

Tree Overview (1A)

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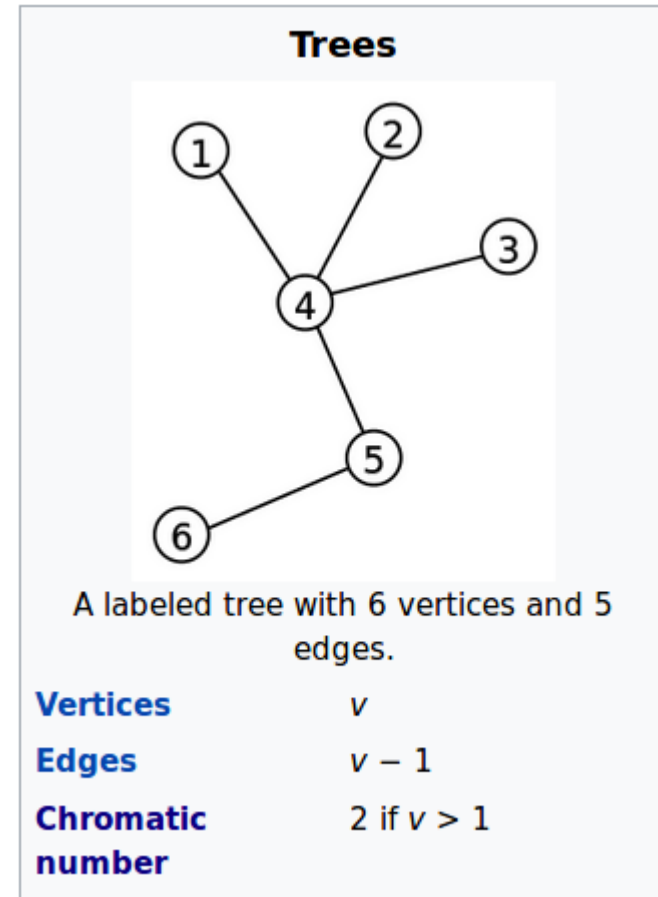
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Tree

a tree is an **undirected** graph in which **any two vertices** are **connected** by exactly **one path**.

any **acyclic connected** graph is a **tree**.

A **forest** is a disjoint union of trees.



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Tree Condition (1)

A **tree** is an **undirected** graph G that satisfies any of the following equivalent conditions:

G is **connected** and has no **cycles**.

G is **acyclic**, and a **simple cycle** is formed if any **edge** is added to G .

G is **connected**, but is not connected if any single **edge** is removed from G .

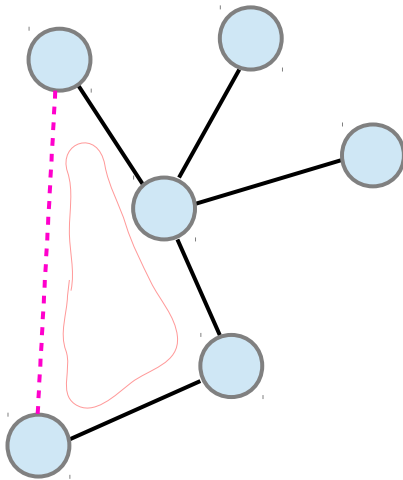
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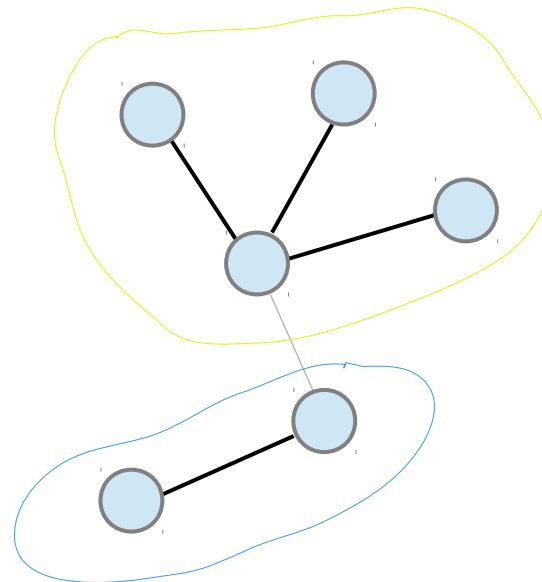
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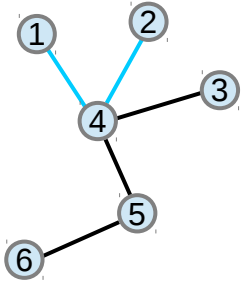
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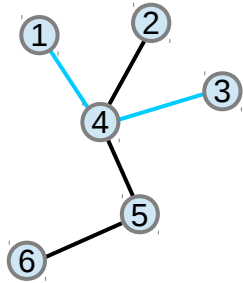
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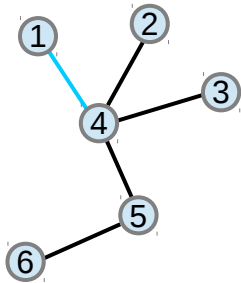
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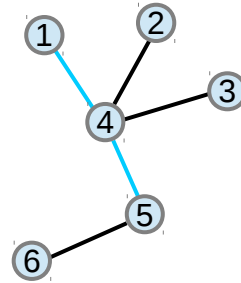
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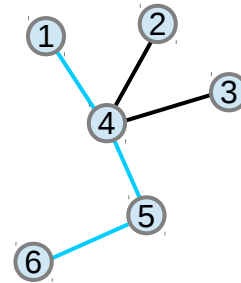
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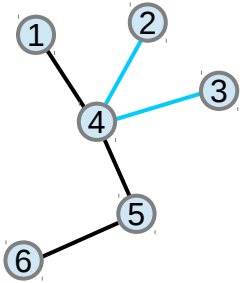
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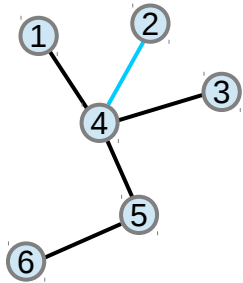
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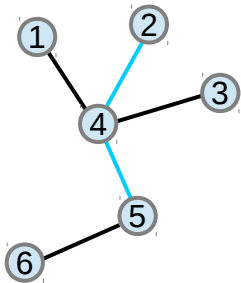
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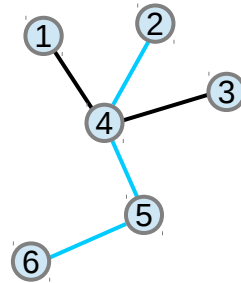
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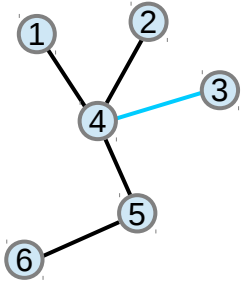


Any **two vertices** in G can be **connected** by a **unique simple path**.

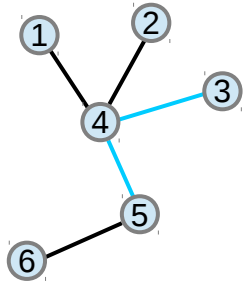
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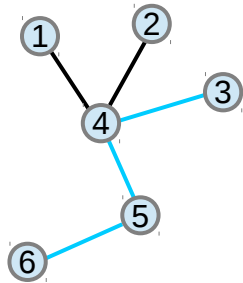
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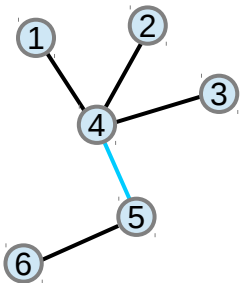
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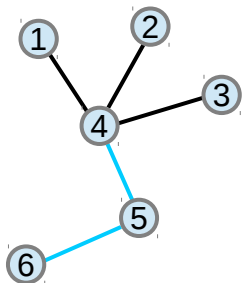
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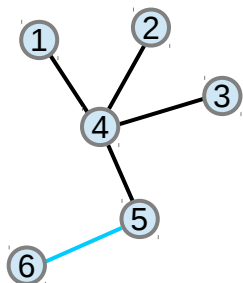
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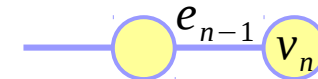
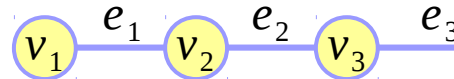
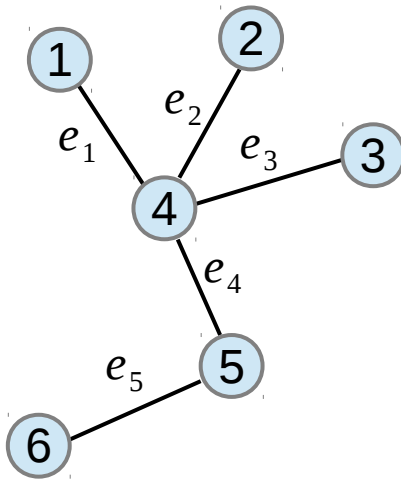
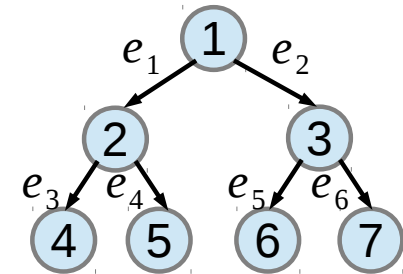
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Tree Condition (5)

If G has finitely many **vertices**, say **n vertices**, then the above statements are also equivalent to any of the following conditions:

G is **connected** and has **$n - 1$ edges**.

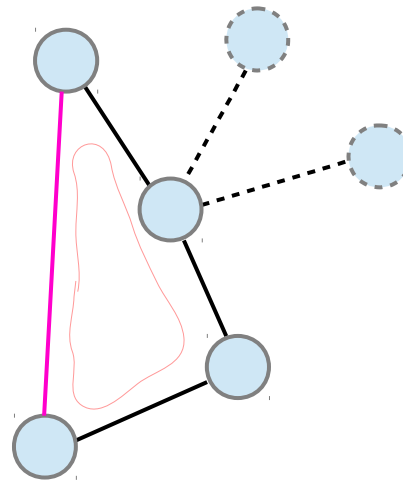
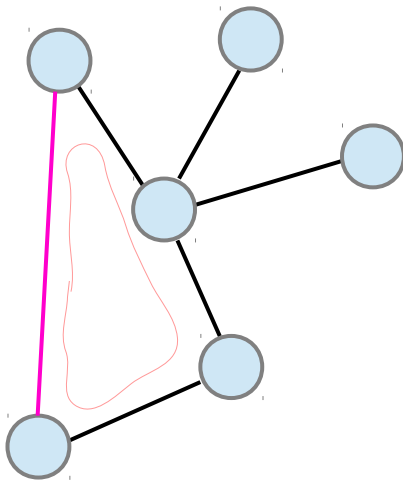
G has **no simple cycles** and has **$n - 1$ edges**.



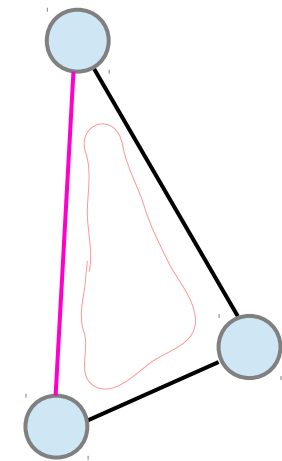
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Tree Condition (6)

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deleting edges
deleting vertices

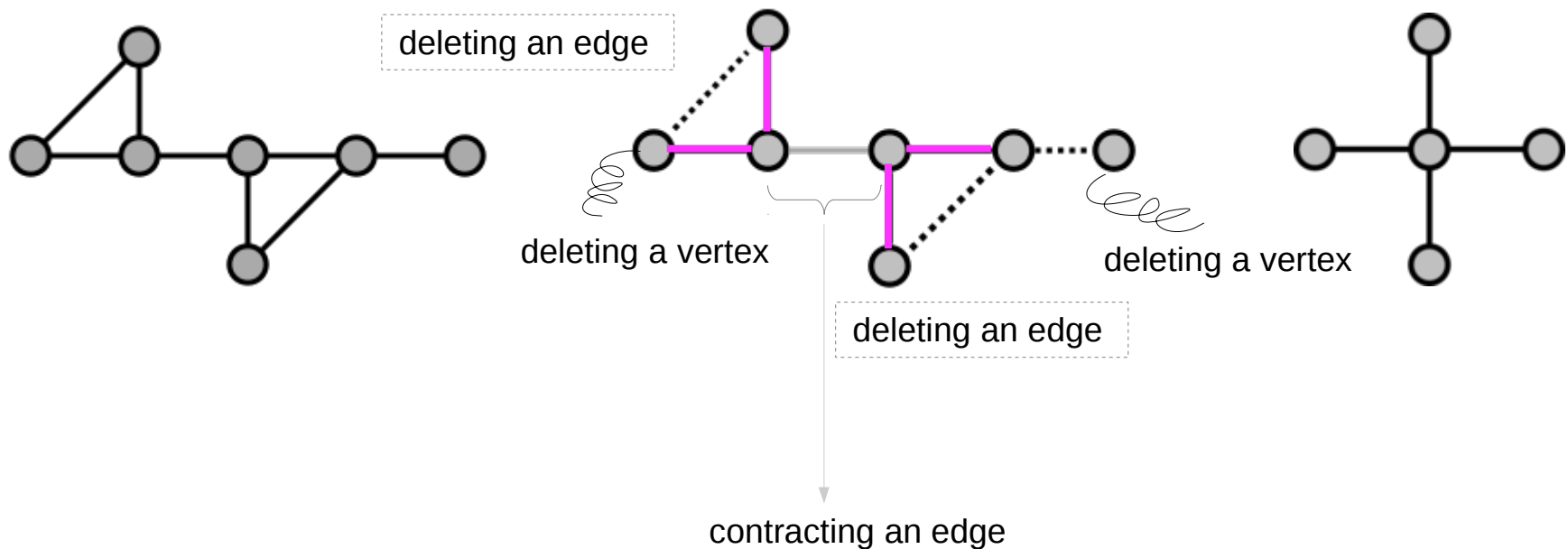


contracting edges

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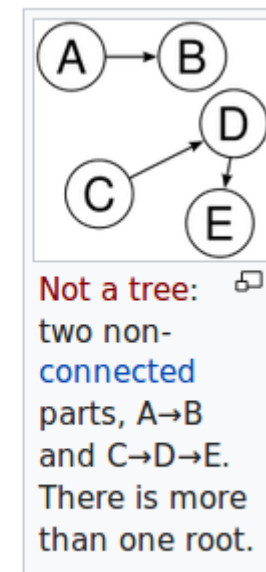
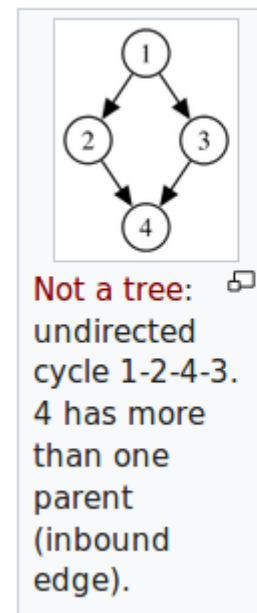
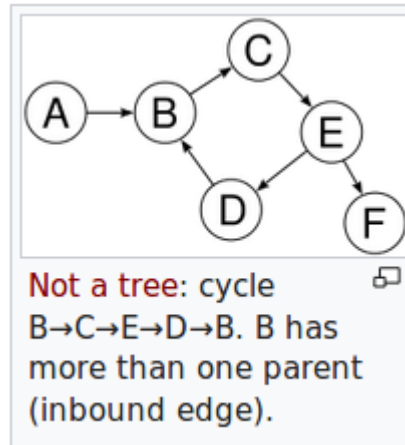
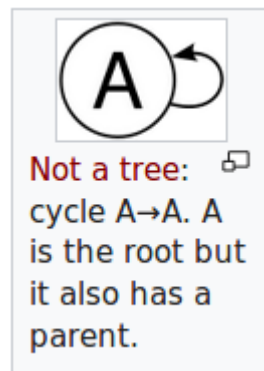
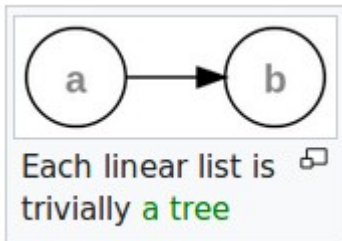
Graph Minor

In graph theory, an undirected graph H is called a minor of the graph G if H can be formed from G by **deleting edges** and **vertices** and by **contracting edges**.



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Tree Examples



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Terminology used in trees (1)

Root

The top node in a tree.

Child

A node directly connected to another node when moving away from the Root.

Parent

The converse notion of a child.

Siblings

A group of nodes with the same parent.

Descendant

A node reachable by repeated proceeding from parent to child.

Ancestor

A node reachable by repeated proceeding from child to parent.

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Terminology used in trees (2)

Leaf (less commonly called **External node**)

A node with no children.

Branch (Internal node)

A node with at least one child.

Degree

The number of subtrees of a node.

Edge

The connection between one node and another.

Path

A sequence of nodes and edges connecting a node with a descendant.

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Terminology used in trees (3)

Level

The level of a node is defined
by $1 +$ (the number of connections between the node and the root).

Height of node

The height of a node is the number of edges
on the longest path between that node and a leaf.

Height of tree

The height of a tree is the height of its root node.

Depth

The depth of a node is the number of edges
from the tree's root node to the node.

Forest

A forest is a set of $n \geq 0$ disjoint trees.

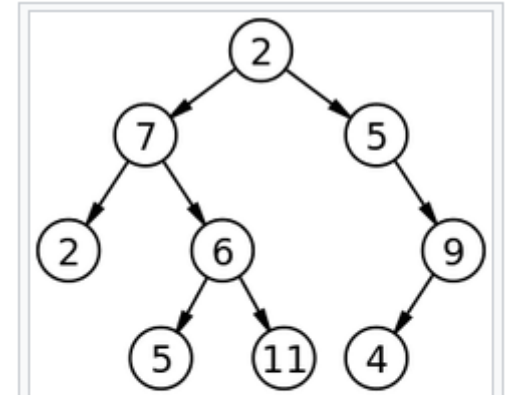
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Binary Tree

a **binary tree** is a tree data structure in which each **node** has at most two children, (the **left child**, the **right child**)

A **recursive definition** using just set theory notions is that a (non-empty) binary tree is a tuple **(L, S, R)**, where **L** and **R** are **binary trees** or the **empty set** and **S** is a **singleton set**.

Some authors allow the binary tree to be the empty set as well.

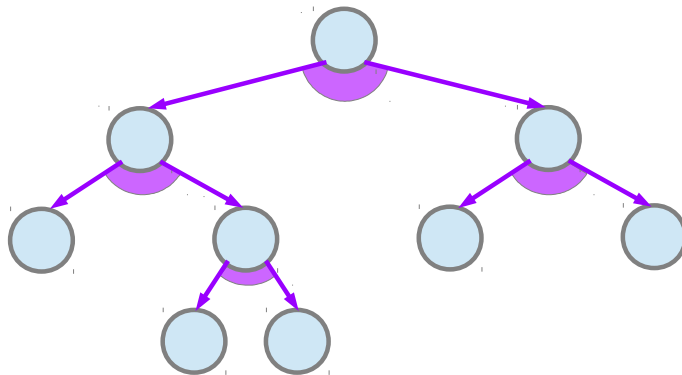
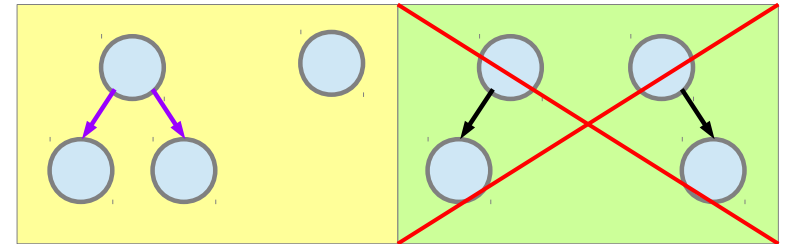


A labeled binary tree of size 9 and height 3, with a root node whose value is 2. The above tree is unbalanced and not sorted.

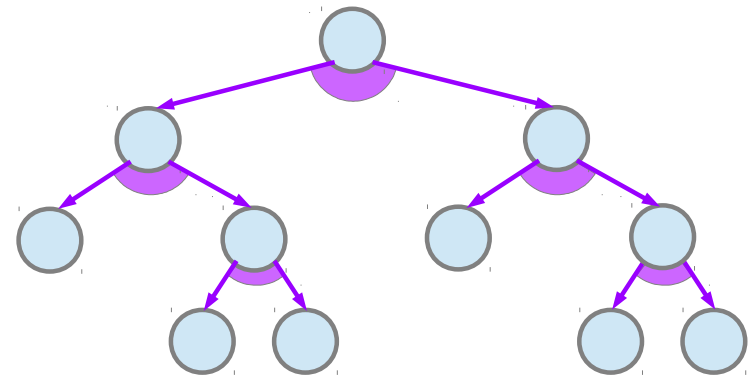
Full Binary Tree

A **rooted binary tree** has a **root node** and every **node** has at most two children.

A **full binary tree** is (proper, plane binary tree) a **tree** in which every **node** has either **0** or **2** children.



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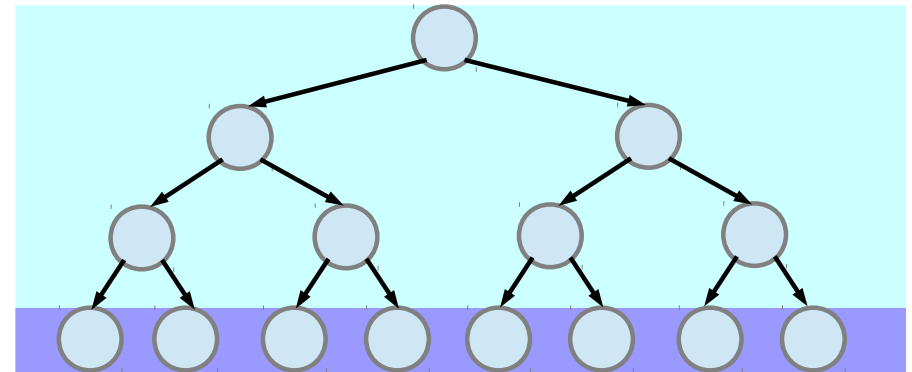
Perfect Binary Trees

A **perfect binary tree** is a binary tree in which all **interior nodes** have two children and all **leaves** have the same depth or same level.

also called a **complete binary tree**

two children

the same depth (level).

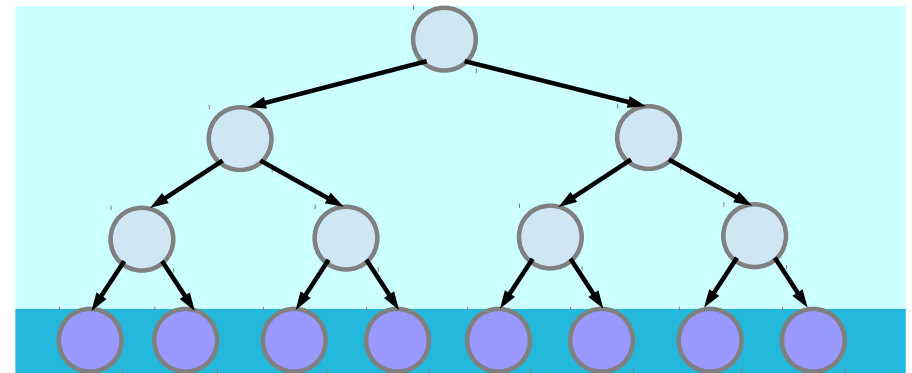
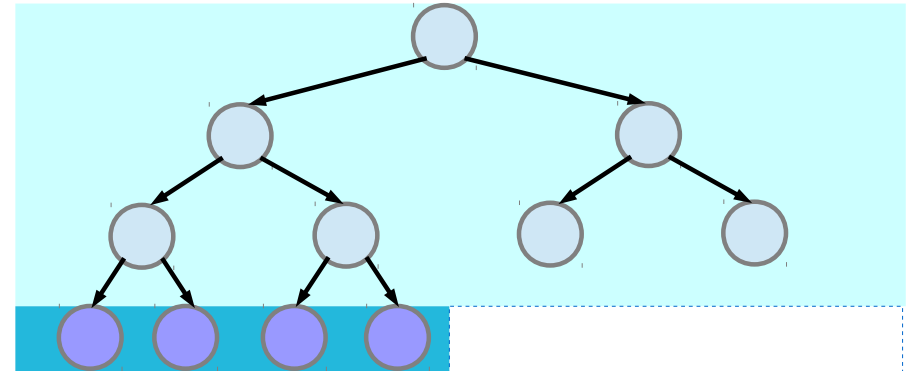


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Complete Binary Trees

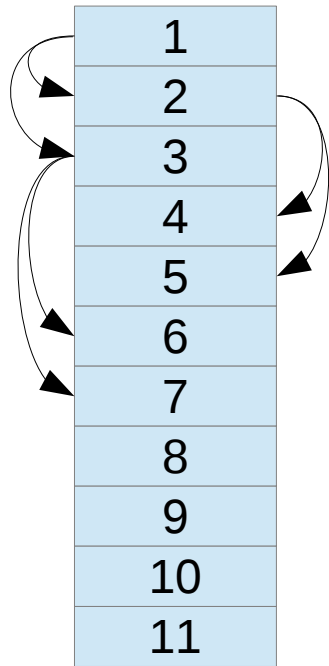
In a **complete** binary tree every level, except possibly the last, is completely filled, and all nodes in the last level are as far left as possible.

An alternative definition is a **perfect** tree whose rightmost leaves (perhaps all) have been removed.



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Complete Binary Trees and Linear Arrays

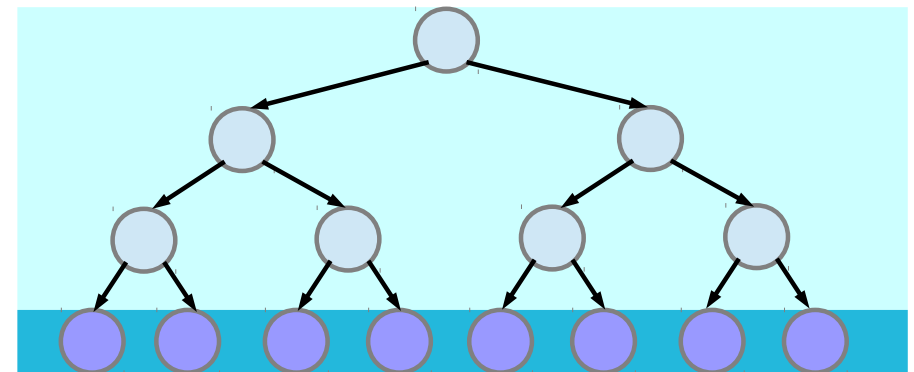
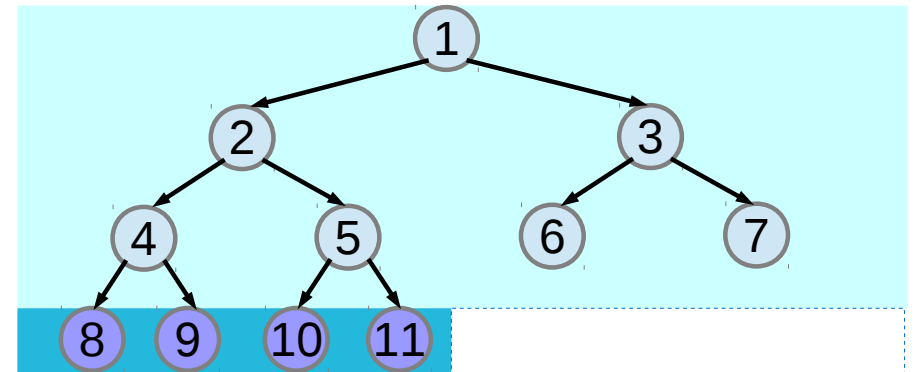


$2 \cdot i$ Left child
 $2 \cdot i + 1$ Right child

A complete binary tree can be efficiently represented using an array.

contiguous
no blanks
→ complete

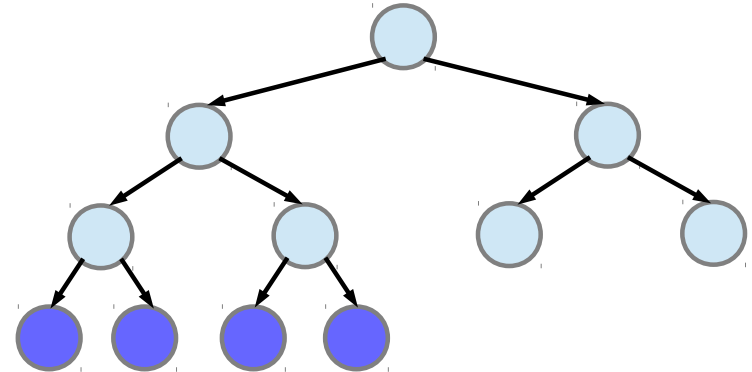
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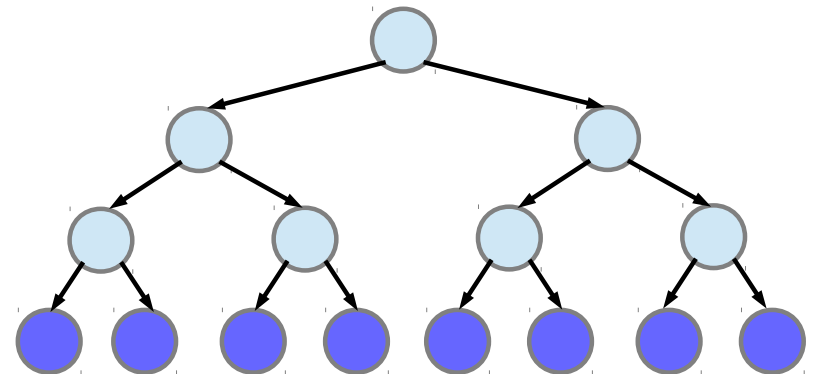
Different use of compute binary trees

Some authors use the term **complete** to refer instead to a **perfect** binary tree as defined above, in which case they call this type of tree an **almost complete** binary tree or **nearly complete** binary tree.

complete	nearly complete
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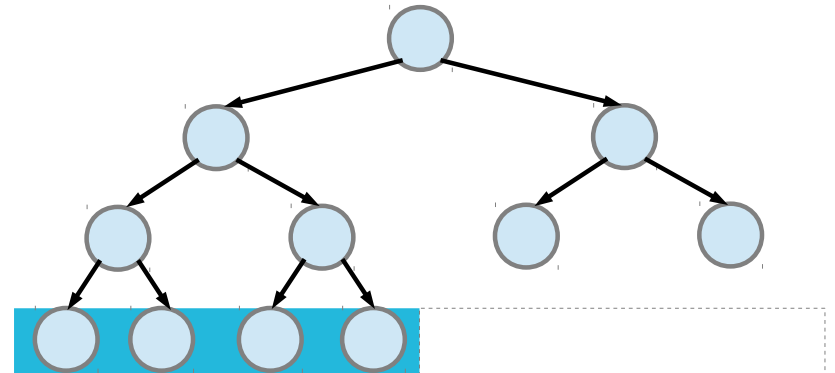
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Properties of Binary Trees (1)

A **complete** binary tree can have between **1** and 2^{m-1} nodes at the last level m .

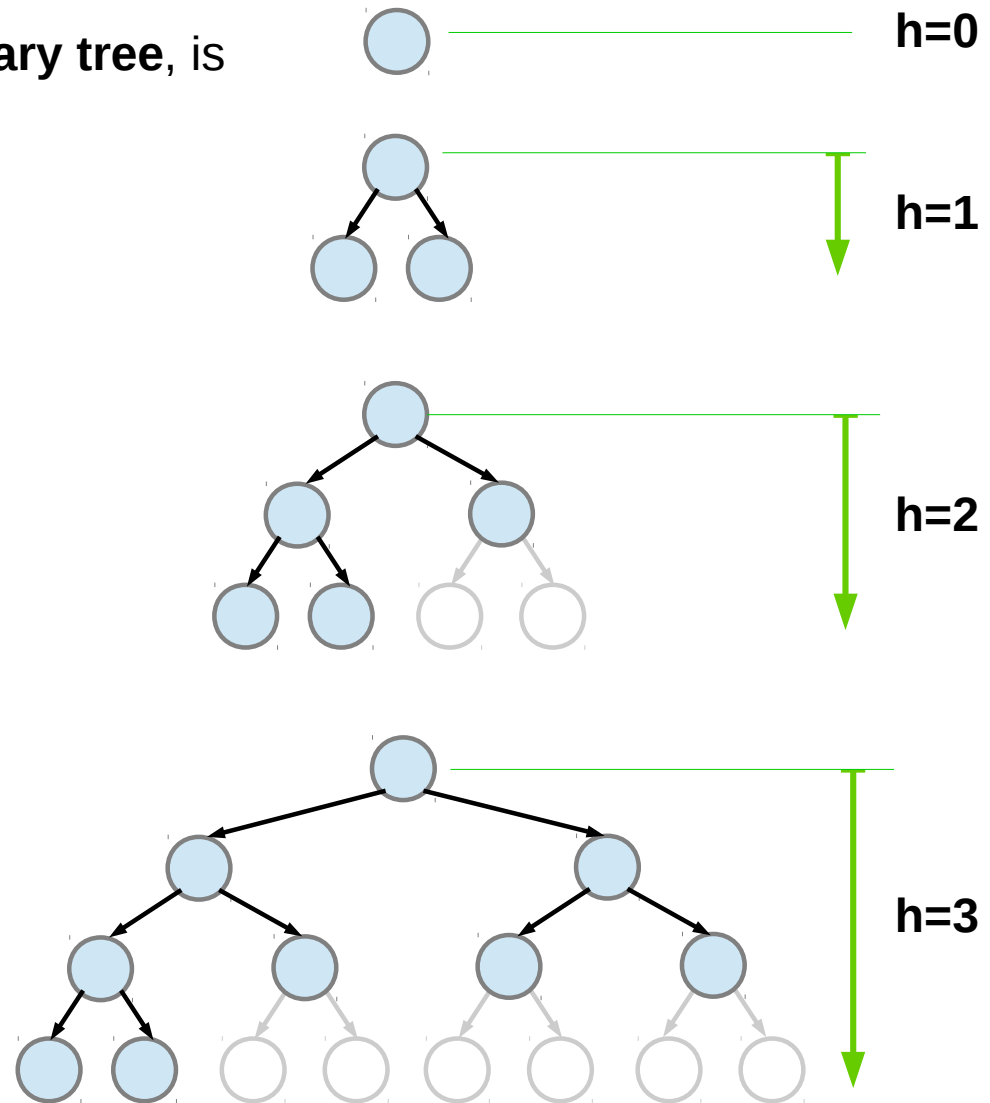


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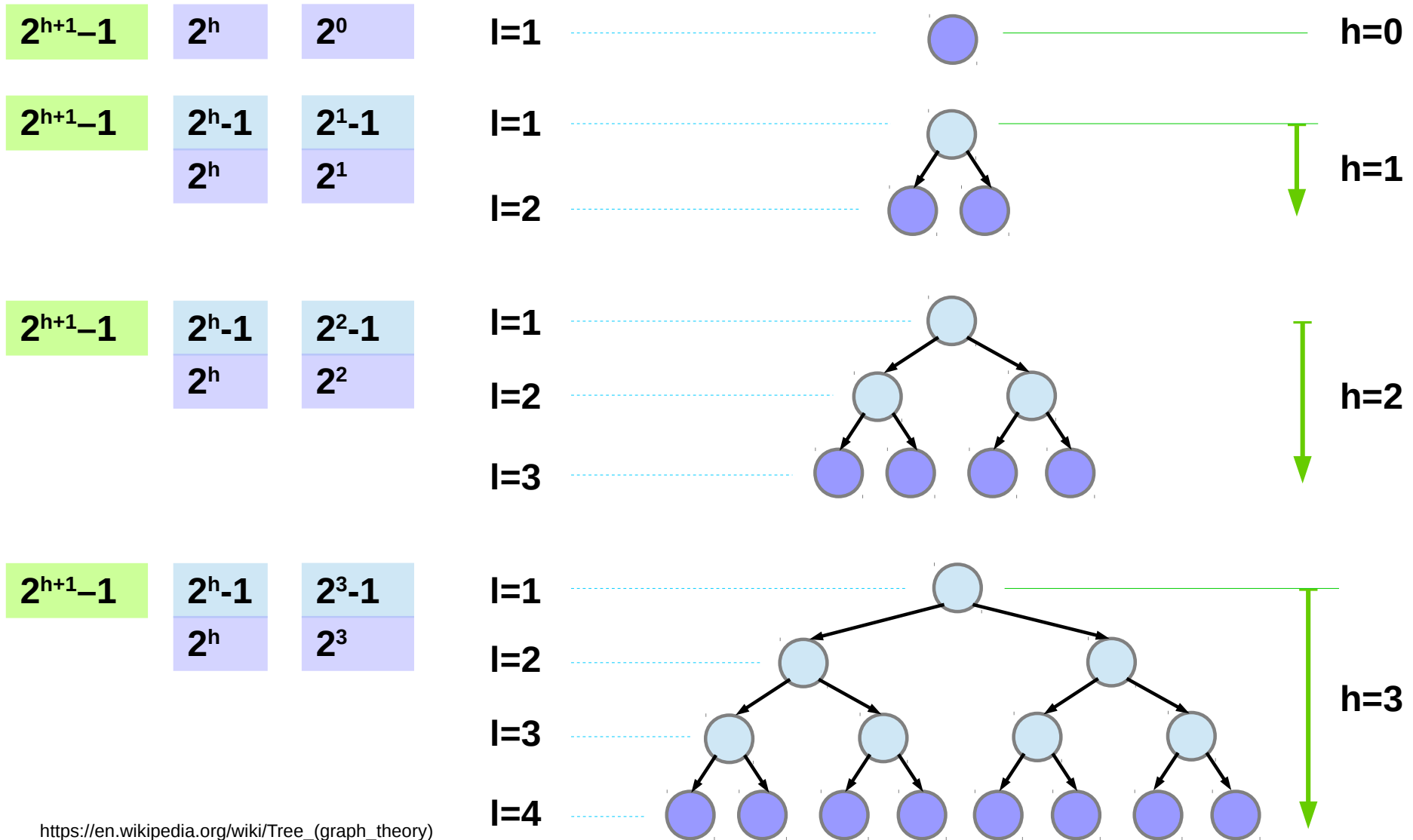
The number of nodes n in a **full** binary tree, is at least $n = 2^h + 1$ and at most $n = 2^{h+1} - 1$, where h is the **height** of the tree.

A tree consisting of only a **root node** has a **height** of **0**.



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Properties of Binary Trees (3)



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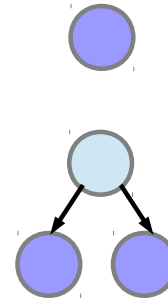
Properties of Binary Trees (4)

The number of **leaf nodes** is m
in a **perfect binary tree**,
is $m=(n+1)/2$

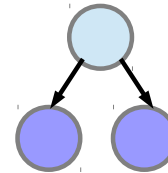
because the number of **non-leaf**
(**internal**) **nodes** is $m-1$

This means that a **perfect binary tree**
with m **leaves** has
 $n = 2m-1$ nodes.

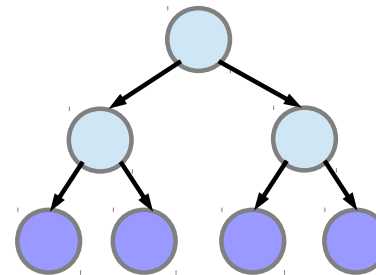
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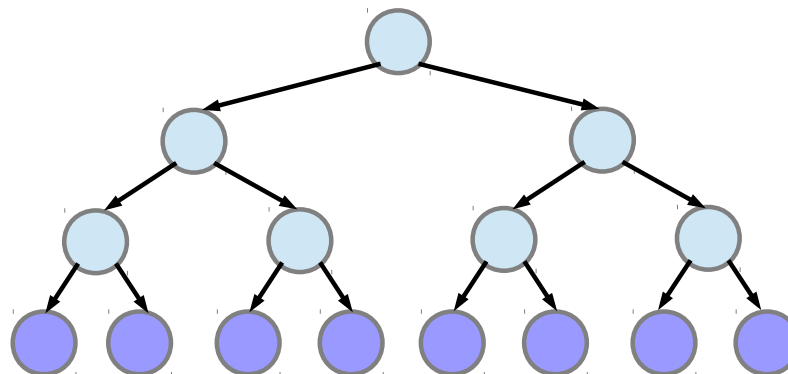
m	2^0
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$m-1$	2^1-1
m	2^1



$m-1$	2^2-1
m	2^2



$m-1$	2^3-1
m	2^3

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