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- Can be used for searching for items in a tree in a systematic way
- You can also do depth first and breadth first (level order) traversals for searches
 - Used in many algorithms (remember shortest path)
- You can consider tree traversals as variants of depth first traversal
- Level order as a variant of breadth first traversal
- Monte Carlo search
 - Based on random sampling of the search space

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Traversals on non-binary trees



- You can define the three traversals on a nonbinary or n-ary tree
- Instead of left and right, you have to determine which subtrees are considered as left an which are right
- > Beyond that, the algorithm is same
- > Can implement as a recursive algorithm
- Or use a stack for backtracking

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B and B+ trees



- Binary trees are not good for storing and searching large number of objects
- Binary trees are usually built top down and hence are susceptible to extremely unbalanced trees
- B and B+ trees were developed in the 1970's for avoiding the above
 - Built bottom up instead of top down
 - Balanced, meaning the length of the path from root to any leaf node is the same
 - Dynamically adjusts neight (grows and shrinks)
 - Used in Database management systems (DBMSs)

Traversals on non-binary trees Trie or prefix tree is an application where n-ary trees are used Words can be stored for easy lookup Compact, as prefixes are stored only ones Can be used for autocompletion Look up O(m) where m is The length of search string























