

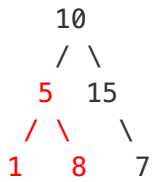
## Largest BST Subtree

Given a binary tree, find the largest subtree which is a Binary Search Tree (BST), where largest means subtree with largest number of nodes in it.

### Note:

A subtree must include all of its descendants.

Here's an example:



The Largest BST Subtree in this case is the highlighted one.

The return value is the subtree's size, which is 3.

1. You can recursively use algorithm similar to [98. Validate Binary Search Tree](#) at each node of the tree, which will result in  $O(n \log n)$  time complexity.

### Follow up:

Can you figure out ways to solve it with  $O(n)$  time complexity?

## Solution 1

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```
public class Solution {

    class Result { // (size, rangeLower, rangeUpper) -- size of current tree, range of current tree [rangeLower, rangeUpper]
        int size;
        int lower;
        int upper;

        Result(int size, int lower, int upper) {
            this.size = size;
            this.lower = lower;
            this.upper = upper;
        }
    }

    int max = 0;

    public int largestBSTSubtree(TreeNode root) {
        if (root == null) { return 0; }
        traverse(root);
        return max;
    }

    private Result traverse(TreeNode root) {
        if (root == null) { return new Result(0, Integer.MAX_VALUE, Integer.MIN_VALUE); }
        Result left = traverse(root.left);
        Result right = traverse(root.right);
        if (left.size == -1 || right.size == -1 || root.val <= left.upper || root.val >= right.lower) {
            return new Result(-1, 0, 0);
        }
        int size = left.size + 1 + right.size;
        max = Math.max(size, max);
        return new Result(size, Math.min(left.lower, root.val), Math.max(right.upper, root.val));
    }
}
```

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/*
    in brute-force solution, we get information in a top-down manner.
    for O(n) solution, we do it in bottom-up manner, meaning we collect informati
on during backtracking.
*/
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    class Result { // (size, rangeLower, rangeUpper) -- size of current tree, ra
nge of current tree [rangeLower, rangeUpper]
        int size;
        int lower;
        int upper;

        Result(int size, int lower, int upper) {
            this.size = size;
            this.lower = lower;
            this.upper = upper;
        }
    }

    int max = 0;

    public int largestBSTSubtree(TreeNode root) {
        if (root == null) { return 0; }
        traverse(root, null);
        return max;
    }

    private Result traverse(TreeNode root, TreeNode parent) {
        if (root == null) { return new Result(0, parent.val, parent.val); }
        Result left = traverse(root.left, root);
        Result right = traverse(root.right, root);
        if (left.size == -1 || right.size == -1 || root.val < left.upper || root.val > ri
ght.lower) {
            return new Result(-1, 0, 0);
        }
        int size = left.size + 1 + right.size;
        max = Math.max(size, max);
        return new Result(size, left.lower, right.upper);
    }
}

```

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## Solution 2

```
def largestBSTSubtree(self, root):  
    def dfs(root):  
        if not root:  
            return 0, 0, float('inf'), float('-inf')  
        N1, n1, min1, max1 = dfs(root.left)  
        N2, n2, min2, max2 = dfs(root.right)  
        n = n1 + 1 + n2 if max1 < root.val < min2 else float('-inf')  
        return max(N1, N2, n), n, min(min1, root.val), max(max2, root.val)  
    return dfs(root)[0]
```

My `dfs` returns four values:

- `N` is the size of the largest BST in the tree.
- If the tree is a BST, then `n` is the number of nodes, otherwise it's -infinity.
- If the tree is a BST, then `min` and `max` are the minimum/maximum value in the tree.

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## Solution 3

```
public int largestBSTSubtree(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) return 0;
    if (root.left == null && root.right == null) return 1;
    if (isValid(root, null, null)) return countNode(root);
    return Math.max(largestBSTSubtree(root.left), largestBSTSubtree(root.right));
}

public boolean isValid(TreeNode root, Integer min, Integer max) {
    if (root == null) return true;
    if (min != null && min >= root.val) return false;
    if (max != null && max <= root.val) return false;
    return isValid(root.left, min, root.val) && isValid(root.right, root.val, max);
}

public int countNode(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) return 0;
    if (root.left == null && root.right == null) return 1;
    return 1 + countNode(root.left) + countNode(root.right);
}
```

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