ECE 220 Computer Systems & Programming

Trees: traversal and search







Tree Data Structure

Array, linked list, stack, queue – linear data structures

Tree: a collection of nodes connected by edges. It's a *nonlinear* data structure.

Tree Terminology:

root, internal node, external node (leaf) parent, child, sibling height, depth, level

- Elements are stored hierarchically
- Tree has at most _____ root
- Besides the root, each element has _____ parent
- Each element has _____ children



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Binary Tree

Each node has at most 2 children – left child and right child



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Tree Traversal – BFS & DFS

Breadth-First Search (level-order)







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Binary Search Tree

- Data of nodes on the left subtree is smaller than the data of parent node
- Data of nodes on the right subtree is larger than the data of parent node
- Both left and right subtrees must also be BST



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