CS 106B
Lecture 19: Trees
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Programming Abstractions
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reading:
Programming Abstractions in C++, Section 16.1
Today's Topics

• Logistics
  • See Piazza @661 for information about using a `stringstream` to utilize the `<<` from a `PatientNode`.
  • How do you clear a Vector? (or a heap?)

• Introduction to Trees
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• How do you clear a Vector? Let's find out…

• Because the **count** is what keeps track of the number of elements in our vector, we can simply set that variable to 0, and we now have an empty vector. Yes, the capacity is the same, and yes, the old elements are still there, but they will get overwritten upon further **adds** or **inserts**.
We have already seen trees in the class in the form of decision trees!
You’ve coded trees for recursive assignments!

Random expansion from sentence.txt grammar for symbol "<s>"
Trees Can Describe Hierarchies

- World
  - China
    - Hunan
    - Shanghai
    - Changsha
  - USA
    - California
      - SF
      - LA
    - Ohio
      - Kent
  - Honduras
    - Tegucigalpa
Trees Can Describe Websites (HTML)
Trees Can Describe Programs

// Example student solution
function run() {
    // move then loop
    move();
    // the condition is fixed
    while (notFinished()) {
        if (isPathClear()) {
            move();
        } else {
            turnLeft();
        }
    // redundant
    move();
}

* This is a figure in an academic paper written by a recent CS106 student!
What is a Tree (in Computer Science)?

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Trees are inherently recursive

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Note: there are $N$ nodes and $N-1$ edges.
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Tree Terminology

Nodes with no children are called leaves

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We can define a path from a parent to its children.

The path A-E-J-O has a length of three (the number of edges)
The **depth** of a node is the length from the root. The depth of node J is 2. The depth of the root is 0.

The **height** of a node is the longest path from the node to a leaf. The height of node F is 1. The height of all leaves is 0.
The height of a tree is the height of the root (in this case, the height of the tree is 3.
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not a tree: the red edges make a cycle
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```
  value
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[Diagram of a binary tree structure]
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    Tree *left;
    Tree *middle;
    Tree *right;
};
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N-ary Tree:

```c
struct Tree {
    string value;
    Vector<Tree *> children;
};
```
Trees can be defined as either structs or classes

```cpp
struct Tree {
    string value;
    Tree * left;
    Tree * right;
};
```

```cpp
class Tree {
private:
    string value;
    Vector<Tree *> children;
};
```
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Hmm...can we do this recursively? We want to print the levels: 0, 1, 2 from left-to-right order.
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Not easy recursively... let's use a queue!

1. Enqueue root
2. While queue is not empty:
   a. dequeue node
   b. do something with node
   c. enqueue left child of node if it exists
   d. enqueue right child of node if it exists

should look familiar... word ladder?
Let's write some code

```cpp
struct Tree {
    string value;
    Tree * left;
    Tree * right;
};

void preOrder(Tree * tree) {
    if (tree == nullptr) return;
    cout << tree->value << " ";
    preOrder(tree->left);
    preOrder(tree->right);
}

void inOrder(Tree * tree) {
    if (tree == nullptr) return;
    inOrder(tree->left);
    cout << tree->value << " ";
    inOrder(tree->right);
}

void postOrder(Tree * tree) {
    if (tree == NULL) return;
    postOrder(tree->left);
    postOrder(tree->right);
    cout << tree->value << " ";
}

void levelOrder(Tree *tree) {
    Queue<Tree *>treeQueue;
    treeQueue.enqueue(tree);
    while (!treeQueue.isEmpty()) {
        Tree *node = treeQueue.dequeue();
        cout << node->value << " ";
        if (node->left != nullptr) {
            treeQueue.enqueue(node->left);
        }
        if (node->right != nullptr) {
            treeQueue.enqueue(node->right);
        }
    }
}
```
References:

Advanced Reading:
- Great set of tree-type questions: