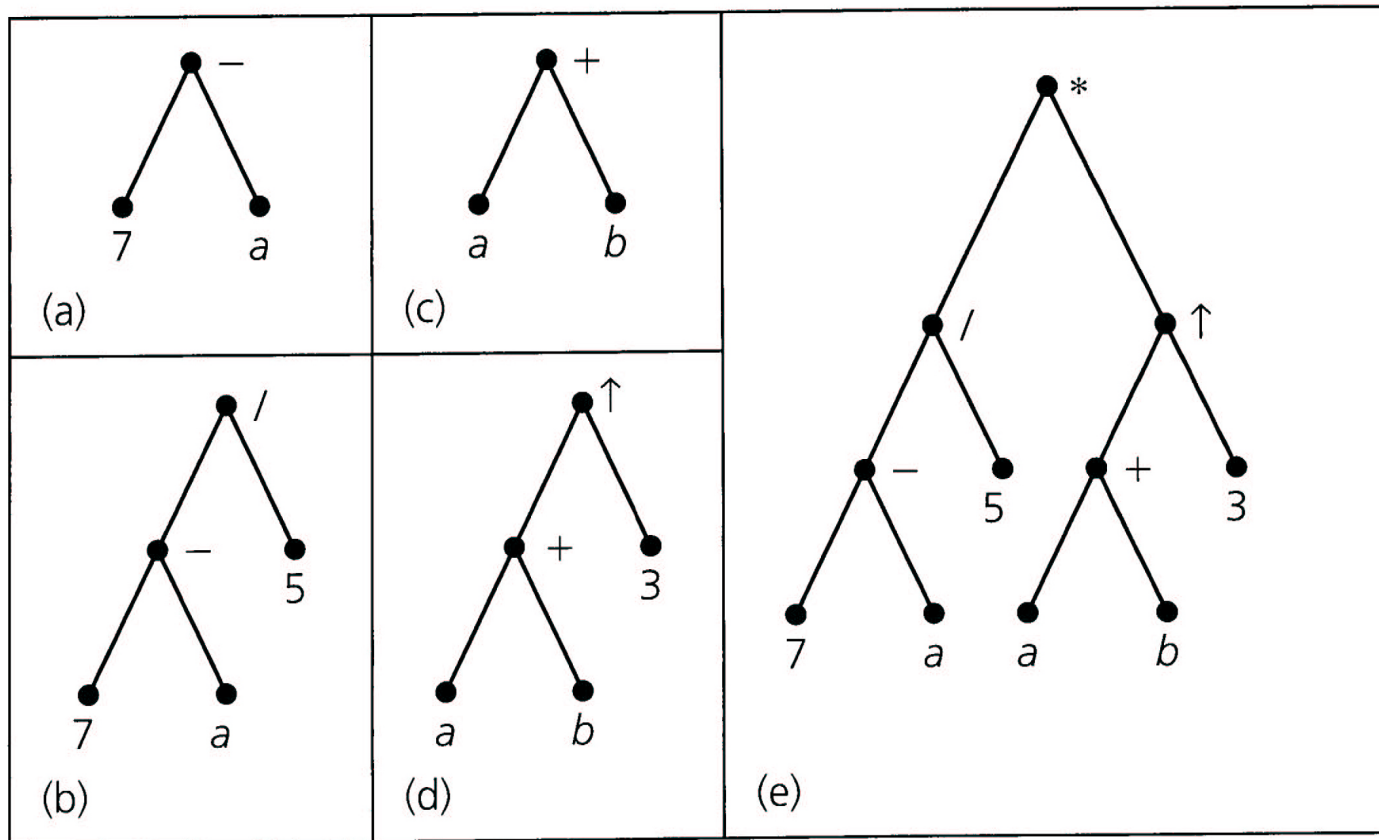


Figure 12.14

# Binary Rooted Tree (cont.)

- How to represent: (i)  $(a-(3/b))+5$  and (ii)  $a-(3/(b+5))$
- Both of them can be stored as the same sequence
- Parenthesis are mandatory!

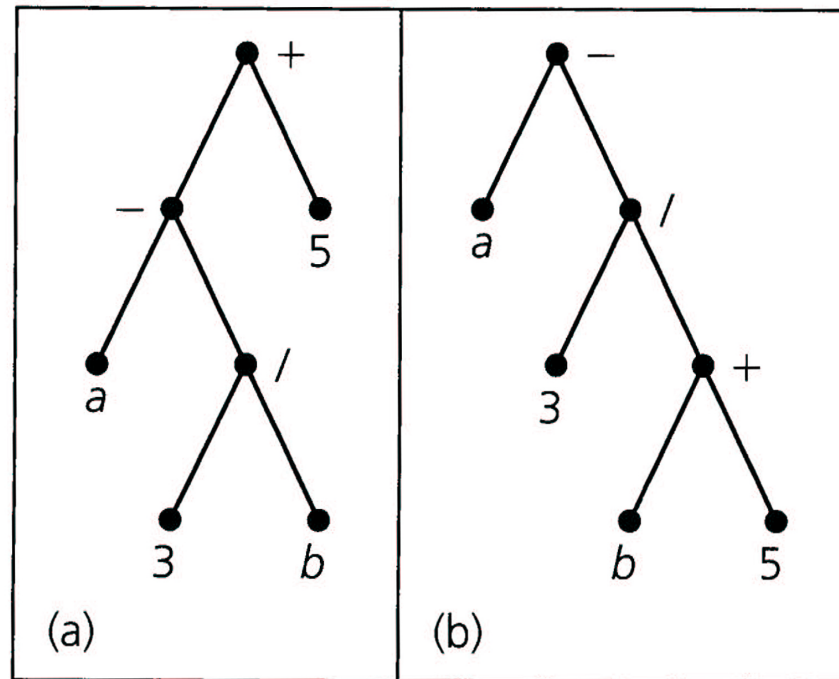
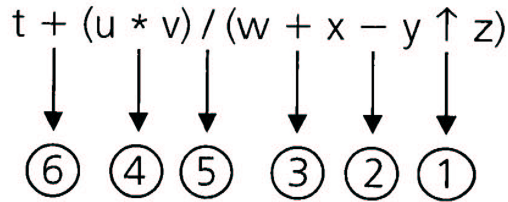


Figure 12.15

# Polish Notation

- Consider  $t+(uv)/(w+x-y^z)$ , it can be expressed by



**Figure 12.16**

- The computer needs to know the calculation order ←  
But the computer needs to know the parenthesis
- **Prefix** notation:  $+t/*uv+w-x^yz$
- Independent to parenthesis! Just calculate from right to left ← shows the importance of ordering

# Polish Notation (cont.)

## ■ Example:

- + 4/\*23+1-9^23

- +4/\*23+1-98

- +4/\*23+11

- +4/\*232

- +4/62

- +43

- 7

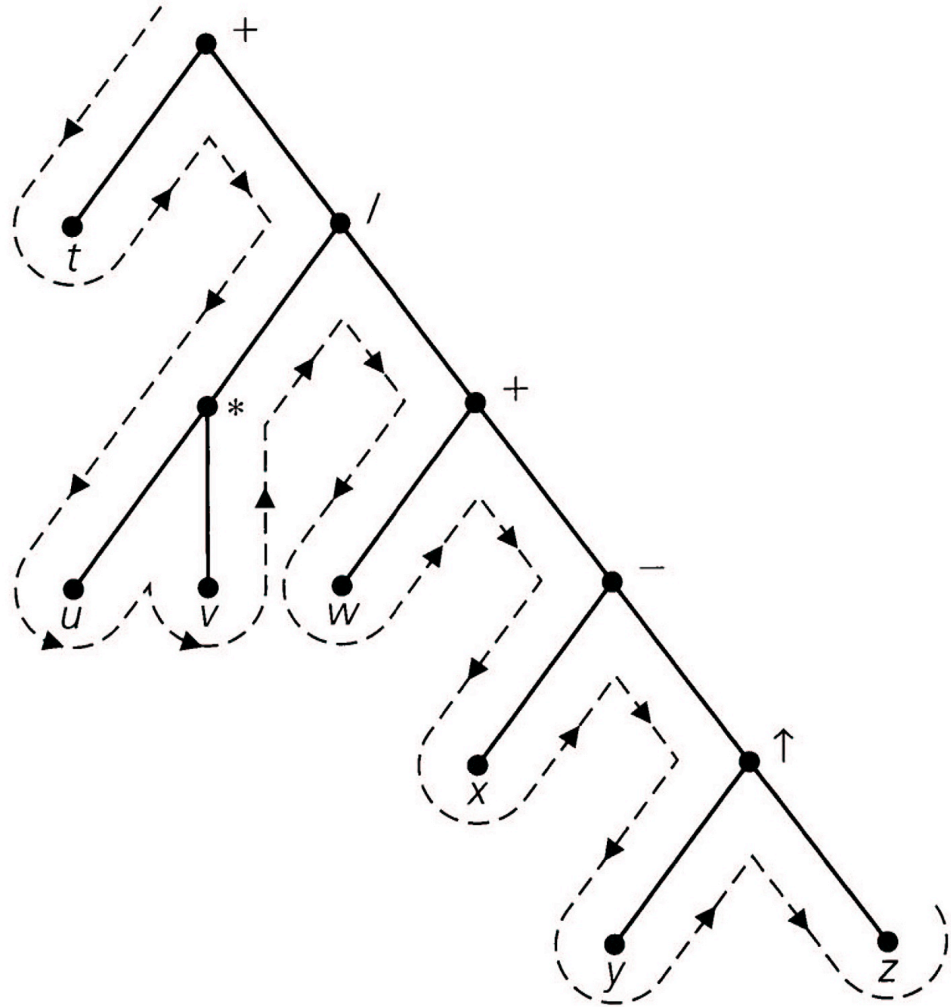


Figure 12.17

# Post-/Pre-order Traversals

- Recursively defined
- Let  $T=(V,E)$  be a rooted tree with root  $r$ 
  - If  $|V|=1$ , then  $r$  is both postorder and preorder traversal
  - Otherwise, **preorder** traversal first visits  $r$  and then traverse subtrees  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$ . **Postorder** traversal first visits subtrees, then  $r$
  - Conventionally, subtrees are visited from left to right

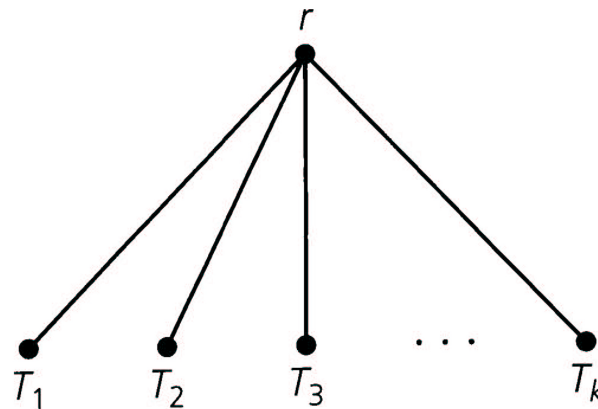
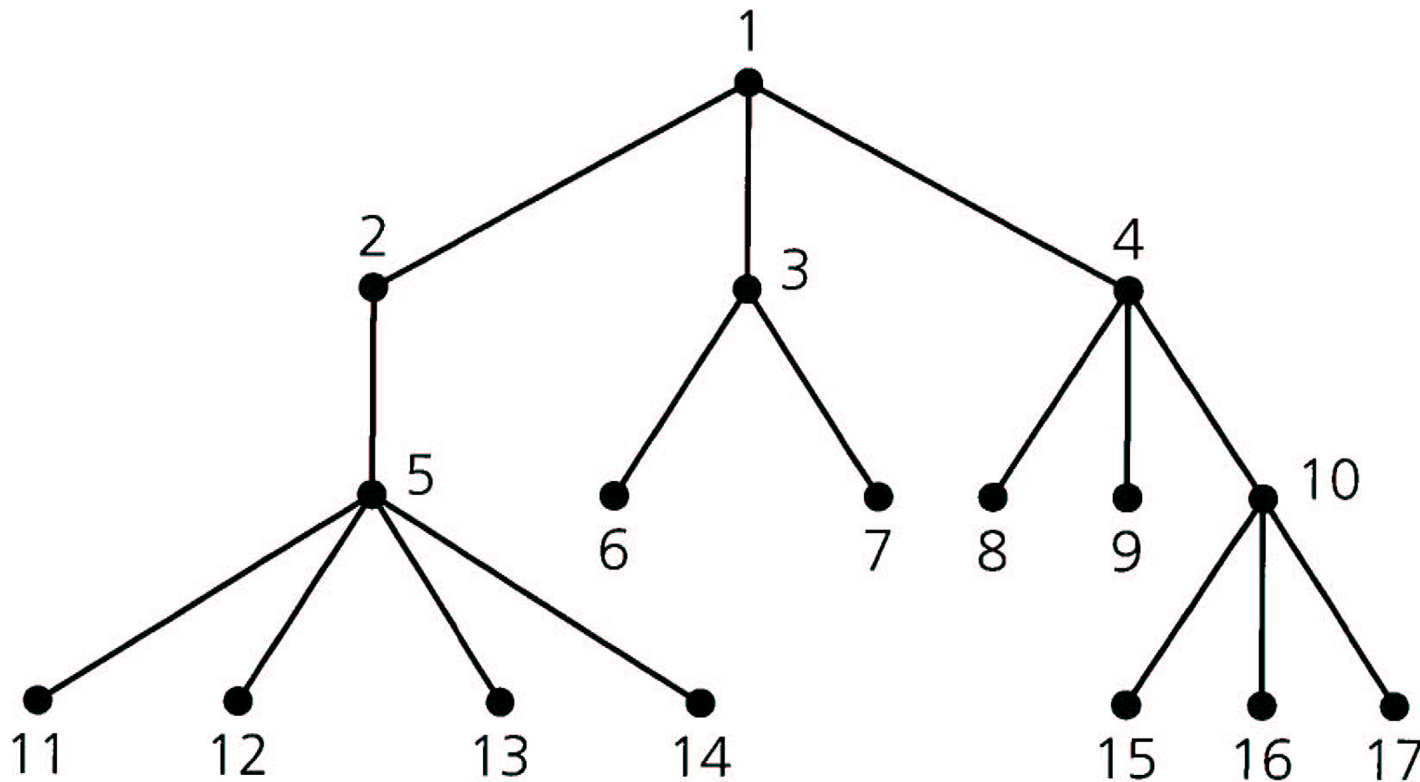


Figure 12.18

# Example

- Ex 12.6: What are the pre-/post-order traversals of this graph?



**Figure 12.19**

# In-order Traversal

- For binary rooted tree, we also have in-order traversal
- Let  $T=(V,E)$  be a binary rooted tree with root  $r$ 
  - If  $|V|=1$ , then  $r$  is the inorder traversal
  - Otherwise, let  $TL$  and  $TR$  be the left and right subtrees. The **inorder** traversal first traverses  $TL$ , then visits  $r$ , and then traverses  $TR$ .



# Different Ordering

- Ex 12.7:
  - The following two **ordered trees** are different
  - What are their inorder traversals?
  - What are their preorder and postorder traversals?

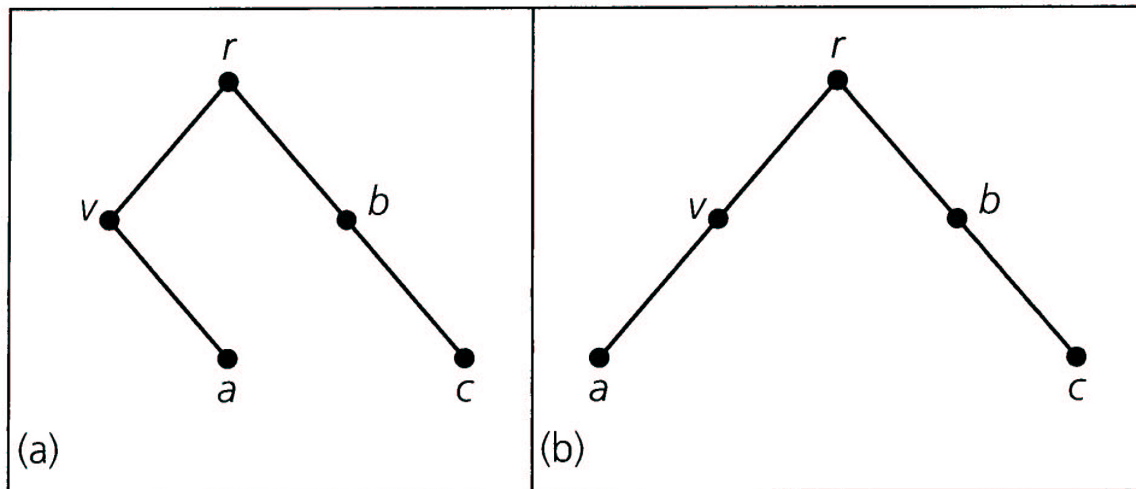


Figure 12.20

# Another Inorder Example

- What is the in order traversal?

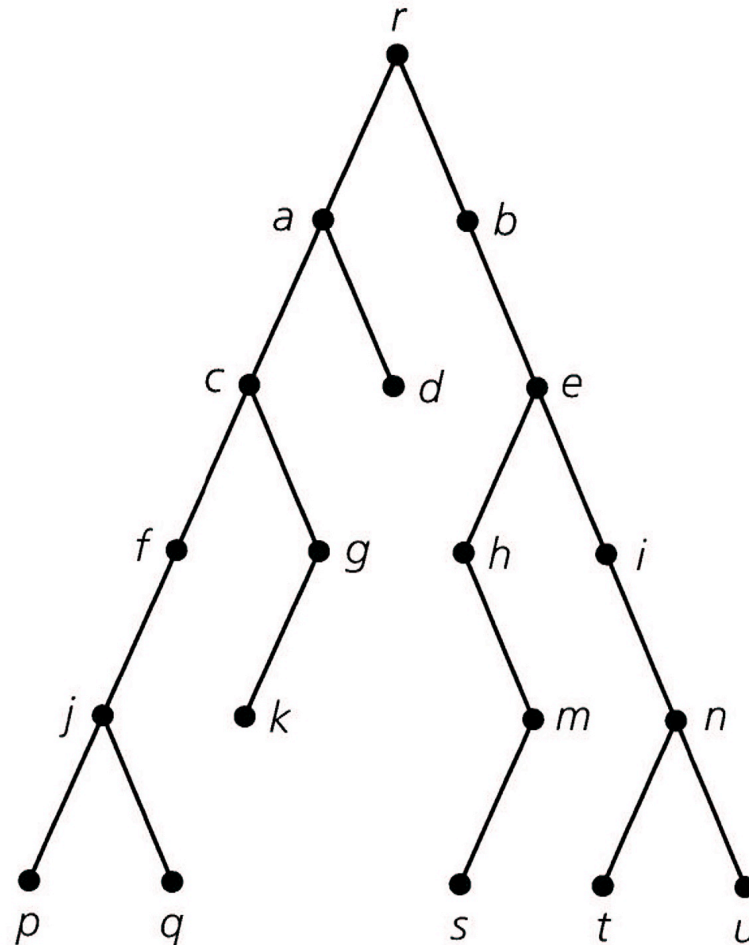
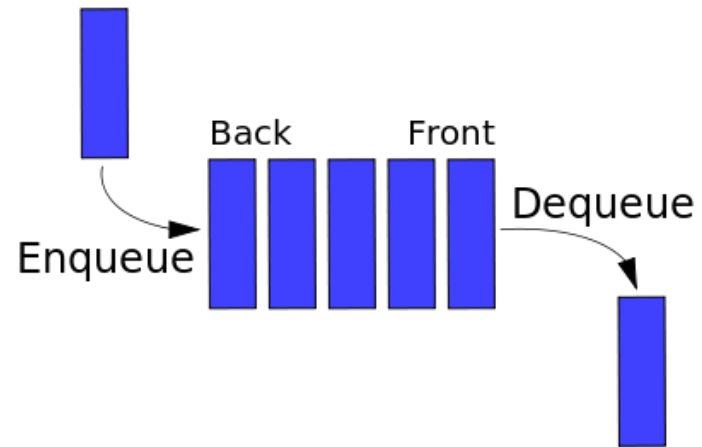
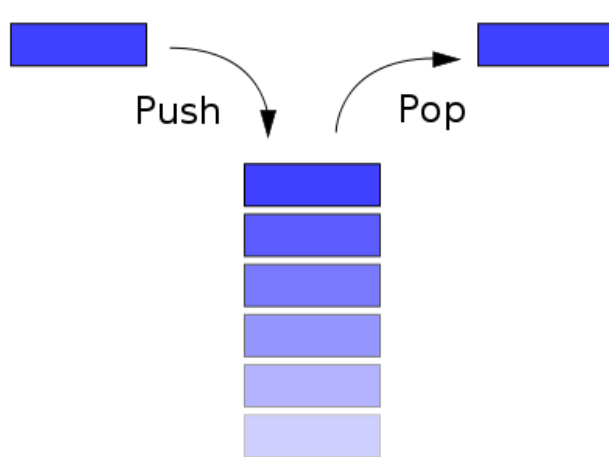


Figure 12.21

# Spanning Trees

- Generally two algorithms to generate a spanning trees in a graphs
- Depth-First Search (DFS): based on a stack
- Breadth-First Search (BFS): based on a (FIFO) queue



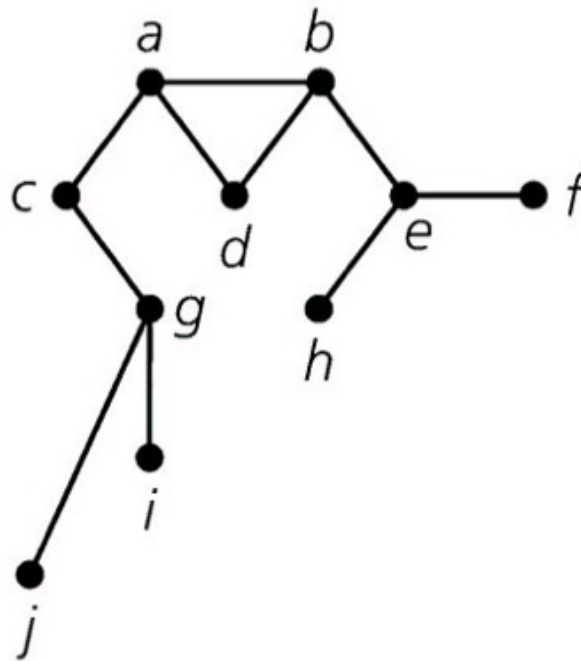
# DFS Algorithm

- Let  $v=v_1$  as the root of tree  $T$
- If  $G$  has only one vertex, terminates and return  $T$
- Select the smallest subscript  $i$ , so that  $\{v,v_i\}$  is an edge of  $G$  and  $v_i$  hasn't been visited
- If an  $i$  exists: (i) add  $\{v,v_i\}$  to  $T$ , (ii) visit subtree induced by  $v_i$ , (iii) let  $v=v_i$ , go back to the step 3
- If there is no  $v_i$ , then **backtrack** from  $v$  to its parent  $u$ . Let  $v = u$ , and go back to step 3
- Once all vertices are visited, return  $T$



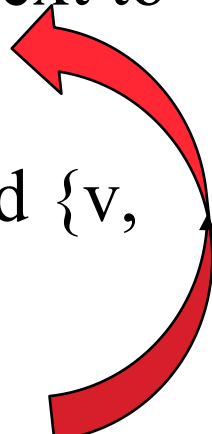
# Example of DFS

- Ex 12.10: Plot the DFS trees of graph  $G$ 
  - Assuming the vertex order is:  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j$
  - Assuming the order is:  $j, i, h, g, f, e, d, c, b, a$



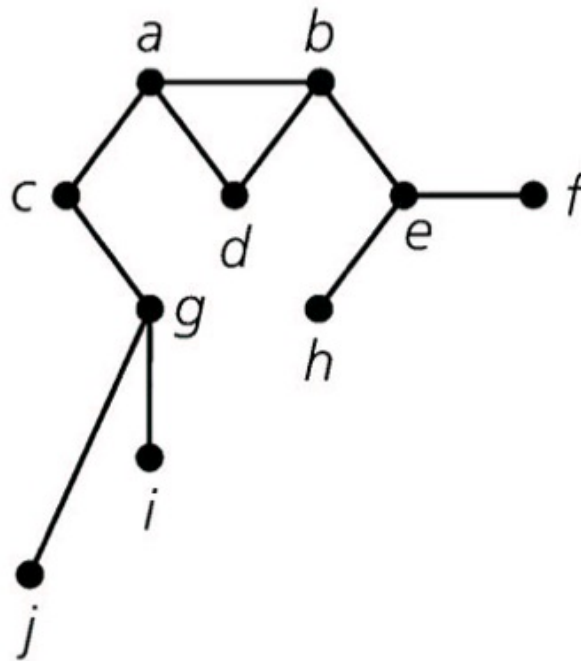
(a)  $G = (V, E)$

# BFS Algorithm

- Enqueue  $v_1$ , and let  $T$  be the tree with  $v_1$ , visit  $v_1$
  - Let  $v = \text{dequeue}()$ . Sequentially check all vertices next to  $v$  that haven't been visited
  - For each unvisited vertex  $v_i$ : (i) enqueue  $v_i$ , (ii) add  $\{v, v_i\}$  to  $T$ , and (iii) visit  $v_i$
  - If queue is not empty go to step 2
  - Now queue is empty, return  $T$
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# Example of BFS

- Ex 12.11: Plot the BFS trees of graph  $G$ 
  - Assuming the vertex order is:  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j$
  - Assuming the order is:  $j, i, h, g, f, e, d, c, b, a$



(a)  $G = (V, E)$

# Adjacent Matrix to BFS/DFS Trees

- Ex 12.12 Determine the BFS and DFS trees from the adjacent matrix without plotting the graph

$$A(G) = \begin{array}{c} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ V_5 \\ V_6 \\ V_7 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ V_5 \\ V_6 \\ V_7 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# M-ary Tree

- Let  $T=(V,E)$  be a rooted tree, and  $m$  is a positive integer.  $T$  is called an **m-ary tree** if  $\text{od}(v) \leq m$  for all  $v$
- When  $m=2$ , it is called a **binary tree**
- If  $\text{od}(v)=0$  or  $m$ , for all  $v$ , then  $T$  is called a **complete m-ary tree**.
  - Each internal vertex has  $m$  children
- When  $m=2$ , it is called a **complete binary tree**.

# Property of a Complete m-ary Tree

- Let  $T=(V,E)$  be a complete m-ary tree with  $|V|=n$ . If  $T$  has  $l$  leaves and  $i$  internal vertices then
  - $n=mi+1$  ← each internal node leads to  $m$  children, plus root
  - $l=(m-1)i+1$  ← based on equation 1 and  $n=l+i$
  - $i=(l-1)/(m-1)=(n-1)/m$  ← based on equations 1 and 2

# Number of Matches

- Ex 12.13: In a single-elimination tournament. If there are 27 players, how many matches must be played to determine the champion?
  - 27 players, so 27 leaves ( $l=27$ ), also  $m=2$ . Therefore, we have  $i=(l-1)/(m-1)=(27-1)/(2-1)=26$

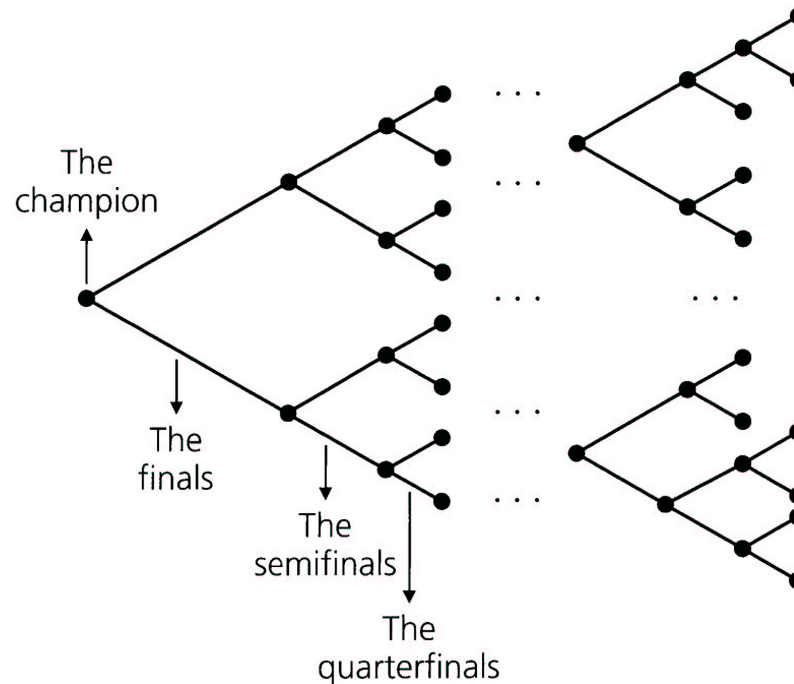
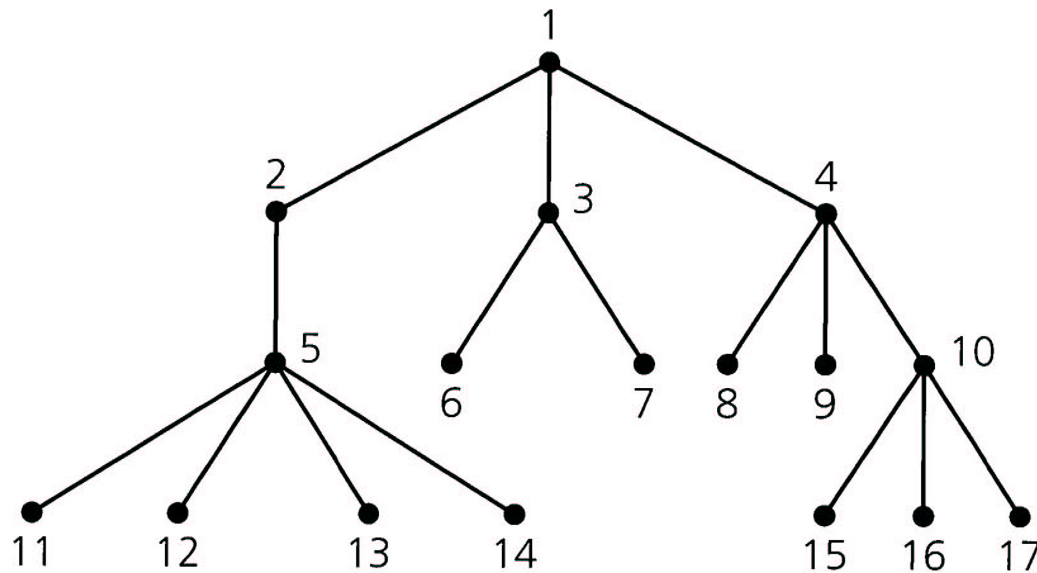


Figure 12.26

# Height and Balanced Trees

- Let  $T=(V,E)$  be a rooted tree, and  $h$  be the largest level number by a leaf of  $T$ . We say  $T$  has a **height** of  $h$ .
- A rooted tree  $T$  of height  $h$  is **balanced** if the level number of every leaf is either  $h$  or  $h-1$ .



**Figure 12.19**

# Height of m-ary Tree

- Let  $T=(V,E)$  be a complete m-ary tree with height  $h$  and  $l$  leaves. We have  $l \leq m^h$  and  $h \geq \lceil \log_m l \rceil$ 
  - Proved by induction
  
- Let  $T$  be a balanced complete m-ary tree with  $l$  leaves. The height of  $T$  is  $\lceil \log_m l \rceil$

# Decision Tree

- There are 8 coins and a pan balance. One of the coin is counterfeit and heavier than others. Find that coin.
- Binary decision tree  $h \geq \lceil \log_2 8 \rceil$
- Ternary decision tree  $h \geq \lceil \log_3 8 \rceil$

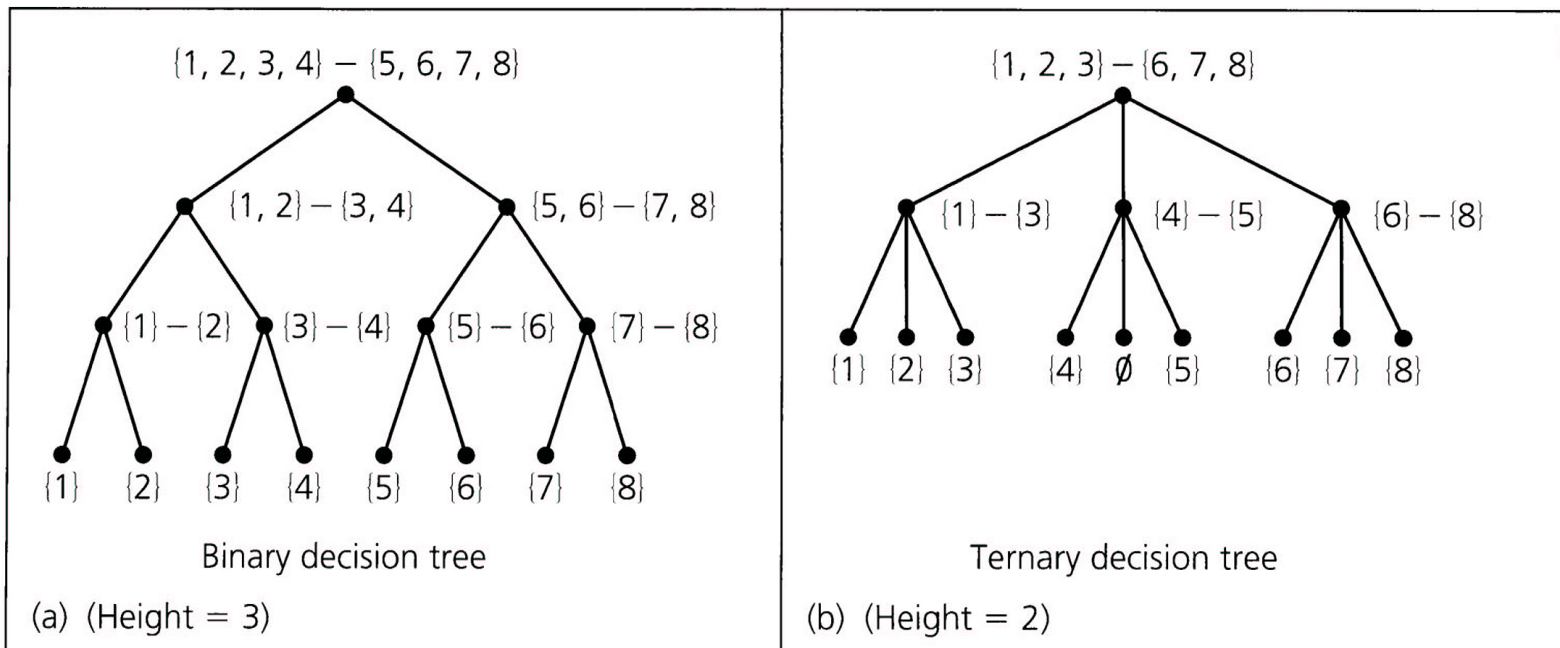


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# Bubble Sort

- Simplest sorting algorithm
- High complexity:  $O(n^2)$

```
procedure BubbleSort(n: positive integer;  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ : real numbers)
begin
  for i := 1 to n - 1 do
    for j := n downto i + 1 do
      if  $x_j < x_{j-1}$  then
        begin      {interchange}
          temp :=  $x_{j-1}$ 
           $x_{j-1}$  :=  $x_j$ 
           $x_j$  := temp
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
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Figure 10.2



# Bubble Sort (cont.)

■ Example:

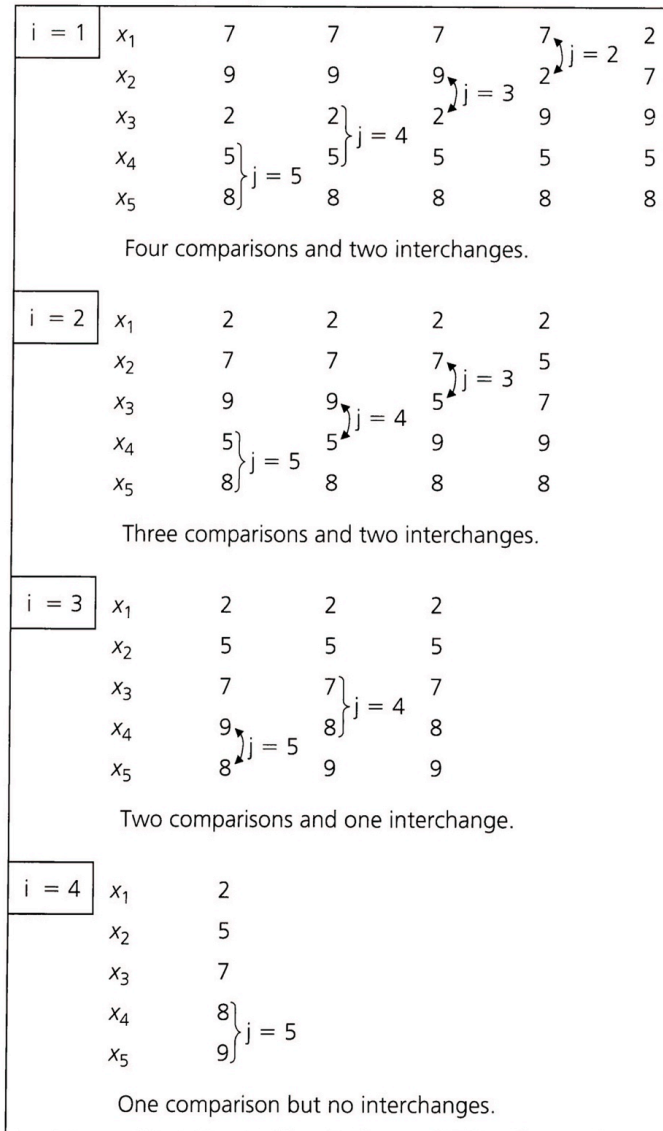


Figure 10.3

# Idea of Merge Sort

- Ex 12.16: Sort 6,2,7,3,4,9,5,1,8 by dividing them into equal size sublists, and merge them backwards

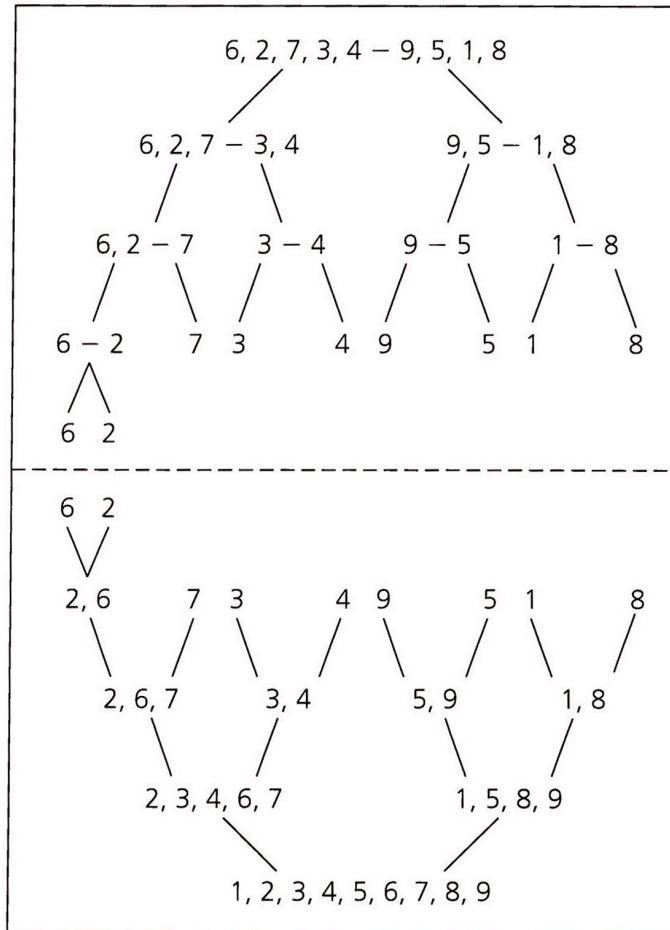


Figure 12.33

# Each Merge Operation

- Before we quantify the complexity, first calculate the complexity of each merge
- Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be the two sorted number, where  $L_1$  has  $n_1$  elements and  $L_2$  has  $n_2$ . Merging  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  into another list consumes at most  $n_1+n_2-1$  comparisons  $\leftarrow O(n)$
- $L = \text{Merge}(L_1, L_2)$ 
  - 1: Let  $L$  be empty set
  - 2: Compare the first elements of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , remove the smaller one and put it at the end of  $L$
  - 3: If one of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is empty, append the other one to  $L$ . Otherwise go back to 2

# Merge Sort

- 1: Divide the input array into two sublists  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , each has  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  elements
- 2: Call MergeSort with  $L_1$  and  $L_2$
- 3. Merge( $L_1, L_2$ )
  
- At most  $\log_n$  levels, so the total complexity is  $O(n \log_n)$

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# Codes

- Fixed-length versus variable-length codes
- Why do we need variable-length codes?
  - (English) letters appears in different frequencies → Assigning shorter code to more frequent letter results in shorter coded words
- For example, consider a set  $S = \{a, e, n, r, t\}$  and code a:01, e:0, n:101, r:10, r:1, what is the coded word of “ata”?
  - Problem, this coded words also means “eta”, “atet”, and “an”
  - Why?



# Prefix Code

- A set  $P$  of binary sequences is called a **prefix code** if no sequence in  $P$  is the prefix of any other sequence in  $P$
- How to determine whether  $P$  is a prefix code?
- $T$  is a **full binary tree** of height  $h$  if all the leaves are at level  $h$

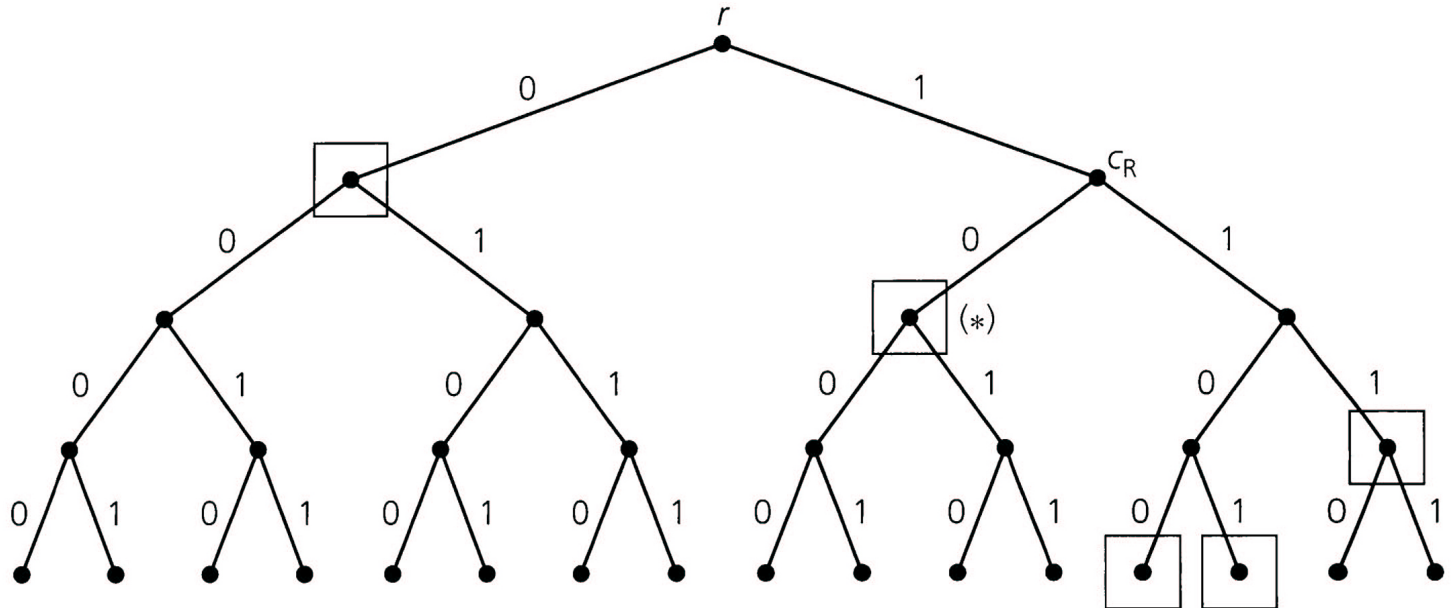


Figure 12.35



# Efficient Code

- Lemma: If  $T$  is an optimal tree for  $w_1 \leq w_2 \leq \dots \leq w_n$ , there exists an optimal tree  $T'$ , in which  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are siblings at the maximal level of  $T'$ 
  - Pushing  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  to the bottom couldn't be worse
- Theorem: Let  $T$  be an optimal tree with weight  $w_1 + w_2$ ,  $w_3, \dots, w_n$ , where  $w_1 \leq w_2 \leq \dots \leq w_n$ . Dividing the leaf  $w_1 + w_2$  into two leaves  $w_1, w_2$  results in a new optimal tree  $T'$ 
  - Proved by the fact that there are only finite number of complete binary trees

# Huffman Code

- A systematic way to create an efficient code
  - Create  $n$  **active** vertices each with a weight
  - Repeatedly find the two smallest active vertices with weights  $w_i$  and  $w_j$ , make them **inactive**, create a new active internal vertex to be their parent, and assign weight  $w_i + w_j$ .
  - Stop until there is only one active vertex
- Get the Huffman code by traversing from root to each leaf
- Ex 12.18: Construct a Huffman code for the symbols a,o,q,u,y,z with frequencies 20,28,4,17,12,7. Find a Huffman code for them.

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# Articulation Point

- A vertex  $v$  in a loop-free undirected graph  $G=(V,E)$  is called an **articulation** point if  $\kappa(G - v) > \kappa(G)$ ; i.e.,  $G-v$  has more components than  $G$
- A graph with no articulation points is called **biconnected**
- A maximal biconnected subgraph is called a **biconnected component**
  - A subgraph that is not contained in a larger subgraph

# Example

- Articulation points: c, f, and four biconnected components

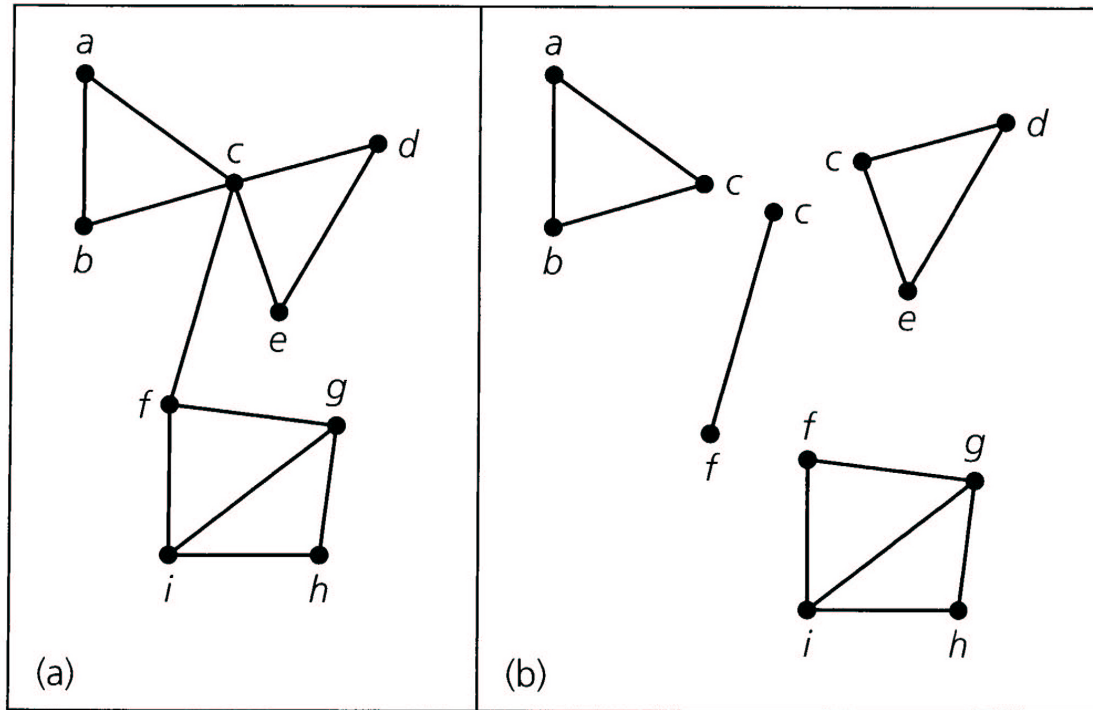


Figure 12.39

- How to systematically find the articulation points?

# First Lemma

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- A vertex  $z$  in  $G=(V,E)$  is an articulation point iff for any two vertices  $x,y$  where  $x, y,$  and  $z$  are not mutually equal, every path between  $x$  and  $y$  must go through  $z$

# Second Lemma

- Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free connected undirected graph, with a depth-first spanning tree  $T=(V,E')$ . If  $\{a,b\}$  is in  $E$  but is not in  $E'$ , then  $a$  is either an ancestor or a descendant of  $b$  in tree  $T$
- Proof Sketch: this is true otherwise  $\{a,b\}$  would be picked by the DFS algorithm (and thus is in  $E'$ )
- Edges like  $\{a,b\}$  is called **back-edge**. So any edge in  $G$  is either: (i) an edge in  $T$  or (ii) an back-edge in it

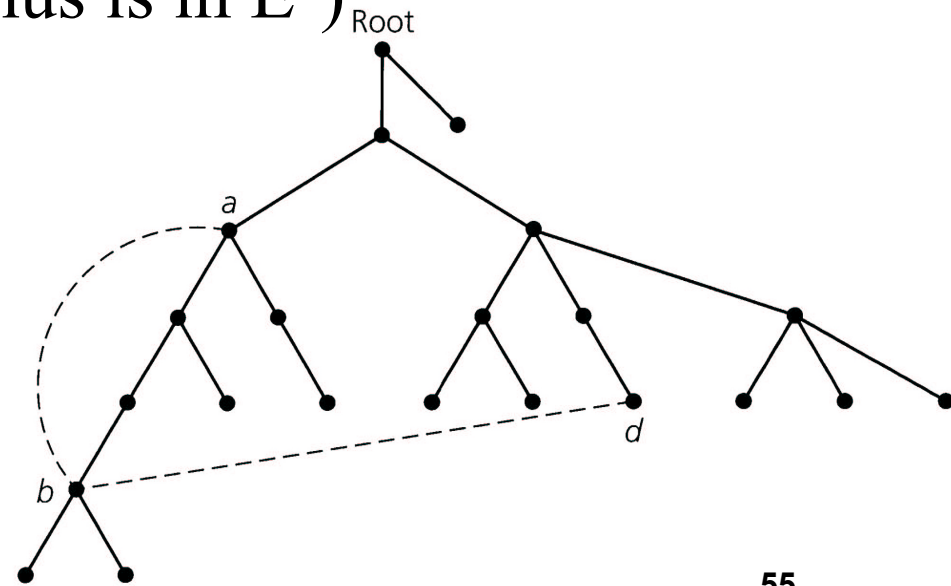


Figure 12.40

# Third Lemma

- Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free connected undirected graph, with a depth-first spanning tree  $T=(V,E')$ . If  $r$  is the root of  $T$ , then  $r$  is an articulation point of  $G$  iff  $r$  has at least two children in  $T$ .
- Proof Sketch: If  $r$  has two children  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , and  $\{x_1,x_2\}$  is not in  $E$ , then  $\{x_1,x_2\}$  will be picked by the DFS algorithm



# Fourth Lemma

- Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free connected undirected graph, with a depth-first spanning tree  $T=(V,E')$ . If  $v$  is a non-root vertex in  $T$ .  $v$  is an articulation point of  $G$  iff **there exists a child  $c$  of  $v$  with no back-edge from a vertex  $z$  in the subtree rooted at  $c$  to  $a$ , which is an ancestor of  $v$**

# Some Notations

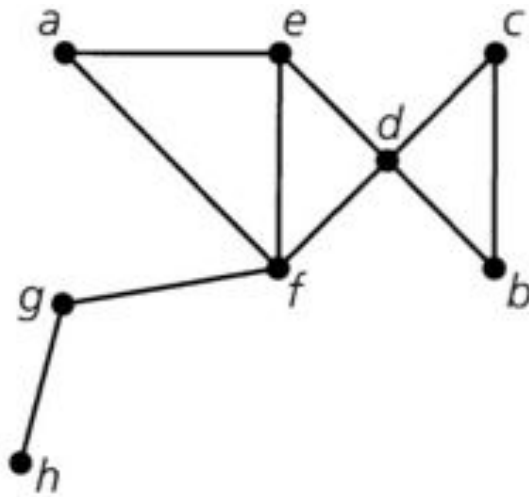
- We let  $\text{dfi}(x)$  be the **depth-first index** of  $x$  in preorder
  - If  $y$  is a descendant of  $x$ , then  $\text{dfi}(x) < \text{dfi}(y)$
- We define  $\text{low}(x) = \min \{ \text{dfi}(y) \mid y \text{ is adjacent to either } x \text{ or a descendant of } x \text{ in } G \}$  ← **how to do this efficiently?**
- If  $z$  is the parent of  $x$  (in  $T$ ), compare  $\text{low}(x)$  and  $\text{dfi}(z)$ 
  - $\text{low}(x) = \text{dfi}(z)$ : there is no vertex adjacent to an ancestor of  $z$  (via back-edge), **so  $z$  is an articulation point**
  - $\text{low}(x) < \text{dfi}(z)$ : there is a (some) descendant of  $z$  that is joined to an ancestor of  $z$  via a back-edge, **so  $z$  is not an articulation point**

# Algorithm

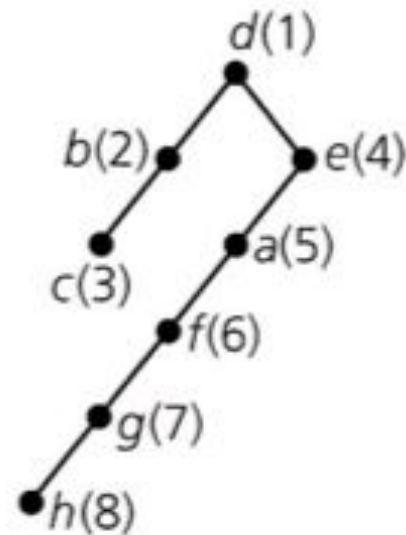
- 1: Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the vertices ordered by tree  $T$
- 2: For  $j=x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1$ , compute  $\text{low}(x_j)$  as follows
  - Let  $\text{low}'(x_j)=\min\{\text{dfi}(z)|z \text{ is adjacent to } x \text{ in } G\}$
  - Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m$  are the children of  $x_j$ ,  $\text{low}(x_j)=\min(\text{low}'(x_j), \text{low}(c_1), \dots, \text{low}(c_m))\}$
- 3: For  $w_j$ , the parent of  $x_j$ , if  $\text{low}(x_j)=\text{dfi}(w_j)$ , then  $w_j$  is an articulation point of  $G$  unless  $w_j$  is the root and  $w_j$  has only one child (which is  $x_j$ ).
  - The subtree rooted at  $x_j$  with  $\{w_j, x_j\}$  is a biconnected component of  $G$

# A Complete Example

- Ex 12.20: Find the articulation points of  $G$
- Step 1: First create a DFS tree, numbers in parentheses represent the dfi



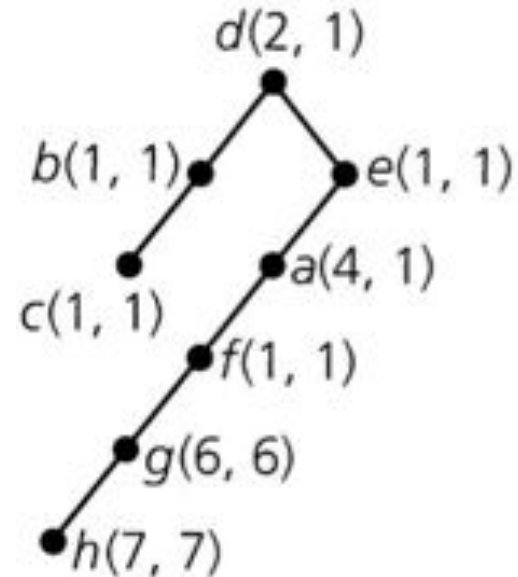
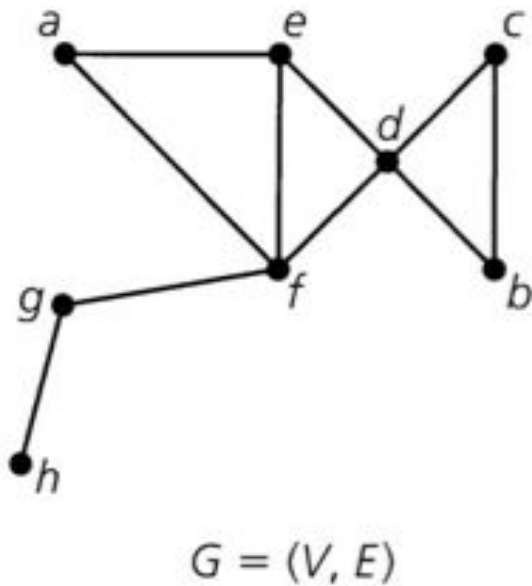
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$T = (V, E')$

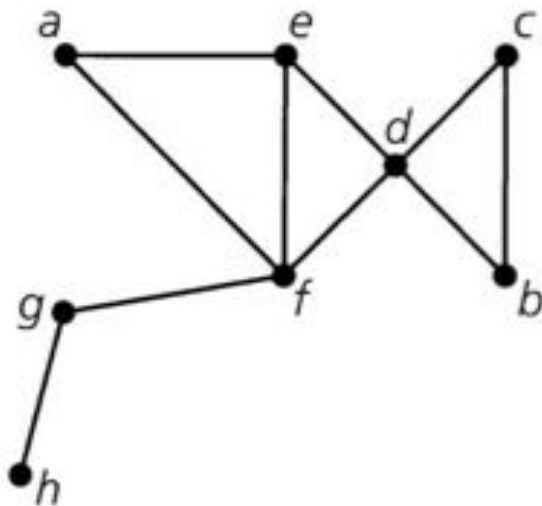
# A Complete Example (cont.)

- Step 2: Compute  $(low'(x), low(x))$ , from bottom to up

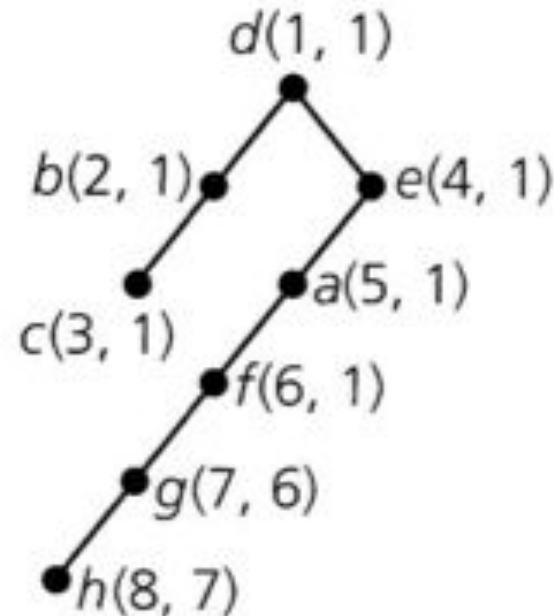


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- Step 3: Compare  $(dfi(x), low(x))$

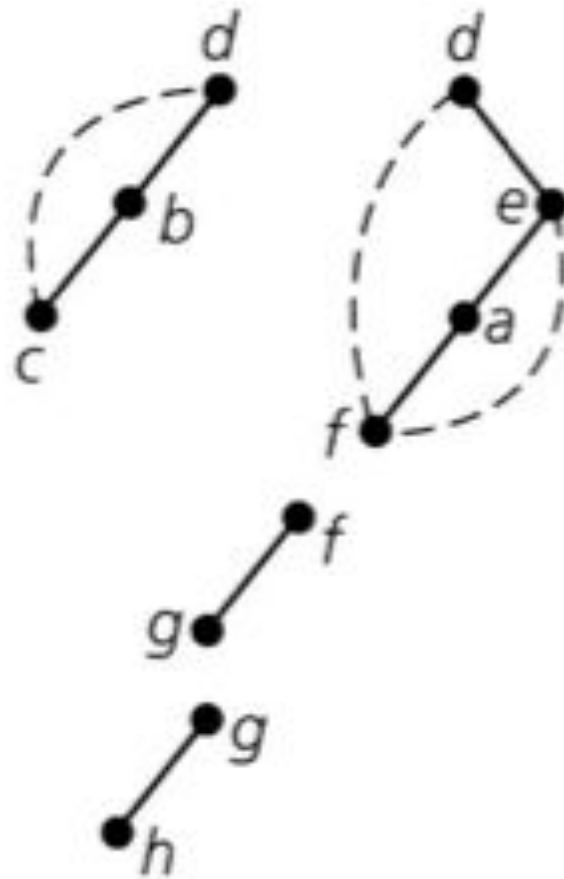


$G = (V, E)$



# A Complete Example (cont.)

- Last, we get the articulation points: g, f, d and four biconnected components



# Take-home Exercises

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- Exercise 12.1: 1, 2, 6, 13, 18
- Exercise 12.2: 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17
- Exercise 12.3: 1, 2, 3
- Exercise 12.4: 1, 3, 5, 7
- Exercise 12.5: 1, 2, 10