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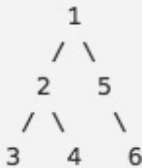
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Description

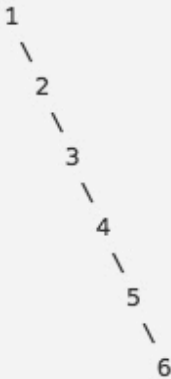
Given a binary tree, flatten it to a linked list in-place.

For example,

Given



The flattened tree should look like:



1. Thought line

- ALWAYS move from current node to its right child.
- To each node:
 - (1) move its right subTree to the most right node of its left subTree.
 - (2) Switch right subTree and left subTree.
 - (3) move to next node (node->right)

2. Depth-first Search + Tree

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/**  
 * Definition for a binary tree node.  
 * struct TreeNode {  
 *     int val;  

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*   TreeNode *left;
*   TreeNode *right;
*   TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(NULL), right(NULL) {}
* };
*/
class Solution {
public:
    void flatten(TreeNode* root) {
        while(root!=nullptr){
            TreeNode* leftChild = root->left;
            if (leftChild == nullptr) root = root->right;
            else{
                //move its right subTree to the most right node of its left subTree.
                while (leftChild!=nullptr && leftChild->right!=nullptr) leftChild = leftChild->right;
                leftChild->right = root->right;

                //Switch right subTree and left subTree.
                root->right = root->left;
                root->left = nullptr;
                root = root->right;
            }
        }
    }
};

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