CS 5010: Programming Design Paradigms Fall 2017

Lecture 7: Data Structures and Algorithms

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Administrivia

- No code walk this week (grades for your assignments coming soon)
- Assignment 4 due on Monday, October 23by 6pm
- Code walkthroughs on Tuesday, October 24 from 10am-9pm, in 401 Terry Ave N:
 - 10am 5:30pm in Camano classroom
 - 6pm 10pm in Cypress classroom

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Agenda – Algorithms and Data Structures 1

- Data collections
- List ADT
 - Doubly-linked List
 - Algorithm: Recursion
- Stack ADT
 - Some implementation details
 - Algorithm: backtracking
- Queue ADT
 - Mixing stacks and queues
 - Circular queues
- Trees
 - Binary trees
- Tree Traversals
- Some comments and hints about Assignment 4

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Data Collections?

Collection of chewed gums



Collection of pens

Collection of cassette tapes



Collection of old radios



What is a data collection?

Shoes collection



Star wars collection



Cars collection



[Pictures credit: http://www.smosh.com/smosh-pit/articles/19-epic-collections-strange-things]

Data Collections?

- Data collection an object used to store data (think data structures)
 - Stored objects called elements
 - Some typically operations:
 - add()
 - remove()
 - clear()
 - size()
 - contains()
- Some examples: ArrayList, LinkedList, Stack, Queue, Maps, Sets, Trees

Why do we need different data collections?

Example: ArrayList vs. LinkedList

- List a collection of elements with 0-based indexes
 - Elements can be added to the front, back, or in the middle
 - Can be implemented as an ArrayList or as a LinkedList
 - What is the complexity of adding an element to the front of an:







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Java Collections API



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Java Collections API

- In Java, common data structures implemented in Java Collections API
 - Part of the java.util package
- Interface Collection<E>:
 - Extended by four interfaces:
 - List<E>
 - Set<E>
 - Queue<E>
 - Map<K,V>
 - Extends interface Iterable<T>

Interfaces Iterable<T> and Iterator<E>

- Implementing interface Iterable<T> allows an object to be traversed using the for each loop
- Every object that implements lterable<T> must provide a method Iterator iterator()
- Interface Iterator an iterator over a collection
 public interface Iterator<E> {
 boolean hasNext();
 E next();
 void remove():
 }
 }
- Iterator remove() method removes the last item returned by method next()

Direct Use of an Iterator<E>

- Interface Iterator an iterator over a collection
 public interface Iterator<E> {
 boolean hasNext();
 E next();
 void remove():
 }
 }
- Careful when an iterator is used directly (not via a for each loop)→ if you make any structural changes to a collection being iterated (add, remove, clear), the iterator is no longer valid (ConcurrentModificationException thrown)

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Java List API



- List<E> the base interface
- Abstract subclasses:
 - AbstractList<E>
 - AbstractSequentialList<E>

Concrete classes:

- ArrayList<E>
- LinkedList<E>
- Vector<E> (legacy collection)
- CopyOnWriteArrayList<E> (class under java.util.concurrent package)

• Main methods:

- E get(int index);
- E set(int index, E newValue);
- Void add(int index, E x);
- Void remove(int index);
- ListIterator<E>

listIterator();

Example: Removing Elements from a LinkedList



- Remove the first element of the list
- Remove element A₃ from the list
- · Remove the last element in the list
- What's the tricky part about removing elements A_3 and A_5 ?
- Having to find their predecessors (elements A₂ and A₄) and updating their link to last node
- Idea: every node maintains the link to its previous and its next node → doubly linked list

Doubly LinkedList



- Removing the first element of the list
- Removing the last element of the list

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList

• Review – inner and nested classes:



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- Java allows us to define a class within another class a nested class
 - Static nested classes
 - Non-static nested classes or inner classes have access to other members of the enclosing class, even if they are declared private

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList

- Doubly linked list need to provide and maintain links to both ends of the list
- Implemented classes:
 - Class MyLinkedList
 - Class Node private nested class, contains the data and links to previous and next nodes
 - Class LinkedListIterator private inner class, implementing the interface Iterator
- Sentinel nodes:
 - Header and tail nodes, used to logically represent the beginning and the end markers



Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: MyLinkedList

```
public class MyLinkedList<E> implements Iterable<E>{
private int listSize;
private int modCount = 0;
private Node<E> beginMarker;
private Node<E> endMarker;
public MyLinkedList() {
    doClear();
public int size() {
    return listSize;
public boolean isEmpty() {
    return size() == 0;
public boolean add(E x) {
    add(size(), x);
    return true;
public void add(int index, E x) {
    addBefore(getNode(index, 0, size()), x);
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: MyLinkedList

```
public E get(int index) {
   return getNode(index).data;
public E set(int index, E newVal) {
   Node<E> p = getNode(index);
   E oldVal = p.data;
   p.data = newVal;
   return oldVal;
public E remove(int index) {
   return remove(getNode(index));
public java.util.Iterator<E> iterator() {
   return new LinkedListIterator();
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: Node

```
private static class Node<E>{
    public E data;
    public Node<E> prev;
    public Node<E> next;

    public Node(E d, Node<E> p, Node<E> n){
        data = d;
        prev = p;
        next = n;
    }
}
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: clear()

```
public void clear(){
    doClear();
}
Private void doClear(){
    listSize = 0;
    modCount ++;

    beginMarker = new Node<E>(null, null, null);
    endMarker = new Node<E>(null, beginMarker, null);
    beginMarker.next = endMarker;
}
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: addBefore()

/**
 *Adds an item to this collection, at specified position p.
 * Items at or after that position are slid one position higher.
 * @param p Node to add before.
 * @param x any object.
 */
private void addBefore(Node<E> p, AnyType x){
 Node<E> newNode = new Node<>(x, p.prev, p);
 p.prev = newNode;
 listSize++;
 modCount++;
}

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: remove()

```
/**
* Removes the object contained in Node p.
* @param p the Node containing the object.
* @return the item that was removed from the collection.
*/
private E remove( Node<E> p ) {
    p.next.prev = p.prev;
    p.prev.next = p.next;
    listSize--;
    modCount++;
    return p.data;
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: getNode()

```
/**
* Gets the Node at position index, which must be in range 0
to size()-1.
* @param index index to search at.
* @return internal node corresponding to index
* @throws IndexOutOfBoundsException if index is not between
0 and size()-1, inclusive.
*/
```

```
private Node<E> getNode(int index) {
    return getNode(index, 0, size()-1);
}
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: getNode()

```
/**
* Gets the Node at position index, which must be in range
from lower to upper.
* @param index index to search at.
* @param lower lowest valid index.
* @param upper highest valid index.
* @return internal node corresponding to index
* @throws IndexOutOfBoundsException if index is not between
lower and upper, inclusive.
*/
```

private Node<E> getNode(int index, int lower, int upper){
 Node<E> p;

```
if(index < lower || index > upper)
    throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException();
}
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```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: getNode()

```
if(index < size()/2){
    p = beginMarker.next;
    for(int i = 0; i < index; i++)
        p = p.next;
}else{
    p = endMarker;
    for(int i = 0; i > index; i--)
        p = p.prev;
}
return p;
}
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: LinkedListIterator()

```
private class LinkedListIterator implements java.util.Iterator<E>{
    private Node<E> current = beginMarker.next;
   private int expectedModCount = modCount;
   private boolean okToRemove = false;
   public boolean hasNext() {
       return current != endMarker;
   public AnyType next() {
       if(modCount != expectedModCount)
           throw new java.util.ConcurrentModificationException();
       if(!hasNext())
           throw new java.util.NoSuchElementException();
       E nextItem = current.data;
       current = current.next;
       okToRemove = true;
       return nextItem;
```

Implementation of a Doubly LinkedList: LinkedListIterator()

private class LinkedListIterator implements java.util.Iterator<E>{

```
public void remove(){
    if(modCount != expectedModCount)
        throw new java.util.ConcurrentModificationException();
    if(!okToRemove())
        throw new IllegalStateException();
    MyLinkedList.false.remove(current.prev);
    expectedModCount++;
    okToRemove = false;
}
```

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Recursion

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Did you mean: recursion

Recursion - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A visual form of **recursion** known as the Droste effect. The woman in this imate object which contains a smaller image of her holding the same ... en.wikipedia.org/wiki/**Recursion** - <u>Cached</u> - <u>Similar</u> -

Recursion (computer science) - Wikipedia, the free encycl Recursion in computer science is a way of thinking about and solving

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Recursion

- Recursion an operation defined in terms of itself
 - Solving a problem recursively means solving smaller occurrences of the same problem
- Recursive programming an object consist of methods that call themselves to solve some problem
- Can you think of some examples of recursions and recursive programs?

Recursive Algorithm

- Every recursive algorithm consists of:
 - Base case at least one simple occurrence of the problem that can be answered directly
 - Recursive case more complex occurrence that cannot be directly answered, but can be described in terms of smaller occurrences of the same problem
- A crucial part of recursive programming is identifying these cases
- What were base cases for our Fibonacci problem in Assignment 1?
- Why are we now talking about recursion???

Recursive Data Structures

- Recursive data structure a data structure partially composed of smaller or simpler instances of the same data structure
- Is linked list a recursive data structure?
- Let's see a linked list is either
 - Null (base case)
 - A node whose next field references a list

Example: Printing Values in a Linked List

public static void printList (Node nodeToPrint) {
 if(nodeToPrint == null)

```
return;
```

```
else{
```

}

}

```
System.out.println(nodeToPrint.data);
```

```
print(nodeToPrint.next);
```

- Similar problems: print in the reverse order, sum elements of the list,...
- Careful this is a tail recursion
 - Tail recursions are not bad, but they do consume the stack

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Stacks

• Some of my favorite stacks:



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What is a Stack?

 Stack – a data collection that retrieves elements in the LIFO order (last-infirst-out)



• Is there another way to think about a stack?

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What is a Stack?



- Is there another way to think about a stack?
- Stack a constrained data collection where clients are limited to use only limited optimized methods (pop, push, peek)
- Stack a list with restriction that insertions and deletions can be performed in only one position, the end of the list, called the top

Implementations of a Stack

- Stack a list with restriction that insertions and deletions can be performed in only one position, the end of the list, called the top
- Since a stack is a list, any list implementation will do:
 - Example: linked list implementation
 - push()
 - peek()/top()
 - pop()



Java Class Stack

Stack <e> ()</e>	Object constructor – constructs a new stack with elements of type E
push(value)	Places given value on top of the stack
pop ()	Removes top value from the stack, and returns it. Throws EmptyStackException if the stack is empty.
peek()	Returns top value from the stack without removing it. Throws EmptyStackException if the stack is empty.
size()	Returns the number of elements on the stack.
isEmpty()	Returns true if the stack is empty.

• Example:

```
Stack<String> s = new Stack<String>();
s.push("Hello");
s.push("PDP");
S.push("Fall 2017"); //bottom ["Hello", "PDP", "Fall 2017"] top
System.out.println(s.pop()); //Fall 2017
```

Applications of a Stack

- Programming languages and compilers:
 - Method calls (call=push, return=pop)
 - Compilers (parsers)
- Matching up related pairs of things:
 - Find out whether a string is a palindrome
 - Examine a file to see if its braces { } match
 - Convert "infix" expressions to pre/postfix
- Sophisticated algorithms:
 - Searching through a maze with "backtracking"

Example: Methods Call

- In some system whenever there is a method call, some information about the current state of the system needs to be stored before the control is transferred to a new method:
 - Parameters Local variables Return address Local vars Method 3 **Parameters** Return var Method 2 Local vars **Parameters** Method 1 Local vars Parameters Stack

Example: Postfix Expressions

- Suppose you are using a calculator to compute the total cost of your groceries
 - Add the costs of individual items
 - Multiply by 1.1 to account for local sales tax
- The natural way to do this with a calculator: 5.5 + 4.5 + 7 + 8*1.1
- What is the expected result?
 - 27.5 (expected value)
 - 25.8
- That depends on how "smart" is your calculator!

Example: Postfix Expressions

- The natural way to do this with a calculator: 5.5 + 4.5 + 7 + 8*1.1
- What if we represent the given expression in the postfix or Reverse Polish notation:

5.5 1.1 * 4.5 1.1*+ 7 1.1*+ 8 1.1*+

The easiest way to implement this is with a stack:
 (5.5 * 1.1) + (4.5 * 1.1) + (7*1.1) + (8*1.1)

Backtracking

- Backtracking an algorithmic approach that finds solution(s) by trying partial solutions, and abandoning them as soon as they are no longer suitable
- A "brute force" algorithmic method
 - All possible solutions paths explored
 - Often implemented recursively
- Some applications:
 - Finding all permutations of a set of values
 - Parsers
 - Different games: sudoku, anagrams, crosswords, word jumbles, 8 queens

Backtracking Strategies

- When solving a backtracking problem, we often ask:
 - What are the "choices" in this problem?
 - What is the "base case"?
 - How do I know when I'm out of choices?
 - How do I "make" a choice?
 - Do I need to create additional variables to remember my choices?
 - Do I need to modify the values of existing variables?
 - How do I explore the rest of the choices?
 - Do I need to remove the made choice from the list of choices?
 - Once I'm done exploring, what should I do?
 - How do I "un-make" a choice?

Backtracking Algorithm

A general pseudo-code algorithm for backtracking problems:

Explore(choices): If there are no more choices to make: stop Else: Choose C. Explore the remaining choices. Un-choose C, if necessary. (backtrack!)

- Why are we talking about backtracking now?
 - Many backtracking problems can be implemented using a stack!

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Example: Maze



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Example: Class Maze

• Let's assume that we have class Maze with the following methods:

Method/Constructor	Description
public Maze (String text)	construct a given maze
<pre>public int getHeight(), getWidth()</pre>	get maze dimensions
<pre>public boolean isExplored(int r, int c) public void setExplored(int r, int c)</pre>	get/set whether you have visited a location
public void isWall (int r, int c)	whether given location is blocked by a wall
<pre>public void mark(int r, int c) public void isMarked(int r, int c)</pre>	whether given location is marked in a path
public String toString ()	text display of maze

[Example credit: Zorah Fung, University of Washington]

Example: Solving the Maze

- Write a method solveMaze that accepts as parameters:
 - A maze
 - A starting row/column and tries to find a path in out of the maze starting from that position

• If you find a solution:

- Your code should stop exploring
- You should **mark** the path out of the maze on your way back out of the recursion, using backtracking
- (As you explore the maze, squares you set as 'explored' will be printed with a dot, and squares you 'mark' will display an X)

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Example: Solving the Maze



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What are our choices in this problem?

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My Least Favorite Queues





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What is a Queue?

- Queue a data collection that retrieves elements in the FIFO order (first in, first out)
 - Elements are stored in order of insertion, but don't have indexes
 - Client can only:
 - Add to the end of the queue,
 - Examine/remove the front of the queue
- Basic queue operations:
 - Add (enqueue) add an element to the back of the queue
 - Peek examine the front element
 - **Remove** (dequeue) remove the front element



Implementations of Queues

- Like stack, queue can be seen as a list with restriction, and can be implemented as a list:
- Example: ArrayList implementation
 - Initially, queue only has elements 1 and 2
 - Add another element, 3, to the queue
 - Add another element, 4, to the queue
 - Add another element, 5, to the queue
 - Remove an element from the queue
 - Remove an element from the queue



What happens when we remove two more elements from the queue?

Implementations of Queues

• What happens when we remove two more elements from the queue?



- Approach circular array implementation whenever front or back get to the end of the array, allow them to wrap around to the beginning
- Example:
 - Add another element, 6, to the queue Back



What is the front and what is the back of the queue now?

Applications of Queues

- Operating systems:
 - Queue of print jobs to send to the printer
 - Queue of programs / processes to be run
 - Queue of network data packets to send
- Programming:
 - Modeling a line of customers or clients
 - Storing a queue of computations to be performed in order
- Real world examples:
 - People waiting in some line
 - ???

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Class Diagram of the Queue API



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Java Interface Queue

add(value)	places given value at back of queue
remove()	removes value from front of queue and returns it; throws a NoSuchElementException if queue is empty
peek()	returns front value from queue without removing it; r eturns null if queue is empty
size()	returns number of elements in queue
isEmpty()	returns true if queue has no elements

• Example:

Queue<Integer> myQueue = new LinkedList<Integer>(); myQueue.add(10); myQueue.add(18); myQueue.add(2017); // front [10, 18, 2017] back System.out.println(myQueue.remove()); // 10

Mixing Queues and Stacks

- We often mix stacks and queues to achieve certain effects
- Example: Reverse the order of the elements of a queue
 Queue<Integer> q = new LinkedList<Integer>();
 q.add(1);
 q.add(2);
 q.add(3); // [1, 2, 3]
 Stack<Integer> s = new Stack<Integer>();
 while (!q.isEmpty()) {
 s.push(q.remove()); } // Q -> S
 while (!s.isEmpty()) {
 q.add(s.pop()); } // S -> Q
 System.out.println(q); // [3, 2, 1]

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Trees



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Trees

- Tree a directed, acyclic structure of linked nodes
 - Directed one-way links between nodes
 - Acyclic no path wraps back around to the same node twice
- Can be defined recursively:
 - A tree is either:
 - Empty(null), or
 - A **root** node that contains:
 - Data
 - A left subtree
 - A right subtree

(The left and/or right subtree could be empty)

Trees Terminology

- Node an object containing a data value and left/right children
- Root topmost node of a tree
- Subtree a smaller tree of nodes on the left or right of the current node
- Parent a node above the left and right subtrees, that both subtrees are connected to
- Child a root of each subtree
- Sibling a node with a common parent
- Leaf a node that has no children
- Branch any internal node; neither the root nor a leaf
- Level or depth length of the path from a root to a given node
- Height length of the longest path from the root to any node

Trees Terminology Example

- Nodes: {25, 10, 12, 7, 8, 15, 5}
- **Root**: 25
- Subtrees: {10, 7, 8} and {12, 15, 5}
- Parents: 10 → {7, 8}, 12 → {15, 5}, 25 → {10, 12}
- Children: {10, 12, 7, 8, 15, 5}
- Siblings: {7, 8}, {15, 5} and {10, 12}
- Leaves: {7, 8, 15, 5}
- Height: 3



Implementation of Trees

- Idea: each node in the tree keeps track of:
 - Its data
 - Links to all of its children
- Problem: The number of children per node is not known in advance, and may vary significantly
- Approach: Keep a children of each node in a linked list of tree nodes

```
class TreeNode {
   Object element;
   TreeNode firstChild;
   TreeNode nextSibling;
  }
```

Binary Trees

• Binary tree – a tree in which no node can have more than two children



Binary Tree Implementation

- A basic BinaryNode object stores:
 - Data,
 - Link to the left child
 - Link to the right child
- Multiple nodes can be linked together into a larger tree

```
class BinaryNode{
//Friendly data; accessible by other package routines
   Object element;
   BinaryNode left;
   BinaryNode right;
```

}

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Example: Class StrigTreeNode

StringTreeNode class

// An StringTreeNode object is one node in a binary tree of String
 public class StringTreeNode{
 public String data; // data stored at this node
 Public StringTreeNode left; // reference to left subtree
 Public StringTreeNode right; // reference to right subtree

// Constructs a leaf node with the given data

```
Public StringTreeNode(String data){
```

```
this(data, null, null);
```

}

```
// Constructs a branch node with the given data and links
Public StringTreeNode(String data, StringTreeNode left, StringTreeNode right){
  this.data = data;
  this.left = left;
  this.right = right;
}
```

Example: Class StringTree

// An StringTree object represents an entire binary tree of String.

```
public class StringTree{
    private StringTreeNode root;
    //some methods
}
```

- Observations:
 - We can only talk to the StringTree, not to the node objects inside the tree
 - Methods of the StringTree create and manipulate the nodes, their data and links between them

Algorithms and Data Structures 1 TREE TRAVERSALS

Tree Traversals

- Tree traversal an examination of the elements of a tree
 - Used in many tree algorithms and methods
- Common orderings for traversals:
 - Pre-order process root node, then its left/right subtrees
 - In-order process left subtree, then root node, then right subtree
 - **Post-order** process left/right subtrees, then root node
Tree Traversals Example

- Common orderings for traversals:
 - Pre-order process root node, then its left/right subtrees
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 - Post-order process left/right subtrees, then root node



• Post-order: 7 8 10 15 5 12 25

Tree Traversals Trick

- To quickly generate a traversal, trace a path around the tree
- As you pass a node on the proper side, process it:

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- Pre-order: left side
- In-order: bottom
- Post-order: right side

Pre-order: 25 10 7 8 12 15 5
In-order: 7 10 8 25 15 12 5
Post-order: 7 8 10 15 5 12 25

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Example: Printing a Tree

- Assume we have some class IntTree
- Add a method print to the IntTree class that prints the elements of the tree, such that
 - Elements of a tree are separated by spaces
 - A node's left and right subtree should be printed before it
- Example: tree.print(); //7 8 10 15 5 12 25



Example: Printing a Tree

```
An IntTree object represents an entire binary tree of ints
public class IntTree{
    private IntTreeNode overallRoot; // null for an empty tree ...
    public void print() {
    print(overallRoot);
    System.out.println(); // end the line of output
    private void print(IntTreeNode root) {
     // (base case is implicitly to do nothing on null)
        if (root != null) {
        // recursive case: print left, right, center
             print(overallRoot.left);
             print(overallRoot.right);
             System.out.print(overallRoot.data + " ");
```

Template for Tree Methods

- Tree methods are often implemented recursively with a public/private pair
 - The private version accepts the root node to process

```
public class IntTree {
    private IntTreeNode overallRoot;
    ...
    public type name(parameters) {
        name(overallRoot, parameters);
    }
    private type name(IntTreeNode root, parameters) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Example: contains()

- Add a method contains to the IntTree class that searches the tree for a given integer, returning true if it is found.
- Example: If an IntTree variable tree referred to the tree below, the following calls would have these results:
 - tree.contains(25) → true
 - tree.contains(12) \rightarrow true
 - − tree.contains(4) → false
 - − tree.contains(77) → false



Example: contains()

```
// Returns whether this tree contains the given integer
public boolean contains(int value){
```

```
return contains(overallRoot, value);
```

```
}
private boolean contains(IntTreeNode node, int value){
    if (node == null){
        return false; // base case: not found here
    }else if (node.data == value){
        return true; // base case: found here
    }else{
        // recursive case: search left/right subtrees
        return contains(node.left, value) || contains(node.right,
```

value);

}

Algorithms and Data Structures 1 ASSIGNMENT 4 – COMMENTS AND HINTS

Assignment 4 – Background

- Halloween Trick-or-treating:
 - Kids walk from a house to a house, asking for a trick or a treat
 - Different houses give out different kinds of treats (candy)
 - Kids have very particular preferences what kinds of candy would they like to get
 - Kids also have historical knowledge about the type of candy given out in different households

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Assignment 4

- Your Assignment:
 - Given:
 - Historical knowledge about the neighborhood
 - A list of desired candy for every child
 - Find a way to traverse a neighborhood to get all the candy from the list

Assumptions and Simplifications

- Only one neighborhood, with four kinds of houses:
 - Mansions
 - Detached homes
 - Duplexes
 - Townhomes
- Houses give out four different sizes of candy:
 - Super size
 - King size
 - Regular size (default)
 - Fun size

Assumptions and Simplifications

- Houses give out ten different kinds of candy:
 - Twix
 - Snickers
 - Mars
 - Kit Kat
 - Whoopers
 - Milky Way
 - Toblerone
 - Crunch
 - Baby Ruth
 - Almond Joy
- And not other kind and size of candy

Assumptions and Simplifications

- Desired list of candy:
 - Case-insensitive
 - Ordered
- Historical knowledge about households:
 - Specifics which household gives out which size and kind of candy

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How Do You Implement This?



- Classic slogans:
 - Do one thing well
 - Minimize coupling, maximize cohesion
 - Isolate operations/abstractions in modules
 - Hide implementation details
- Idea: abstract class Candy, inherited by a concrete candy class for every candy type

Where do the Operations Go?

- Pure "object-oriented" style
 - Really, really, really smart candy objects
 - Each candy object knows how to perform every operation on itself

```
public class TwixCandy extends Candy{
```

```
public TwixCandy(...);
```

```
public typeCheck(...);
```

```
public print();
```

```
public prettyPrint(...);
```

}

Critique

- This is nicely encapsulated all details about a TwixCandy are hidden in that class
- But it is poor modularity
- What happens if we want to add some new operation on a candy?

- Have to modify every concrete candy class ⊗

 Worse: the details of any particular operation (e.g., type checking, print) are scattered across all candy classes

Modularity Issues

- Smart objects make sense if the set of operations is relatively fixed, but we expect to need flexibility to add new kinds of objects
- Example: graphics system
 - Operations: draw, move, iconify, highlight
 - Objects: textbox, scrollbar, canvas, menu, dialog box, window, plus new objects defined as the system evolves

Visitor Pattern

- Idea: package each operation (print, pretty print, maximize candy) in a separate visitor class
- Create exactly one instance of each visitor class
 - Sometimes called a "function object"
 - Contains all of the methods for that particular operation, one for each kind of an object
- Include a generic "accept visitor" method in every class
- To perform an operation, pass the appropriate "visitor object" around during a traversal

Avoiding instanceof

• We'd like to avoid huge if-elseif nests in the visitor to discover the node types

```
void checkTypes(Candy c) {
    if (c instanceof TwixCandy) { ... }
    else if (c instanceof MarsCandy) { ... }
    else if (c instanceof KitKatCandy) { ... }
```

. . .

Visitor Double Dispatch

- Idea: include a "visit" method for every type object in each Visitor void visit(TwixCandy);
 - void visit(MarsCandy);
 - etc.
- Include an accept(Visitor v) method in every class
- When Visitor v is passed to an object, the object's accept method calls v.visit(this)
 - Selects correct Visitor method for this node
 - "Double dispatch"

Visitor Interface

• Every separate Visitor implements this interface

interface Visitor {

// overload visit for every object type
public void visit(TwixCandy c);
public void visit(MarsCandy c);
public void visit(KitKatCandy c);

. . .

Accept Method in Each Class

- Every class overrides accept(Visitor)
- Example

public class TwixCandy extends Candy{

```
...
// accept a visit from a Visitor object v
public void accept(Visitor v) {
    v.visit(this);
}
...
```

- Key points
 - Visitor object passed as a parameter to TwixCandy
 - TwixCandy calls visitor's visit method, which dispatches to visit(TwixCandy) automatically – i.e., the correct method in the visitor object for this kind of node

Encapsulation

- A visitor object often needs to be able to access state in the objects
 - ∴May need to expose more object's state than we might have done otherwise
 - i.e., lots of public fields in objects
 - Overall a good tradeoff better modularity (plus, the objects are relatively simple data objects anyway – not hiding much of anything)

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