Binary Tree Application Expression Tree

Revised based on textbook author's notes.

Expression Trees

- A binary tree in which the operators are stored in the interior nodes and the operands are sored in the leaves.
 - Used to evaluate an expression.
 - Used to convert an infix expression to either prefix or postfix notation.

Expression Trees

- The tree structure is based on the order in which the operators are evaluated.
 - Operators in lower-level nodes are evaluated first.
 - The last operator evaluated is in the root node.



Expression Tree ADT

- An expression tree is a binary tree representation of an arithmetic expression.
 - Contains various operators (+, -, *, /, %)
 - Contains operands comprised of single integer digits and single-letter variables.
 - ExpressionTree(exp_str)
 - evaluate(var_dict)

Expression Tree Example

• We can use the ADT to evaluate basic arithmetic expressions of any size.

```
# Create a dictionary containing values for the variables.
vars = { 'a' : 5, 'b' : 12 }
```

```
# Build the tree for a sample expression and evaluate it.
exp_tree = ExpressionTree( "(a/(b-3))" )
print( "The result = ", exp tree.evaluate(vars) )
```

```
# We can change the value assigned to a variable
# and reevaluate.
vars['a'] = 22
print( "The result = ", exp_tree.evaluate(vars) )
```

exptree.py

```
class ExpressionTree :
 def init ( self, exp_str ):
    self. exp tree = None
    self._build_tree( exp str ) # recursion
 def evaluate( self, var map ):
    return self. eval tree( self. exp tree, var map ) # recursion
 def str ( self ):
   return self. build string( self. exp tree )
# ...
# Storage class for creating the tree nodes.
class ExpTreeNode :
 def init ( self, data ):
    self.element = data
   self.left = None
    self.right = None
```

Expression Tree Evaluation

- We can develop an algorithm to evaluate the expression.
 - Each subtree represents a valid subexpression.
 - Lower-level subtrees have higher precedence.
 - For each node, the two subtrees must be evaluated first.
- How does it work?

Evaluation Call Tree



exptree.py

```
class ExpressionTree :
# ...
def _eval_tree( self, subtree, var_dict ):
    # See if the node is a leaf node
    if subtree.left is None and subtree.right is None :
        # Is the operand a literal digit?
        if subtree.element >= '0' and subtree.element <= '9' :
            return int(subtree.element)
        else : # Or is it a variable?
        assert subtree.element in var_dict, "Invalid variable."
        return var_dict[subtree.element]</pre>
```

Otherwise, it's an operator that needs to be computed.
else :

Evaluate the expression in the subtrees.

lvalue = _eval_tree(subtree.left, var_dict)
rvalue = _eval_tree(subtree.right, var_dict)

Evaluate the operator using a helper method.
return compute op(lvalue, subtree.element, rvalue)

String Representation

To convert an expression tree to a string, we must perform an infix traversal.





String Representation

- The result was not correct because required parentheses were missing.
 - Can easily create a fully parenthesized expression.

((8 * 5) + (9 / (7 - 4)))

Class activity to implement this __str_() method.

exptree.py

```
class ExpressionTree :
# . . .
  def build string( self, tree node ):
     # If the node is a leaf, it's an operand.
    if tree node.left is None and tree node.right is None :
      return str( tree node.element )
     # Otherwise, it's an operator.
    else :
      exp str = '('
      exp str += self. build string( tree node.left )
      exp str += str( tree node.element )
      exp str += self. build string( tree node.right )
      exp str += ')'
      return exp str
```

- An expression tree is constructed by parsing the expression and examining the tokens.
 - New nodes are inserted as the tokens are examined.
 - Each set of parentheses will consist of:
 - an interior node for the operator
 - two children either single valued or a subexperssion.

- For simplicity, we assume:
 - the expression is stored in a string with no white space.
 - the expression is valid and fully parenthesized.
 - each operand will be a single-digit or single-letter variable.
 - the operators will consist of +, -, *, /, %

- Consider the expression (8*5)
- The process starts with an empty root node set as the current node:



• The action at each step depends on the current token.

- When a left parenthesis is encountered:
 (8*5)
 - a new node is created and linked as the left child of the current node.



- When an operand is encountered: (**8***5)
 - the data field of the current node is set to contain the operand.



- When an operator is encountered:
 (8*5)
 - the data field of the current node is set to the operator.
 - a new node is created and linked as the right
 token: '*'
 current
 a

• Another operand is encountered: (8*5)



- When a right parenthesis: (8*5)
 - move up to the parent of the current node.



Expression Example #2 ((2*7)+8) • Consider another expression:

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)



exptree.py

```
class ExpressionTree :
# ...
def _build_tree( self, exp_str ):
    # Build a queue containing the tokens from the expression.
    expQ = Queue()
    for token in exp_str :
        expQ.enqueue( token )

    # Create an empty root node.
    self._exp_tree = _ExpTreeNode( None )

    # Call the recursive function to build the tree.
    self._rec_build_tree( self._exp_tree, expQ )
```

exptree.py

```
class ExpressionTree :
# ...
 def rec build tree ( self, cur node, expQ ):
     # Extract the next token from the queue.
    token = expQ.dequeue()
     # See if the token is a left paren: '('
    if token == '(' :
      cur node.left = ExpTreeNode( None )
      build treeRec( cur node.left, expQ )
       # The next token will be an operator: + - / * %
      cur node.data = exp0.dequeue()
      cur node.right = ExpTreeNode( None )
      self. build tree rec( cur node.right, expQ )
       # The next token will be a ), remove it.
      expQ.dequeue()
     # Otherwise, the token is a digit.
    else :
      cur node.element = token
```