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In each of these games:

- two players take turns
- each player knows (sees) the moves of the other player
- no element of chance

We model such games using game trees.

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leaves: the final positions of a game

leaves' values: payoff to the first player

for win-lose games: +1 and a circle, if first player wins
-1 and a square, otherwise

If draws are allowed: 0

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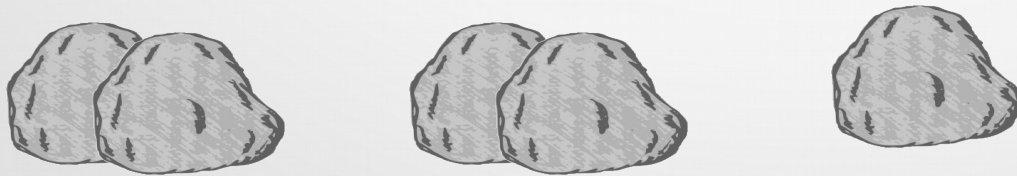
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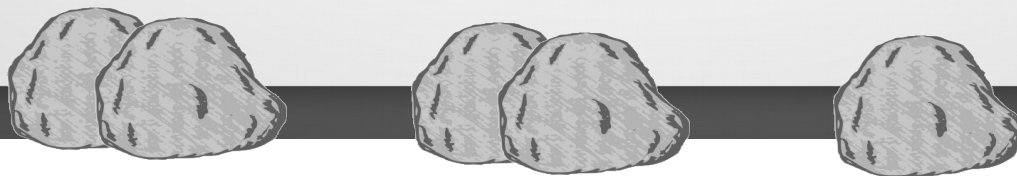


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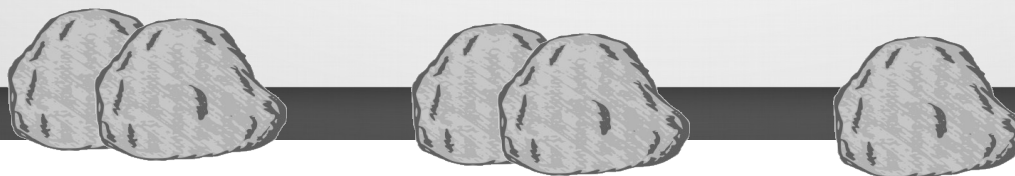
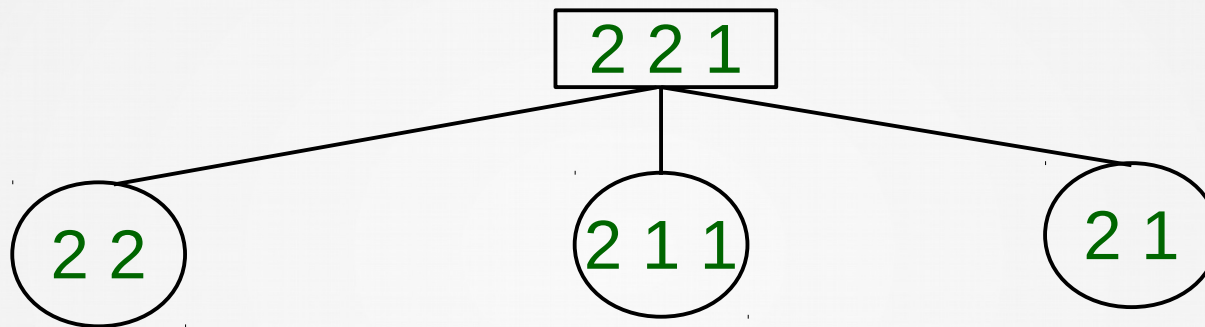
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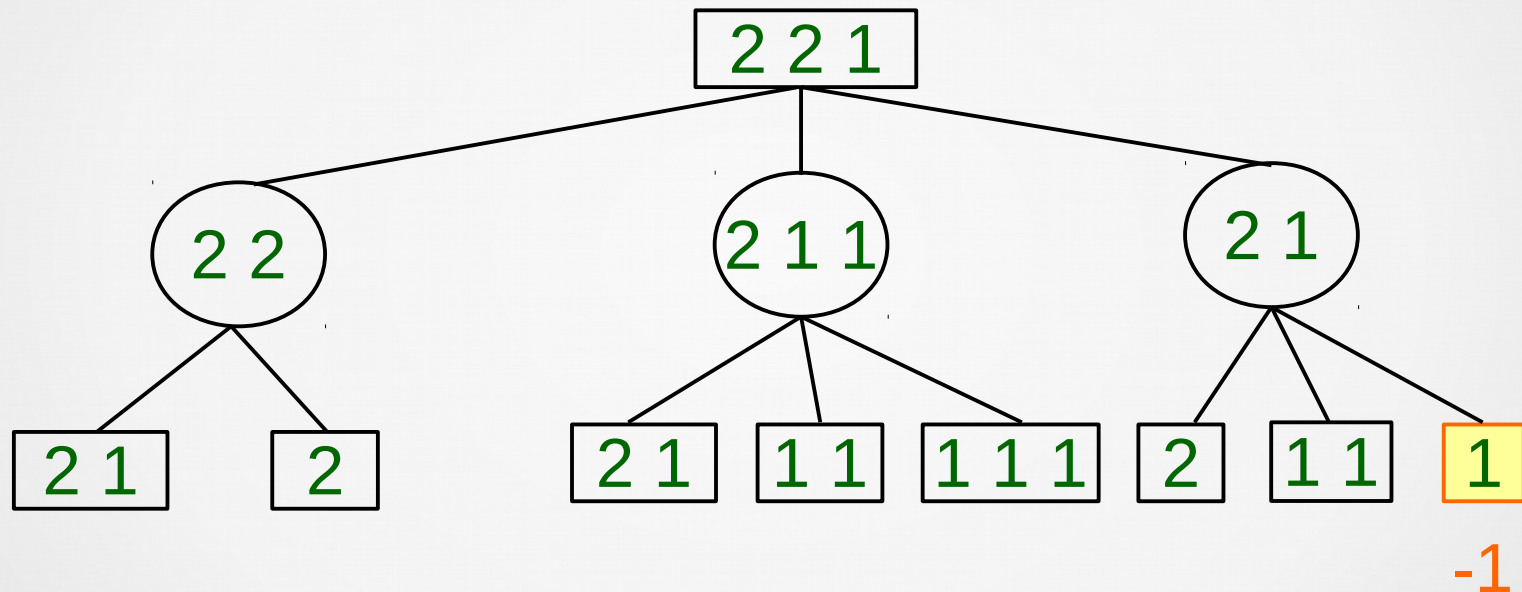
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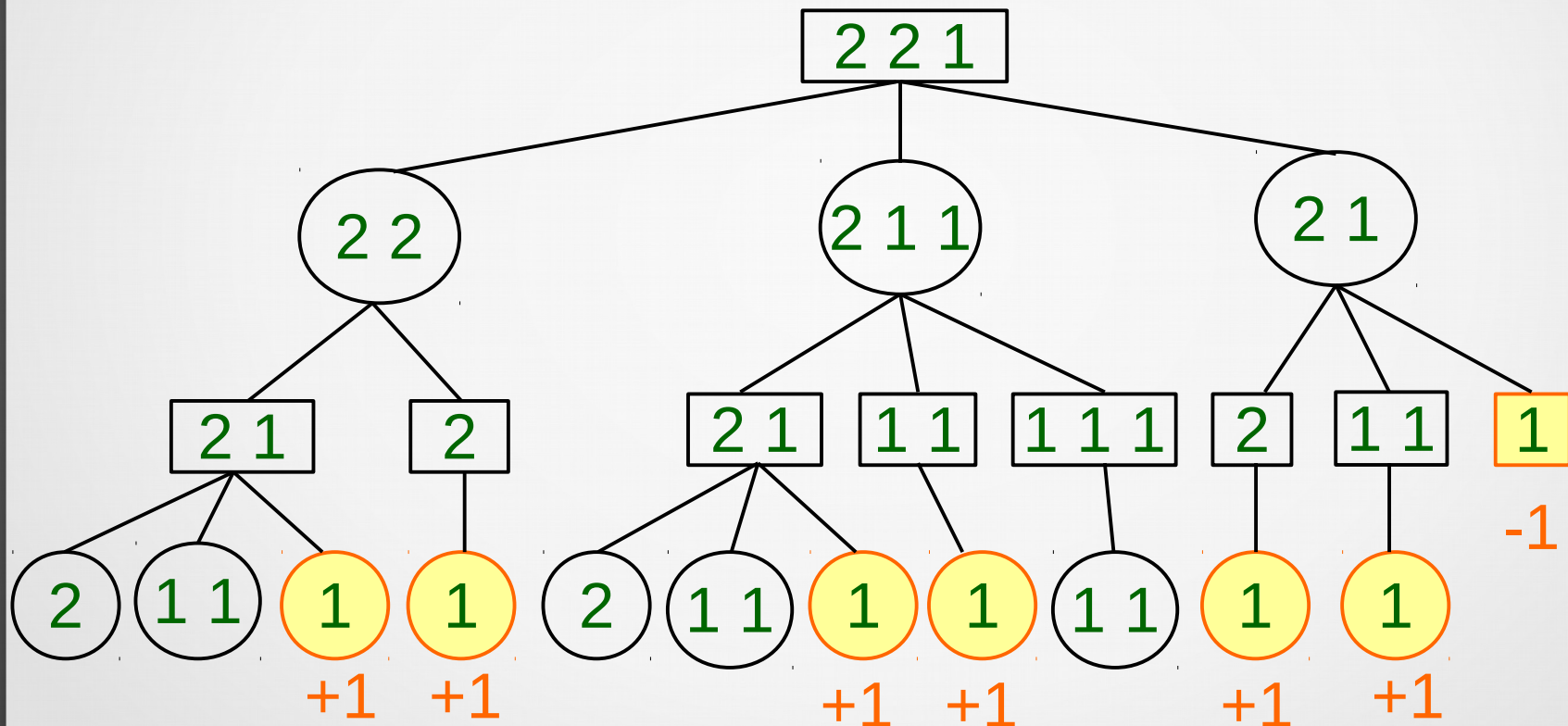
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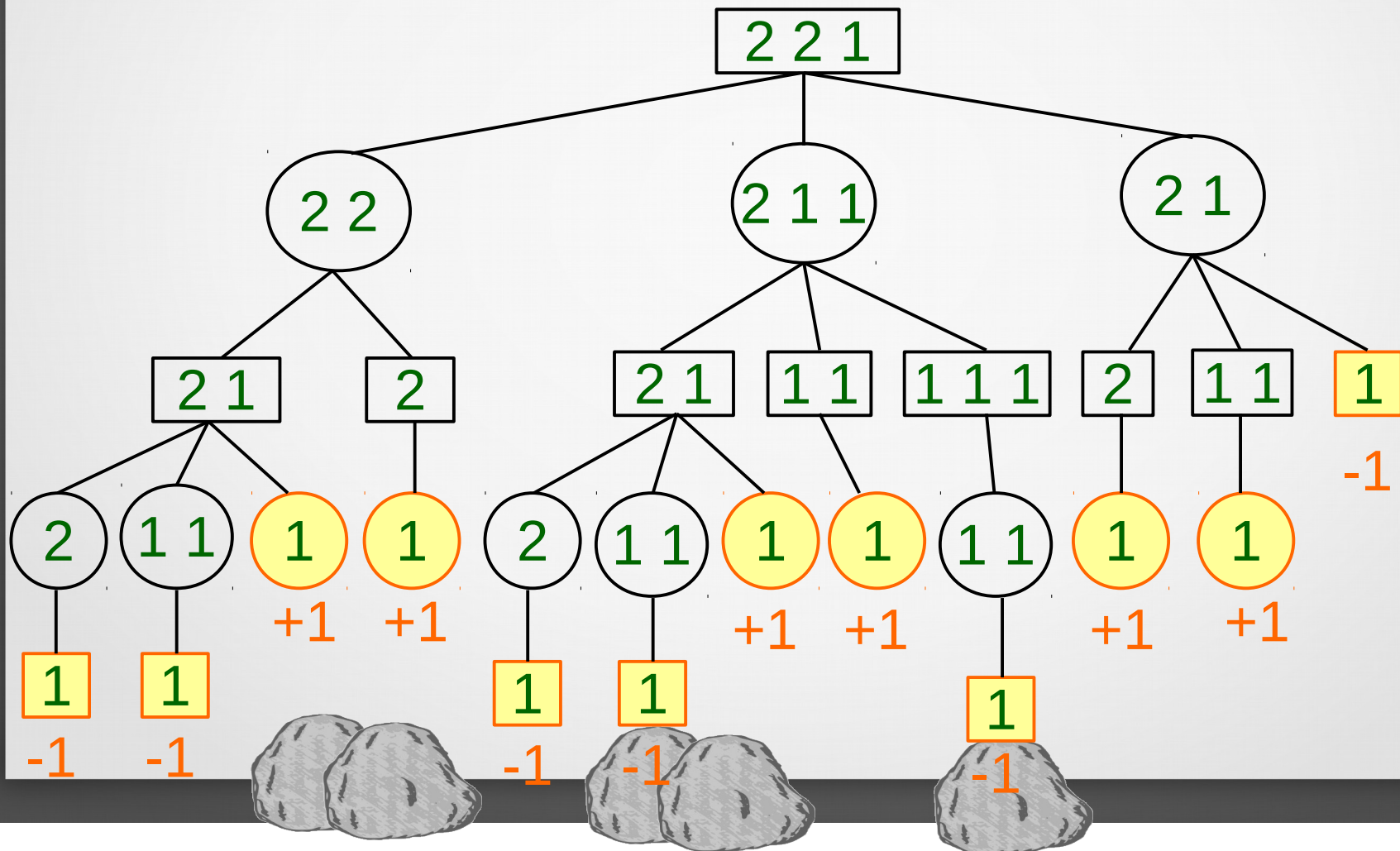
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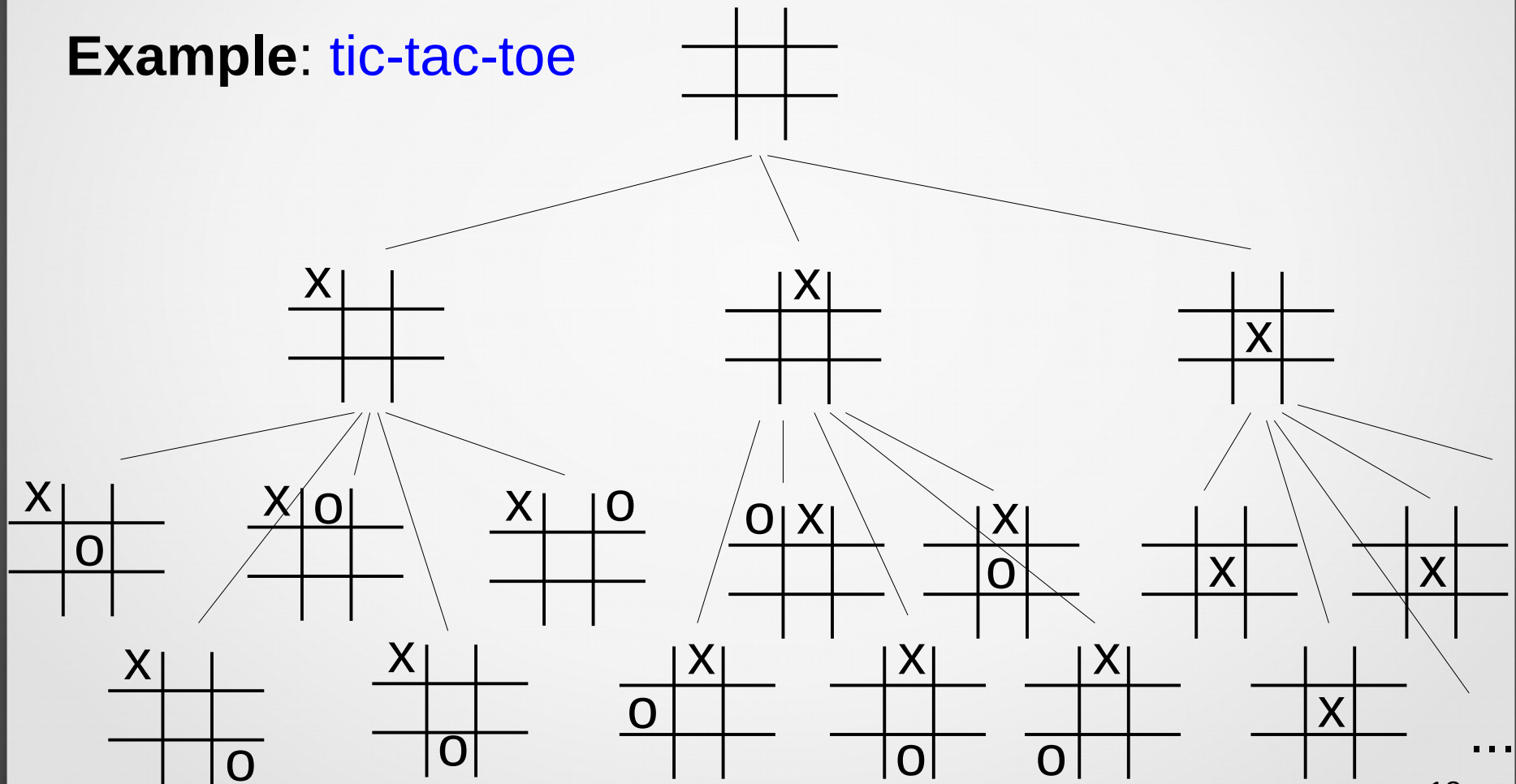
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A game tree can be systematically analyzed to determine optimal playing strategies for each player.

However, in practice for most games, the corresponding game tree is much too large to build and analyze in its entirety.

Instead, partial game trees starting from the current configuration in the game and estimate the best next move based on the results of the partial tree are built.

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Tic-tac-toe and chess are examples of deterministic games whose outcome is completely determined by the choices made by each player.

A game that involves rolling a pair of dice or shuffling a deck of cards introduces randomization into the game. Probability theory as well as game trees are required to analyze games with an element of chance.

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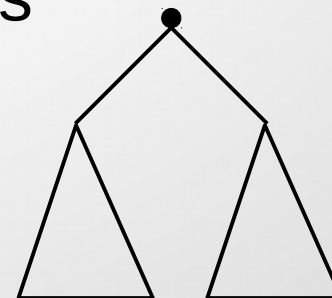
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For example, a *binary tree* can be defined as either

- an empty binary tree (base case), or as
- a vertex with two children:
 - left child is a binary tree, and
 - right child is a binary tree



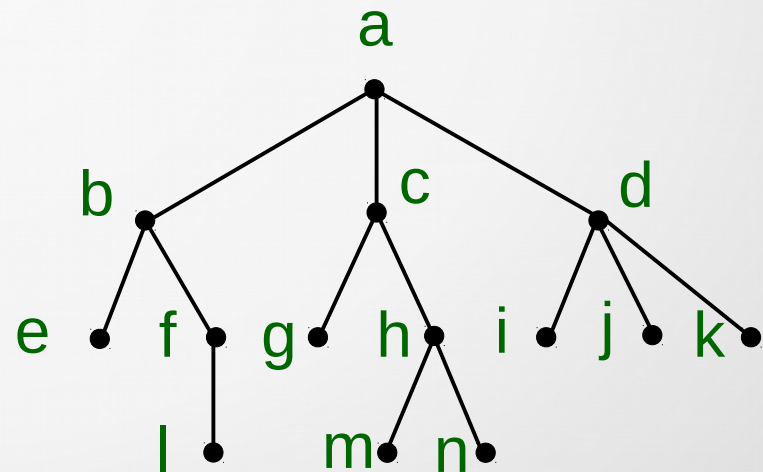
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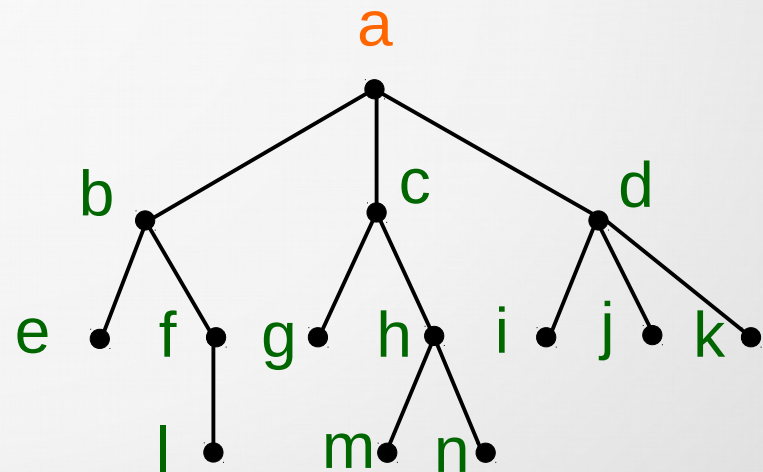
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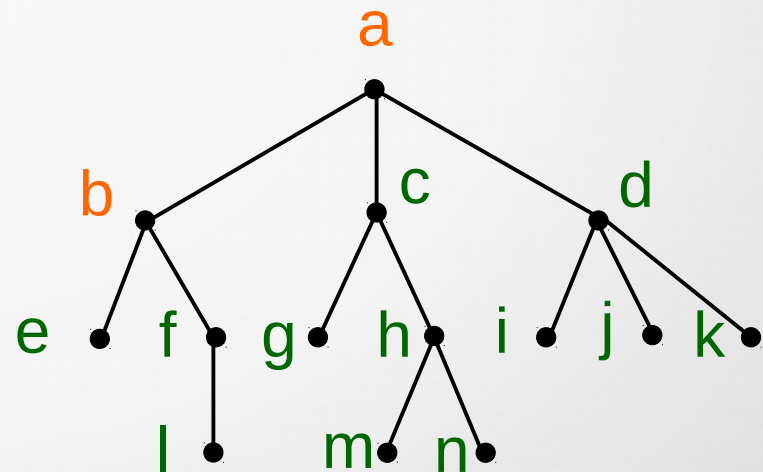
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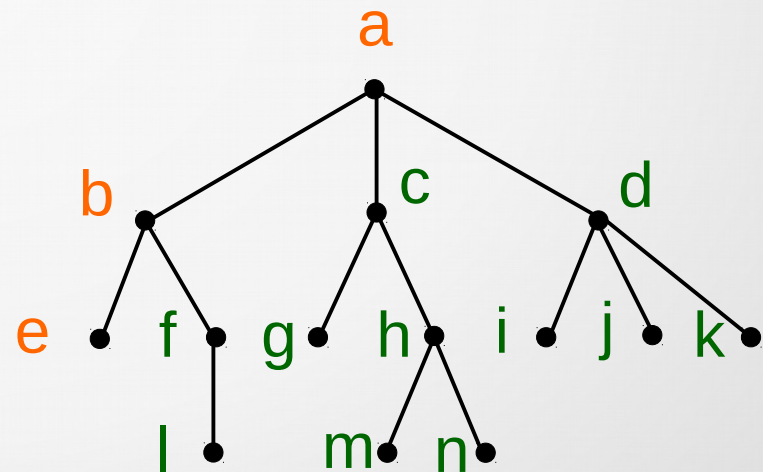
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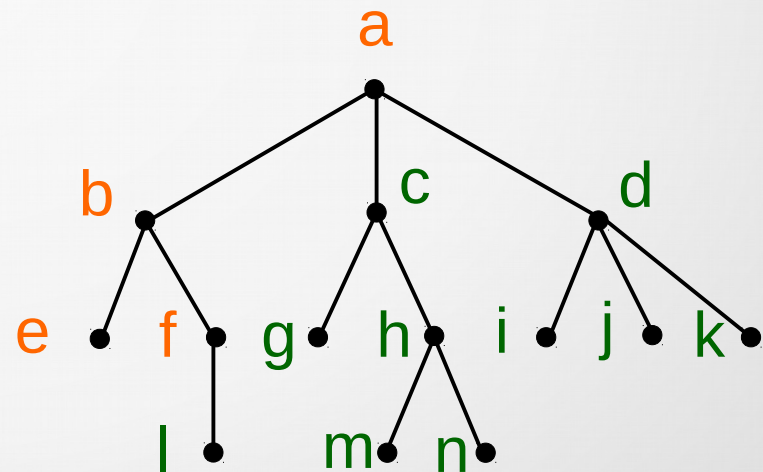
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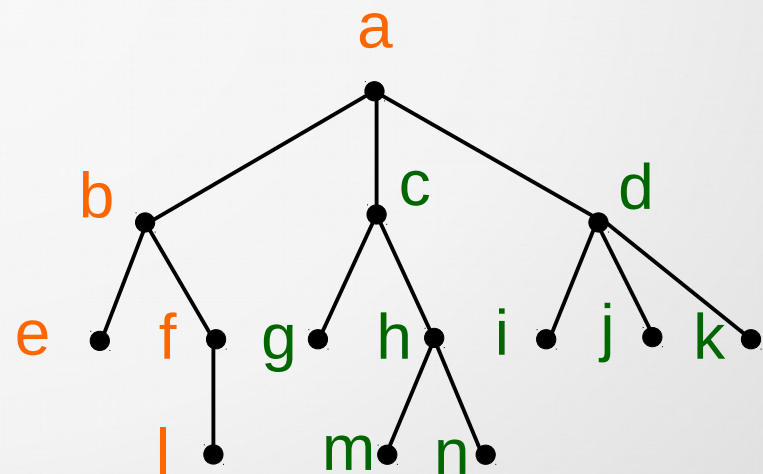
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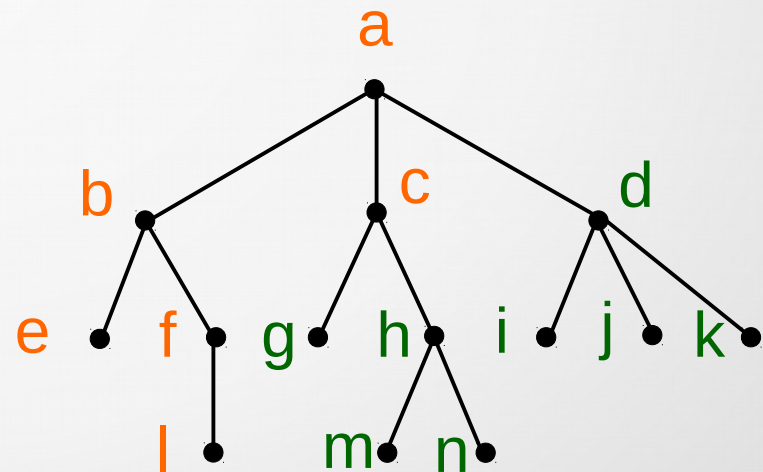
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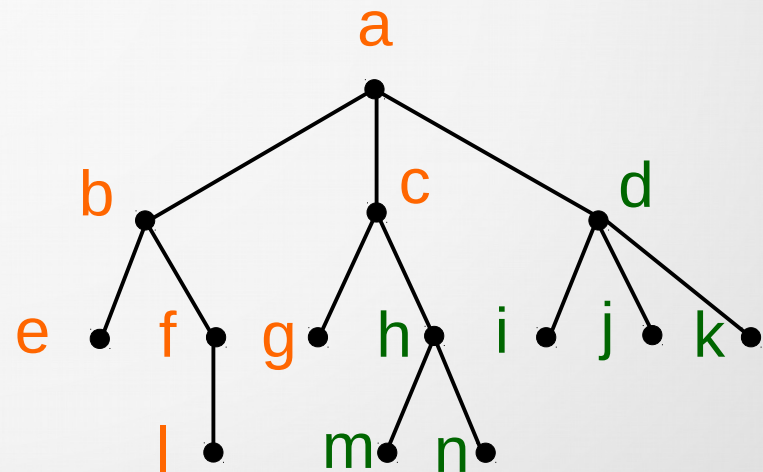
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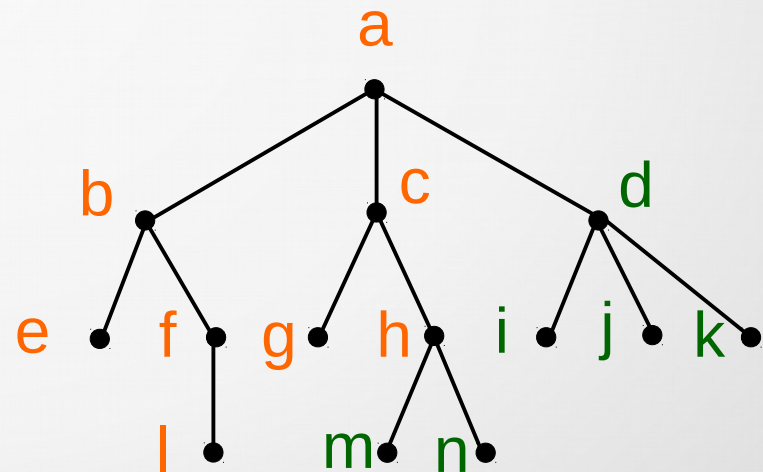
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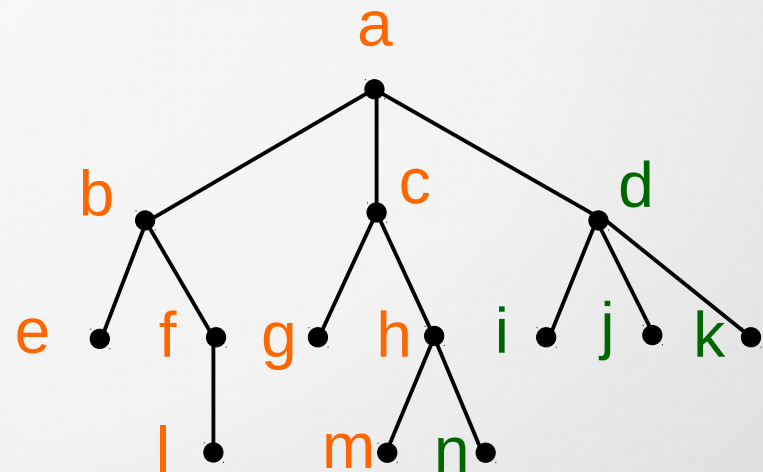
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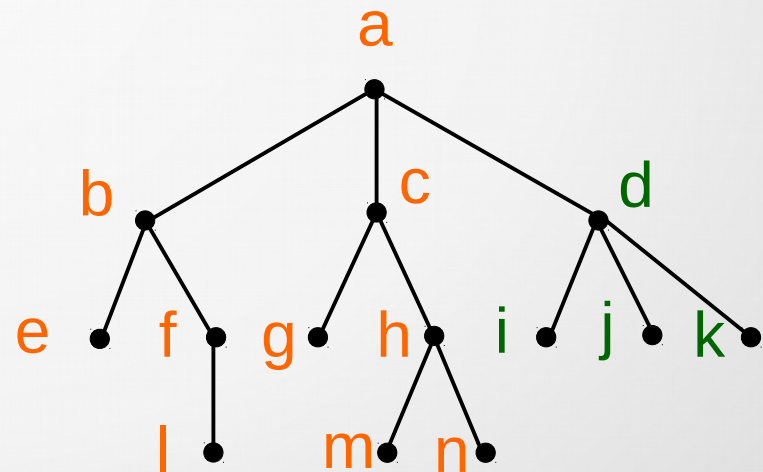
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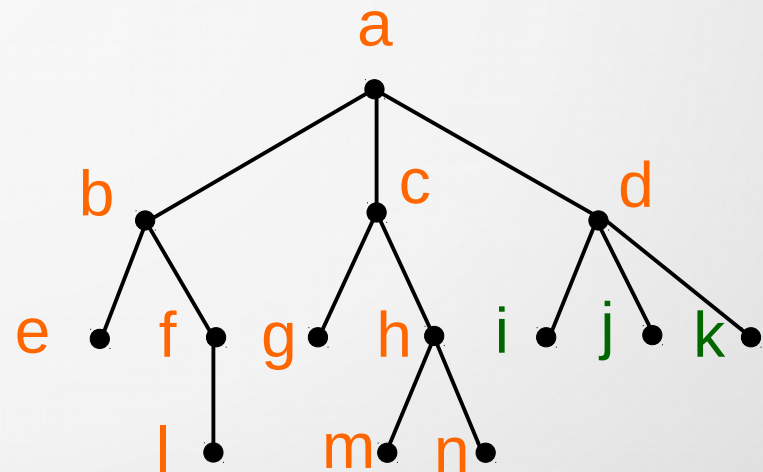
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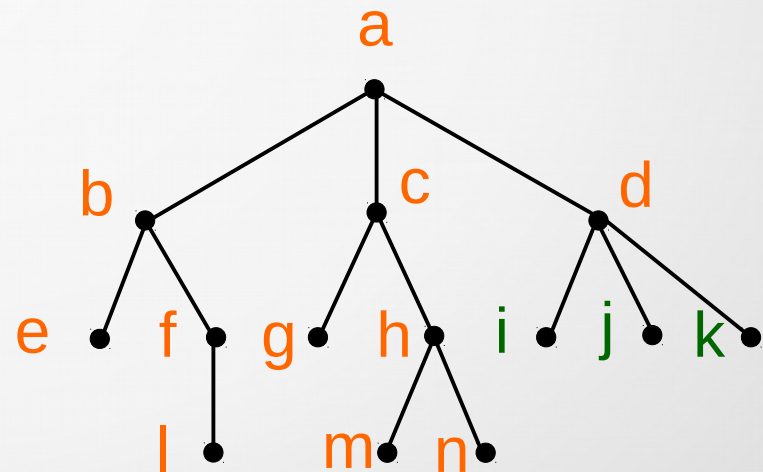
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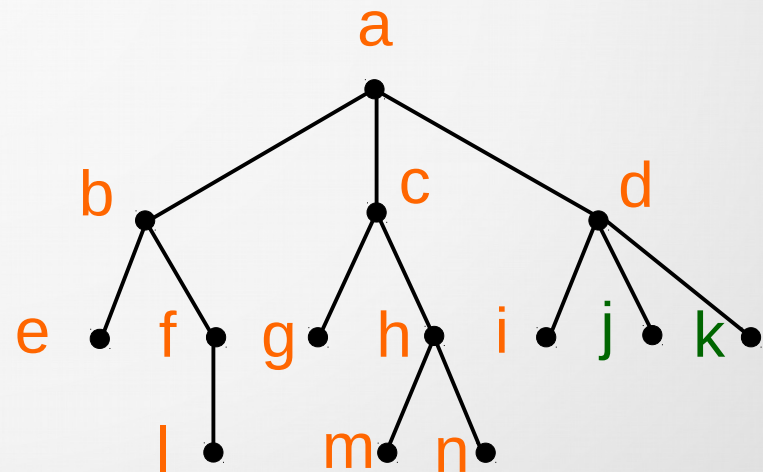
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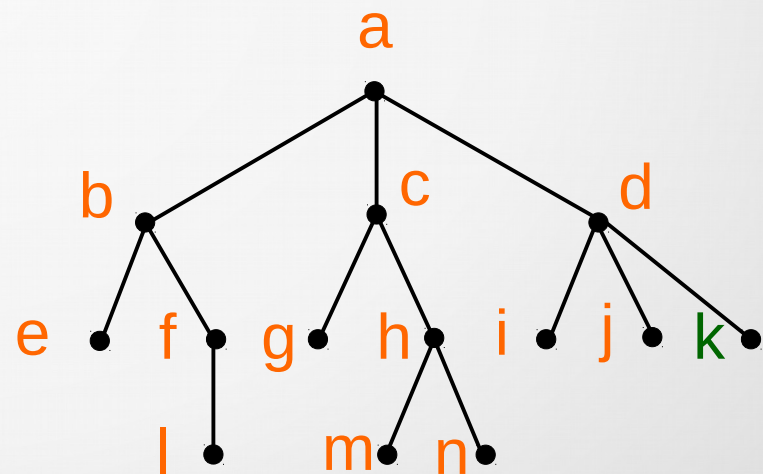
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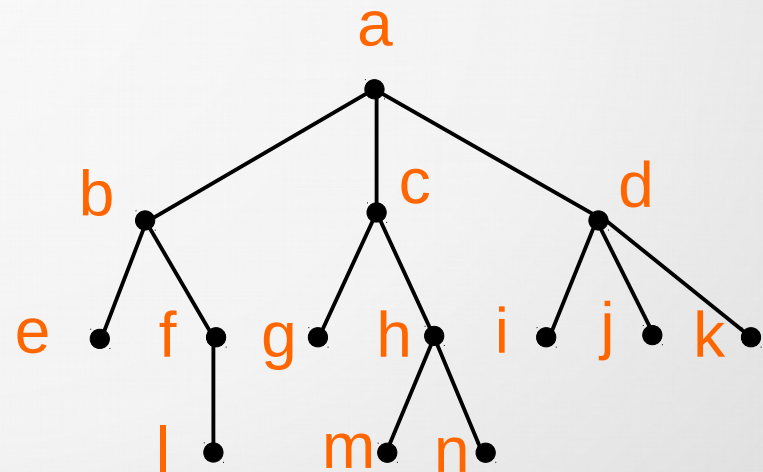
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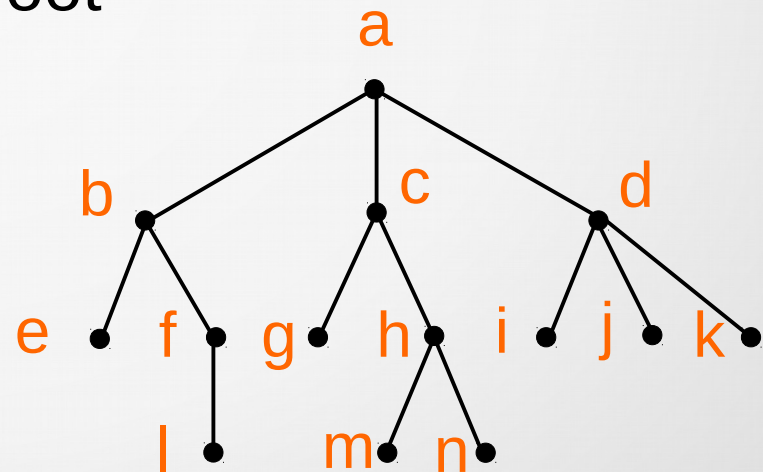
$r :=$ root of T

list r

for each child c of r from left to right

$T(c) :=$ subtree with c as its root

preorder($T(c)$)



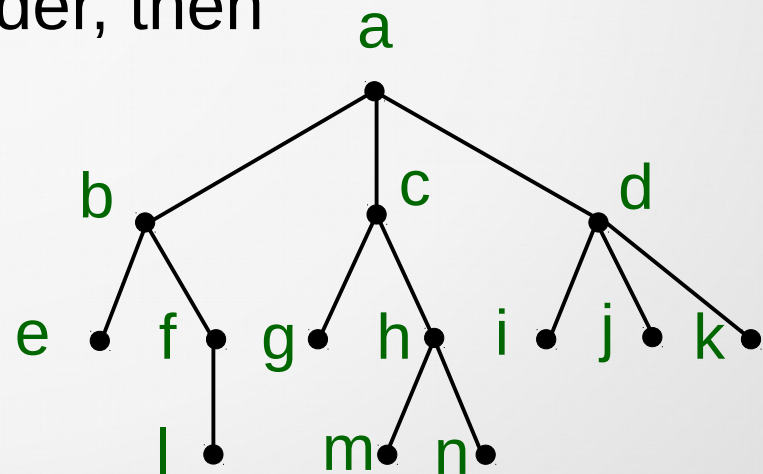
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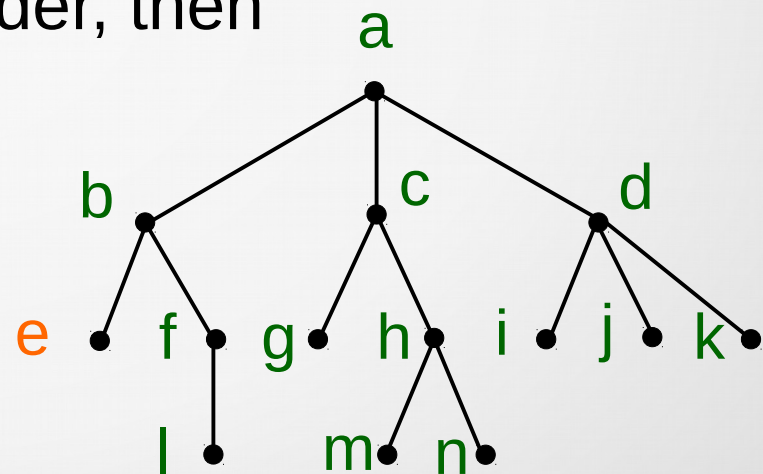
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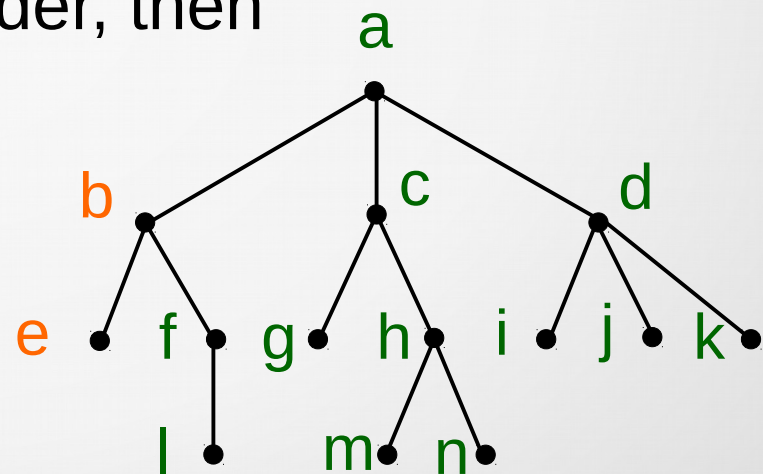
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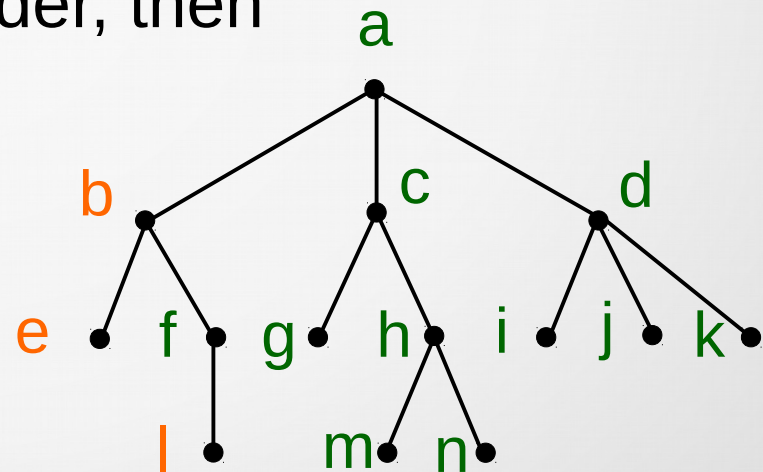
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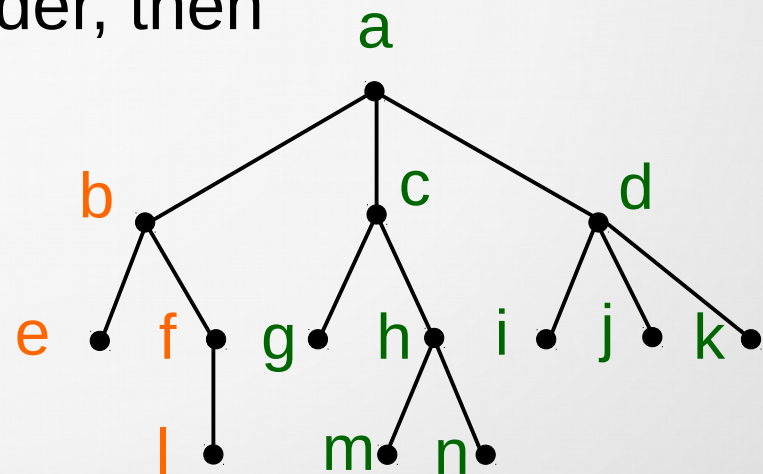
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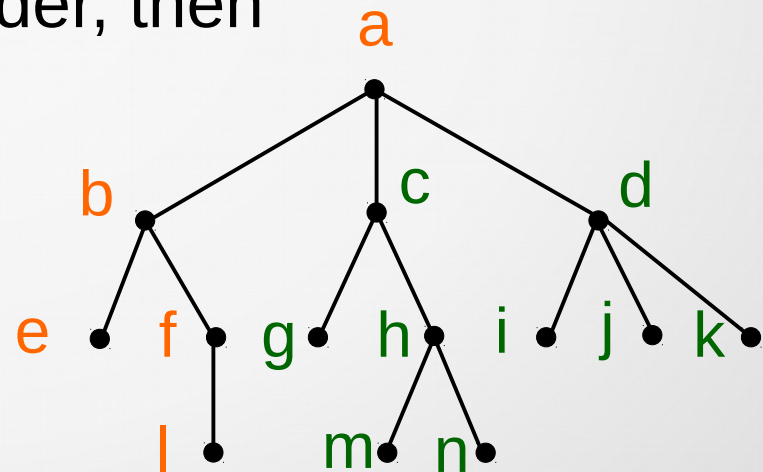
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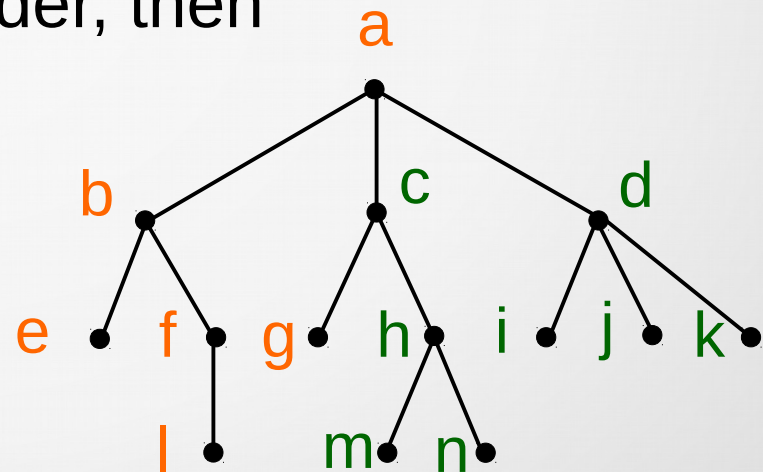
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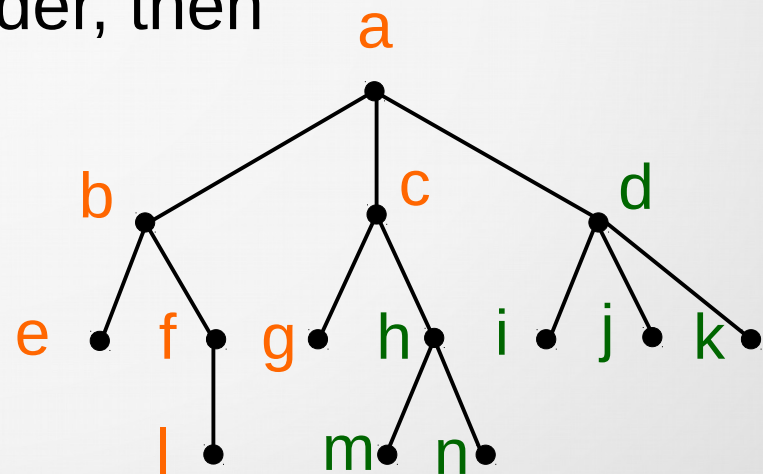
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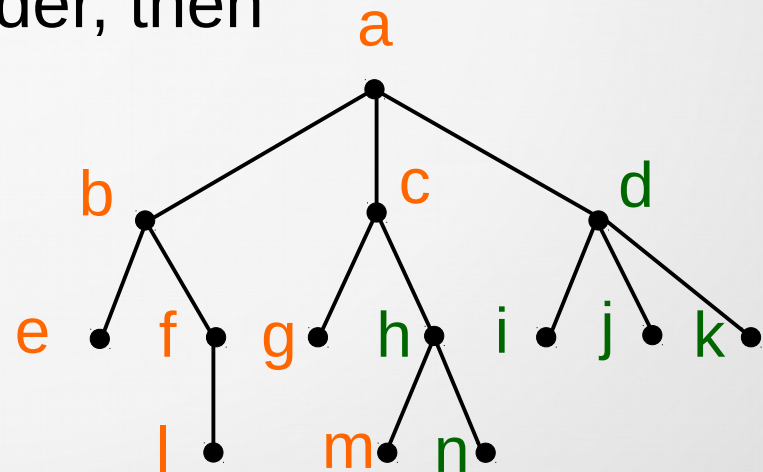
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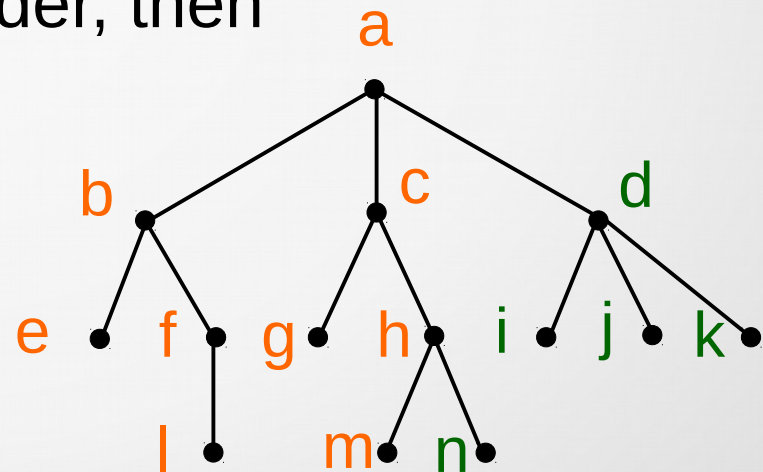
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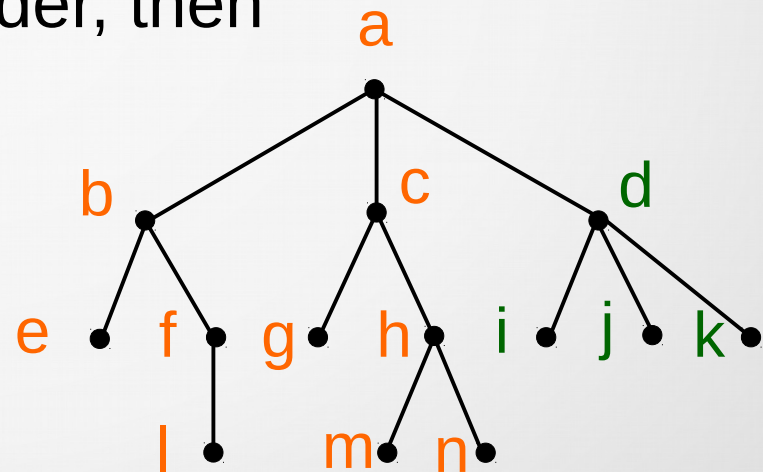
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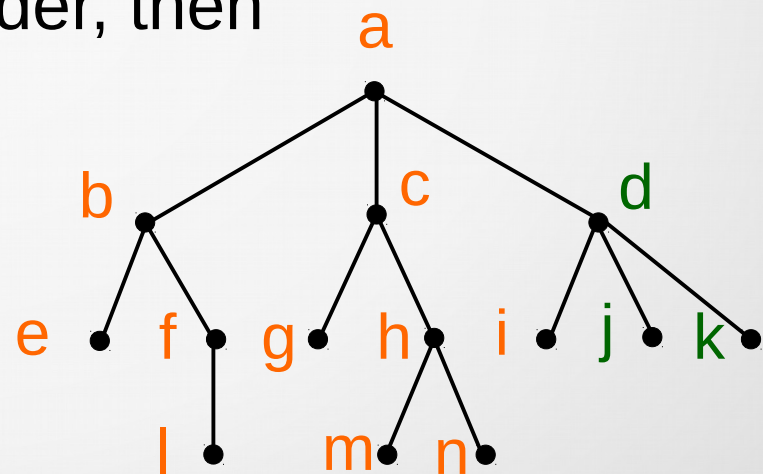
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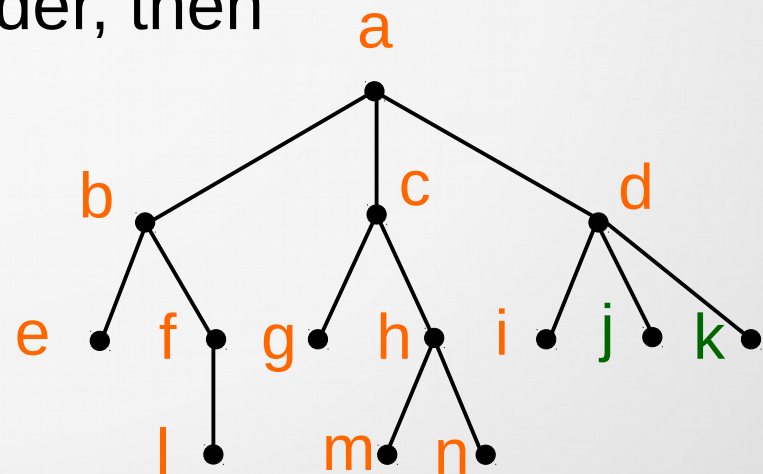
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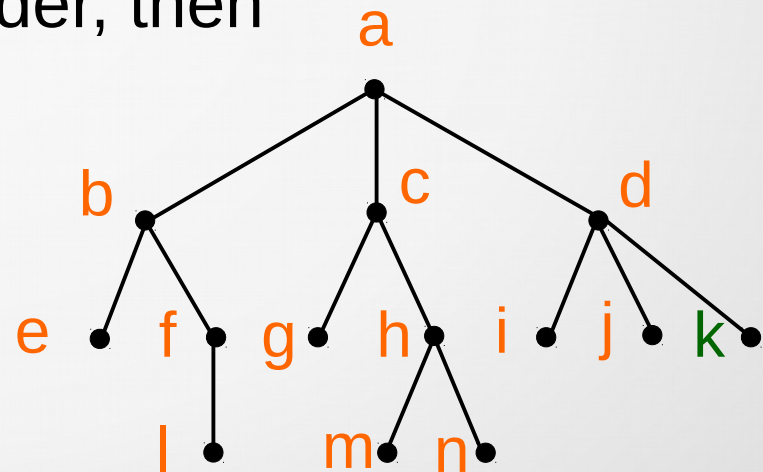
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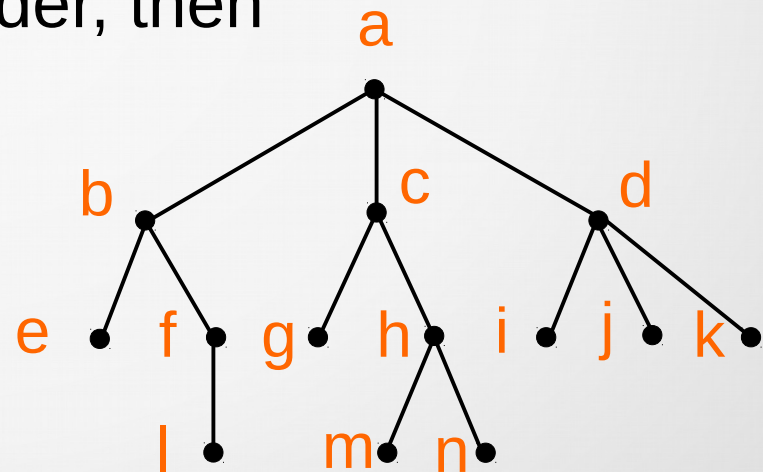
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Inorder Traversal

procedure *inorder*(T : ordered rooted tree)

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if r is a leaf, then list r

else

$l :=$ first child of r from left to right

$T(l) :=$ subtree with l as its root

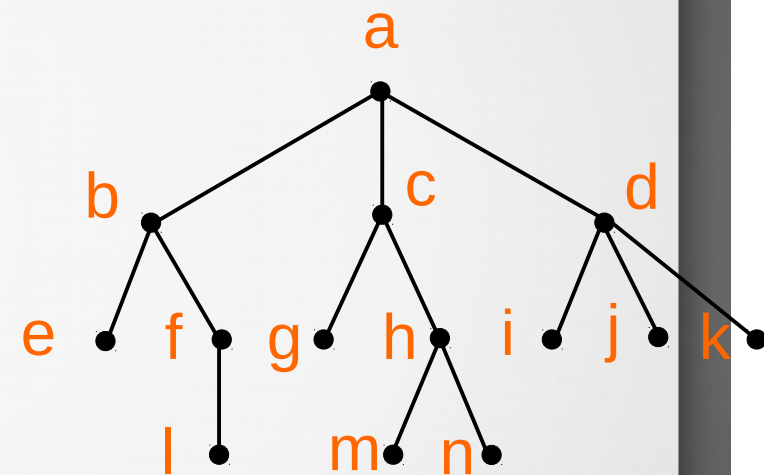
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for each child c of r from left to right, excluding l

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Inorder Traversal

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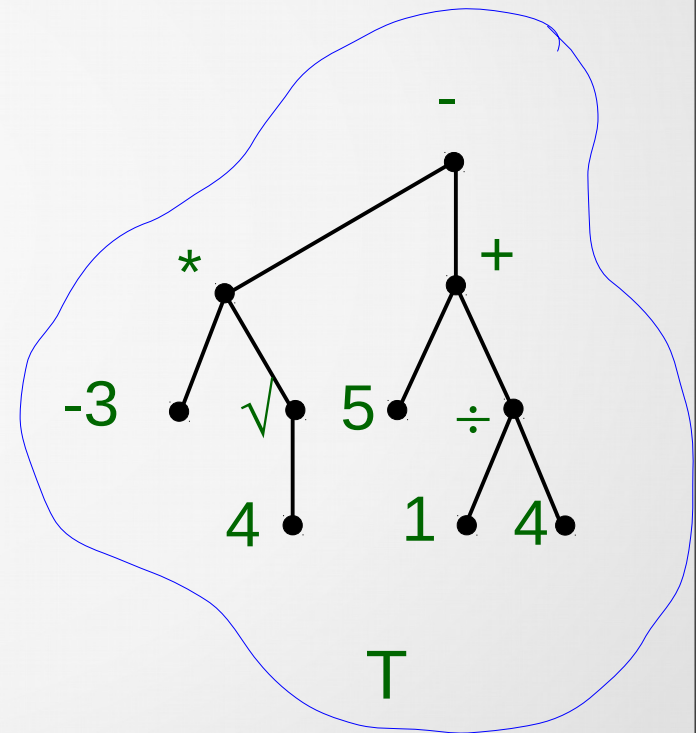
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Note that:

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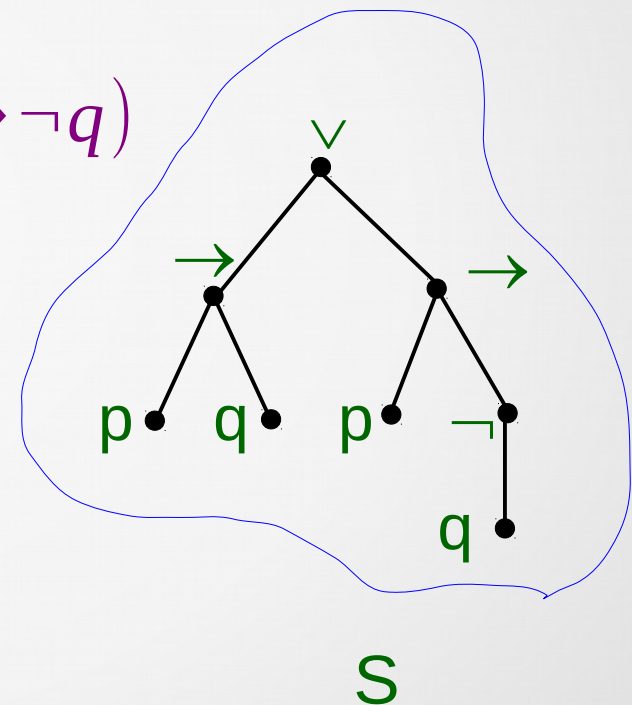
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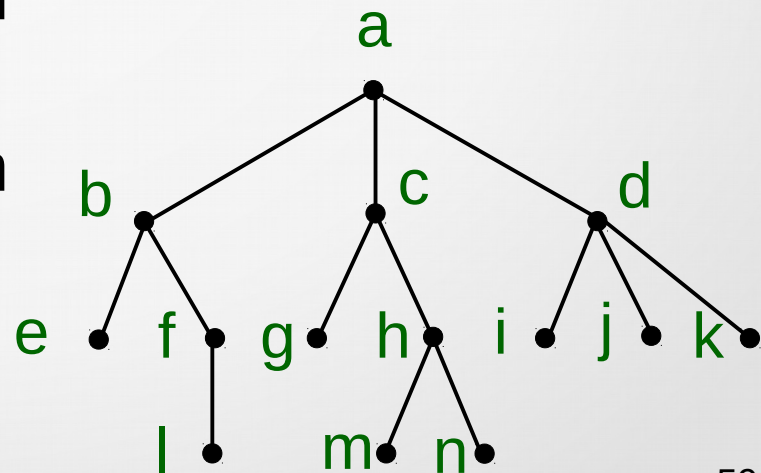
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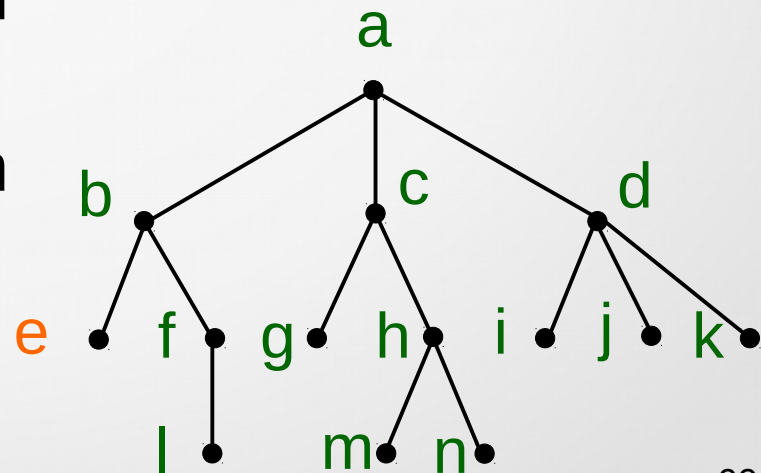
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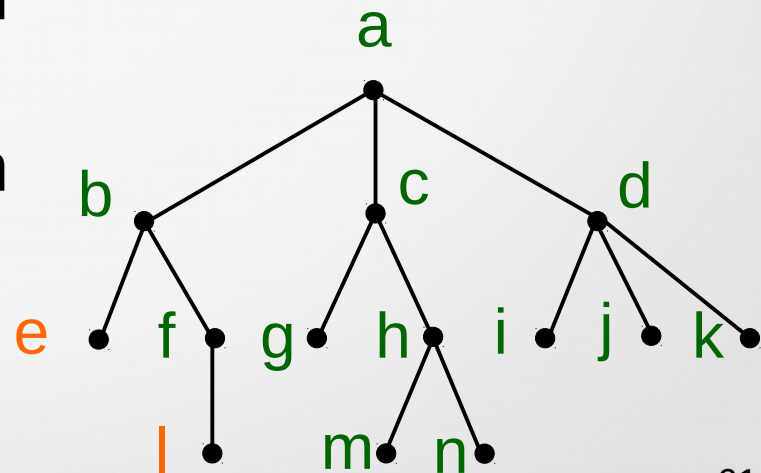
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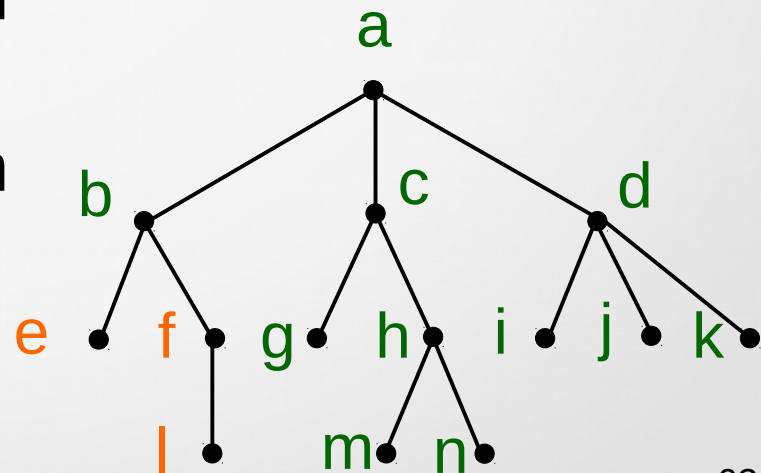
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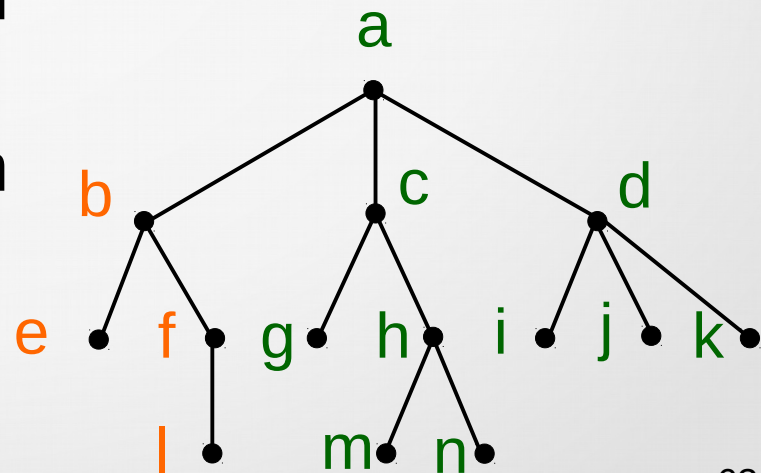
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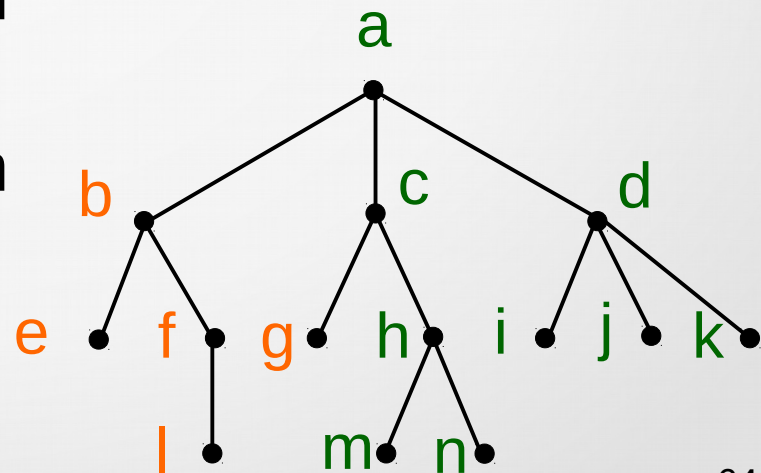
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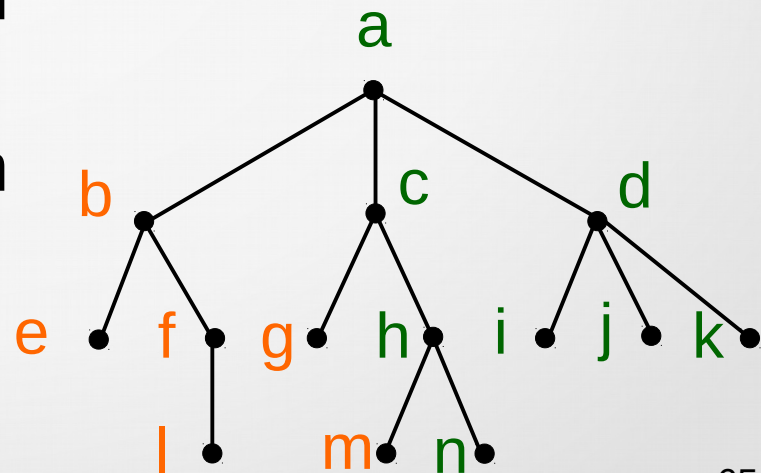
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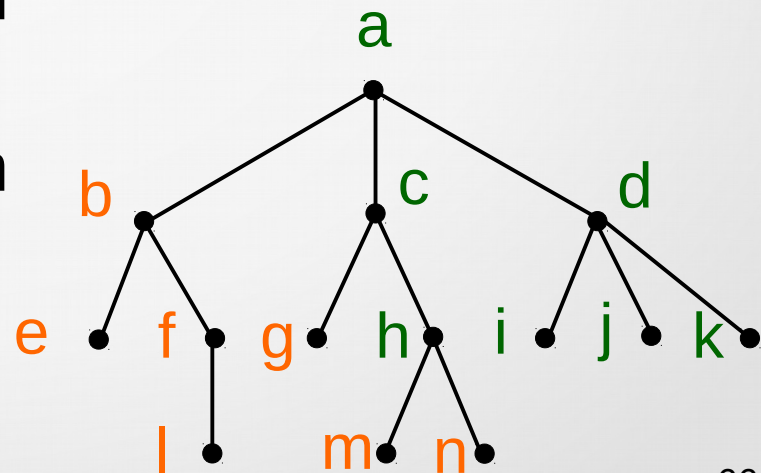
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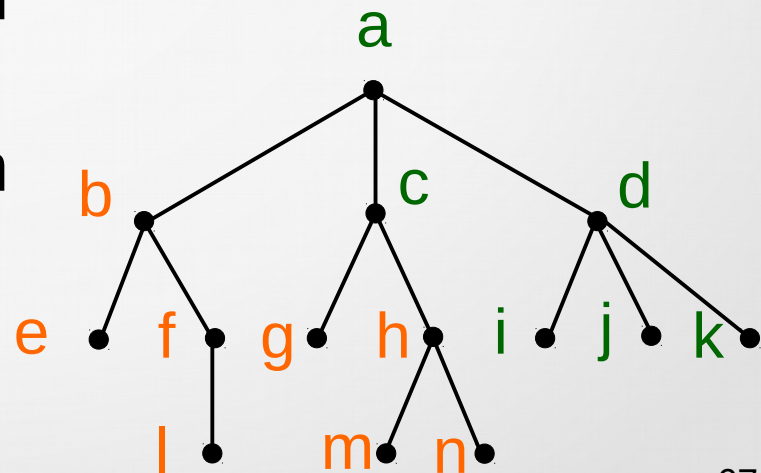
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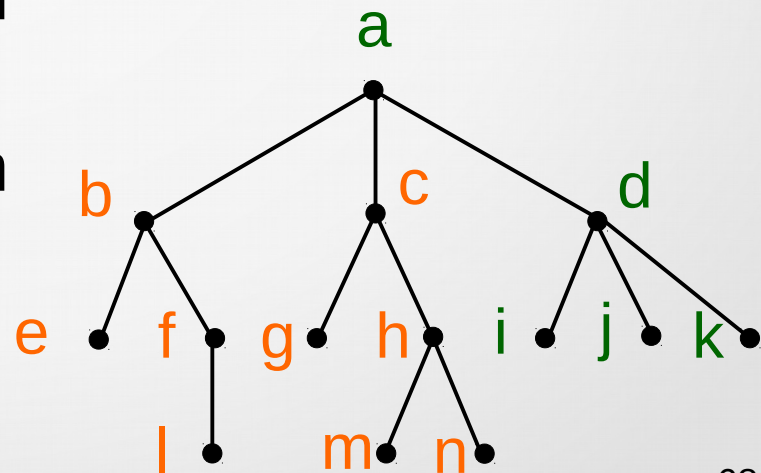
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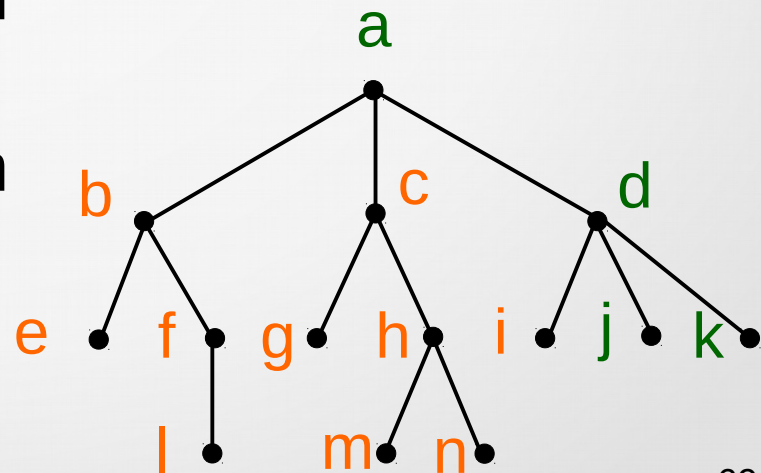
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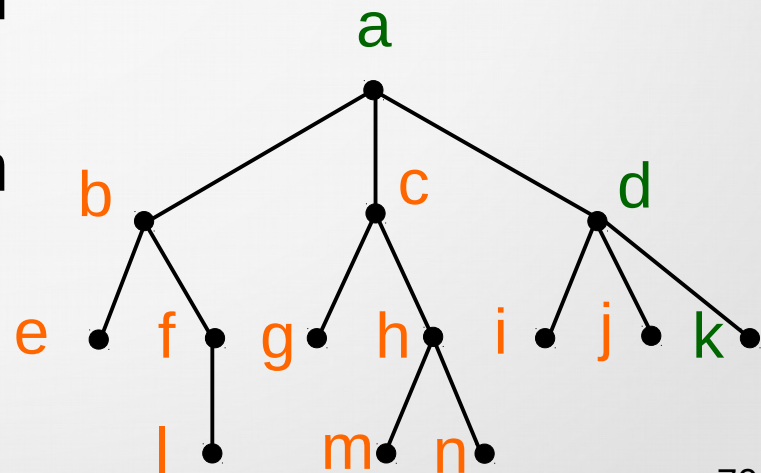
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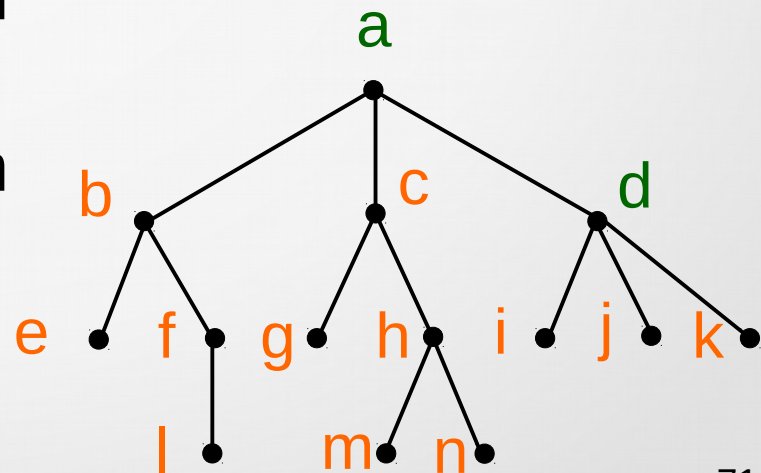
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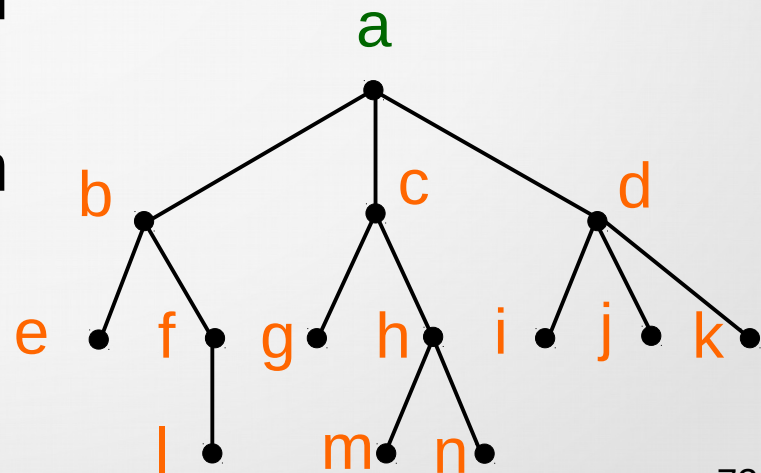
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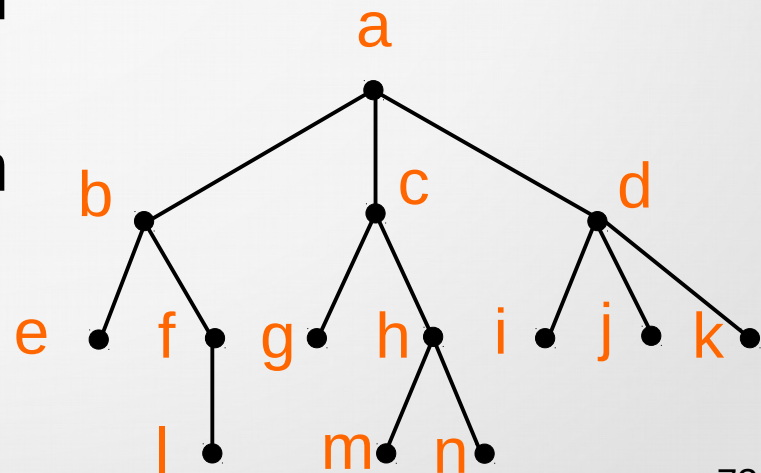
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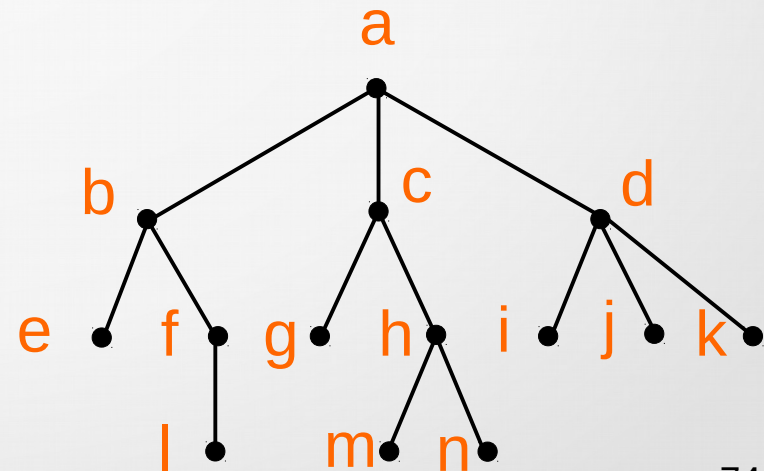
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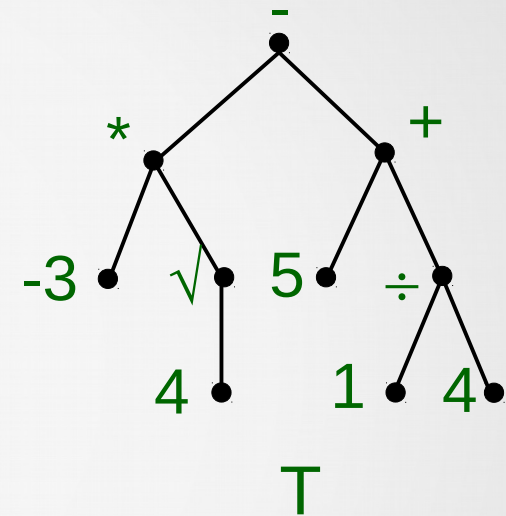
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Infix, Prefix, and Postfix Notation

recall **Example 1**:

An *inorder traversal* of **T**
(fully parenthesised) produces
the expression in *infix notation*:

$$(-3)\sqrt{4} - (5 + \frac{1}{4})$$



The *preorder traversal* of **T** produces the expression in
prefix notation: $- * (-3) \sqrt{4} + 5 \div 1 4$

The *postorder traversal* of **T** produces the expression in
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11.3 Tree traversal

Infix, Prefix, and Postfix Notation

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$$\left(-3\right)*\sqrt{\overline{4}}5\left(14\div\right)+-$$

$$\left(-3\right)*\sqrt{\overline{4}}5\frac{1}{4}+-$$

11.3 Tree traversal

Infix, Prefix, and Postfix Notation

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11.3 Tree traversal

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11.3 Tree traversal

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11.3 *Tree traversal*

Infix, Prefix, and Postfix Notation

Prefix and *postfix* expressions are unambiguous and can be evaluated easily without scanning back and forth, hence they are used extensively in computer science.

In CSI 33: postfix notation expressions are evaluated using stacks.