
Data Structures and Algorithms

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Traversing a binary tree

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Traversing a tree

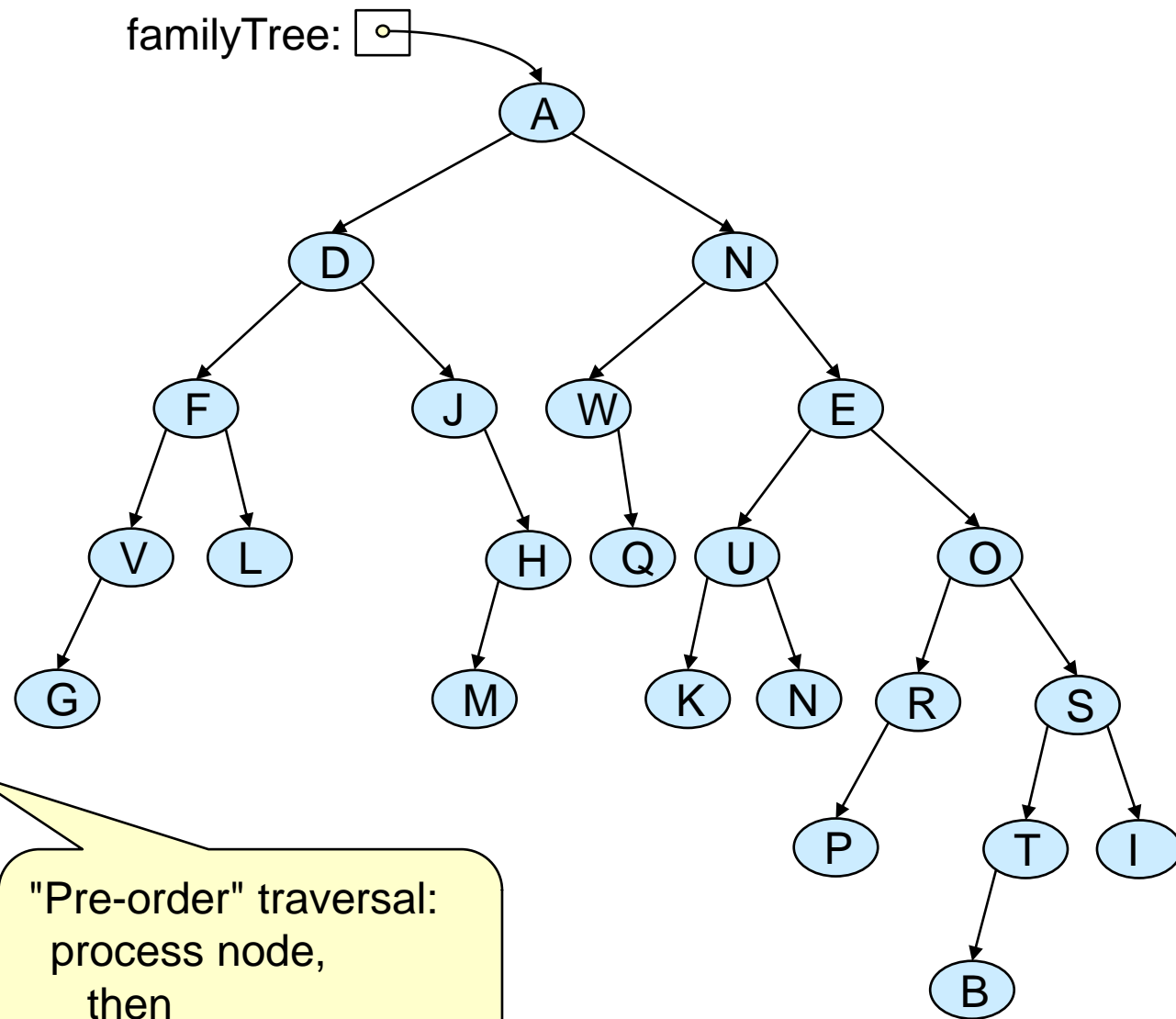
- Traversing => processing every node
- Traversing is harder with a loop; much easier to use recursion.

```
public void printAll (Person p){
    if (p != null){
        UI.println(p);
        printAll(p.getFather());
        printAll(p.getMother());
    }
}
```

```
printAll(familyTree);
```

"Depth First" traversal:
process whole subtree
before next child

"Pre-order" traversal:
process node,
then
process subtrees.



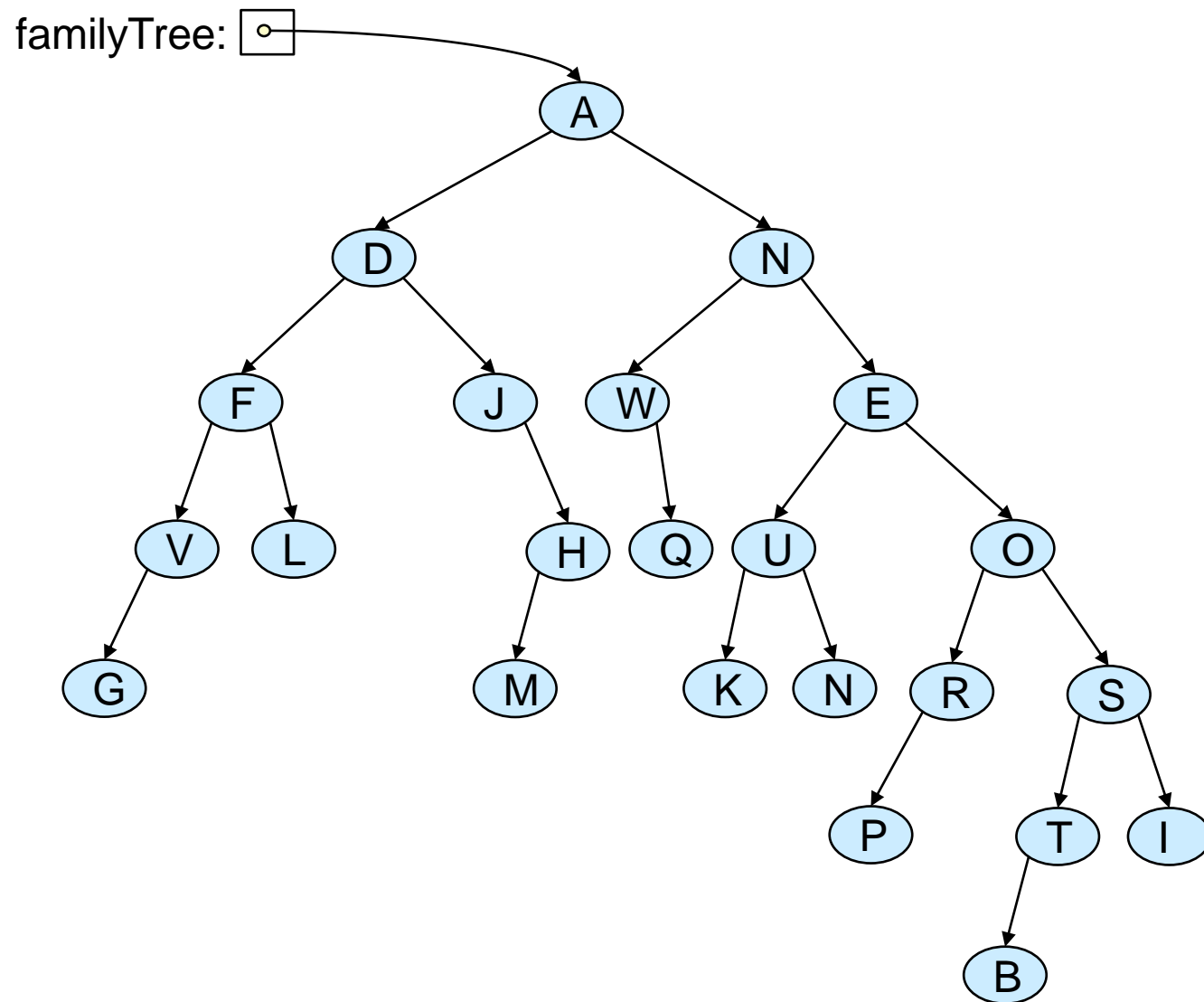
More traversals: depth-first, post-order

- “Depth-first, Post-order” traversal:

process subtrees
then
process node:

```
public void printAll (Person p){
    if (p!=null){
        printAll(p.getFather());
        printAll(p.getMother());
        UI.println(p);
    }
}

printAll(me);
```



Another traversal: depth-first, in-order

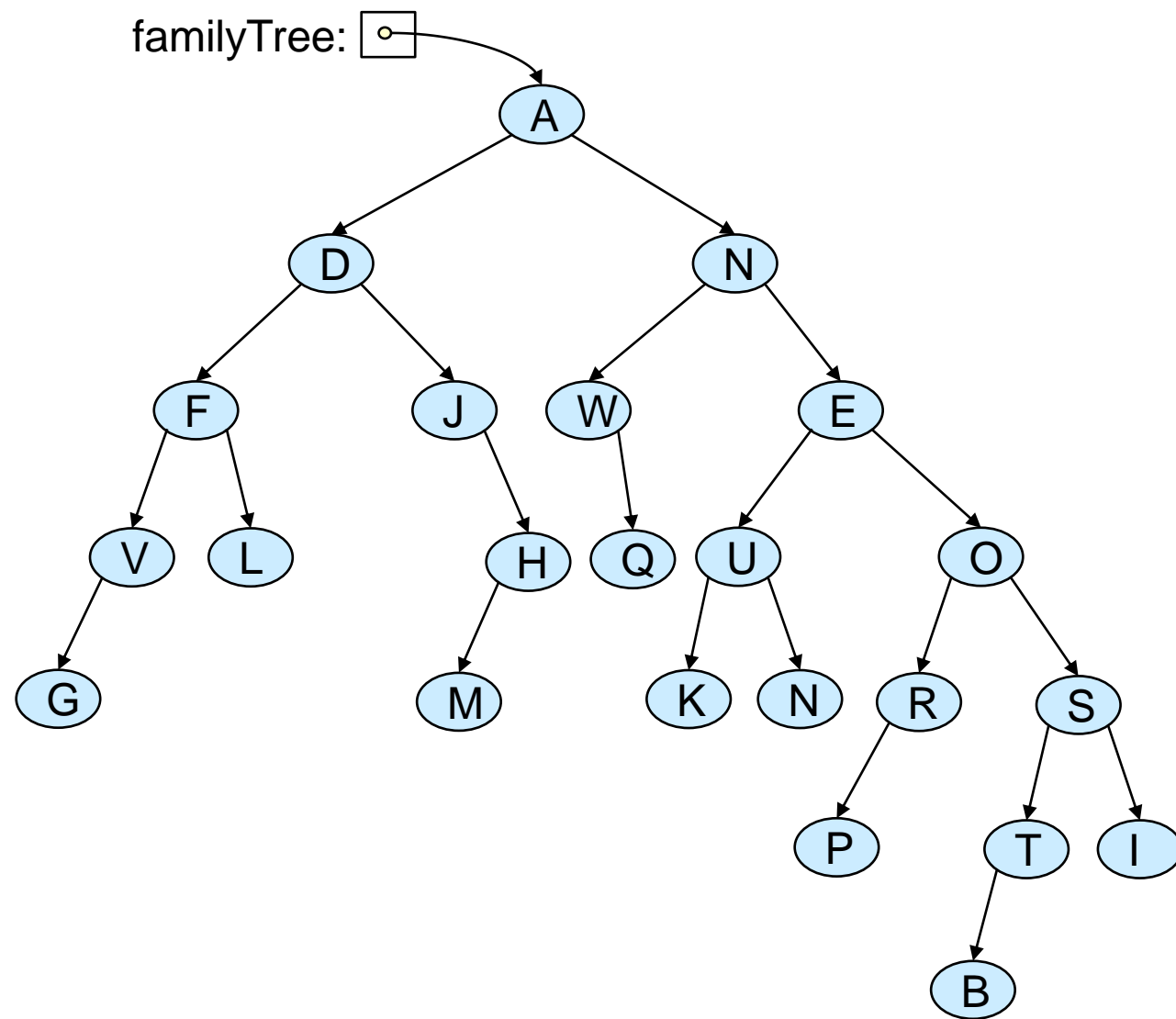
- Depth-first, in-order traversal

```

public void printAll (Person p){
    if (p != null){
        // traverse left child subtree
        printAll(p.getFather());
        // process node p
        UI.println("< " + p + " >");
        // traverse right child subtree
        printAll(p.getMother());
    }
}

printAll(familyTree);

```

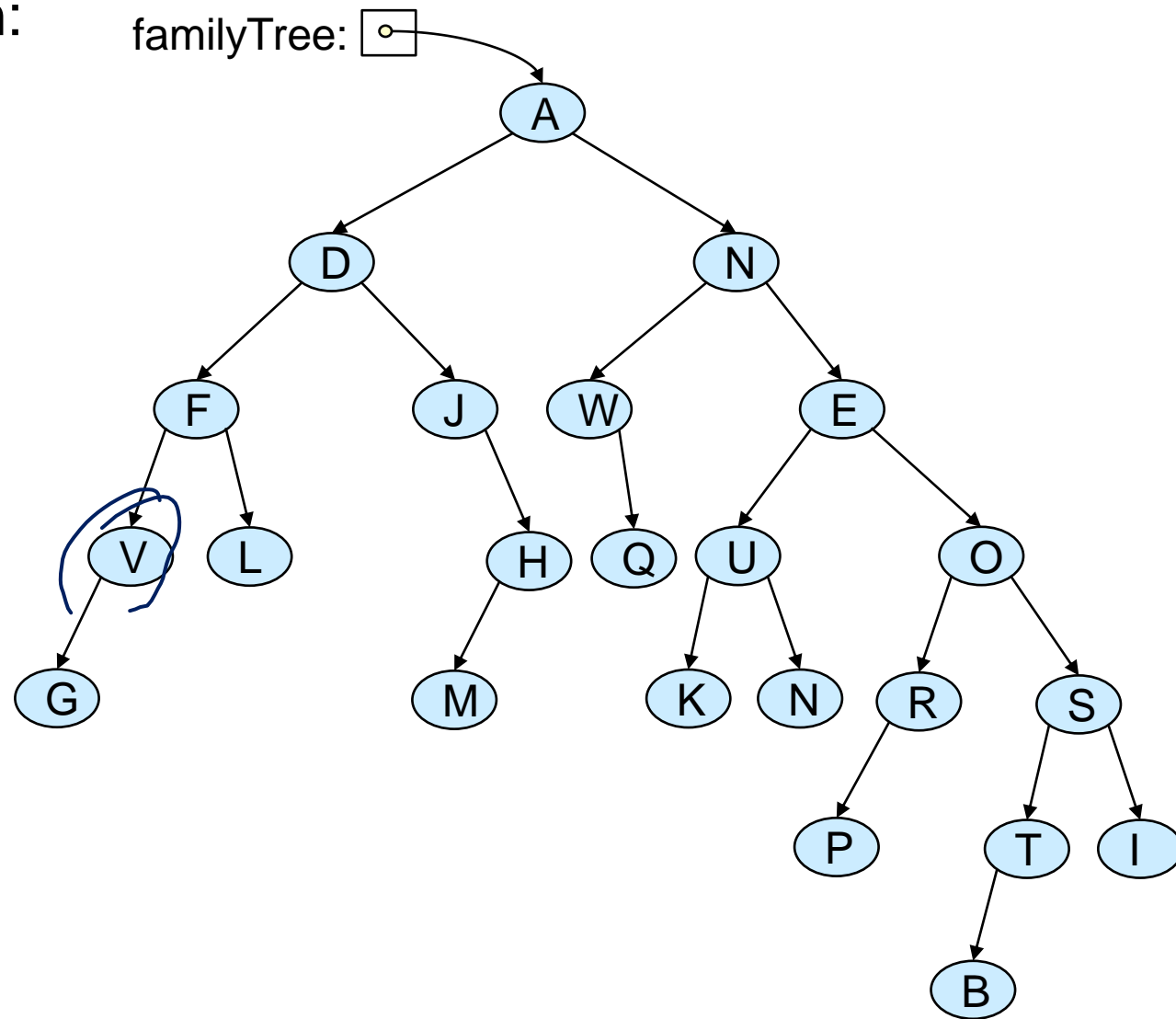


Traversing with an extra parameter

- Traversing the tree, printing generation:

```
public void printAll (Person p, int gen){
    if (p!=null){
        UI.println(gen + ":" + p);
        printAll(p.getFather(), gen+1);
        printAll(p.getMother(), gen+1);
    }
}
printAll(familyTree, 1);
```

1 : A 4 : V
 2 : D 5 : G
 3 : F



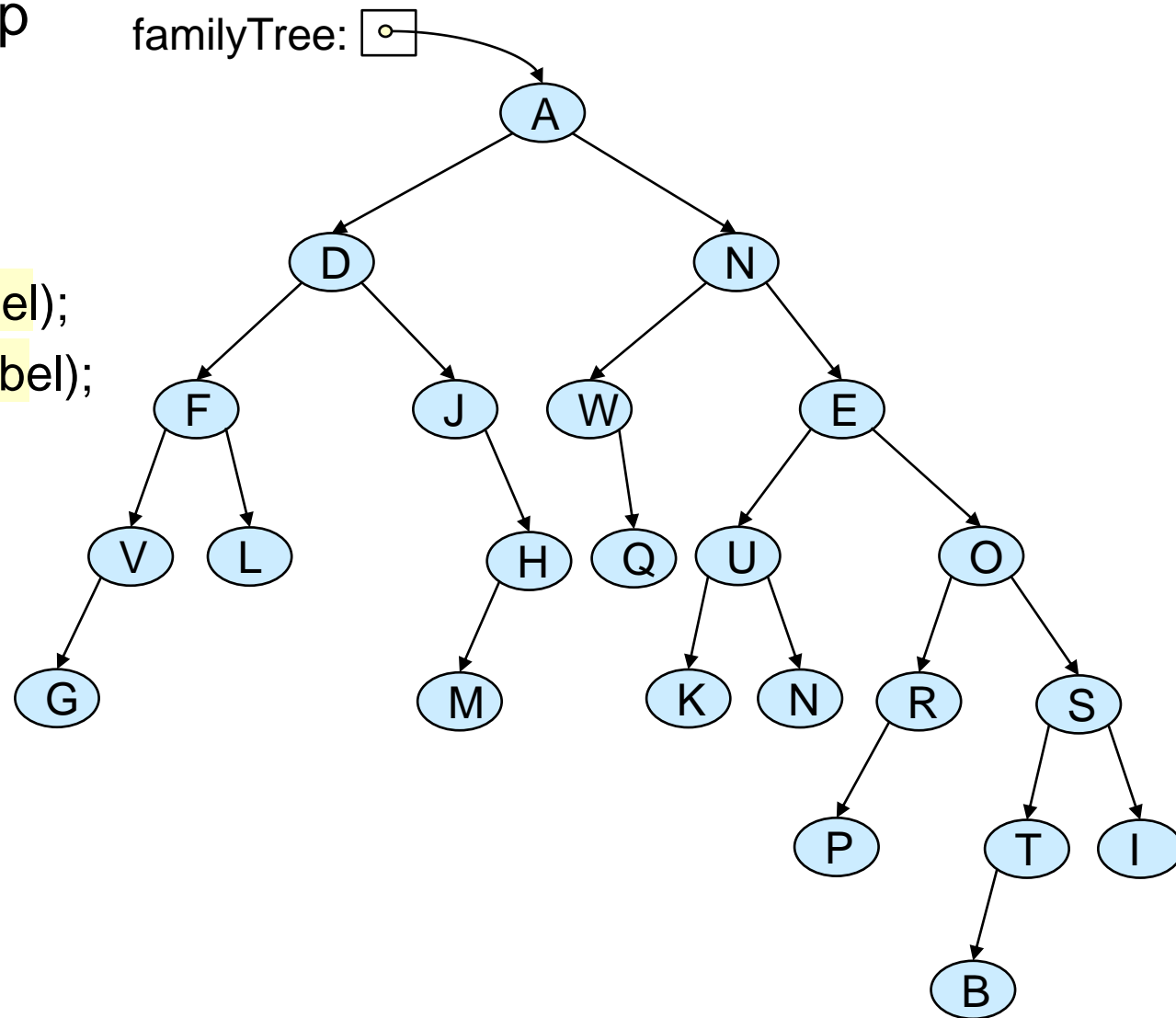
Traversing with an extra parameter

- Traversing the tree: printing relationship

```

public void printAll (Person p, String label){
    if (p!=null){
        UI.println(label + ":" + p);
        printAll(p.getFather(), "father of " + label);
        printAll(p.getMother(), "mother of " + label);
    }
}
printAll(familyTree, "me");

```



Traversing and collecting an answer

- Traversing the tree: find all with name.

```
public void findAll_rec (Person p, String name, Set<Person> ans){
```

```
    if (p!=null){
```

```
        if (p.getName().equals(name)){ ans.add(p); }
```

```
        findAll_rec(p.getFather(), name, ans);
```

```
        findAll_rec(p.getMother(), name, ans);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
public Set<Person> findAll (Person p, String name){
```

```
    Set<Person> ans = new HashSet<Person>();
```

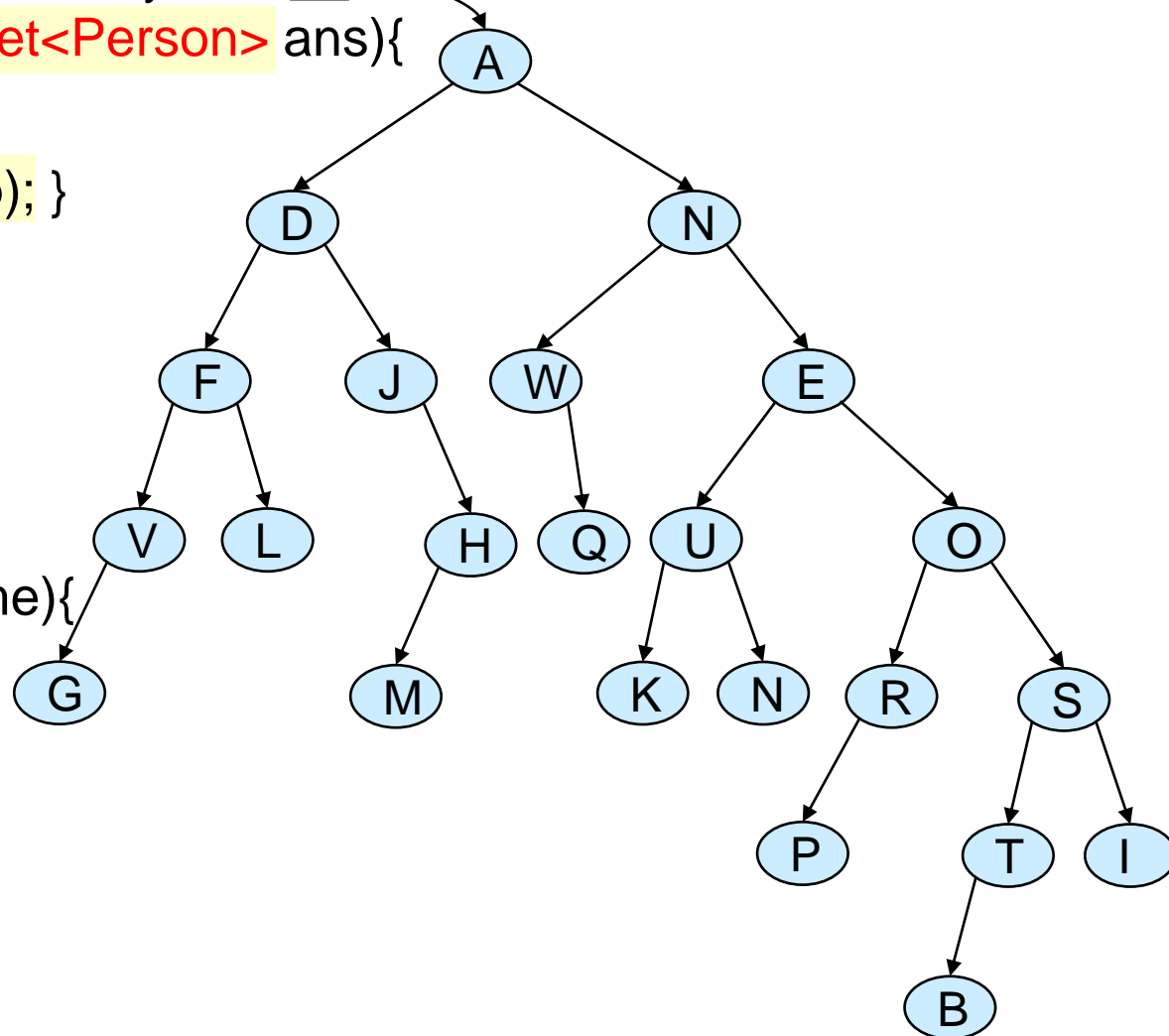
```
    findAll_rec(p, name, ans);
```

```
    return ans;
```

```
}
```

```
findAll(familyTree, "Jane");
```

familyTree: 



Tree Traversal

- Traversing a tree = visiting every node in the tree
- Depth-first traversal:
 - Follows all the way down one subtree before starting other subtree(s)
 - Easy to do with recursion.
- For Binary trees (two children per node)
 - pre-order: visit parent node then traverse child subtrees,
 - post-order: traverse child subtrees then visit parent node
 - in-order: traverse one child subtree
then visit parent node
then traverse other subtree
 - (binary trees only)

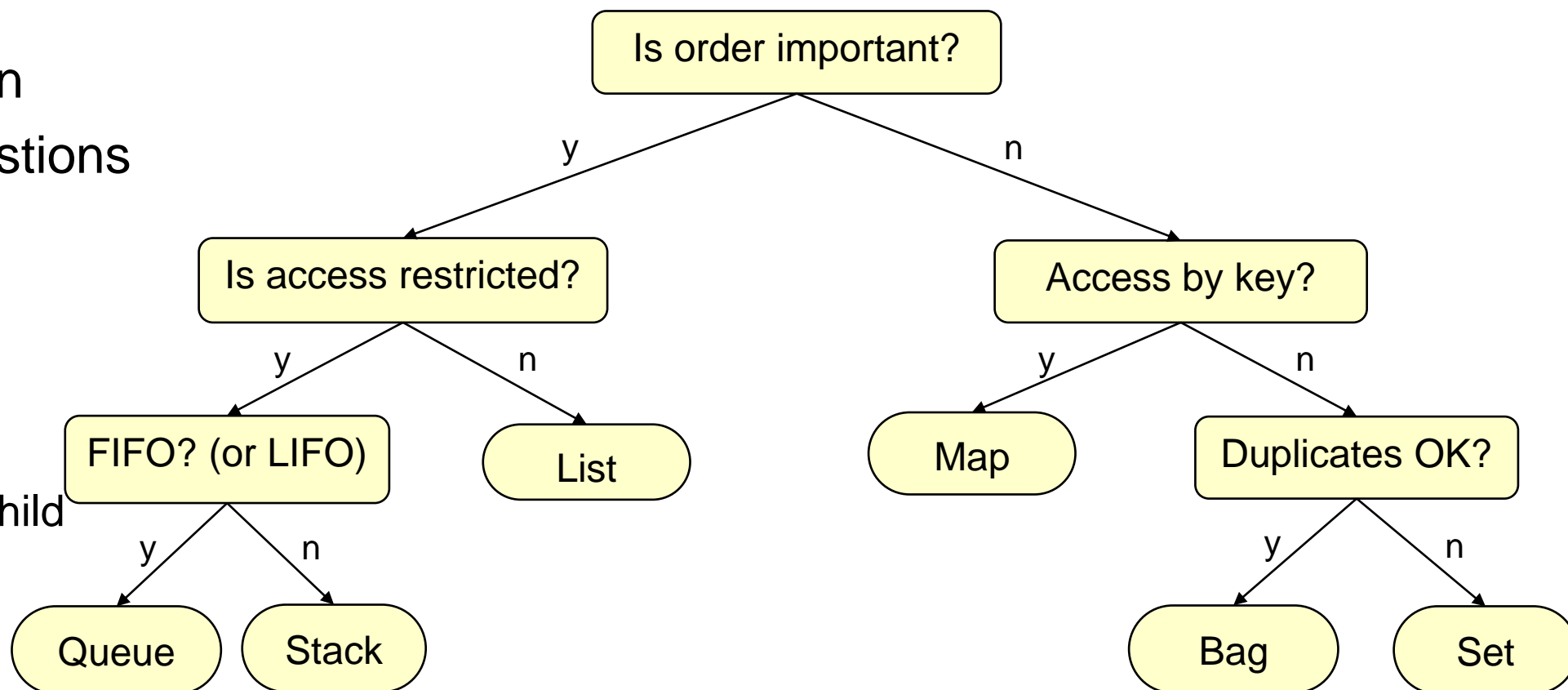
Decision Trees

- Ask questions until get to a decision node (leaf)

- Path depends on answers to questions in nodes

- Loop down tree

- Ask question
- Choose y or n child



- Extending tree

- If answer is wrong, turn into a question node
- Add child nodes (old and new answers)

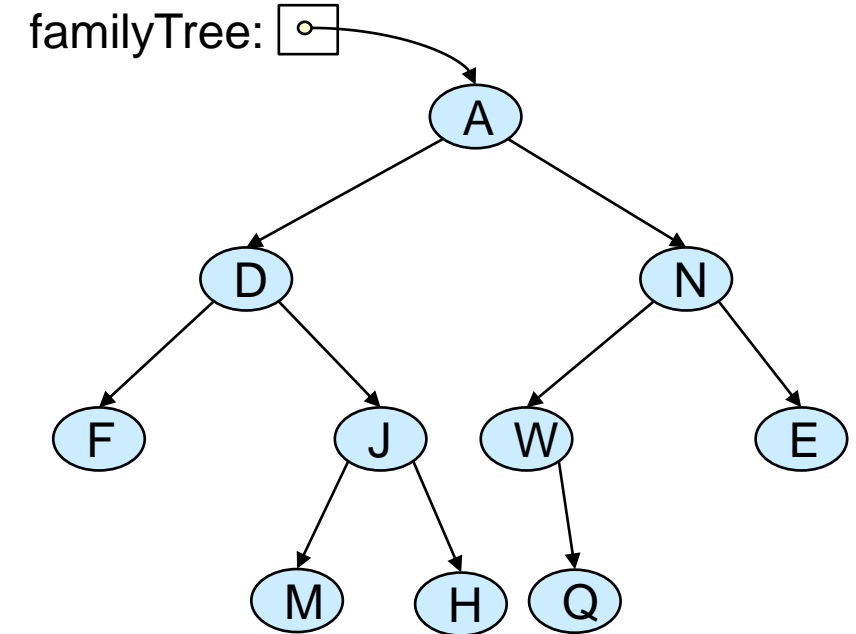
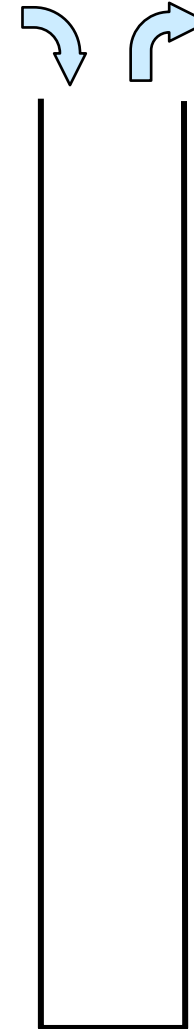
Depth first traversal without recursion

- Use a stack to store the nodes that need to be worked on

```

public void preOrderDF (Person root){
    Stack<Person> todo = new Stack<Person>();
    todo.push(root);
    while ( ! todo.isEmpty() ){
        Person p = todo.pop()
        UI.println(p);
        if ( p.getMother() != null ){
            todo.push(p.getMother());
        }
        if ( p.getFather() != null ){
            todo.push(p.getFather());
        }
    }
}

```



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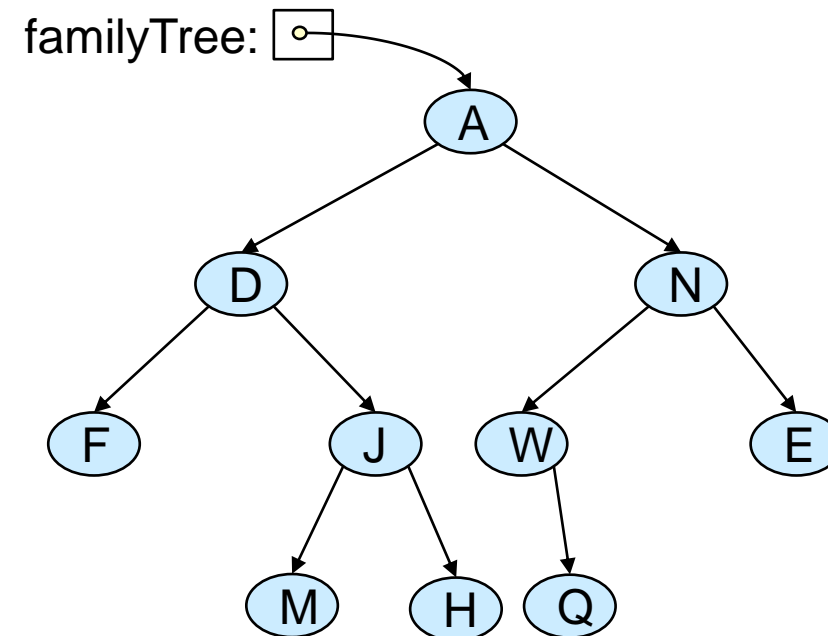
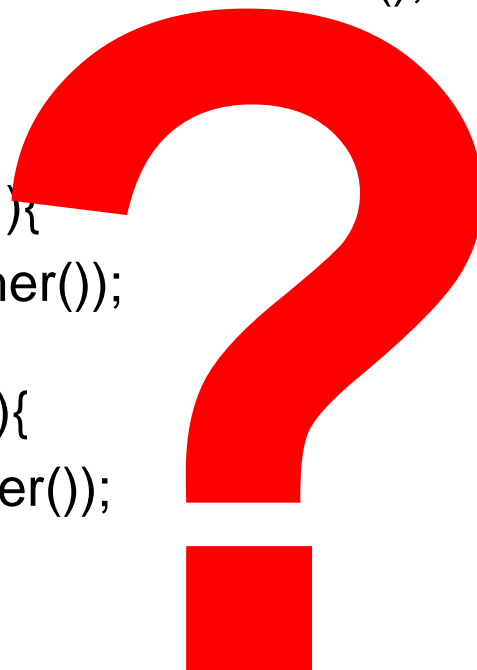
Depth first traversal without recursion

- How do we do post-order?

```

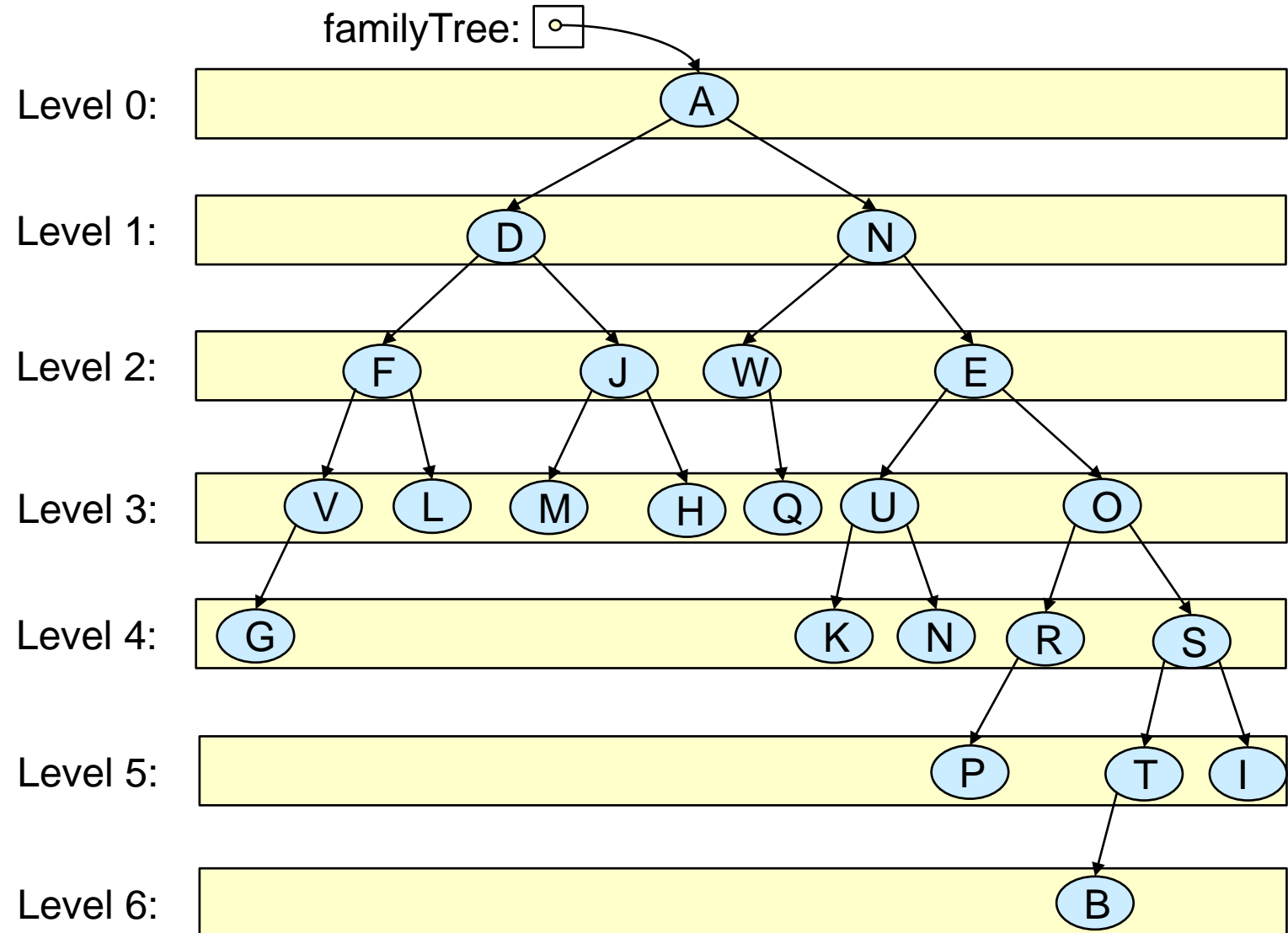
public void postOrderDF (Person root){
    Stack<Person> todo = new Stack<Person>();
    todo.push(root);
    while ( ! todo.isEmpty() ){
        if ( p.getMother() != null ){
            todo.push(p.getMother());
        }
        if ( p.getFather() != null ){
            todo.push(p.getFather());
        }
        Person p = todo.pop();
        UI.println(p);
    }
}

```



Breadth First Traversal

- Traversing nodes by level = "breadth first"
- Level-order traversal of a tree visits the nodes level-by-level, starting with level 0 (i.e. the root), then level 1, then level 2, etc. and within each level from left to right



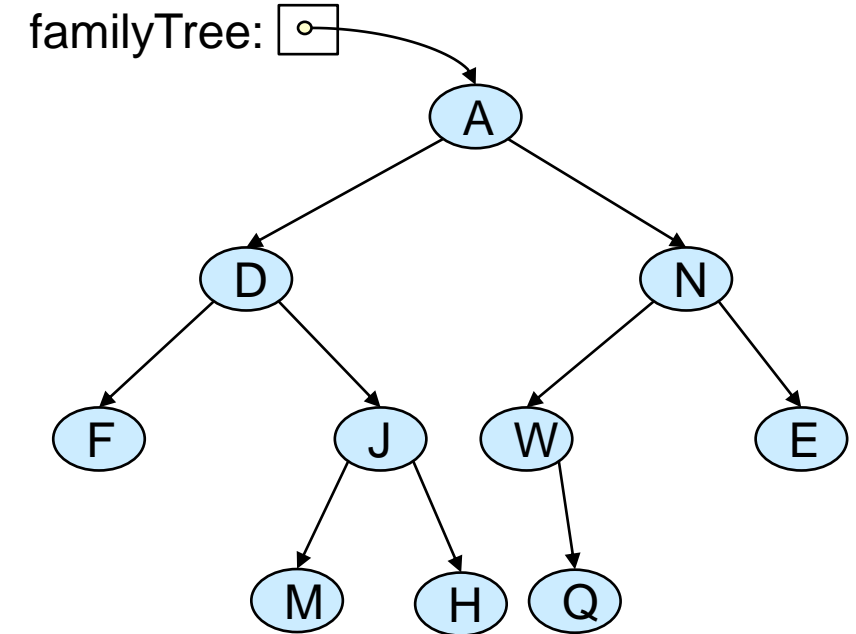
Breadth first

- Use a **queue** to store the nodes that need to be worked on

```

public void breadthFirstTraversal (Person root){
    Queue<Person> todo = new ArrayDeque<Person>();
    todo.offer(root);
    while ( ! todo.isEmpty() ){
        Person p = todo.poll();
        UI.println(p);
        if ( p.getMother() != null ){
            todo.offer(p.getMother());
        }
        if ( p.getFather() != null ){
            todo.offer(p.getFather());
        }
    }
}

```



Traversing and returning

- Collecting up nodes in a list/set to return:
 - Straightforward using the iterative (Stack or Queue based) traversal:

```
/** Find all Persons in tree born before a given year */
```

```
public Set<Person> dfFindOldStack(Person root, int year){
    Set<Person> ans = new HashSet<Person>();
    Stack<Person> todo = new Stack<Person>();
    todo.push(root);
    while ( ! todo.isEmpty() ){
        Person p = todo.pop();
        if (p.getYoB() < year) { ans.add(p); }
        if ( p.getMother() != null ){ todo.push(p.getMother()); }
        if ( p.getFather() != null ) { todo.push(p.getFather()); }
    }
    return ans;
}
```

Traversing and returning

- Collecting up nodes in a list/set to return:
 - In recursive traversal, pass in List/Set; method just adds values to List/Set;
 - No need to return list/set from recursive calls

```
/** Find all Persons in tree born before a given year */
```

```
public Set<Person> dfFindOldRec(Person p, int year){
    Set<Person> setOfOld = new HashSet<Person>();
    dfFindOldRecHelper(p, year, setOfOld);
    return setOfOld;
}

public void dfFindOldRecHelper(Person p, int year, Set<Person> setOfOld){
    if (p!=null){
        if (p.getYoB()< year) {setOfOld.add(p); }
        dfFindOldRecHelper(p.getFather(), year, setOfOld);
        dfFindOldRecHelper(p.getMother(), year, setOfOld);
    }
}
```

Traversing and returning

- Finding a single node or value to return:
 - Straightforward using the iterative (Stack or Queue based) traversal:

```
/** Find a Person in tree with a given name */
```

```
public Person dfFindNameStack(Person root, String name){
    Stack<Person> todo = new Stack<Person>();
    todo.push(root);
    while ( ! todo.isEmpty() ){
        Person p = todo.pop();
        if (p.getName().equals(name)) { return p; }
        if ( p.getMother() != null ){ todo.push(p.getMother()); }
        if ( p.getFather() != null ) { todo.push(p.getFather()); }
    }
    return null;
}
```


Traversing and returning

- Finding a single node or value to return:
 - In recursive traversal, must pass back the answer, all the way up the tree

```
/** Find a Person in tree with a given name */
```

```
public Person dfFindNameRec(Person p, String name){  
    if (p==null)           { return null; }  
    if (p.getName().equals(name)) { return p; }  
    Person ans = dfFindNameRec(p.getFather(), name);  
    if (ans !=null)        { return ans; }  
    return dfFindNameRec(p.getMother(), name);  
}
```