



Experiment 6

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1. Aim: To develop a strong understanding of binary trees and BSTs, focusing on traversal, construction, validation, and optimization techniques for efficient problem-solving .

- i.) Maximum Depth of Binary Tree
- ii.) Validate Binary Search Tree
- iii.) Symmetric Tree
- iv.) Binary Tree Level Order Traversal
- v.) Convert Sorted Array to Binary Search Tree
- vi.) Binary Tree Inorder Traversal
- vii.) Construct Binary Tree from Inorder and Postorder Traversal
- viii.) Kth Smallest element in a BST
- ix.) Populating Next Right Pointers in Each Node

2. Objective:

- Understand and implement tree traversal techniques, including inorder, preorder, postorder, and level-order traversal.
- Improve proficiency in recursive and iterative approaches for binary tree problems.
- Solve problems related to tree depth calculation, symmetry checking, and BST validation.
- Enhance knowledge of constructing binary trees from inorder and postorder traversals.
- Optimize algorithms for searching, inserting, and retrieving elements in a BST efficiently.
- Strengthen logical reasoning in handling tree-based operations like balancing and connectivity.
- Implement solutions with optimal time and space complexity using recursion and BFS/DFS techniques.
- Gain hands-on experience with problem-solving on LeetCode and other coding platforms.

3. Code:

Problem 1: Maximum Depth of Binary Tree

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int maxDepth(TreeNode* root) {  
        if (!root) return 0;
```



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```
        return 1 + max(maxDepth(root->left), maxDepth(root->right));
    }
};
```

Problem 2: Validate Binary Search Tree

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool isValid(TreeNode* node, long minVal, long maxVal) {
        if (!node) return true;
        if (node->val <= minVal || node->val >= maxVal) return false;
        return isValid(node->left, minVal, node->val) &&
            isValid(node->right, node->val, maxVal);
    }
    bool isValidBST(TreeNode* root) {
        return isValid(root, LONG_MIN, LONG_MAX);
    }
};
```

Problem 3: Symmetric Tree

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool isMirror(TreeNode* t1, TreeNode* t2) {
        if (!t1 && !t2) return true; // Both are NULL
        if (!t1 || !t2) return false; // Only one is NULL
        return (t1->val == t2->val) &&
            isMirror(t1->left, t2->right) &&
            isMirror(t1->right, t2->left);
    }

    bool isSymmetric(TreeNode* root) {
        if (!root) return true;
        return isMirror(root->left, root->right);
    }
};
```

Problem 4: Binary Tree Level Order Traversal

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<vector<int>>> levelOrder(TreeNode* root) {
        vector<vector<int>>> result;
        if (!root) return result;
        queue<TreeNode*> q;
        q.push(root);
        while (!q.empty()) {
            int levelSize = q.size();
            vector<int> level;
            for (int i = 0; i < levelSize; i++) {
                TreeNode* node = q.front();
                q.pop();
                level.push_back(node->val);
            }
        }
    }
};
```



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```
        if (node->left) q.push(node->left);
        if (node->right) q.push(node->right);
    }
    result.push_back(level);
}
return result;
}
};
```

Problem 5: Convert Sorted Array to Binary Search Tree

```
class Solution {
public:
    TreeNode* helper(vector<int>& nums, int left, int right) {
        if (left > right) return nullptr; // Base case
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2; // Middle element
        TreeNode* root = new TreeNode(nums[mid]);

        // Recursively construct left and right subtrees
        root->left = helper(nums, left, mid - 1);
        root->right = helper(nums, mid + 1, right);
        return root;
    }
    TreeNode* sortedArrayToBST(vector<int>& nums) {
        return helper(nums, 0, nums.size() - 1);
    }
};
```

Problem 6: Binary Tree Inorder Traversal

```
class Solution {
public:
    void inorderHelper(TreeNode* root, vector<int>& result) {
        if (!root) return;
        inorderHelper(root->left, result); // Left subtree
        result.push_back(root->val); // Root
        inorderHelper(root->right, result); // Right subtree
    }
    vector<int> inorderTraversal(TreeNode* root) {
        vector<int> result;
        inorderHelper(root, result);
        return result;
    }
};
```

Problem 7: Construct Binary Tree from Inorder and Postorder Traversal

```
class Solution {
public:
    unordered_map<int, int> inorderIndexMap; // Stores index of each value in inorder
    TreeNode* buildTreeHelper(vector<int>& inorder, vector<int>& postorder,
        int inStart, int inEnd, int& postIndex) {
```



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```
        if (inStart > inEnd) return nullptr;
        // Last element in postorder is the root of the current subtree
        int rootVal = postorder[postIndex--];
        TreeNode* root = new TreeNode(rootVal);
        // Find root's index in inorder array
        int inIndex = inorderIndexMap[rootVal];
        // Recursively build right and left subtrees
        root->right = buildTreeHelper(inorder, postorder, inIndex + 1, inEnd, postIndex);
        root->left = buildTreeHelper(inorder, postorder, inStart, inIndex - 1, postIndex);
        return root;
    }
    TreeNode* buildTree(vector<int>& inorder, vector<int>& postorder) {
        int n = inorder.size();
        int postIndex = n - 1; // Start from last element of postorder
        // Store inorder indices for quick lookup
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            inorderIndexMap[inorder[i]] = i;
        return buildTreeHelper(inorder, postorder, 0, n - 1, postIndex);
    }
};
```

Problem 8: Kth Smallest element in a BST

```
class Solution {
public:
    int kthSmallest(TreeNode* root, int k) {
        int count = 0, result = -1;
        inorder(root, k, count, result);
        return result;
    }
private:
    void inorder(TreeNode* node, int k, int& count, int& result) {
        if (!node) return;
        inorder(node->left, k, count, result);
        count++;
        if (count == k) {
            result = node->val;
            return;
        }
        inorder(node->right, k, count, result);
    }
};
```

Problem 9: Populating Next Right Pointers

```
class Solution {
public:
    Node* connect(Node* root) {
        if (!root) return nullptr; // Edge case
        Node* start = root; // Start from the root
        while (start->left) { // Traverse each level
            Node* curr = start; // Traverse current level
```

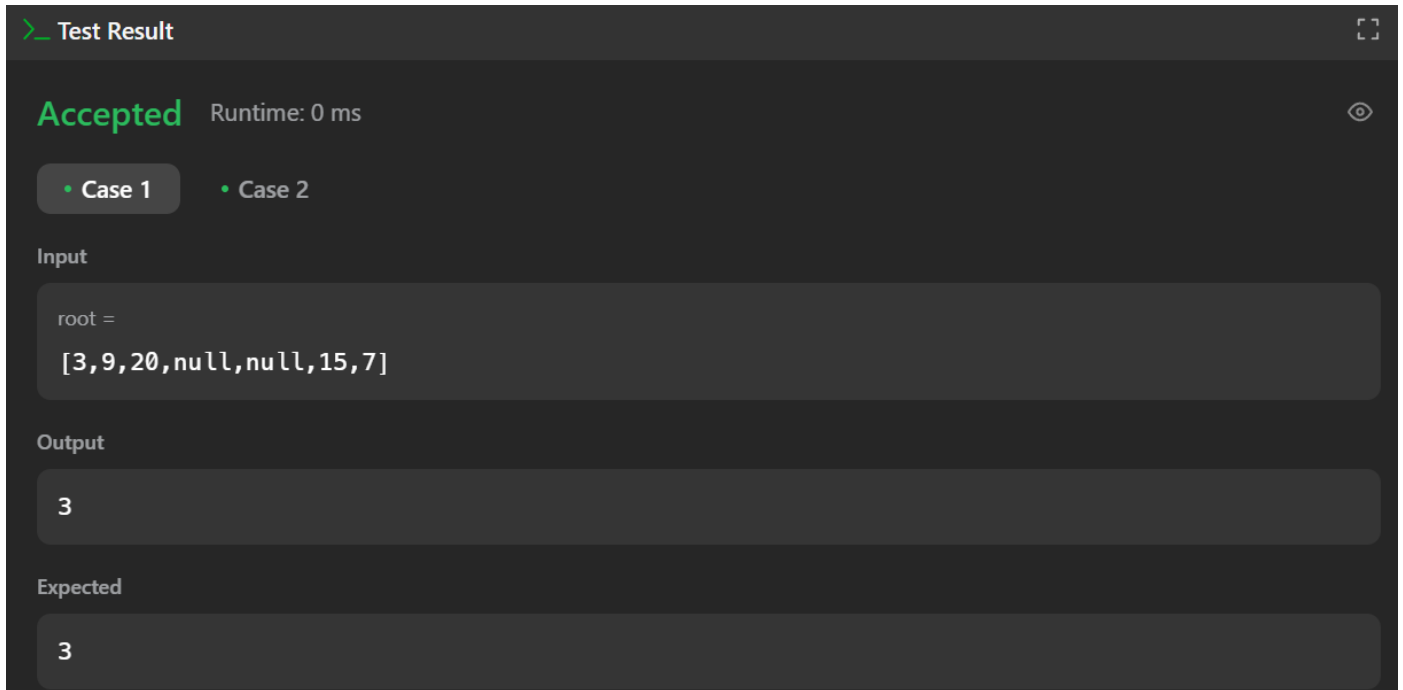


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```
while (curr) {  
    // Connect left child to right child  
    curr->left->next = curr->right;  
    // Connect right child to next node's left child (if exists)  
    if (curr->next)  
        curr->right->next = curr->next->left;  
    curr = curr->next; // Move to the next node in the level  
}  
start = start->left; // Move to next level  
}  
return root;  
};
```

4. Output:



Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input

```
root =  
[3,9,20,null,null,15,7]
```

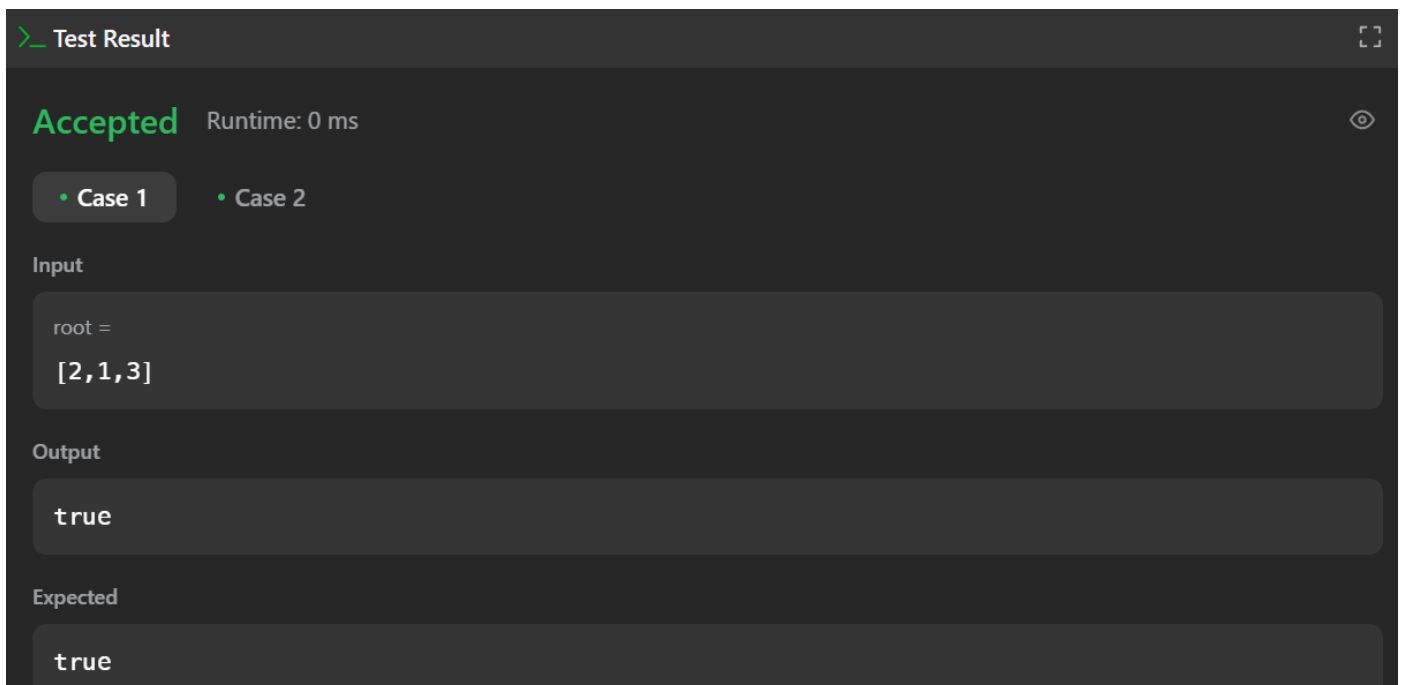
Output

```
3
```

Expected

```
3
```

Fig 1. Maximum Depth of Binary Tree



Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input

```
root =  
[2,1,3]
```

Output

```
true
```

Expected

```
true
```

Fig 2. Validate Binary Search Tree

```
> Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input
root =
[1,2,2,3,4,4,3]

Output
true

Expected
true
```

Fig 3. Symmetric Tree

```
> Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2 • Case 3

Input
root =
[3,9,20,null,null,15,7]

Output
[[3],[9,20],[15,7]]

Expected
[[3],[9,20],[15,7]]
```

Fig 4. Binary Tree Level Order Traversal



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```
> Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input
nums =
[-10,-3,0,5,9]

Output
[0,-10,5,null,-3,null,9]

Expected
[0,-3,9,-10,null,5]
```

Fig 5. Convert Sorted Array to Binary Search Tree

```
> Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2 • Case 3 • Case 4

Input
root =
[1,null,2,3]

Output
[1,3,2]

Expected
[1,3,2]
```

Fig 6. Binary Tree Inorder Traversal



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> Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input

inorder =
[9, 3, 15, 20, 7]

postorder =
[9, 15, 7, 20, 3]

Output

[3, 9, 20, null, null, 15, 7]

Fig 7. Construct Binary Tree from Inorder and Postorder Traversal

> Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input

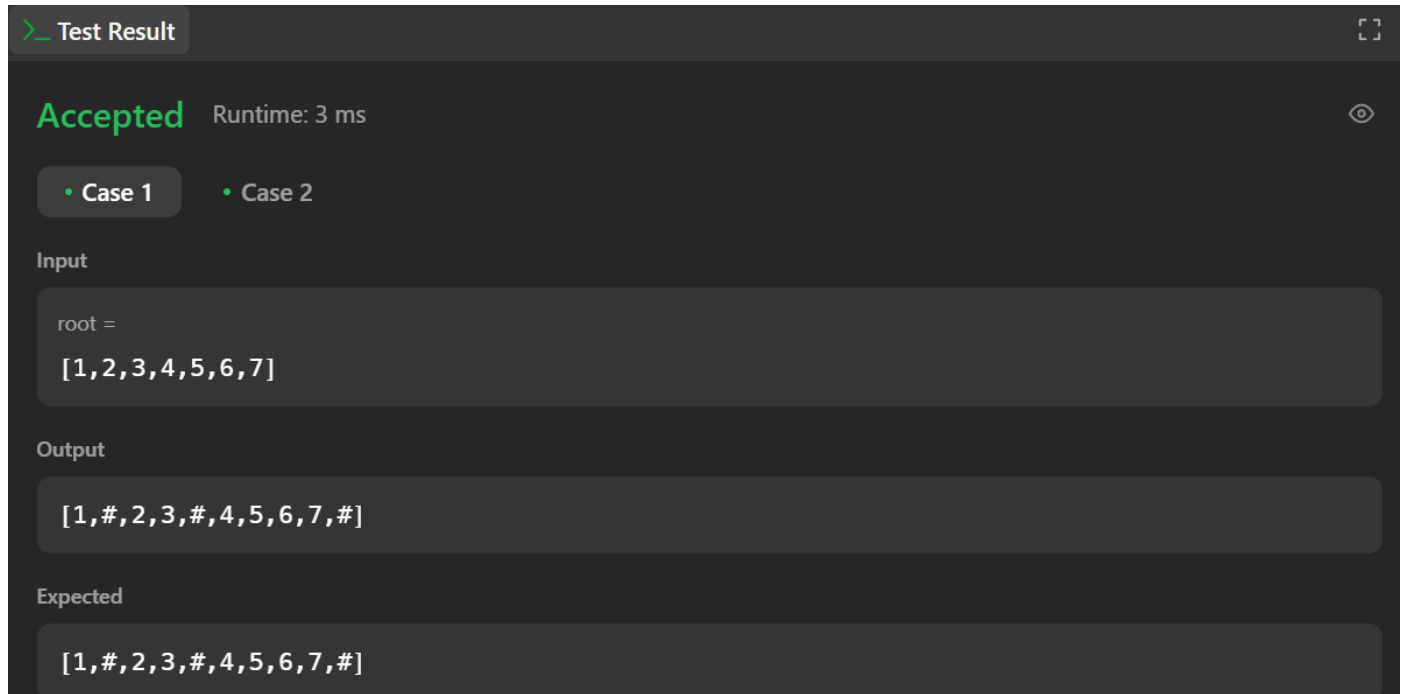
root =
[3, 1, 4, null, 2]

k =
1

Output

1

Fig 8. Kth Smallest element in a BST



```
> Test Result
Accepted Runtime: 3 ms
• Case 1 • Case 2
Input
root =
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]
Output
[1,#,2,3,#,4,5,6,7,#]
Expected
[1,#,2,3,#,4,5,6,7,#]
```

Fig 9. Populating Next Right Pointers

5. Learning Outcomes:

- Develop a strong understanding of tree traversal techniques, including DFS (inorder, preorder, postorder) and BFS (level-order traversal).
- Gain proficiency in solving binary tree and BST-related problems using recursive and iterative approaches.
- Learn to construct binary trees from given traversal sequences (inorder & postorder) and convert sorted arrays to height-balanced BSTs.
- Master techniques for validating BST properties, finding the kth smallest element, and checking tree symmetry.
- Improve problem-solving skills in binary tree depth calculation, level order traversal, and next pointer population.
- Optimize code for time and space efficiency using divide-and-conquer, recursion, and iterative methods.
- Strengthen debugging and logical reasoning skills by solving complex tree-based problems.
- Gain hands-on experience with LeetCode-style problems to prepare for technical interviews and coding challenges.



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