

Data Structures: 從零到精通的架構藍圖

Data Structures: The Architect's Blueprint to Mastery

核心數據結構完全解析：LL / Stack / Queue / Tree / Graph

Professor's Note

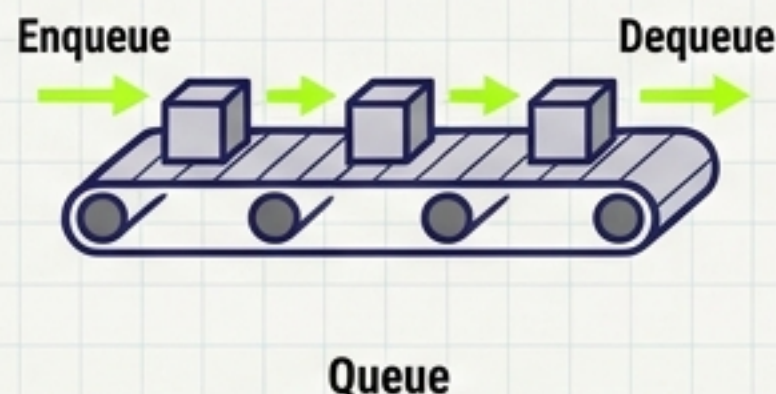
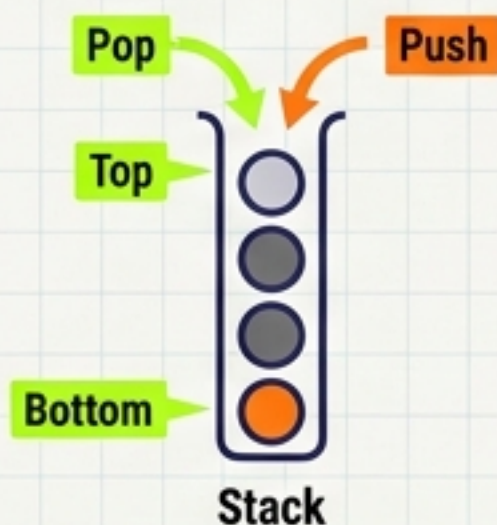
「這不是一堂死背程式碼的課。這是一場教你如何像架構師一樣思考的訓練。我們將用費曼學習法 (Feynman Technique)，帶你把最抽象的結構變成最直觀的常識。」

This is not a class on rote memorization. This is training to think like an architect. We will use the Feynman Technique to turn abstract structures into intuitive common sense.

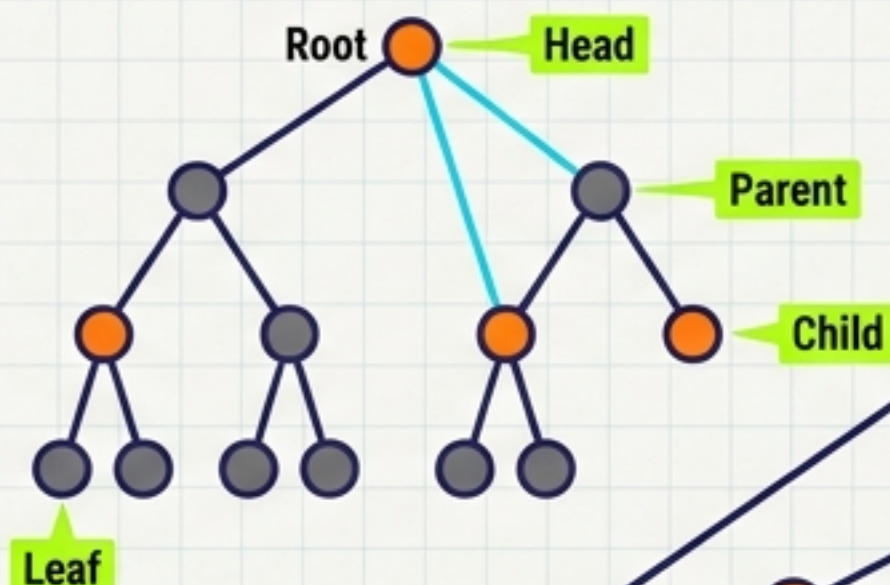
The Map of the Territory: Evolution of Data Connections

Connection Type (Linear / 線性 → Non-Linear / 非線性)

Linear (一條線) - Linked List, Stack, Queue



Branching (樹枝分岔) - Tree



Network (蜘蛛網) - Graph

Complexity (Simple → Complex)

Professor's Note

「所有的數據結構，都只是在規定『資料如何連接』的規則。」
All data structures are simply rules dictating how data connects.

- Linear Structures (線性結構): One-to-one relationship.
- Non-linear Structures (非線性結構): One-to-many or Many-to-many relationships.



OOP Fundamentals: Interface vs. Class (觸類旁通)

Interface (介面)



- 定義了「能做什麼」 (Defines WHAT can be done).
- 包含 Abstract (抽象) 方法，例如 push(), pop()。

Class (類別) / Implements (實作)

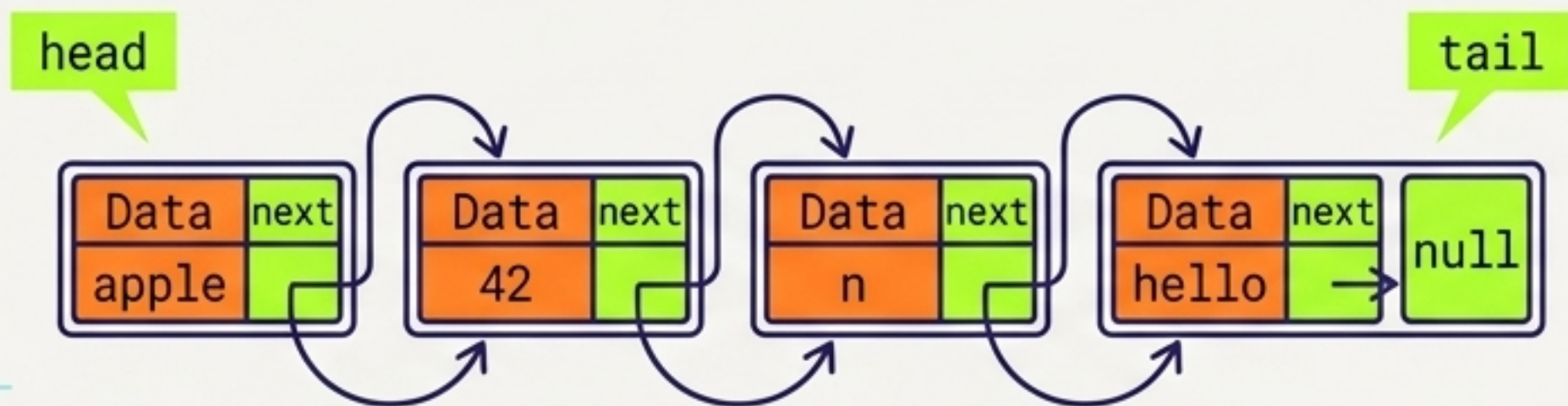


- 定義了「如何做到」 (Defines HOW it is done).
- 例如 LinkedStack 或是 ArrayStack 都是實作同一個 Stack 介面。

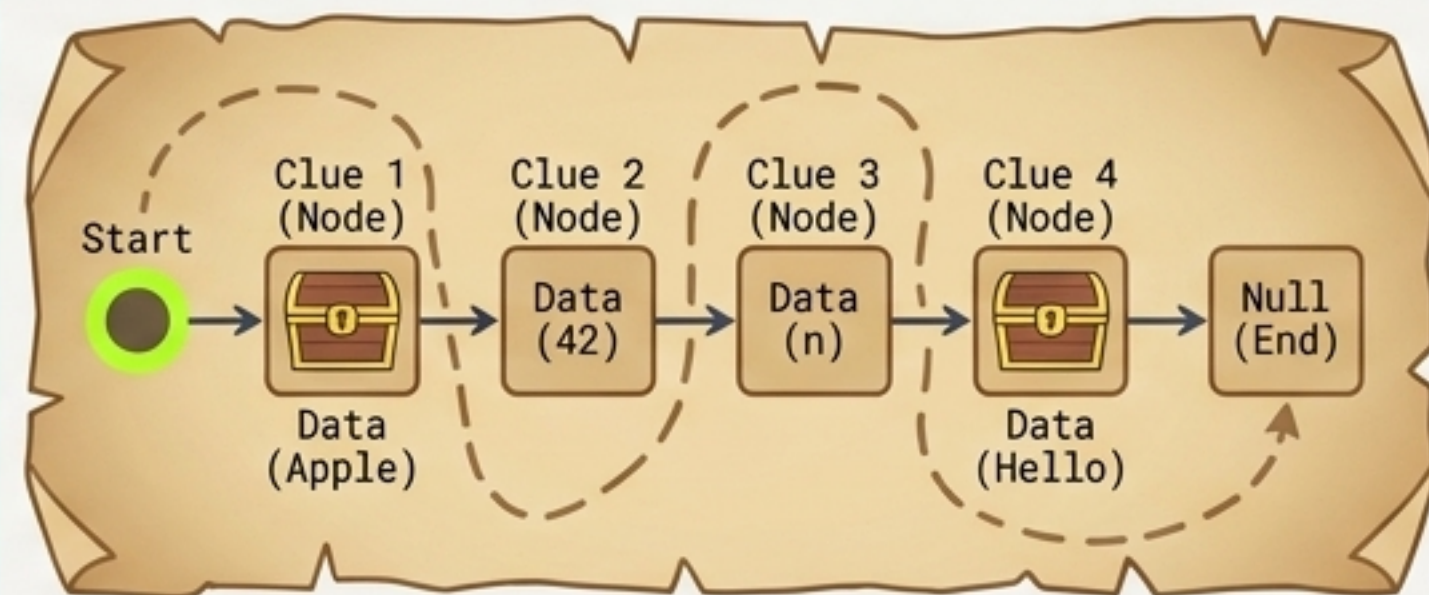
Professor's Insight

「考試卷常出現 public interface Stack 和 public class LinkedStack implements Stack。為什麼？因為『介面』是合約，『類別』是真正的工人。掌握這點，你就能讀懂所有原始碼。」
Interfaces are contracts; Classes are the actual workers.

Linked Lists: The Dynamic Chain



尋寶遊戲 (A Treasure Hunt)



陣列是固定的置物櫃；而 Linked List 是尋寶遊戲，每一個提示 (Node) 都包含寶藏 (Data) 和下一個提示的藏寶圖 (Next pointer)。

- **Node** (節點): Contains **Data** and **Next** reference.

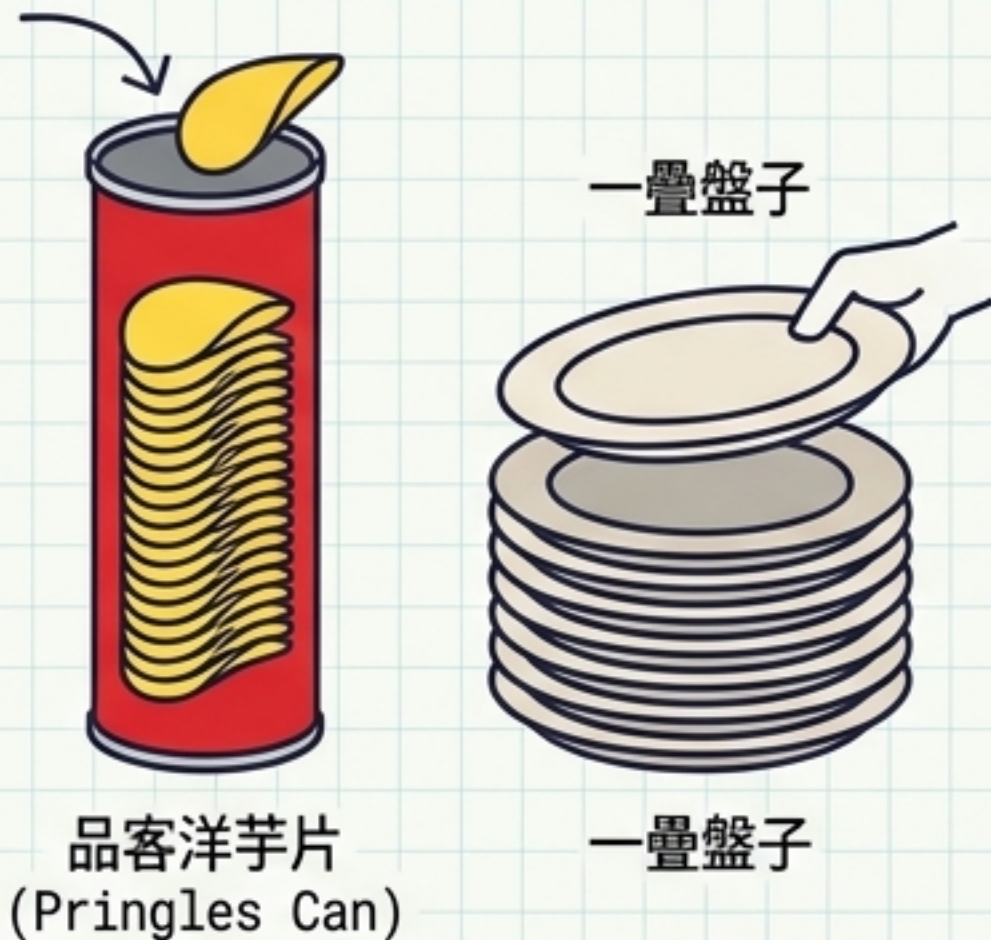
- **Head** (頭部): The starting point.

- **Tail** (尾部): Points to the last node. (Saves $O(N)$ time when adding to the end!)

- **Null** (空值): Marks the end of the line.

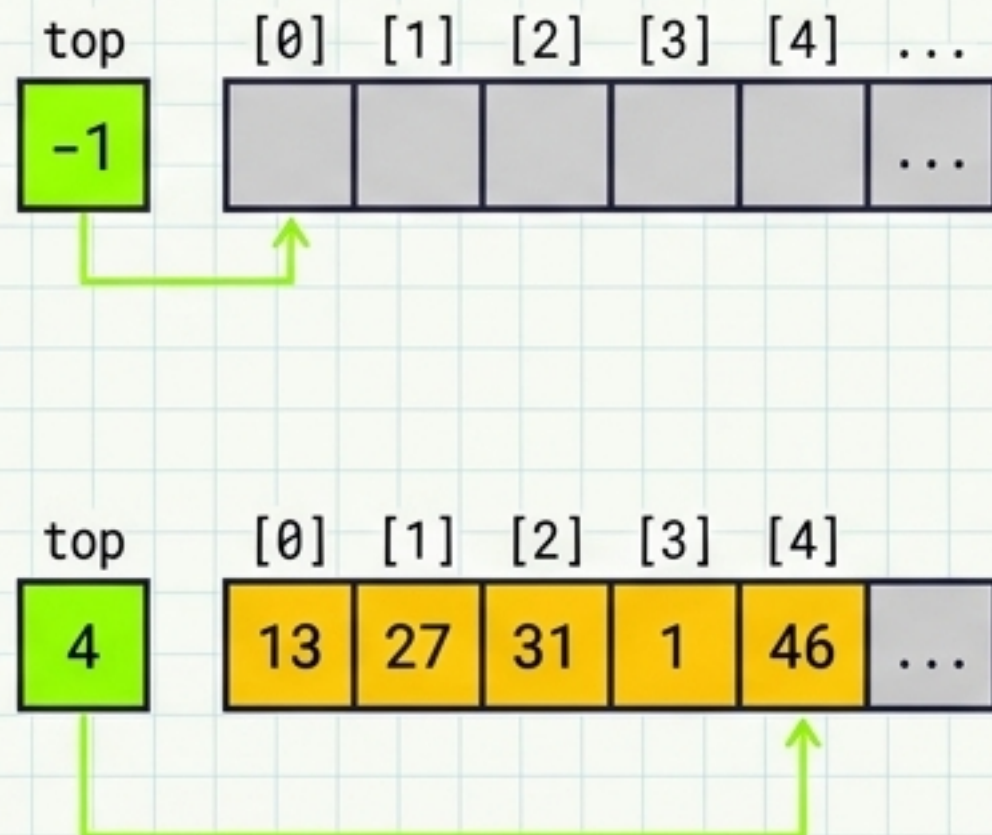
Stacks: Constraining Access with LIFO

Feynman Analogy



Core Rule: LIFO
(Last-In-First-Out / 後進先出)

Technical Implementation

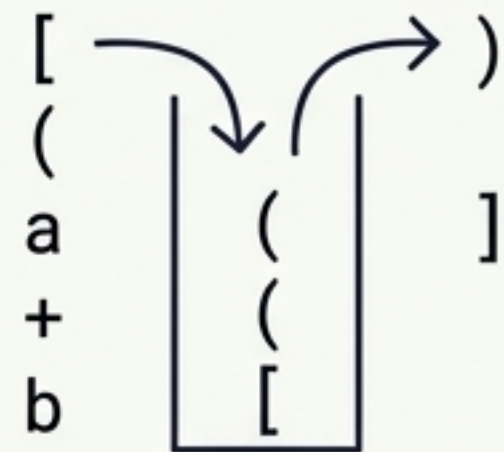


Primary Operations & Application

- **push(item)**: 將資料壓入頂部 (Add to top).
- **pop()**: 移除並回傳頂部資料 (Remove and return top).
- **top()**: 僅查看不移除 (View top without removing).

Practical Exam Application

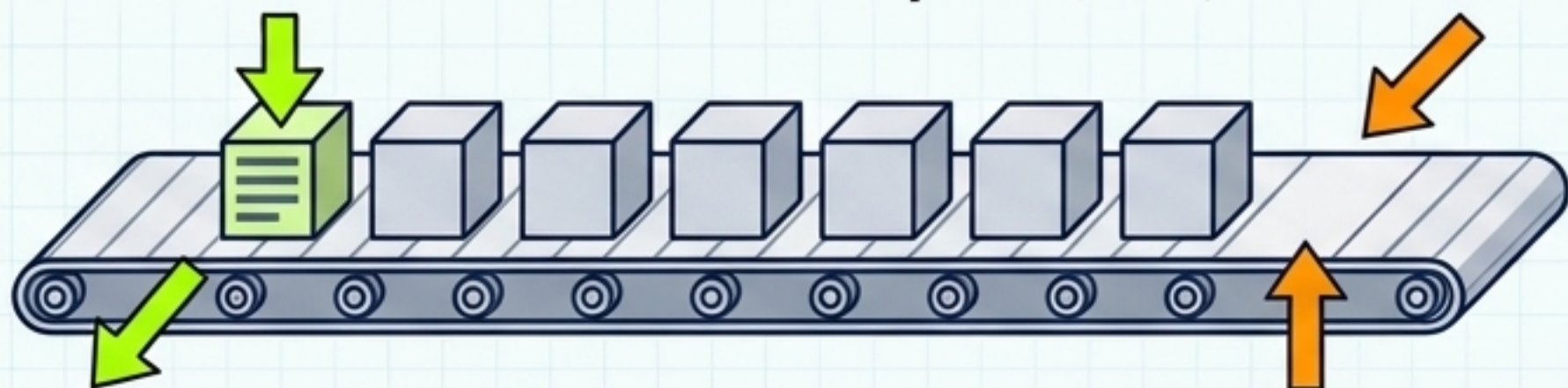
Application: 括號檢查
(Parenthesis matching) [(a+b)]



Queues: Fairness in Data with FIFO

Mechanics Analysis

front: 指向第一個元素
(Points to the first element)



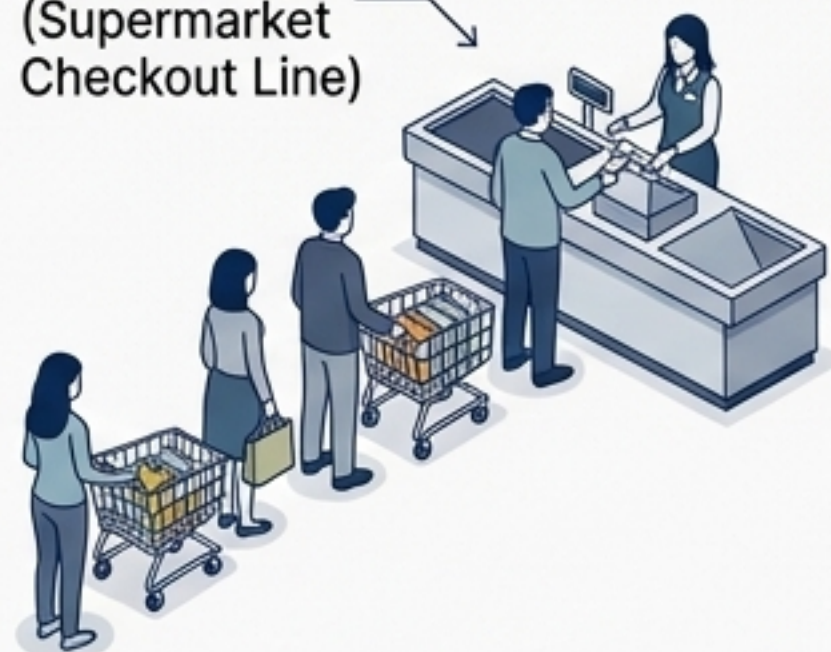
• **enqueue(item)** → enters at rear

• **dequeue()** → exits at front

rear: 指向下一個空位
(Points to the next available position)

Feynman Analogy

超市排隊結帳
(Supermarket
Checkout Line)



Core Rule: FIFO
(First-In-First-Out / 先進先出)

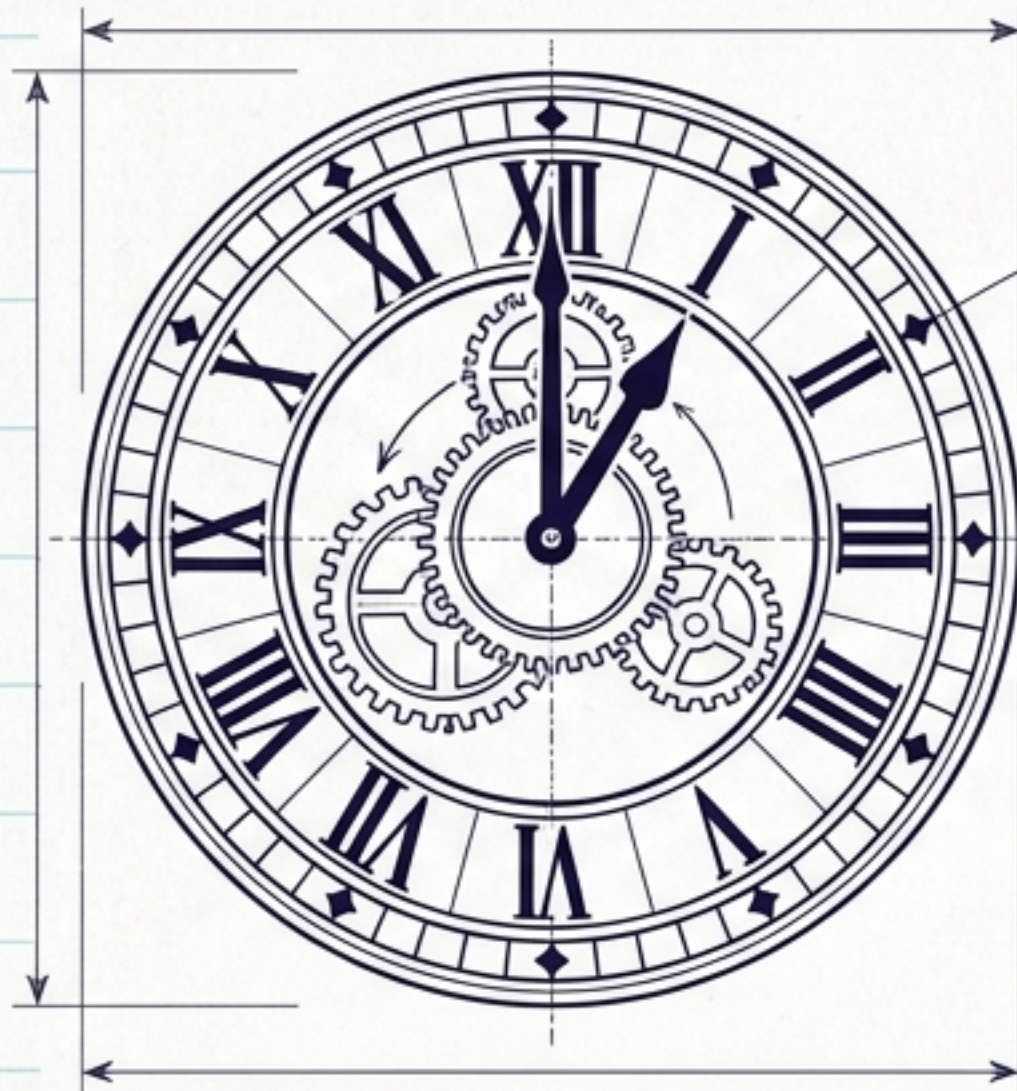
⚠ Architectural Flaw: The Memory Leak



When implemented with arrays, moving pointers rightward creates a 'fake full' error.
The array hits the wall even if the front is empty!

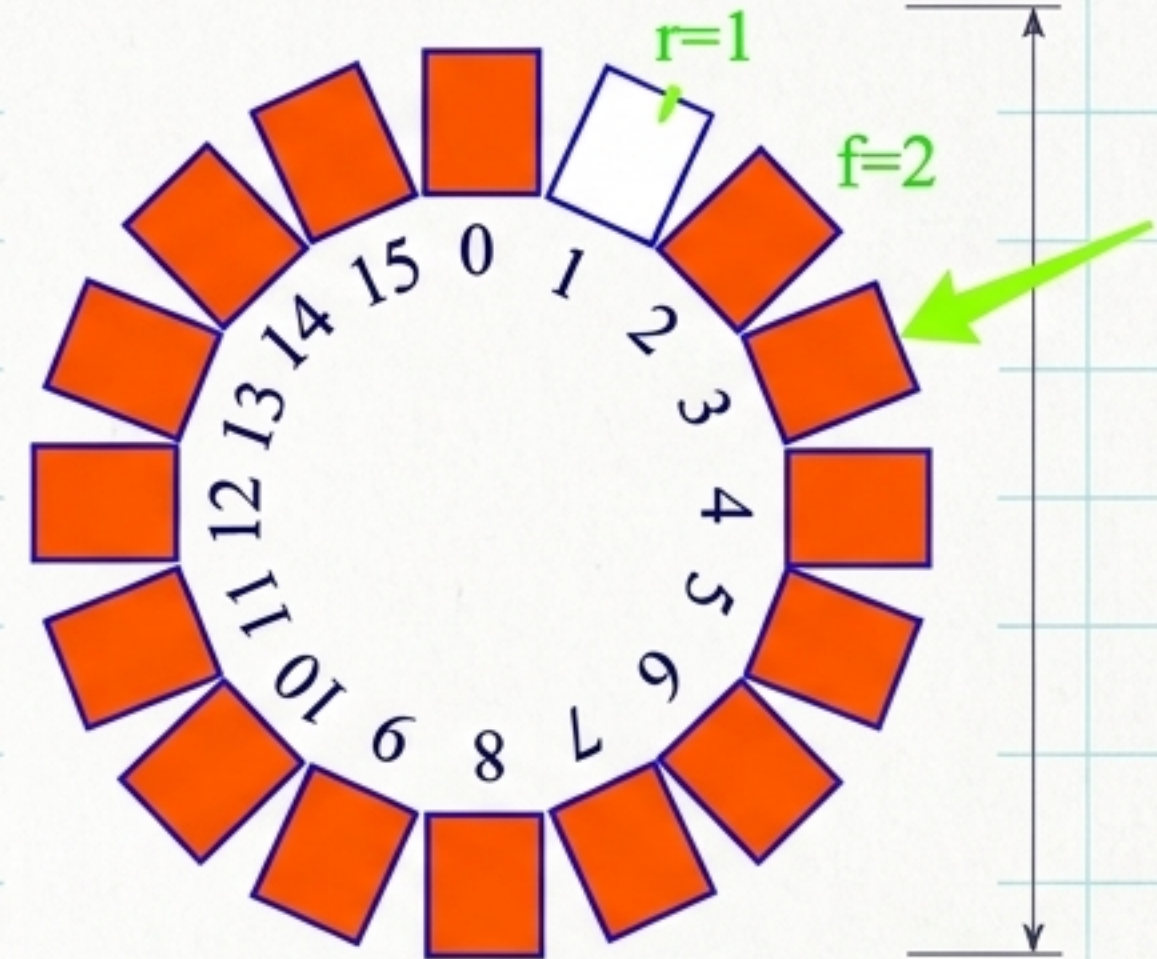
front rear

The Circular Queue: Elegant Math Solutions



時鐘表面 (The Clock Face)

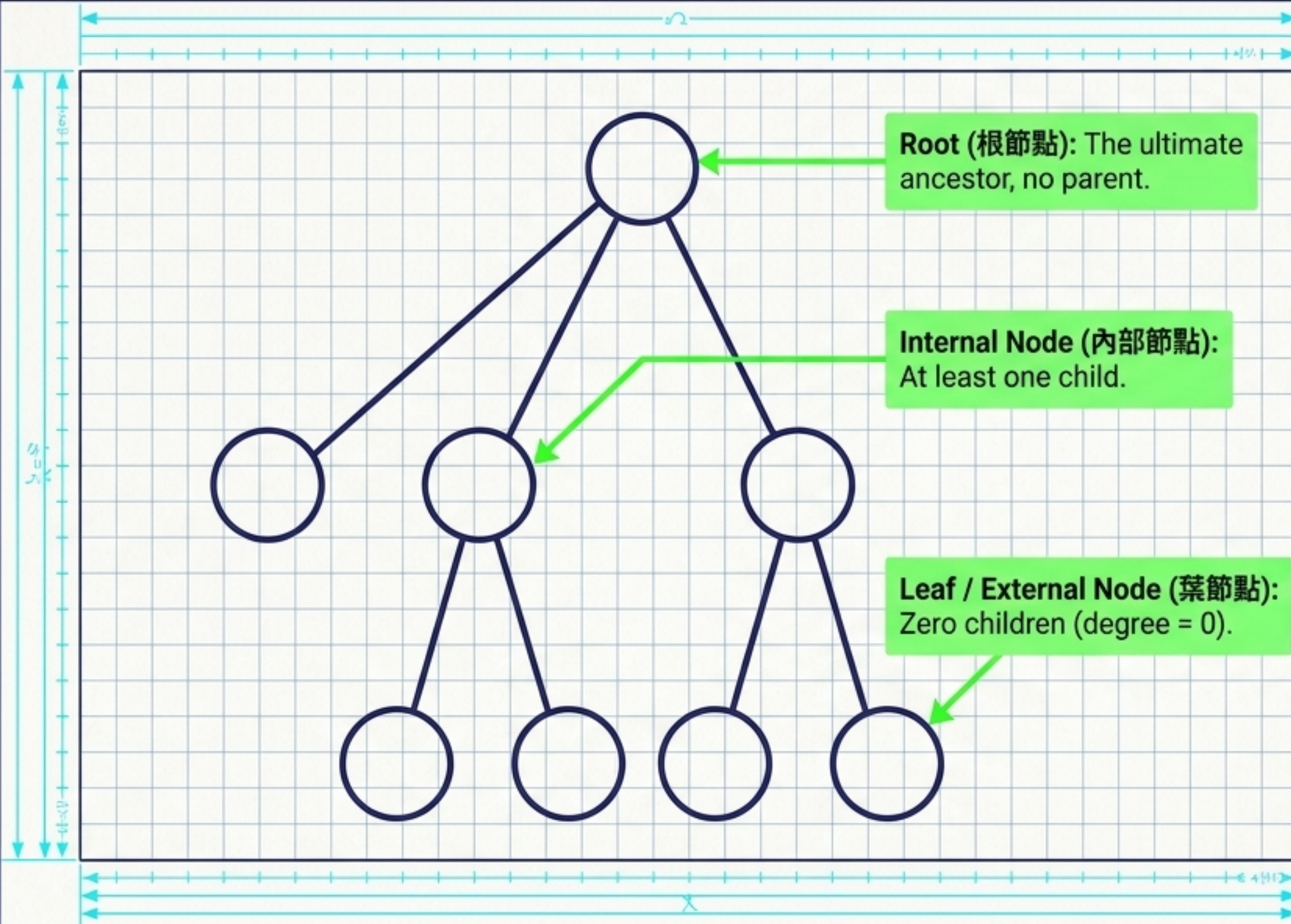
「12點加1小時是1點，不是13點。
這就是 **Modulo (%)** 的魔力！」
(12 o'clock plus 1 hour is 1 o'clock,
not 13. This is the magic of Modulo!)



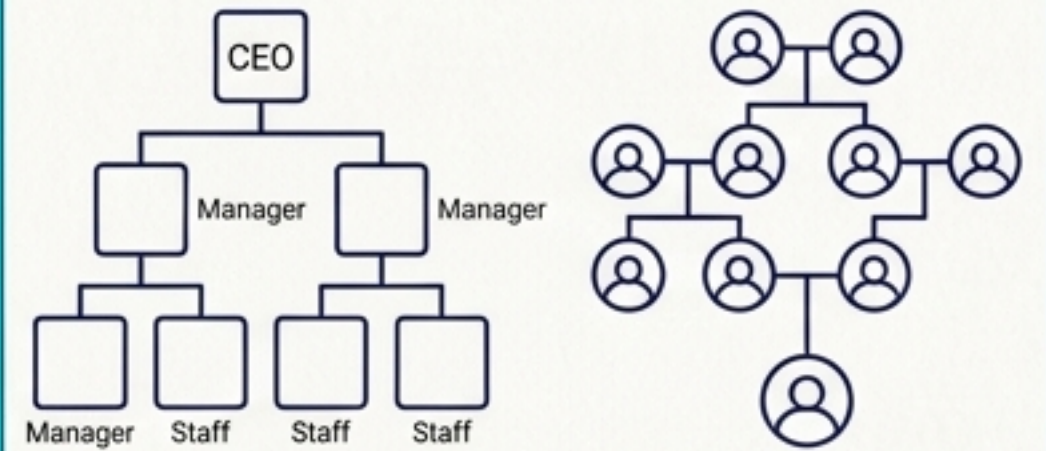
Crucial Formulas (Must Memorize)

- Move Rear: $rear = (rear + 1) \% capacity$
- Move Front: $front = (front + 1) \% capacity$
- Size Calculation: $(N - front + rear) \% N$

Trees: Breaking Linear Constraints



Feynman Analogy

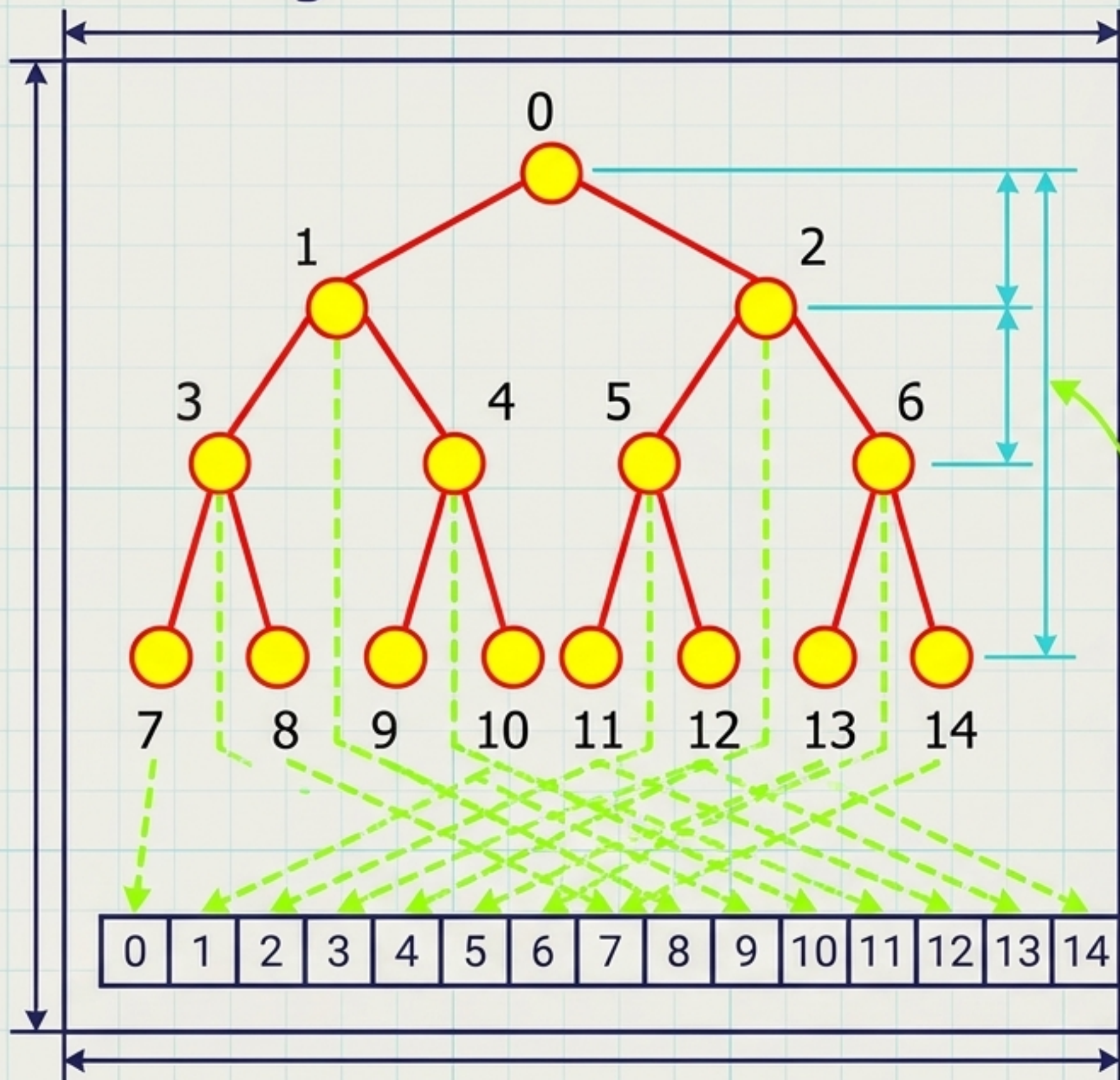


家族族譜 (Family Tree) /
公司組織架構 (Corporate Hierarchy)

Definition

- **Height (高度):** The longest path from root to a leaf.
- **Degree (分支度):** Number of children a node has.

Binary Trees: The Rule of Two & Array Magic



Professor's Insight & Formulas

「當我們規定一棵樹『最多只能有兩個小孩』時，奇蹟發生了。我們甚至不需要指標 (**Pointers**)，可以直接用數學將樹存入一維陣列中！」

(When we restrict nodes to max 2 children, we don't need pointers; we map it flat using math!)

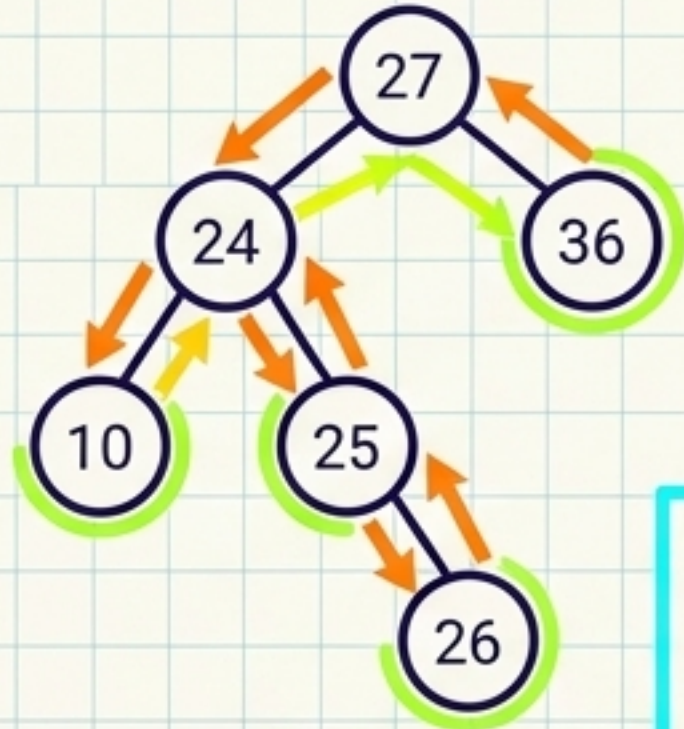
Array Mapping Formulas:

- Parent at index p (父節點位置)
- Left Child (左子節點): $2p + 1$
- Right Child (右子節點): $2p + 2$

Tree Traversals: Reading a 2D Map in 1D

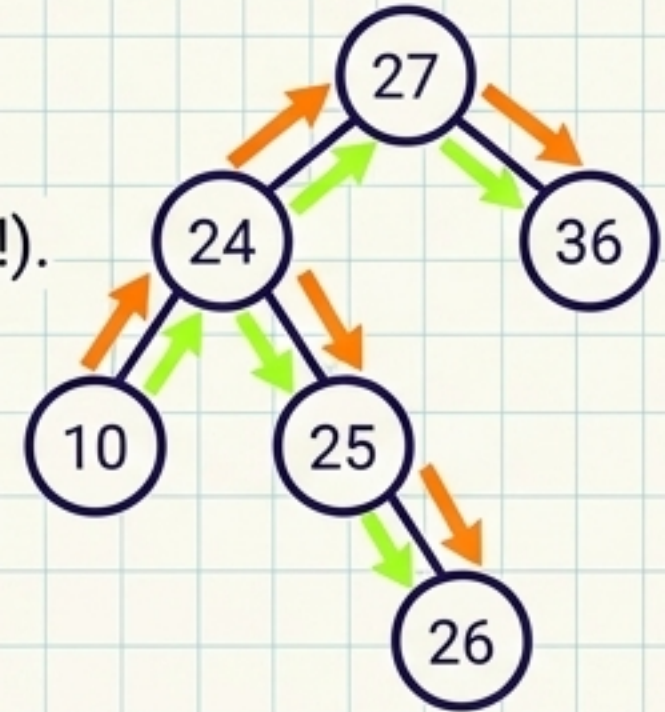
Pre-order (前序)

Root → Left → Right.
(Top-down scanning).



In-order (中序)

Left → Root → Right.
(Produces sorted output!).

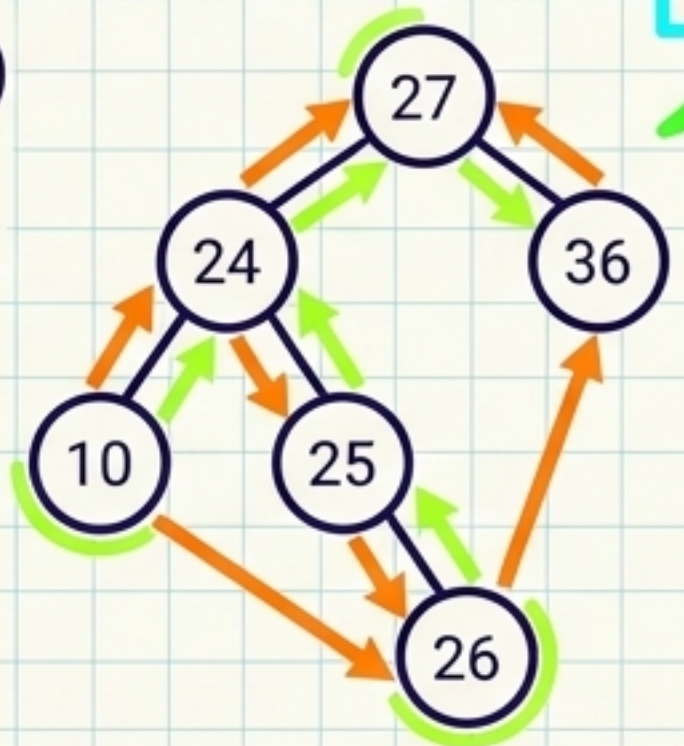


Core Concept:

決定於何時拜訪「父節點」
(It all depends on when you visit the Parent/Root).

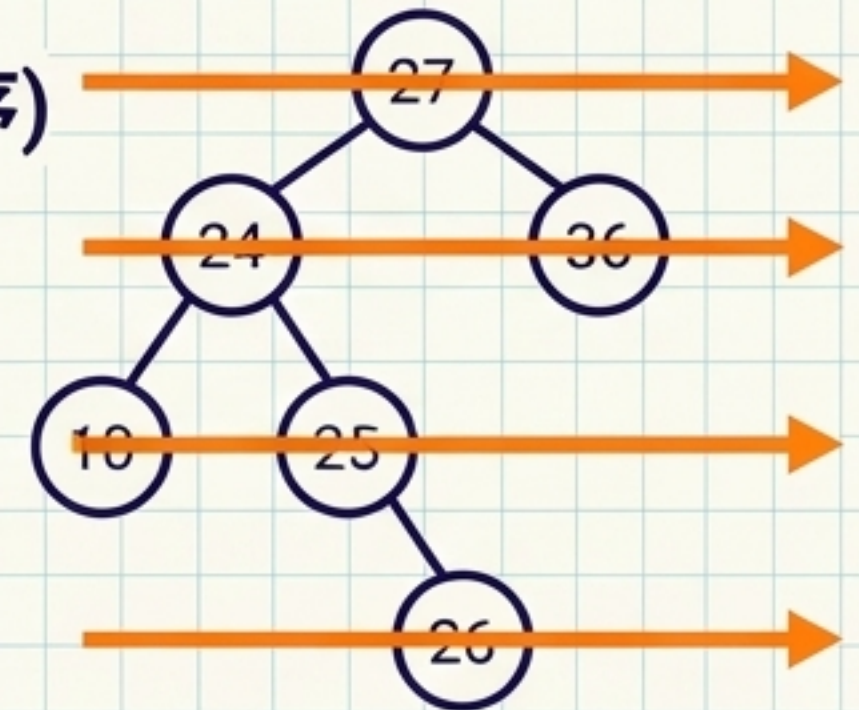
Post-order (後序)

Left → Right → Root.
(Bottom-up scanning).



Breadth-first (層序)

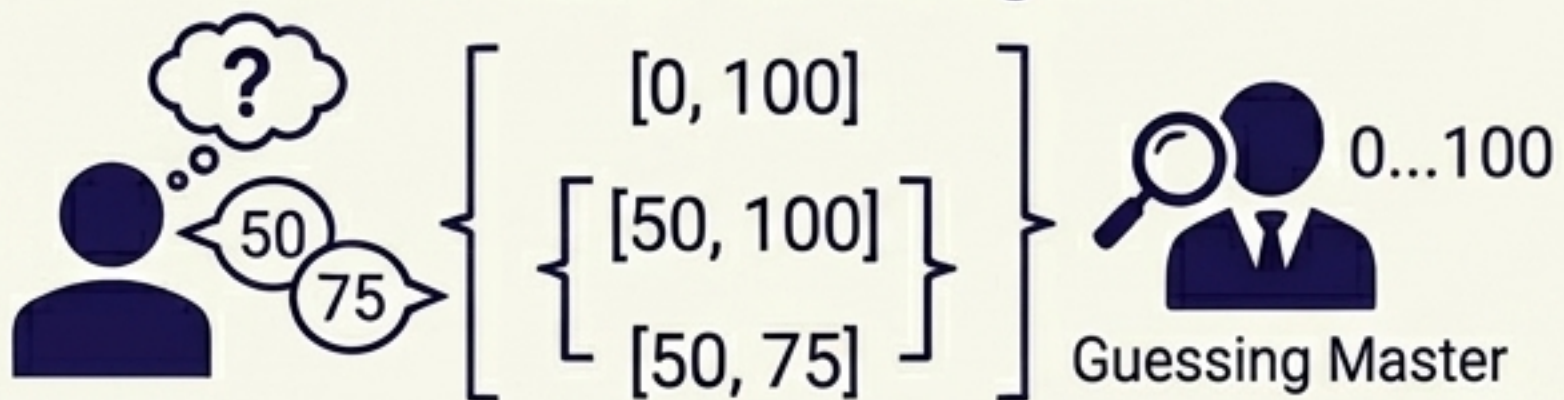
Level by level, 0 to N.



Binary Search Tree (BST) & AVL: Sorting for Speed

Feynman Analogy & Concept

The Number Guessing Game



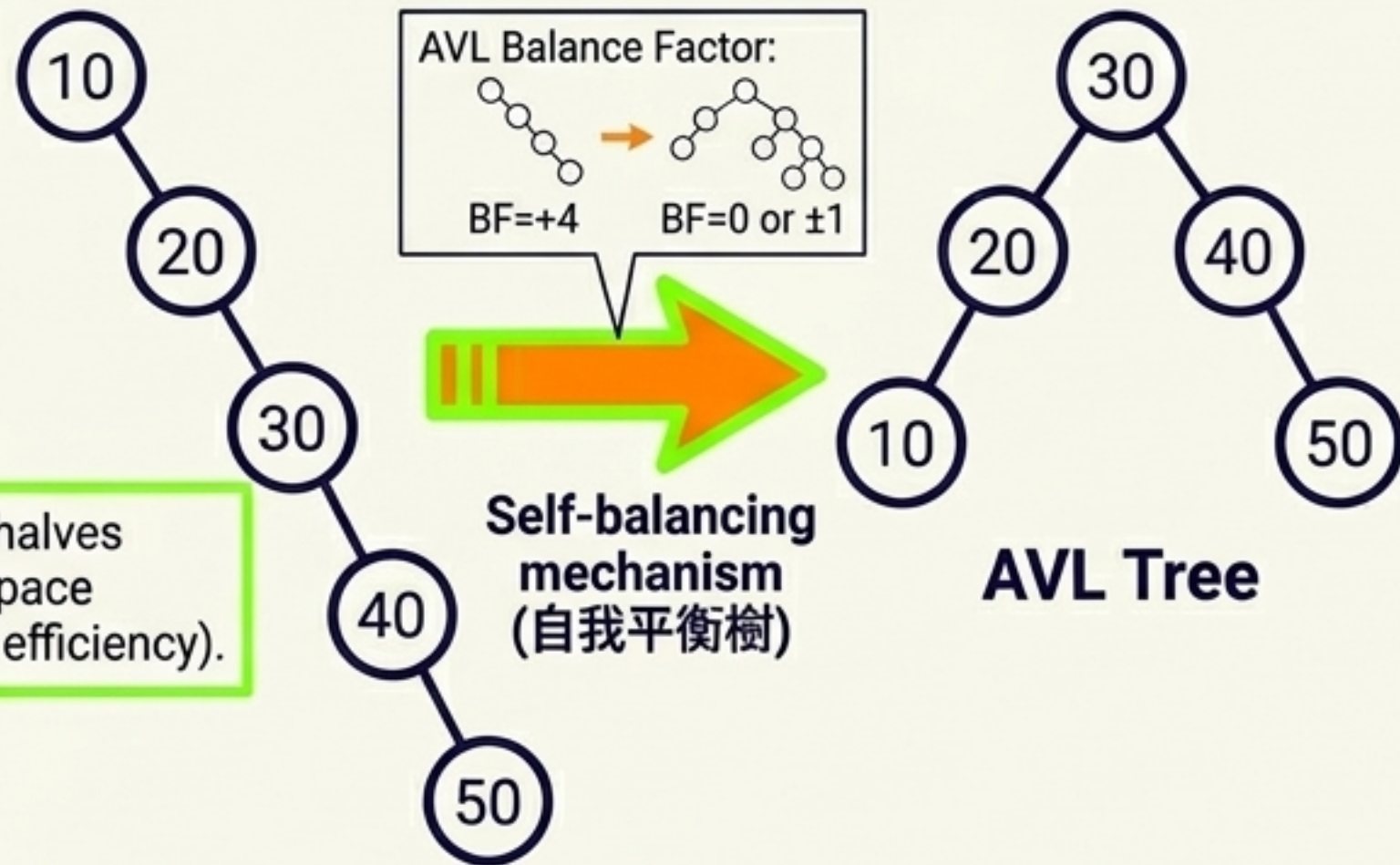
終極猜數字遊戲

(The Ultimate Number Guessing Game)

Left < Parent < Right

Each guess halves the search space (logarithmic efficiency).

The Balance Problem & AVL Solution



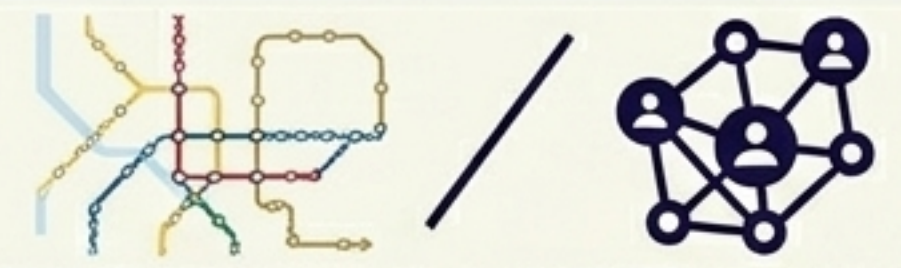
Performance Matrix - Exam Focus

Structure	Best Case	Worst Case
BST	$O(1)$ (Target is Root)	Height + 1 (Degrades to Linked List)
AVL Tree	$O(1)$	Logarithmic $O(\log N)$

AVL ensures worst-case remains logarithmic, never linear.
(The cost of speed is extra space for balance factors.)

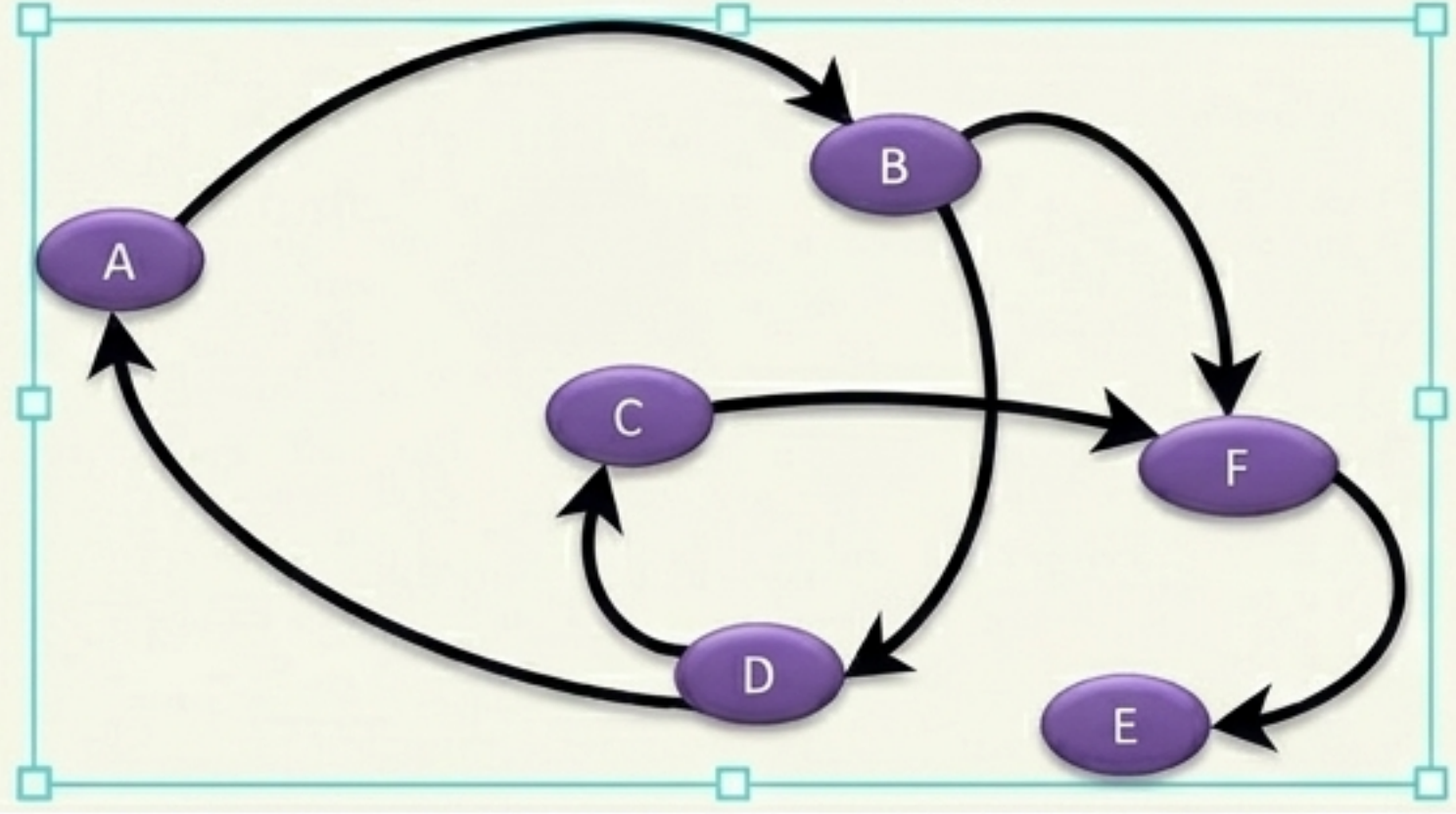
Graphs: The Ultimate Data Structure Freedom

Feynman Analogy & Concept

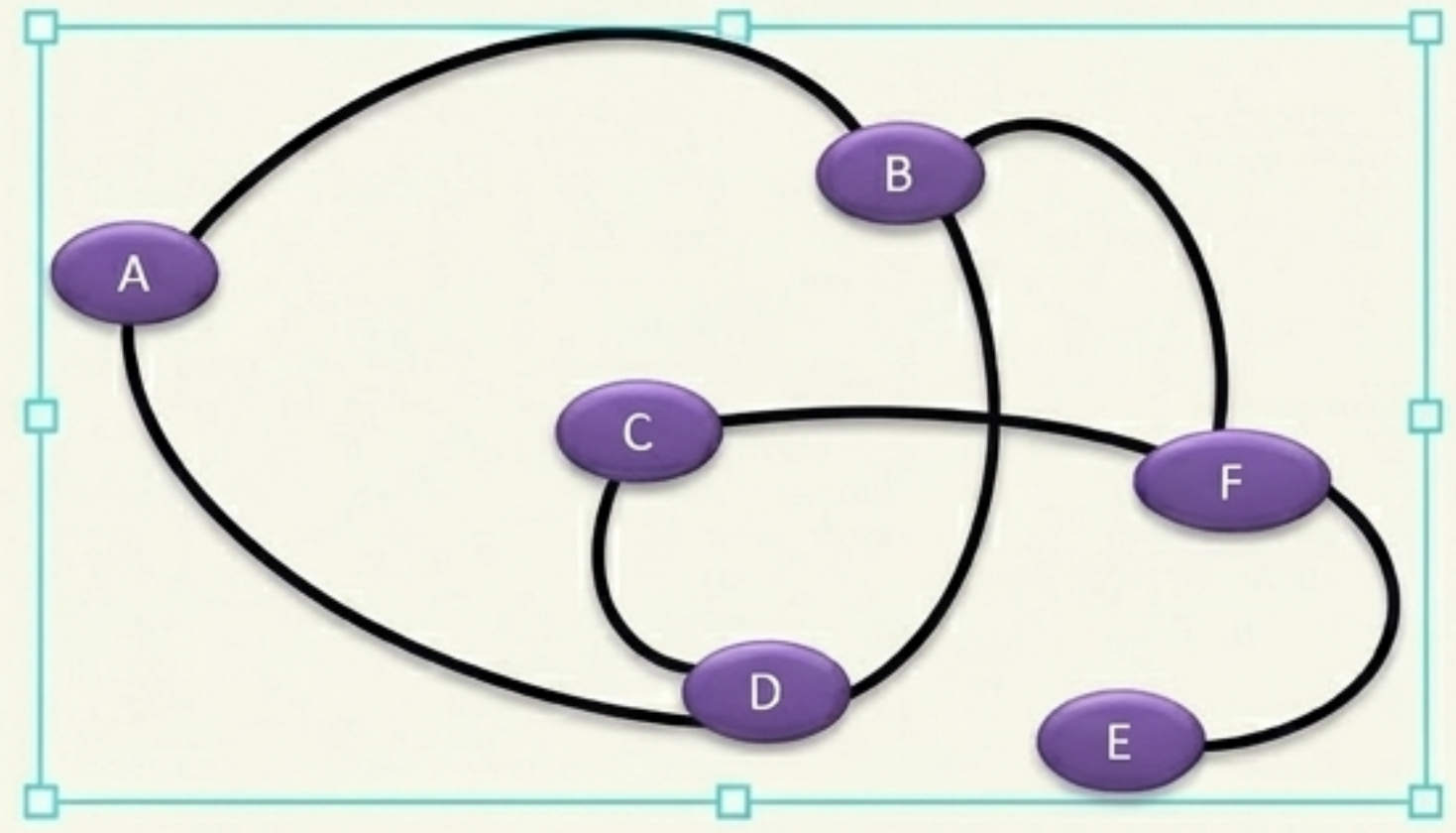


捷運路線圖 (MRT System Map) / 社群網路 (Social Networks)

Directed (有向圖): One-way streets (e.g., Twitter followers).



Undirected (無向圖): Two-way streets (e.g., Facebook friends).



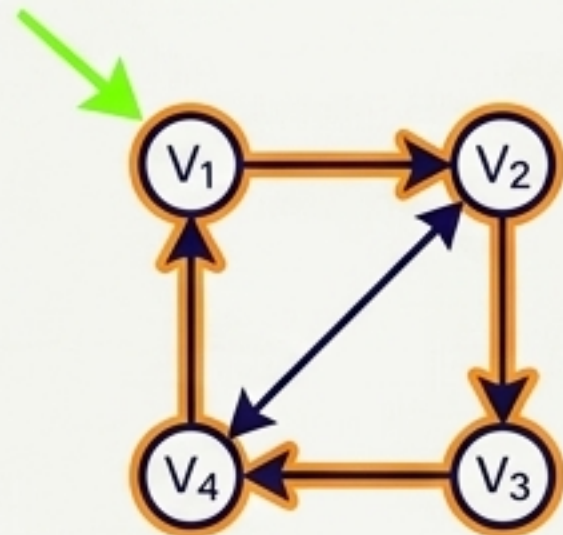
Vocabulary Matrix - Exam Focus

- **Vertex / Vertices (頂點, V):** The nodes/stations.
- **Edge (邊, E):** The connections/routes.

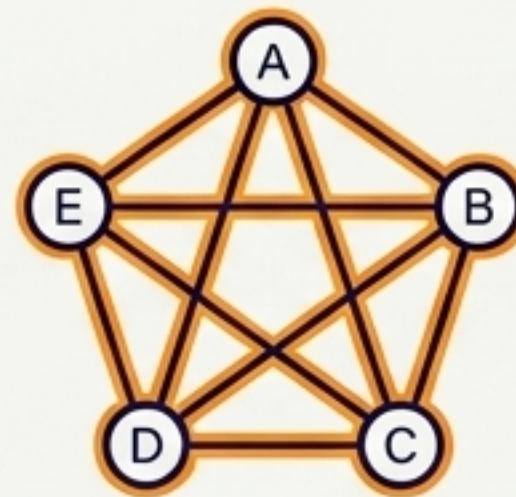
Professor's Insight:
「拿掉 Root，拿掉 Parent/Child 限制。
任何節點都能連結任何節點，任何節點都能連結任何節點，這就是圖 (Graph)。」
(Remove root, remove parent rules. Anyone connects to anyone.)

Graph Sub-structures: Navigating Exam Terminology

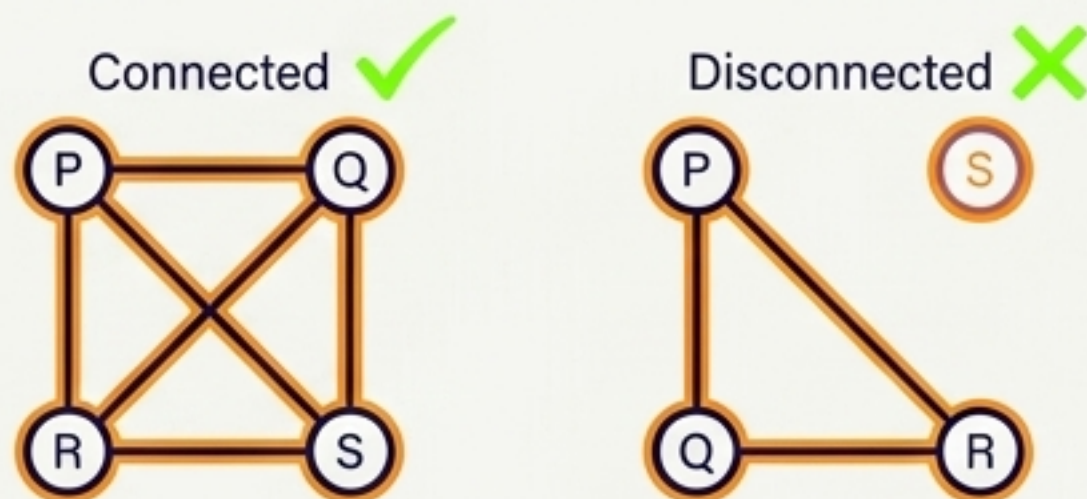
Cycle (循環): A path starting and ending at the same vertex.



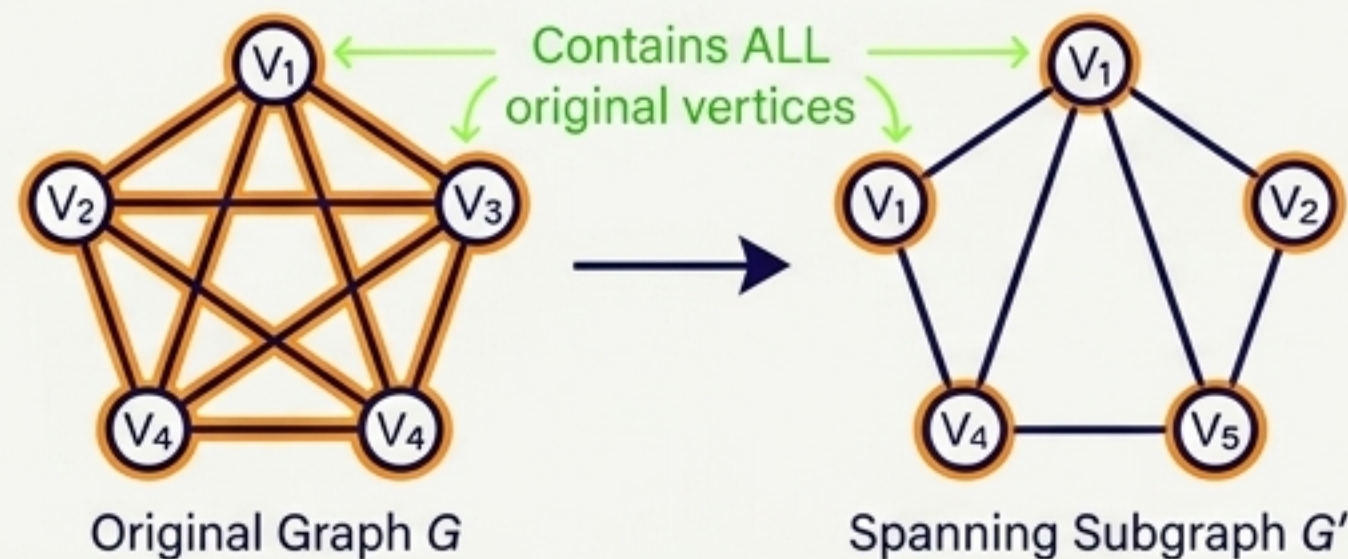
Complete Graph (完全圖): Everyone is directly connected to everyone. Formula: $|V| \times (|V| - 1) / 2$




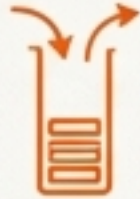

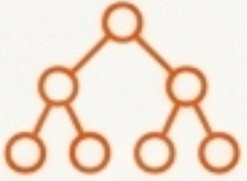
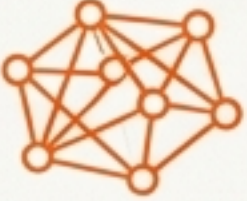
Connected Graph (連通圖): A path exists between any two distinct vertices.

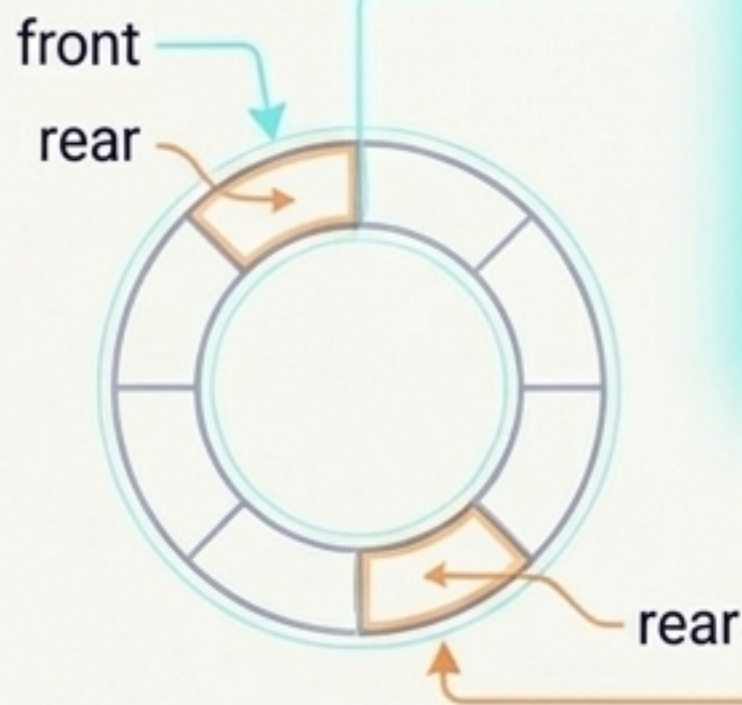
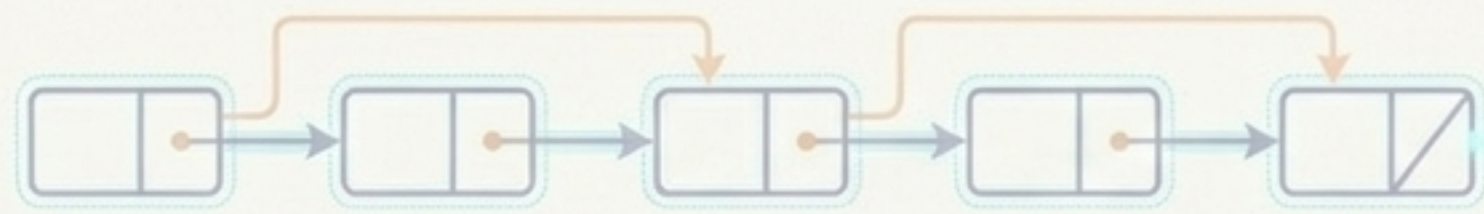


Spanning Subgraph (生成子圖): Contains ALL original vertices V , but only some edges E .



The Synthesis Matrix: The Master Cheat Sheet

	Structure (結構)	Core Rule (核心法則)	Feynman Analogy (現實比喻)	Primary Use Case (主要應用)
1	Linked List 	Dynamic Chain	Treasure Hunt	Memory management
2	Stack 	LIFO	Pringles Can	Parentheses matching / Reversal
3	Queue 	FIFO	Checkout Line	OS Scheduling
4	Tree 	Hierarchy	Family Tree	Searching / Sorting
5	Graph 	Free Network	MRT Map	Routing / Navigation



The Tao of Data (數據之道)

「世界上沒有『最完美』的數據結構，只有對你的問題來說『最合適』的數據結構。理解它們的代價與優勢，你就能設計出改變世界的架構。」

There is no 'perfect' data structure, only the 'right' one for your specific problem. Understand the tradeoffs, and you can design architectures that change the world.

Read. Analyze. Build. (閱讀。分析。建構。)

