

2096. Step-By-Step Directions From a Binary Tree Node to Another

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/*
LCA,Recursion,backtracking,DFS
Time complexity: O(n)
Extra space complexity: O(n)
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class Solution {
public:
    TreeNode* lowest_common_ancestor(TreeNode* root, int p, int q){
        if (!root) return nullptr;

        TreeNode* left = lowest_common_ancestor(root->left,p,q);
        TreeNode* right = lowest_common_ancestor(root->right,p,q);

        if ( left && right || root->val == p || root->val == q) return root;

        return left != nullptr?left:right;
    }

    void find_path(TreeNode* p,int val,std::string& path_tmp,std::string& path){
        if(!p) return;

        if(p->val==val) path=path_tmp;

        path_tmp.push_back('L');
        find_path(p->left,val,path_tmp,path);
        path_tmp.pop_back();

        path_tmp.push_back('R');
        find_path(p->right,val,path_tmp,path);
        path_tmp.pop_back();
    }

    string getDirections(TreeNode* root, int startValue, int destValue){
        TreeNode* lca=lowest_common_ancestor(root,startValue,destValue);

        std::string tmp,path_start_lca;
        find_path(lca,startValue,tmp,path_start_lca);

        for(int i=0;i<path_start_lca.size();++i) path_start_lca[i]='U';

        tmp="";
        std::string path_lca_dest;
        find_path(lca,destValue,tmp,path_lca_dest);

        return path_start_lca+path_lca_dest;
    }
};
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