

# Description

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## 156. Binary Tree Upside Down

Given a binary tree where all the right nodes are either leaf nodes with a sibling (a left node that shares the same parent node) or empty, flip it upside down and turn it into a tree where the original right nodes turned into left leaf nodes. Return the new root.

For example:

Given a binary tree {1,2,3,4,5},



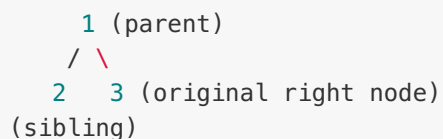
**return** the root of the binary tree [4,5,2,##,3,1].



# Idea

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The problem description says the original right nodes turned into left leaf nodes. And from the example, we can see 3 (original right node) turned into left leaf node of its sibling (node 2), and their (2 and 3) original parent (node 1) becomes the sibling's (node 2) left node.



becomes

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    2 (sibling -> new root)
  /  \
 3    1 (parent -> new right child)
(original right -> new left child)
```

Similarly, the original right node 5 becomes new left child, sibling node 4 becomes new root, and parent 2 becomes new right child.

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    2 (parent)
  /  \
 4    5 (original right node)
(sibling)

    4 (sibling -> new root)
  /  \
 5    2 (parent -> new right child)
(original right -> new left child)
```

So we can have a piece of sudo code:

```
sibling.left = parent;
sibling.right = parent.right;
```

Because we changed the sibling.left and sibling.right, so we need to record the original children before making any changes, then we can have a piece of sudo code before making changes:

```
left = sibling.left;
right = sibling.right;
sibling.left = parent;
sibling.right = parent.right;
```

We are actually making changes of the sibling node, so we can treat sibling as a current node, so for its parent, we need to store it from the last iteration, as well as the originalRight node and also update the sibling.

I believe the core algorithm is the above 4 lines of sudo code, the rest is how we handle the iteration, how we start and end the iteration. It's a very straightforward implementation problem. We only use a few pointers so space complexity is  $O(1)$  and the time complexity is  $O(H)$  where  $H$  is the height of the tree.

Java

```
class Solution {
    public TreeNode upsideDownBinaryTree(TreeNode root) {
        TreeNode sibling = root;
        TreeNode left = null;
        TreeNode right = null;
        TreeNode parent = null;
        TreeNode originalRight = null;

        while (sibling != null) {
            left = sibling.left;
            right = sibling.right;
            sibling.left = originalRight;
            sibling.right = parent;
            parent = sibling;
            sibling = left;
            originalRight = right;
        }

        return parent;
    }
}
```

C++ code after renaming.

```
class Solution {
public:
    TreeNode* upsideDownBinaryTree(TreeNode* root) {
        TreeNode* left = NULL;
        TreeNode* right = NULL;
        TreeNode* prev = NULL;
        TreeNode* prevRight = NULL;

        while (root != NULL) {
            left = root->left;
            right = root->right;
            root->left = prevRight;
            root->right = prev;
            prev = root;
        }
    }
}
```

```
        root = left;
        prevRight = right;
    }

    return prev;
};
```

## Summary

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- Pure implementation, straightforward