CSE 326
Lecture 6

Trees and Traversals

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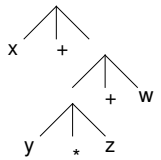
Trees

- Various kinds of trees are basic data types in many, many applications.
- Parse Tree for x +y*z + w



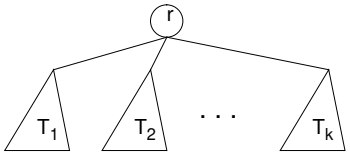
- Organizational Trees - Unix file system
- Search Trees - Better than a linked list for "insert", "delete", "find"
- Set Union Find Trees - Good for keeping sets of disjoint sets efficiently

Tree Terminology

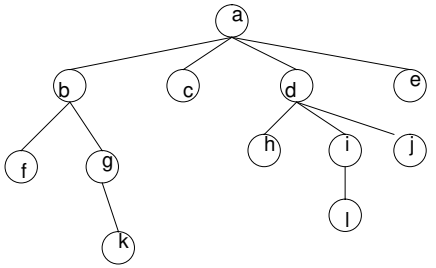
- Recursive Definition of trees

  - Empty tree Λ has no root.

  - Given trees T_1, T_2, ..., T_k and a node r a tree T is formed by making the root r whose children are the roots of T_1, T_2, ... , T_k respectively and the parent of the roots of T_1, T_2, ... , T_k is r.

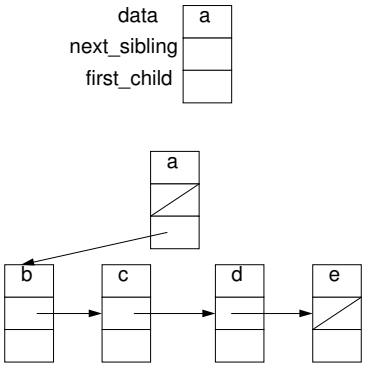


Example

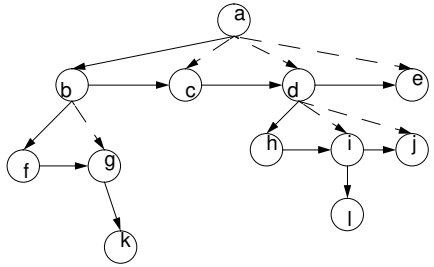


- root
- node
- children
- parent
- sibling
- descendent
- ancestor
- subtree
- leaf
- depth
- height

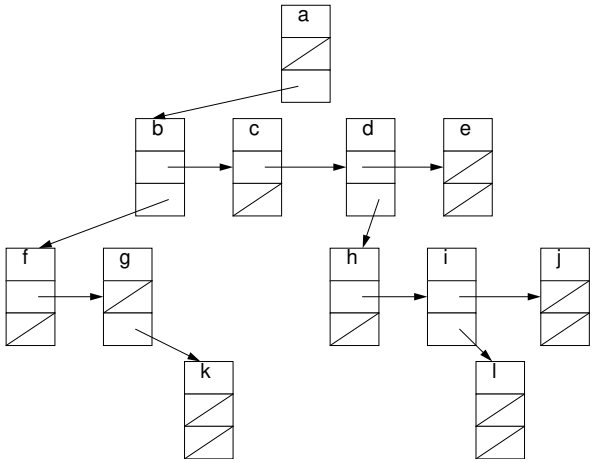
Basic Tree Data Structure



View of Tree Data Structure



Actual Data Structure for the Tree

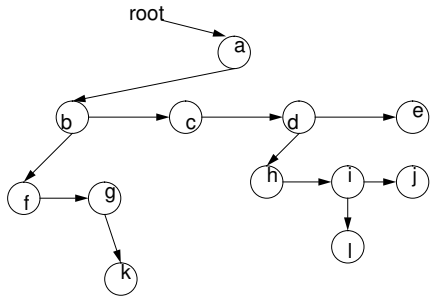


Preorder Traversal

- Preorder - Visit the node, then recursively visit each of the subtrees.

```
preorder(n: node pointer) {
c: local node pointer;
if not(n=null) then {
    Do_something;
    c := n.first_child;
    while not (c=null) do {
      preorder(c);
      c := c.next_sibling}}}
```

Preorder Traversal Example



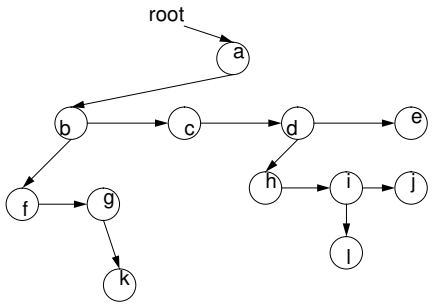
Computing the Depth of all Nodes

- Add a field called "depth"

```
Depth(n: node pointer, d: integer) {
c: local node pointer;
if not(n=null) then {
  n.depth :=d;
  c := n.first_child;
  while not (c=null) do {
      Depth(c,d+1)
      c := c.next_sibling}}}
```

- Call Depth(root,0) to set the depth field correctly.

Depth Calculation

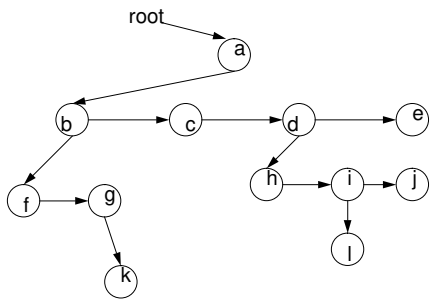


Postorder Traversal

- Postorder - Recursively visit each of the subtrees, then visit the node.

```
postorder(n: node pointer) {
c: local node pointer;
if not(n = null) then {
  c := n.first_child;
  while not(c=null) do {
     postorder(c);
     c := c.next_sibling};
  Do_something}}
```

Postorder Traversal Example

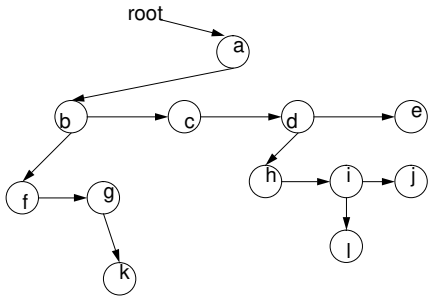


Computing the Size of a Tree with a Function

- count(n: node pointer): integer {

  c: local node pointer; m: integer;

  ```
  if n = null then return(0) else {
     c := n.first_child;
     m := 0;
     while not (c=null) do {
        m := m + count(c);
        c := c.next_sibling}
     return(m+1) }}
  ```

- Call count(root) to compute the number of nodes in the tree.

Size of Tree Example