Algorithms and Data Structures

Summer Semester 2025

For discussion on Wednesday, June 4, 2025

- 1. Provide a proof of GTG, Proposition 8.4: The height of a nonempty tree T is equal to the maximum of the depths of its leaf positions.
- 2. Write a self-contained implementation of a linked binary tree class in Python. You may do this without using abstract base classes or an abstract position class. You should implement the following methods: T.root(), T.parent(v), T.left(v) (return left child), T.right(v) (return right child), len, T.is_empty(), T.is_leaf(v), T.add_root(e), T.add_left(v,e) (error if there is already a left child at node v, otherwise, if e is a tree, attach it as the left subtree to v and reset it to an empty tree, if e is any other Python object, create a new leaf node as the left child of v with element e), T.add_right(v,e) (likewise for right child), T.replace(v,e), T.delete(v) (error if v has two children, otherwise remove v from the tree, attaching its child, if there is one, to its parent and returning the element stored in v).
- 3. (GTG Exercise R-8.5) Describe an algorithm, relying only on binary tree operations, that counts the number of leaves in a binary tree that are the left child of their respective parent.
- 4. (GTG Exercise R-8.20) Draw a binary tree T that simultaneously satisfies the following:
 - Each internal node of T stores a single character.
 - A preorder traversal of T yields EXAMFUN.
 - An inorder traversal of T yields MAFXUEN.
- 5. (GTG Exercise of R-8.23) Let T be an ordered tree with more than one node. Is it possible that the preorder traversal of T visits the nodes in the same order as the postorder traversal of T? If so, give an example; otherwise, explain why this cannot occur. Likewise, is it possible that the preorder traversal of T visits the nodes in the reverse order of the postorder traversal of T? If so, give an example; otherwise, explain why this cannot occur.