

#LeetCode 222

<https://leetcode.com/problems/count-complete-tree-nodes/description/>

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#题目描述

222. Count Complete Tree Nodes

#思路报告

The primitive idea is to traverse the whole tree with a counter. When a node is traversed we increase the counter. We can use any traverse method.

代码如下:

```
public int countNodes(TreeNode root) {  
    if (root == null) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
  
    int count = 0;  
    Deque<TreeNode> stack = new ArrayDeque<>();  
    stack.push(root);  
  
    while (!stack.isEmpty()) {  
        TreeNode cur = stack.pop();  
        count++;  
        if (cur.right != null) {  
            stack.push(cur.right);  
        }  
        if (cur.left != null) {  
            stack.push(cur.left);  
        }  
    }  
  
    return count;  
}
```

We can traverse any tree to count the number of nodes with $O(n)$ time. So we did not leverage the property of the complete tree. So there must be something we can improve. We know that for a complete tree node root, the left or right child has to be a perfect tree or both has to be. For a perfect tree, we can know the its number of nodes buy using $H^2 - 1$, where H is the height of the root, and we can get the H in $O(H)$ time. So now we split the problem into some subproblem. Find the H of root.left and root.right, if they are the same height, root.left is a perfect tree and root.right is a complete tree, we can calculate the number of nodes of root.left by using $H^2 - 1$, plus the root itself. And recursively find the number of nodes of root.right. If the H of root.left and root.right is not the same, then root.right is a perfect tree, and root.left is a sub complete tree. We can do another recursive call to get the final result. So the time complexity is $O(H^2)$ where $H = \log n$.

Code:

```
public int countNodes(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) {
        return 0;
    }

    int left = findH(root.left);
    int right = findH(root.right);

    if (left == right) {
        return (1 << left) + countNodes(root.right);
    }

    return (1 << right) + countNodes(root.left);
}

private int findH(TreeNode root) {
    if (root == null) {
        return 0;
    }
    int h = 1;
    while (root.left != null) {
        root = root.left;
        h++;
    }
    return h;
}
```

#套路总结

- When use a primitive idea, but without leveraging some property of the input, there might be

a way to improve.

- Use $1 \ll H$ to get 2^H .
- Java运算符优先级有一个坑：

I used this first:

```
1 << left + countNodes(root.right);
```

Only to find out that '+' has higher priority of '<<' so I should the following:

```
(1 << left) + countNodes(root.right);
```