Binary Tree Problem

Implement a function to check if a binary tree is balanced. For the purposes of this question, a balanced tree is defined to be a tree such that the heights of the two subtrees of any node never differ by more than one.

Solution

This solution is intended to run on Ruby 2.4.3 but should run on 2.3 and up. It takes advantage of the safe navigation operator. The solution implements the BinaryTree and BinaryTreeNode classes in binary_tree.rb. The node class has a method called height that recursively calculates its own height from its children nodes. This height method is used for calculating whether or not a node is balanced in the balanced? method.

Running the Examples and Unit Tests

run example.rb contains a couple of examples of the tree. You can run it with:

ruby run_example.rb

test_binary_tree.rb contains unit tests for the tree class. You can run it with:

ruby test_binary_tree.rb