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## ECE 220: Computer Systems & Programming

### Pyramid Tree I/O Example

## Use Pyramid Trees to Write Output and Input Examples

Let's do an I/O example using pyramid trees.

Here's what we'll do:

- write a tree as **ASCII**
- write a tree as binary
- compare the two files, and
- rebuild a tree from the binary file.

Then, as a think-pair-share, you can rebuild a tree from the **ASCII** file.

## Pyramid Tree Nodes Consist of Four Fields

Recall the pyramid tree node structure:

```
struct pyr_node_t {
    int32_t x;
    int32_t y_left;
    int32_t y_right;
    int32_t id;
};
```

x and y splitters  
(internal nodes)  
or position  
(leaf nodes)

graph vertex  
array index  
(leaf nodes)

## Pyramid Tree is a Number and an Array of Nodes

And the pyramid tree:

```
struct pyr_tree_t {
    int32_t n_nodes;
    pyr_node_t* node;
};
```

number of nodes  
in pyramid tree

array of nodes