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Inorder Tree Traversal without recursion and without stack!

Using Morris Traversal, we can traverse the tree without using stack and recursion. The idea of Morris Traversal is based on [Threaded Binary Tree](#). In this traversal, we first create links to Inorder successor and print the data using these links, and finally revert the changes to restore original tree.

1. Initialize current as root
2. While current is not NULL
 - If current does not have left child
 - a) Print current's data
 - b) Go to the right, i.e., current = current->right
 - Else
 - a) Make current as right child of the rightmost node in current's left subtree
 - b) Go to this left child, i.e., current = current->left

Although the tree is modified through the traversal, it is reverted back to its original shape after the completion. Unlike [Stack based traversal](#), no extra space is required for this traversal.

C

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#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

/* A binary tree tNode has data, pointer to left child
   and a pointer to right child */
struct tNode
{
    int data;
    struct tNode* left;
    struct tNode* right;
};

/* Function to traverse binary tree without recursion and
   without stack */
void MorrisTraversal(struct tNode *root)
{

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struct tNode *current,*pre;

if(root == NULL)
    return;

current = root;
while(current != NULL)
{
    if(current->left == NULL)
    {
        printf(" %d ", current->data);
        current = current->right;
    }
    else
    {
        /* Find the inorder predecessor of current */
        pre = current->left;
        while(pre->right != NULL && pre->right != current)
            pre = pre->right;

        /* Make current as right child of its inorder predecessor */
        if(pre->right == NULL)
        {
            pre->right = current;
            current = current->left;
        }

        /* Revert the changes made in if part to restore the original
        tree i.e., fix the right child of predecessor */
        else
        {
            pre->right = NULL;
            printf(" %d ",current->data);
            current = current->right;
        } /* End of if condition pre->right == NULL */
    } /* End of if condition current->left == NULL*/
} /* End of while */
}

/* UTILITY FUNCTIONS */
/* Helper function that allocates a new tNode with the
given data and NULL left and right pointers. */
struct tNode* newtNode(int data)
{
    struct tNode* tNode = (struct tNode*)
        malloc(sizeof(struct tNode));

    tNode->data = data;
    tNode->left = NULL;
    tNode->right = NULL;
}

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return(tNode);
}

/* Driver program to test above functions*/
int main()
{
    /* Constructed binary tree is
        1
       / \
      2   3
     / \
    4   5
    */
    struct tNode *root = newtNode(1);
    root->left      = newtNode(2);
    root->right     = newtNode(3);
    root->left->left = newtNode(4);
    root->left->right = newtNode(5);

    MorrisTraversal(root);

    getchar();
    return 0;
}

```

Java

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// Java program to print inorder traversal without recursion and stack

// A binary tree node
class Node {

    int data;
    Node left, right;

    Node(int item) {
        data = item;
        left = right = null;
    }
}

class BinaryTree {

    static Node root;

    /* Function to traverse binary tree without recursion and
    without stack */
    void MorrisTraversal(Node node) {

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Node current, pre;

if (node == null) {
    return;
}

current = node;
while (current != null) {
    if (current.left == null) {
        System.out.print(current.data + " ");
        current = current.right;
    } else {

        /* Find the inorder predecessor of current */
        pre = current.left;
        while (pre.right != null && pre.right != current) {
            pre = pre.right;
        }

        /* Make current as right child of its inorder predecessor */
        if (pre.right == null) {
            pre.right = current;
            current = current.left;
        }

        /* Revert the changes made in if part to restore the original
        tree i.e., fix the right child of predecessor */ else {
            pre.right = null;
            System.out.print(current.data + " ");
            current = current.right;
        } /* End of if condition pre->right == NULL */

    } /* End of if condition current->left == NULL*/

} /* End of while */

}

public static void main(String args[]) {
    int sum = 14;
    BinaryTree tree = new BinaryTree();
    tree.root = new Node(1);
    tree.root.left = new Node(2);
    tree.root.right = new Node(3);
    tree.root.left.left = new Node(4);
    tree.root.left.right = new Node(5);

    tree.MorrisTraversal(root);
}
}
```

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// This code has been contributed by Mayank Jaiswal
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