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## **Description**

Given a binary tree, determine if it is a valid binary search tree (BST).

Assume a BST is defined as follows:

- . The left subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys less than the node's key.
- . The right subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys greater than the node's key.
- · Both the left and right subtrees must also be binary search trees.

#### Example 1:

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1 3
```

Binary tree [2,1,3], return true.

#### Example 2:

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1
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2 3
```

Binary tree [1,2,3], return false.

### 1. Thought line

# 2. Depth-first Search + tree

```
1 /**
 2 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 3 * struct TreeNode {
        int val:
 5 *
         TreeNode *left;
        TreeNode *right;
 6 *
        TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(NULL), right(NULL) {}
 7 *
 8 * };
9 */
11 class Solution {
12 private:
    bool isValid(TreeNode* root, long leftBorder, long rightBorder){
         if (root==nullptr) return true;
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          int node = root->val;
16
         if (node<=leftBorder || node>=rightBorder) return false;
17
          return isValid(root->left, leftBorder,node) && isValid(root->right, node,rightBorder);
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19 public:
20
     bool isValidBST(TreeNode* root) {
21
         long leftBorder = LONG_MIN;
22
          long rightBorder = LONG_MAX;
23
          return isValid(root, leftBorder,rightBorder);
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