

Question: (A) How many leaves does a full m -ary tree with L levels have?

(B) How many edges does it have?



eg This is a 3-level 3-ary tree $h=3$

In this example, there are 9 leaves, 12 edges.

(A)

Guesses.

$$m(h+1) = m^L$$

$$m^h$$

(B)

$$\sum_{n=1}^h m^n$$

leaves of h height.

(A) When $h=0$, (# leaves) = 0 = $l(h)=0$, $l(1)=m$

If we know $l(h)$, how can we get

$l(h+1)$.

$$l(h+1) = m l(h)$$

recursive formula for $l(h)$.

$$\begin{cases} l(1) = m \leftarrow m \text{ leaves for height 1} \\ l(h+1) = m l(h) \end{cases}$$



$$l(2) = m l(1) = m \cdot m = m^2$$

$$l(3) = m l(2) = m \cdot m^2 = m^3$$

$$l(h) = m^h \text{ for } h \geq 1$$

$$l(0) = 0.$$

$$E(h) = (\text{leaves of } h=1) + (\text{leaves of } h=2) + \dots + (\text{leaves of } h=h)$$

edges at height h

$$m + m^2 + \dots + m^h$$

mult by m

$$E(h) = \sum_{k=1}^h m^k = \sum_{n=0}^{h-1} \binom{n+1}{m} m \cdot m^n$$

Geometric series formula $S = \sum_{n=0}^N a \cdot r^n = \boxed{a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^N}$

$$rS = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{N+1}$$

subtract $(1-r)S = a - ar^{N+1}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sum} = S = \frac{a - ar^{N+1}}{1-r} \quad r \neq 1$$

$a = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term}, r = \text{ratio}$

$N+1 = \# \text{ of terms}$

$\Rightarrow a = m^1 = m, r = m, N+1 = h$

$$\Rightarrow E(h) = \frac{a - ar^{N+1}}{1-r} = \frac{m - m \cdot m^h}{1-m} \quad m \geq 2$$

$$= \frac{m(1-m^h)}{1-m} = \boxed{\frac{m(m^h - 1)}{m-1}}$$

As a result of these computations

For any (not necessarily full) m -ary tree of height h ,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of leaves} = l(h) \leq m^h \\ \# \text{ of edges} = E(h) \leq \frac{m(m^h - 1)}{m-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{ for } m \geq 2.$$

This means $\# \text{ of vertices} = V(h) \leq \frac{m(m^h - 1)}{m-1} + 1.$

Eg for binary trees, $m=2$

$$\Rightarrow l(h) \leq 2^h$$

$$E(h) \leq \frac{2(2^h - 1)}{2 - 1} = 2(2^h - 1).$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2^{h+1} - 2}.$$

$$V(h) \leq 2^{h+1} - 1.$$

Note: # of leaves in m -ary tree of height h is $l(h) \leq m^h$
i.e. $l \leq m^h$.

→ let's "solve" for h : we'll use the function

$$f(x) = \log_m(x)$$

→ apply $\log_m(x)$ to both sides.

$$\log_m(l) \leq \log_m(m^h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{h \geq \log_m(l)}$$

Since h is an integer,

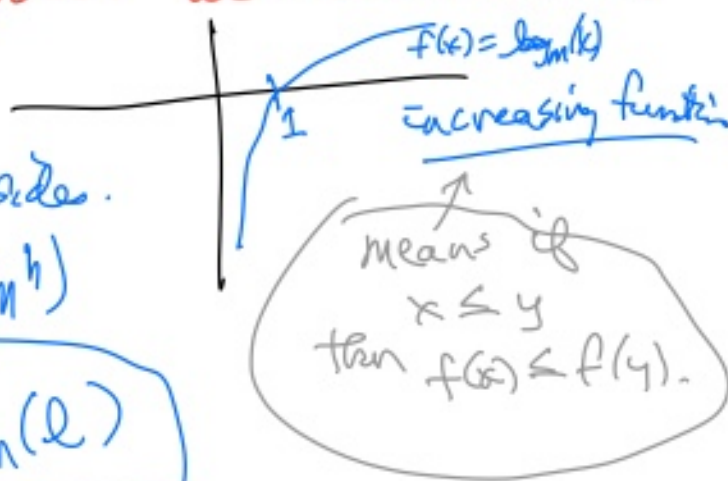
$$h \geq \lceil \log_m(l) \rceil$$

"ceiling of $\log_m(l)$ " ← (least integer $\geq$ the number).

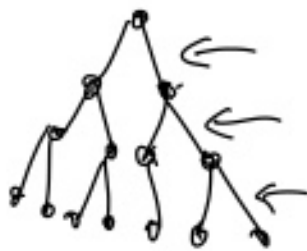
$$\lceil 3.8 \rceil = 4$$

$$\lceil 14.1 \rceil = 15$$

$$\lceil -0.8 \rceil = 0.$$



For example: If you want to design a chess tournament with single elimination with a pair playing each other on each day, with 300 contestants, you would need



$\lceil \log_2(300) \rceil$ days

(binary tree: count leaves = 300)

$$2^8 = 256 \quad 2^9 = 512$$

$$\log_2(300) = 8. \text{ something}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lceil \log_2(300) \rceil = \boxed{9 \text{ days}} \dots$$
