

## Lecture 8-binary search tree and trie

1. What defines a tree data structure?

- a) Multiple roots
- b) Cycles allowed
- c) Single root and no cycles
- d) Unlimited parents per node

Answer: c)

2. In a binary tree, how many children can each node have?

- a) Any number
- b) At most 1
- c) At most 2
- d) Exactly 2

Answer: c)

3. Which traversal method visits the root node first?

- a) In-order
- b) Pre-order
- c) Post-order
- d) Level-order

Answer: b)

4. Which traversal method visits the root node last?

- a) In-order
- b) Pre-order
- c) Post-order
- d) Level-order

Answer: c)

5. What is the time complexity of searching in a balanced binary search tree?

- a)  $O(1)$
- b)  $O(\log n)$
- c)  $O(n)$
- d)  $O(n^2)$

Answer: b)

6. In a binary tree, which traversal visits nodes level by level from left to right?

- a) In-order
- b) Pre-order
- c) Post-order

d) Level-order

Answer: d)

7. Which data structure is used for implementing level-order traversal?

- a) Stack
- b) Queue
- c) Linked List
- d) Array

Answer: b)

8. Which traversal method would print a binary search tree's values in ascending order?

- a) Pre-order
- b) In-order
- c) Post-order
- d) Level-order

Answer: b)

9. What is the worst-case time complexity for searching in an unbalanced binary search tree?

- a)  $O(1)$
- b)  $O(\log n)$
- c)  $O(n)$
- d)  $O(n^2)$

Answer: c)

10. What is the defining property of a Binary Search Tree?

- a) All nodes must have exactly two children
- b) Left subtree contains nodes  $\leq$  parent, right subtree contains nodes  $\geq$  parent
- c) The height difference between left/right subtrees cannot exceed 1
- d) Post-order traversal gives sorted data

Answer: b)

11. Which traversal of a BST always produces nodes in ascending order?

- a) Pre-order
- b) Post-order
- c) Level-order
- d) In-order

Answer: d)

12. A full binary tree with height 3 has how many nodes?

- a) 7
- b) 15
- c) 31
- d) 8

Answer: b) 15 [Formula:  $n=2^{(h+1)}-1$  for  $h=3$ ]

13. Which formula calculates the minimum height of a BST with  $n$  nodes?

- a)  $\lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil - 1$
- b)  $n - 1$
- c)  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$
- d)  $2^h - 1$

Answer: a)

14. The maximum height of a binary tree with 10 nodes is:

- a) 3
- b) 9
- c) 10
- d) 4

Answer: b) 9

15. The minimum height of a binary tree with 10 nodes is:

- a) 3
- b) 9
- c) 10
- d) 4

Answer: a) Method 1: For a binary tree with  $n$  nodes, the height  $h$  is bounded by:  $\lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil - 1 \leq h \leq n - 1$ . Plug in  $n=10$ ,  $\lceil \log_2(11) \rceil - 1 = 3$ . But this may require a calculator. Method 2: For a binary tree with height of 3, the maximum number of nodes is  $2^4 - 1 = 15$ . For a binary tree with height of 2, the maximum number of nodes is  $2^3 - 1 = 7$ . Since  $2^3 - 1 = 7 < 10 < 2^4 - 1 = 15$ , hence the minimum height of a binary tree with 10 nodes.

16. When deleting a node with two children in a BST, you must:

- a) Replace it with its in-order predecessor/successor
- b) Remove both subtrees
- c) Randomly choose a child to promote
- d) Swap it with the root node

Answer: a)

17. Inserting 3 elements in increasing order creates a BST with height:

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 1

Answer: a) 2

18. The worst-case time complexity for searching in an unbalanced BST is:

- a)  $O(1)$
- b)  $O(\log n)$
- c)  $O(n)$
- d)  $O(n \log n)$

Answer: c)

19. BSTs are preferred over hash tables when:

- a) Fast insertion is critical
- b) Returning a list of elements in sorted order
- c) Memory usage must be minimized

d) Handling collisions is a priority

Answer: b)

20. The main advantage of a balanced BST over an unbalanced BST is:

- a) Reduced memory usage
- b) Guaranteed  $O(\log n)$  operations
- c) Faster in-order traversal
- d) Simpler deletion logic

Answer: b)