1474. Longest ZigZag Path in a Binary Tree

Difficulty : Medium

https://leetcode.com/problems/longest-zigzag-path-in-a-binary-tree

You are given the `root` of a binary tree.

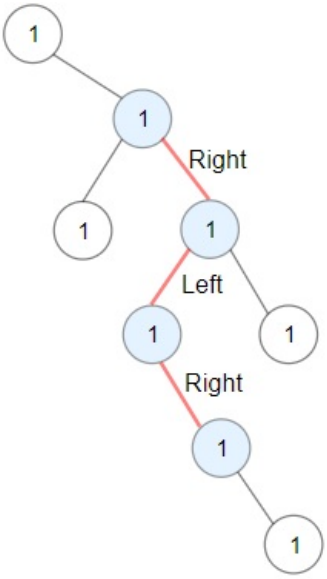
A ZigZag path for a binary tree is defined as follow:

- Choose **any** node in the binary tree and a direction (right or left).
- If the current direction is right, move to the right child of the current node; otherwise, move to the left child.
- Change the direction from right to left or from left to right.
- Repeat the second and third steps until you can't move in the tree.

Zigzag length is defined as the number of nodes visited - 1. (A single node has a length of 0).

Return *the longest **ZigZag** path contained in that tree*.

Example 1:

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Input: root = [1,null,1,1,1,null,null,1,1,null,1,null,null,null,1]
Output: 3
Explanation: Longest ZigZag path in blue nodes (right -> left -> right).
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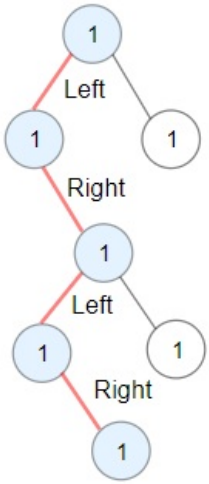
Example 2:

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Input: root = [1,1,1,null,1,null,null,1,1,null,1]
Output: 4
Explanation: Longest ZigZag path in blue nodes (left -> right -> left -> right).
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Example 3:

Input: root = [1]
Output: 0

Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range [1, 5 * 10^4].
- 1 <= Node.val <= 100