Burn a Binary Tree Full Explanation

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Given a binary tree and a node called target. Find the minimum time required to burn the complete binary tree if the target is set on fire. It is known that in 1 second all nodes connected to a given node get burned. That is its left child, right child, and parent. Rules fpr burning the nodes : 1. Fire will spread constantly to the connected nodes only. 2. Every node takes the same time to burn. 3. A nose burns only once.

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Let's say Target Node : 6
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in 1 sec 6 burns it's neighbouring nodes i.e 3 and 9
in next 1 sec 3 burns it's neighbouring node i.e 1 and 9 burns it's neighbouring node i.e 10
in another 1 sec 1 burns it's neighbouring node i.e 2
in next 1 sec 2 burns it's neighbouring nodes i.e 4 and 5
in another next 1 sec 5 burns it's neighbouring nodes i.e 7 and 8.

And the whole tree burns in 5 sec.

Target Node : 8
Output : 7

Explanation : If leaf with the value 8 is set on fire.

After 1 sec: 5 is set on fire.

After 2 sec: neighbouring nodes of 5 i.e 2,7 is set on fire. After 3 sec: neighbouring node of 2 i.e 4,1 is set on fire.

After 4 sec: 3 is set on fire.

After 5 sec: 6 is set on fire.

After 6 sec: 9 is set on fire.

After 7 sec: 10 is set on fire.

It takes 7s to burn the complete tree.

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Approach:
Step - 1:
we have the neighbouring nodes of a node as it's left and right child
i.e
           7 8 <---- Burn 8 (target)
neighbouring nodes of 5 are 7 and 2.
We can easily go to the 7 as it is the left child of 5 but going on to the node having data as 2 is difficult
So, we will store the parent node also.
Since for a node we have 3 things to burn
1. It's left child i.e 7 here
2. It's right child i.e 8 already burnt.
3. And it's parent i.e 2
So, Create mapping of each node with it''s parent.
map < node*, node* > NodeToParent;
                                                  | <---- Time complexity is O(n)</pre>
Step - 2:
Find target node. | <---- Time complexity is O(Height)
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Step - 3:
We will create a map which will store that node that we are going to burnt is visited or not.
If it is visited it means we had burnt that node already.
map < node* , bool > visited;
bool will tell true --> if node is visited
or false if node is not visited.
In the starting assign 8 as true.
queue <node*> ---> Traversal using target node.
initially we will store taregt in the queue.
                     ---> queue.
then 5 will be inserted.
                   ----> queue.
pop(8) | 5 |
Checking Left child, Right child and parent node of a node.
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Like for 7 ---> no left child and right child is there it has only it's parent node.
So, now store that parent node into the queue.
And initialize time = 0;
Step - 4:
if there was any addition in queue.
Than check is it visited or not.
If not i.e true then time++.
If false then no increamenting in the time.
                           ---> queue.
pop(8) | pop(5) | 7
And map will loke like :
8 : true | 5 : true | 7 : true | 2 : false | 3 : false | 4 : false | 5 : false | 6 : false | .....
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Code In C++ :-

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#include<bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
class TreeNode{
   public:
     int data;
     TreeNode* left;
     TreeNode* right;
     // Constructor
     TreeNode(int val){
        this -> data = val;
        this -> left = NULL;
        this -> right = NULL;
};
TreeNode* Buildtree(TreeNode* root){
     cout << "Enter the data : " << endl;</pre>
     int data;
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cin >> data;
    root = new TreeNode(data); // Node creates as constructor calls
    if(data == -1){
       return NULL;
    }
    cout << "----- Enter data for inserting in left of " << data << " ----- " << endl;</pre>
    root -> left = Buildtree(root -> left);
    cout << "----- Enter data for inserting in right of " << data << " ----- " << endl;</pre>
    root -> right = Buildtree(root -> right);
    return root;
// Create mapping.
// and returns target.
TreeNode* CreateParentMapping(TreeNode* root , int target , map<TreeNode*, TreeNode*> &nodeToParent ){
      TreeNode* res = NULL;
      queue<TreeNode*> q;
      q.push(root);
      // Since root node has no parent i.e root node is mapped with NULL
      nodeToParent[root] = NULL;
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while(! q.empty()){
          TreeNode* frontNode = q.front();
          q.pop();
          if(frontNode -> data == target){
                // Lage haat target node bhi search ho gayi.
                // res will store the target node.
                res = frontNode;
          if(frontNode -> left != NULL){
               //Mapping frontNode -> left with it's parent
                nodeToParent[frontNode -> left] = frontNode;
                q.push(frontNode -> left);
          if(frontNode -> right != NULL){
               //Mapping frontNode -> right with it's parent
                nodeToParent[frontNode -> right] = frontNode;
                q.push(frontNode -> right);
         return res;
int burnTree(TreeNode* TargetNode , map <TreeNode* , TreeNode*> &nodeToParent){
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map< TreeNode*, bool > visited;
queue <TreeNode*> q;
q.push(TargetNode);
// Initially TargetNode is visited i.e store true means visited.
visited[TargetNode] = true;
// Time to burn the tree
int ans = 0;
while(! q.empty()){
     bool flag = false; // If flag changes to 1 it means node is burnt then increament the time.
     // Even, if a single node goes to the queue then it means that node is burnt and we do flag = true for that
     int Size = q.size();
    // We will run the loop till Size
     // We will burn all the neighbours of a node using for loop
     for(int i = 0; i < Size ; i++){</pre>
        TreeNode* frontNode = q.front();
        q.pop();
        // Burning frontNode -> left
        if(frontNode -> left != NULL && !visited[frontNode -> left]){
           flag = true;
           q.push(frontNode -> left);
           visited[frontNode -> left] = true; // Marking frontNode -> left as true.
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// Burning frontNode -> right
            if(frontNode -> right != NULL && !visited[frontNode -> right]){
               flag = true;
                q.push(frontNode -> right);
                visited[frontNode -> right] = true; // Marking frontNode -> right as true.
           // Burning frontNode's parent also
            if(nodeToParent[frontNode] && !visited[nodeToParent[frontNode]]){ // nodeToParent[frontNode] ---> Gives us
Parent of frontNode
                flag = true;
                q.push(nodeToParent[frontNode]);
                visited[nodeToParent[frontNode]] = true; // Marking frontNode's parent as visited
         if(flag == true){
             ans++;
     return ans;
int minTime(TreeNode* root, int target){
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// algo:
   // Step 1 : Create nodeToParent mapping
   // Step 2: Find Target node
   // Step 3: Burn the tree in min time.
   map <TreeNode* , TreeNode*> nodeToParent;
    // T.C --> for this is O(n)
   // This will create the mapping between node and it's parent node
   TreeNode* TargetNode = CreateParentMapping(root , target , nodeToParent);
    // T.C --> for this is O(n)
    int ans = burnTree(TargetNode , nodeToParent);
    // Total time complexity is O(n)
    // Space complexity is O(n)
    return ans;
int main(){
  TreeNode* root = NULL;
  root = Buildtree(root);
  int target;
  cout << "Enter the target : " << endl;</pre>
   cin >> target;
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int time = minTime(root , target);
cout << "Minimum time to burn the whole tree is : ";
cout << time << endl;

// 1 2 4 -1 -1 5 7 -1 -1 8 -1 -1 3 -1 6 -1 9 -1 10 -1 -1
// 8
}</pre>
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