

Lowest Common Ancestor

Problem

Submissions

Leaderboard

Write a C program to construct a Binary Search Tree. Then input two nodes and find their Lowest Common Ancestor. You are expected to fill in the code for the following function: findLCA() : For finding the lowest common ancestor between two nodes n1 and n2.

1 hour
25 minutes
38 seconds

Input Format

Input Format:

Number of elements in the tree(n)

Element 1 to be placed in the tree

Element 2 to be placed in the tree

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Element n to be placed in the tree

n1

n2

Constraints

Constraints:

Number of nodes in the tree must be greater than 2.

A node cannot be an ancestor of itself.

n1 and n2 must not be a number present in the root node.

All the elements should be distinct

Output Format

The least common ancestor

Sample Input 0

```
6
10
5
13
1
6
11
1
11
```

Sample Output 0

```
10
```

Explanation 0

A binary search tree comprising 6 elements is constructed. The lowest common ancestor of 1 and 11 is then found to be 10.

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Submissions: 18

Max Score: 10

Difficulty: Medium

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C



```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include<stdlib.h>
3
4 typedef struct node
5 {
6     int info;
7     struct node* left;
8     struct node* right;
9 }NODE;
10
11 NODE* constructTree(NODE *root,int ele);
12 NODE* findLCA(NODE* root, int n1, int n2,NODE* prev);
13 NODE* destroyTree(NODE* root);
14
15 int main()
16 {
17     NODE *root=NULL;
18
19     int n;
20     scanf("%d",&n);
21
22     for(int i=0;i<n;i++)
23     {
24         int ele;
25         scanf("%d",&ele);
26         root=constructTree(root,ele);
27     }
28
29     int n1,n2;
30     scanf("%d %d",&n1,&n2);
31     NODE* lca=findLCA(root,n1,n2,root);
32     printf("%d",lca->info);
33     destroyTree(root);
34     return 0;
35 }
36
37 NODE* constructTree(NODE *root,int ele)
38 {
39     NODE* node = (NODE*)malloc(sizeof(NODE));
40     node->info = ele;
41     node->left = NULL;
42     node->right = NULL;
43
44     if(root == NULL)
45     {
46         root = node;
47     }
48     else
49     {
50         NODE* p = root;
51         NODE* q= NULL;
52         while(p!=NULL)
53         {
54             if(node->info < p->info)
55             {
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```
56         q=p;
57         p = p->left;
58     }
59     else
60     {
61         q=p;
62         p = p->right;
63     }
64 }
65 if(node->info < q->info)
66 {
67     q->left = node;
68 }
69 else
70 {
71     q->right = node;
72 }
73 }
74 return root;
75 }
76
77 NODE* destroyTree(NODE* root)
78 {
79     if (root != NULL)
80     {
81         root->left=destroyTree(root->left);
82         root->right=destroyTree(root->right);
83         // printf("Freed %d\n",root->info);
84         free(root);
85     }
86     return NULL;
87 }
88
89 NODE* findLCA(NODE* root, int n1, int n2,NODE* prev)
90 {
91     if((root->info<n1)^(root->info<n2)){
92         return root;
93     }
94     else if((n1<root->info) && (n2<root->info)){
95         return findLCA(root->left, n1, n2, root);
96     }
97     else if((n1>root->info) && (n2>root->info)){
98         return findLCA(root->right, n1, n2, root);
99     }
100    else if(root->info==n1 || root->info==n2){
101        return prev;
102    }
103    else{
104        return root;
105    }
106 }
```

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Testcase 0 **Congratulations, you passed the sample test case.**Click the **Submit Code** button to run your code against all the test cases.

Input (stdin)

```
6
10
5
13
1
6
11
```

```
1
11
```

Your Output (stdout)

```
10
```

Expected Output

```
10
```

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