

Lowest Common Ancestor of Binary Tree

For this problem we use DFS recursion with the following idea:

Key Insight:

- If the current node is null, return null.
- If the current node is p or q, return it (a node is an ancestor of itself).
- Recursively search left and right subtrees:
 - If both left and right return non-null \rightarrow current node is the LCA.
 - If only one returns non-null \rightarrow propagate that node upward.

Algorithm:

1. Start from root.
2. Recursively check left and right subtrees.
3. Combine results:
 - Both sides non-null \rightarrow return current node.
 - Else return the non-null child.

Complexity:

- Time: $O(n)$ - visit each node once.
- Space: $O(h)$ - recursion stack (h = tree height!).