1372. Longest ZigZag Path in a Binary Tree

Description

You are given the root of a binary tree.

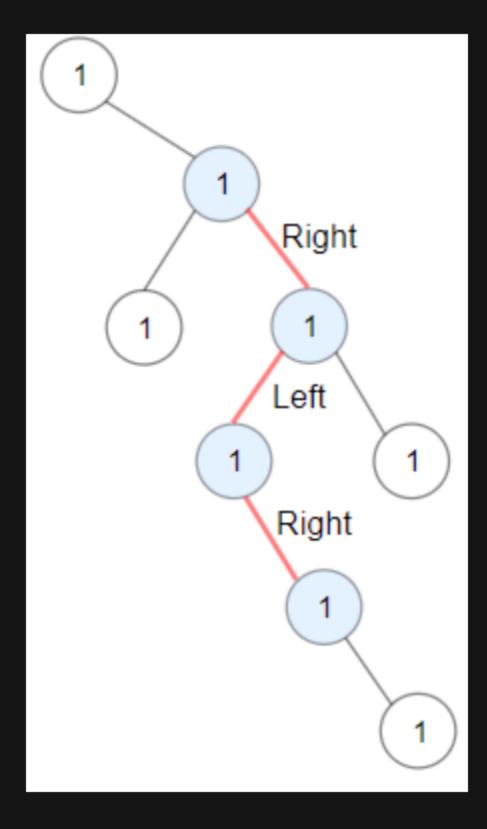
A ZigZag path for a binary tree is defined as follow:

- 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.

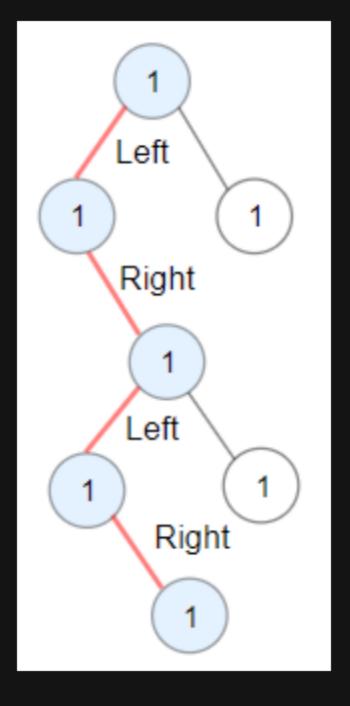
Zigzag length is defined as the number of nodes visited - 1. (A single node has a length of 0).

Return the longest ZigZag path contained in that tree.

Example 1:



Example 2:



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

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Input: root = [1]
Output: 0
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Constraints:

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