

Topics for Today

- Examples
 - Classes
 - Stacks
 - Trees
- Problems
 - Expression evaluation
 - File system searching

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Clicker Question

How do you create an instance of a Python class named “MyClass”?

- A. `x = new MyClass()`
- B. `x = MyClass()`
- C. `MyClass.x(new)`
- D. `x.MyClass = new`
- E. `x.y`

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Clicker Question

How do you call a method named “f” inside object “x”?

- A. `f(x)`
- B. `x.f()`
- C. `f.x()`
- D. `x(f)`
- E. All of the above

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Problem: Expression Evaluation

- Write a program that analyzes an expression and computes its value
- Simplifications
 - Only integers
 - Only four operators: +, -, *, /
 - Use space separators (so split works)
 - Use RPN to avoid operator precedence
- Step one: convert expression to “internal form”
- Step two: evaluate internal form

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RPN

- Reverse Polish Notation
- Used in HP calculators for many years
- Enter operands (numbers) first, then operator
 - Intermediate results kept on a “stack” until needed
 - Operator “pops” numbers off stack; “pushes” on result
- Examples
 - “1 1 +” = 2
 - “3 2 - 2 3 * +” = 7

More coming on RPN in a few slides...

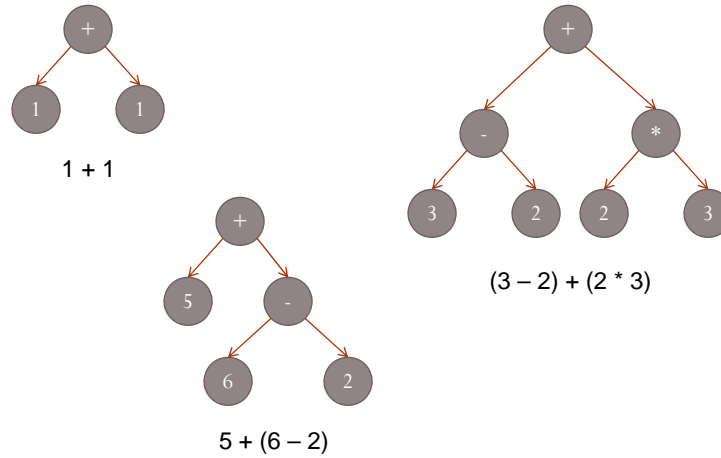
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Expressions and “Trees”

- We need a way to represent expressions
- An expression (specifically, a “binary expression”) consists of three pieces:
 - an operator
 - a left operand
 - a right operand
- The left and right operands may themselves be expressions
- Thus: This is a *recursive* definition

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Expressions as (Upside Down) Trees



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Tree Representation in Python

- Use class
- Each instance represents a node in the tree
 - Base case: Integer value (a “leaf node”: no child nodes)
 - Recursive case: Operator node, with child nodes for operands
- Instance variables store information about the node
 - Data value (integer or operator name, in circle)
 - Link to left node (if operator)
 - Link to right node (ditto)

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Binary Tree Class (Minimalist)

```
class BinaryTreeNode:
    def __init__(self, data, left, right):
        self.data = data
        self.left = left
        self.right = right

v1 = BinaryTreeNode(1, None, None)
v2 = BinaryTreeNode(1, None, None)
v = BinaryTreeNode("+", v1, v2)
```

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Binary Tree Class (Improved)

```
class BinaryTreeNode:
    def __init__(self, data, left=None, right=None):
        self.data = data
        self.left = left
        self.right = right

v1 = BinaryTreeNode(1)
v2 = BinaryTreeNode(1)
v = BinaryTreeNode("+", v1, v2)
```

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From RPN Expression to Tree

3 2 - 2 3 * +

- Follow the calculator process...
- Process each “token” (number or operator)
 - If number
 - create node with just number as data
 - push onto stack
 - If operator
 - pop operands off stack
 - create node with operator and two operands
 - push onto stack

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Code Snippet

```
e = "3 2 - 2 3 * +"  
stack = []  
for token in e.split():  
    if token.isdigit():  
        node = BinaryTreeNode(token)  
    else:  
        right = stack.pop()  
        left = stack.pop()  
        node = BinaryTreeNode(token, left, right)  
    stack.append(node)  
root = stack[0]
```

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Expression Parser

```
def parse(expression):
    stack = []
    for token in expression.split():
        if token.isdigit():
            node = BinaryTreeNode(token)
        else:
            right = stack.pop()
            left = stack.pop()
            node = BinaryTreeNode(token, left, right)
        stack.append(node)
    assert(len(stack) == 1)
    return stack[0]
```

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Tree to String

- Basic (recursive) idea...
- Given a node, there are three reasonable possibilities:
 1. data + left child string + right child string
 2. left child string + data + right child string
 3. left child string + right child string + data
- For expressions, these correspond to:
 1. Prefix (or preorder): “+ 3 1”
 2. Infix (or inorder): “3 + 1”
 3. Postfix (or postorder): “3 1 +”

Python feature: object to string conversion via `__str__` method.

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Implementation: String method

```
def __str__(self):  
    if self.left == None:  
        return self.data  
    else:  
        return "(%s) %s (%s)" %  
            (str(self.left), self.data, str(self.right))
```

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Evaluating the Tree

- Perform inorder (infix) traversal
 - Recursively evaluate left child
 - Recursively evaluate right child
 - Operate on two values and return
- Base case
 - A leaf node?
 - Just return data value

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Implementation: Evaluate method

```
def evaluate(self):
    if self.data == "+":
        return self.left.evaluate() + self.right.evaluate()
    elif self.data == "-":
        return self.left.evaluate() - self.right.evaluate()
    elif self.data == "*":
        return self.left.evaluate() * self.right.evaluate()
    elif self.data == "/":
        return self.left.evaluate() / self.right.evaluate()
    else:
        return int(self.data)
```

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More General Trees

- No need to limit tree nodes to two children
- General case: use a “list” of children
- Examples...
 - Family tree
 - parent node
 - child subnodes
 - File system
 - regular files are leaves
 - directories have child lists

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Example: File System

```
class FileSystemNode:
    def __init__(self, path):
        self.path = path
        self.nodes = []

    def appendNode(self, node):
        self.nodes.append(node)
```

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Read File System (simplified)

```
def readfs(path):
    node = FileSystemNode(path)
    if os.path.isdir(path):
        for f in os.listdir(path):
            node.appendNode(readfs(path + "\\\" + f))
    return node
```

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Walk Tree

```
def walktree(fs, pat=None):  
    if pat:  
        if fs.path.find(pat) >= 0:  
            print fs.path  
    else:  
        print fs.path  
    for f in fs.nodes:  
        walktree(f, pat)
```