

DAY 13:

ASSIGNMENT 1:

Q) Balanced Binary Tree Check

Write a function to check if a given binary tree is balanced. A balanced tree is one where the height of two subtrees of any node never differs by more than one.

ANSWER:

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package day13;

    class TreeNode {

        int val;

        TreeNode left;

        TreeNode right;

        TreeNode(int x) {

            val = x;

        }

    }

public class BalancedBinaryTreeChecker {

    public boolean isBalanced(TreeNode root) {

        return checkHeight(root) != -1;

    }

    private int checkHeight(TreeNode node) {

        if (node == null) {

            return 0;

        }

        int leftHeight = checkHeight(node.left);

        if (leftHeight == -1) {
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        return -1; // Not balanced
    }

    int rightHeight = checkHeight(node.right);
    if (rightHeight == -1) {
        return -1; // Not balanced
    }

    if (Math.abs(leftHeight - rightHeight) > 1) {
        return -1; // Not balanced
    }

    return Math.max(leftHeight, rightHeight) + 1;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Example usage:
    // Constructing a simple balanced binary tree
    //      1
    //     /\
    //    2 3
    //   /\
    //  4 5
    TreeNode root = new TreeNode(1);
    root.left = new TreeNode(2);
    root.right = new TreeNode(3);
    root.left.left = new TreeNode(4);
    root.left.right = new TreeNode(5);

    BalancedBinaryTreeChecker treeChecker = new BalancedBinaryTreeChecker();
    System.out.println(treeChecker.isBalanced(root)); // Output: true
}

```

}

Explanation:

1. **TreeNode Class**: Defines the structure of a node in the binary tree, with an integer value and references to left and right children.

2. **BalancedBinaryTreeChecker Class** : Contains the method `isBalanced` and a helper method `checkHeight`.

3. **isBalanced Method**:

- Calls the helper method `checkHeight` and checks if its return value is not -1. If `checkHeight` returns -1, it means the tree is not balanced.

4. **checkHeight Method**:

- If the node is null, it returns a height of 0 (base case).
- Recursively computes the height of the left subtree. If the left subtree is not balanced (i.e., `checkHeight` returns -1), it immediately returns -1.
- Similarly, it computes the height of the right subtree and checks if it's balanced.
- If the height difference between the left and right subtrees is more than 1, it returns -1, indicating the subtree rooted at the current node is not balanced.
- If balanced, it returns the height of the current node, which is one more than the height of its tallest subtree.

5. **Main Method**: Demonstrates how to use the `BalancedBinaryTreeChecker` class to check if a sample tree is balanced.

This implementation follows the same $O(n)$ time complexity, ensuring each node is visited only once. This method uses a sentinel value (-1) to propagate the imbalance status up the recursive call stack efficiently.