

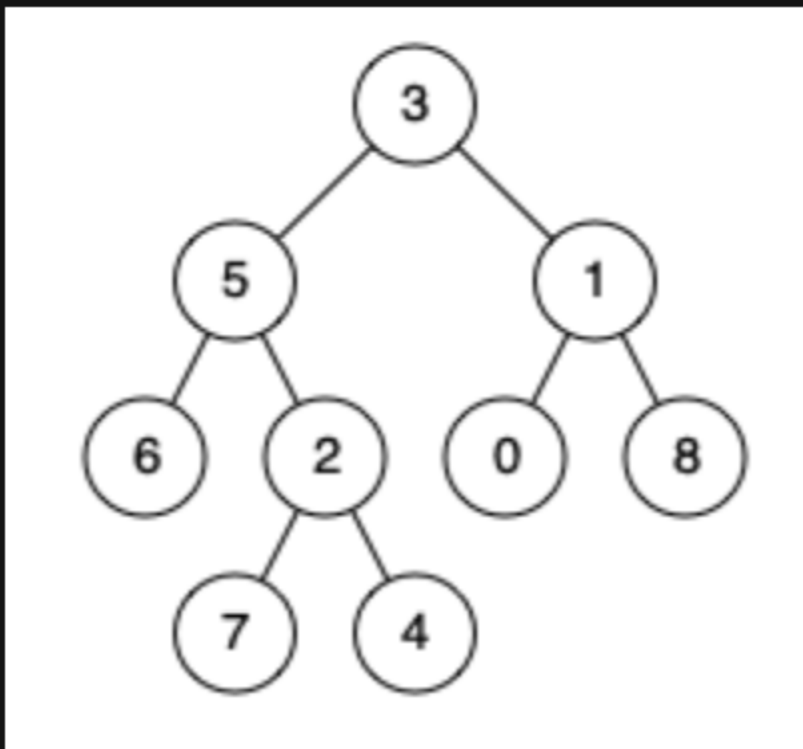
# 236. Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree

## Description

Given a binary tree, find the lowest common ancestor (LCA) of two given nodes in the tree.

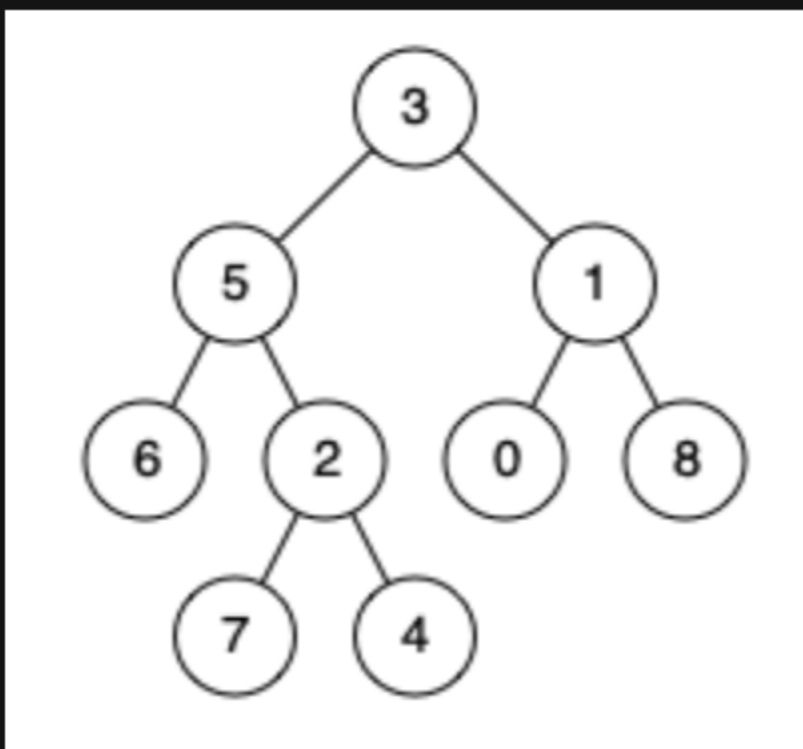
According to the [definition of LCA on Wikipedia](#): “The lowest common ancestor is defined between two nodes `p` and `q` as the lowest node in `T` that has both `p` and `q` as descendants (where we allow **a node to be a descendant of itself** ).”

### Example 1:



**Input:** root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 1  
**Output:** 3  
**Explanation:** The LCA of nodes 5 and 1 is 3.

### Example 2:



**Input:** root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 4  
**Output:** 5  
**Explanation:** The LCA of nodes 5 and 4 is 5, since a node can be a descendant of itself according to the LCA definition.

### Example 3:

**Input:** root = [1,2], p = 1, q = 2  
**Output:** 1

### Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range `[2, 105]`.
- `-109 <= Node.val <= 109`
- All `Node.val` are **unique**.
- `p != q`
- `p` and `q` will exist in the tree.

