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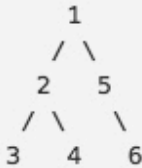
- **Depth-first Search** + Tree

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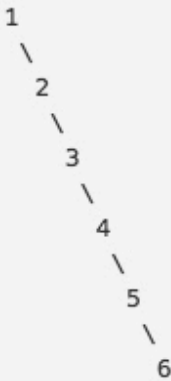
Given a binary tree, flatten it to a linked list in-place.

For example,
Given

```
        1
       / \
      2   5
     / \   \
    3   4   6
```

The flattened tree should look like:

```
1
 \
  2
   \
    3
     \
      4
       \
        5
         \
          6
```

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

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

```cpp
 *     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;
            }
        }
    }
};
```