

# *Data Structures*

## Binary Tree Traversal 3

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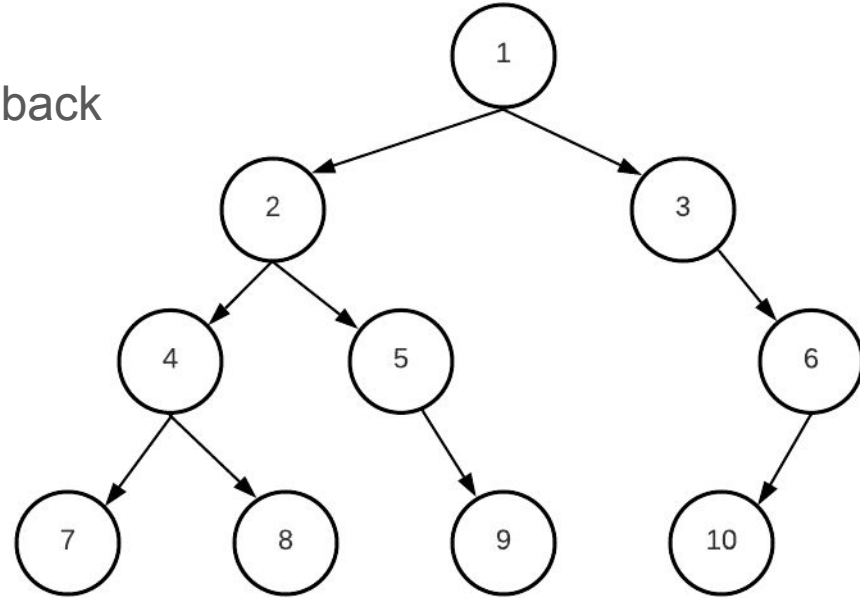
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# What is the in-order traversal?

- Observe the code keep going to the **left**
- 1->2->4->7: No no further left.
- At 7: **Print** data  $\Rightarrow$  7. No right return. Go back
- At 4: left call is done. **Print** data  $\Rightarrow$  4
- Go right to 8

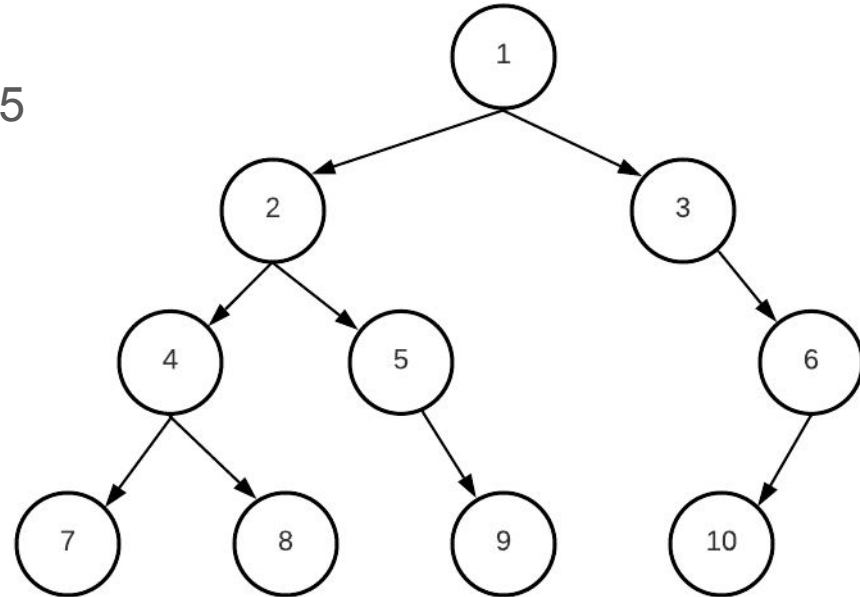
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        return;  
    print_inorder(current->left);  
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}
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# What is the in-order traversal?

- At 8: No left/right. **Print** data  $\Rightarrow$  8. Go back
- At 4: left & right done. Go back.
- At 2: left done. **Print** data  $\Rightarrow$  2. Go right: 5

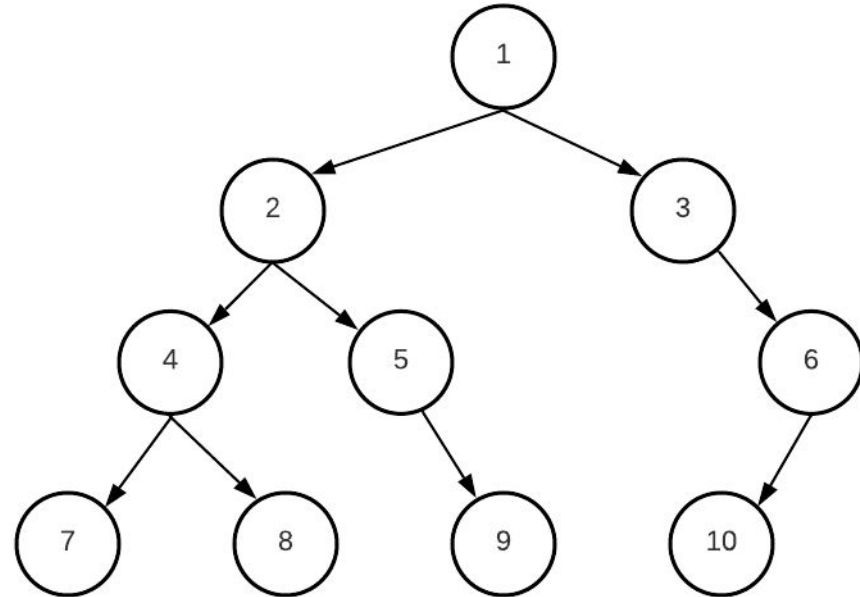
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33 }
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# What is the in-order traversal?

- At 5: no left. **Print** data  $\Rightarrow$  5 and Go right  $\Rightarrow$  9
- At 9. **Print** 9 and go back
- At 5 left and right done: go back
- At 2 left and right done: go back
- At 1: left done. **Print** 1. Go right at 3

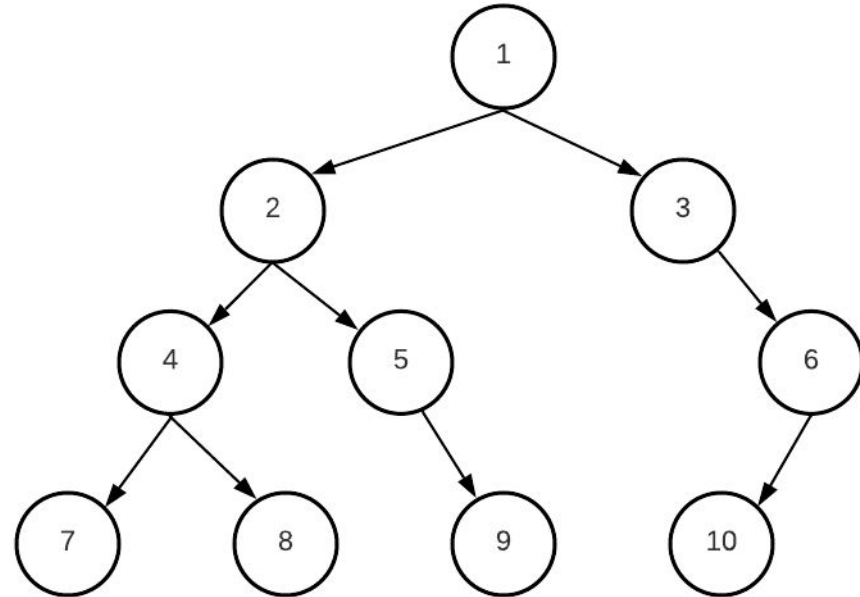
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# What is the in-order traversal?

- At 3: no left. **Print** 3. Go right at 6
- At 6: Go left at 10
- At 10: no left/right. **Print** 10. Go parent 6
- At 6: left done. **Print** 6. No right.
- Go parent. Go parent. Done.
- 7 4 8 2 5 9 1 3 10 6

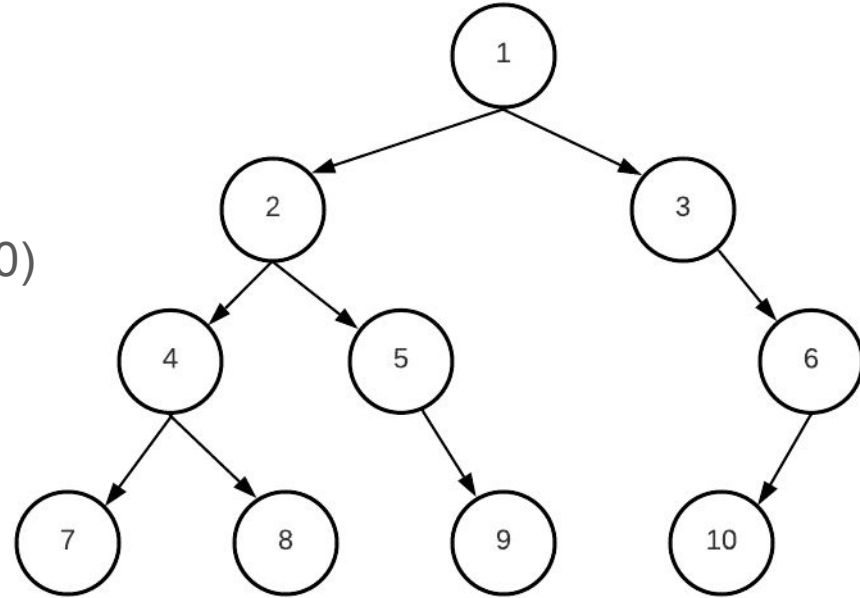
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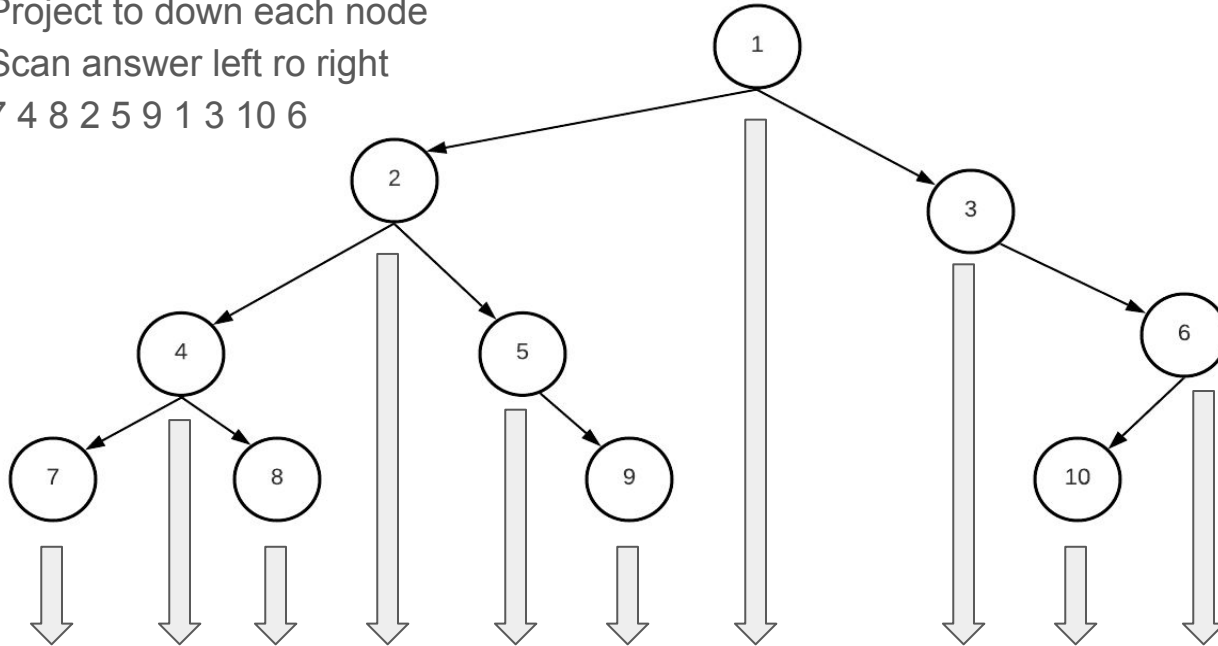
- So from any node: keep going left
  - Once no left or left is done, print current node
  - Go right and repeat
  - No right? Go parent
- **Most left node** is first printed: 7
- **Most right node** is last printed: 6 (not 10)

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# What is the in-order traversal? **Visually**

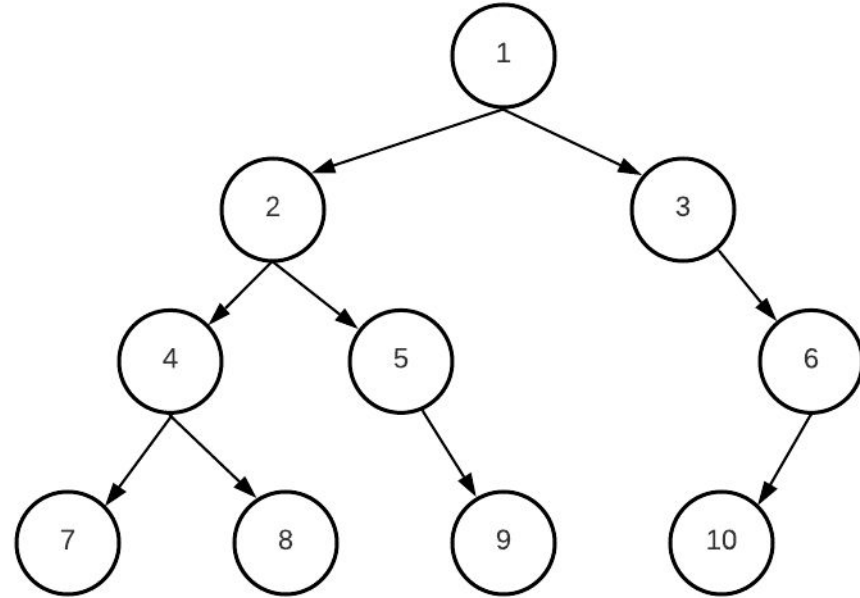
- If you draw it such as all my left nodes are on left and all right on right?
  - Project to down each node
  - Scan answer left to right
  - 7 4 8 2 5 9 1 3 10 6



# What is the post-order traversal?

- Observe the code keep going to the **most left**
- 1->2->4->7: No no further left.
- Then move to right node
- Then again find most left
- Once no right or right done, print node
- Gp back to parent

```
19 void print_postorder(Node* current) {  
20     if(!current)  
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22     print_postorder(current->left);  
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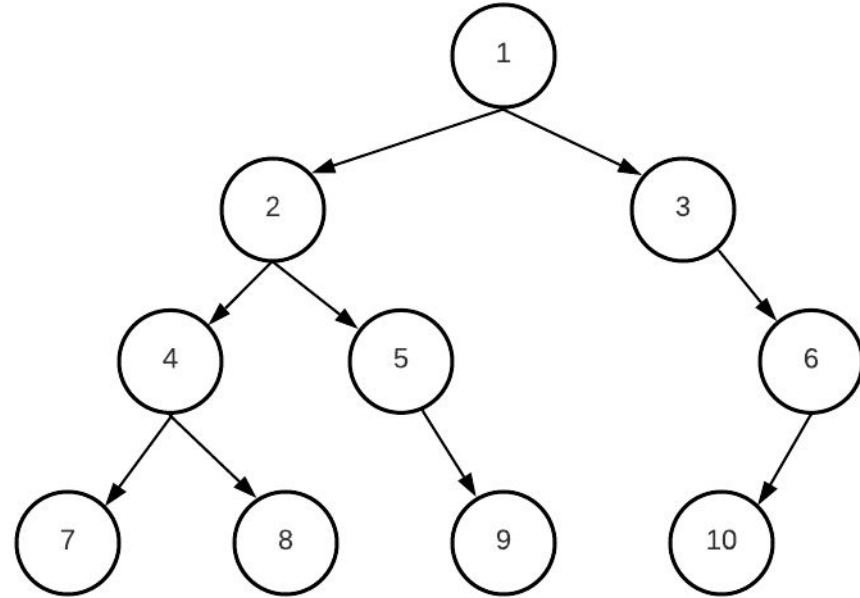




# What is the post-order traversal?

- From 1 goes to 7. No right. **Print** 7.
- Go parent 4. Go right at 8
- At 8: no left/right. **Print** 8. Go parent 4
- At 4: right is done. **Print** 4. Go parent 2
- At 2. Left done. Go right at 5.

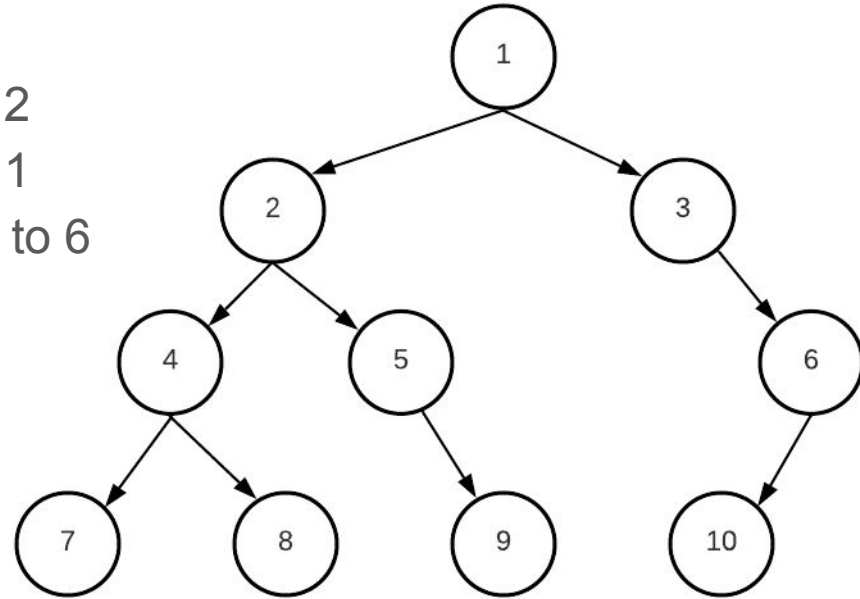
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# What is the post-order traversal?

- At 5: No left. Go right 9
- At 9: **print** 9 and go back
- Back to 5: right done. **Print 5**. Go parent 2
- Back to 2: right done. **Print 2**. Go parent 1
- Back to 1: Go right at 3, which goes right to 6

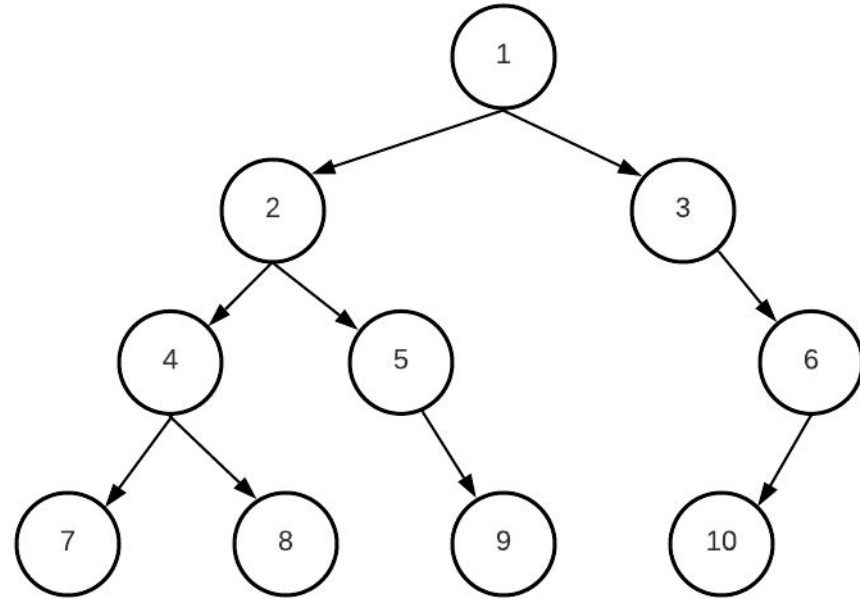
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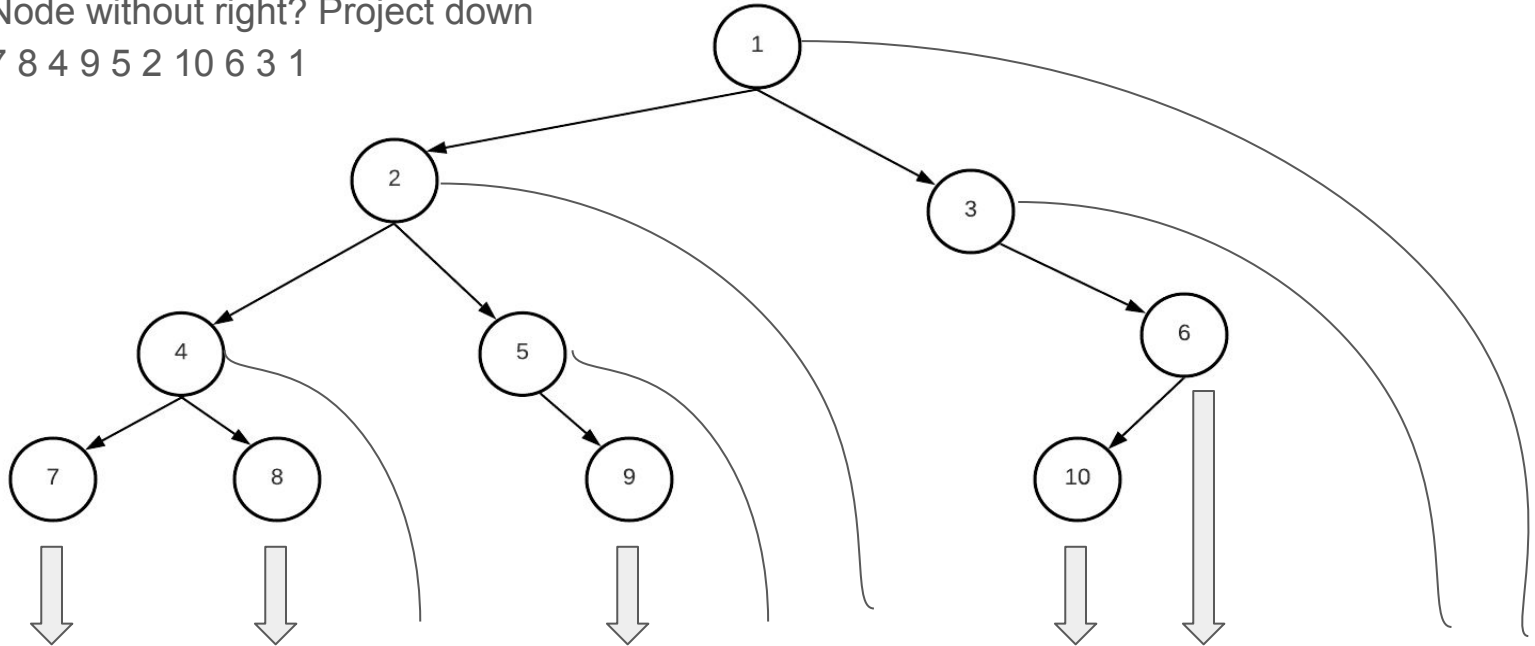
- At 6: go left to 10. **Print 10** and go back
- **Print 6, print 3, print 1**
- In total: 7 8 4 9 5 2 10 6 3 1
- The root, is the last printed value!

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# What is the post-order traversal? **Visually**

- Project its node **after** its right subtree
  - Node without right? Project down
  - 7 8 4 9 5 2 10 6 3 1

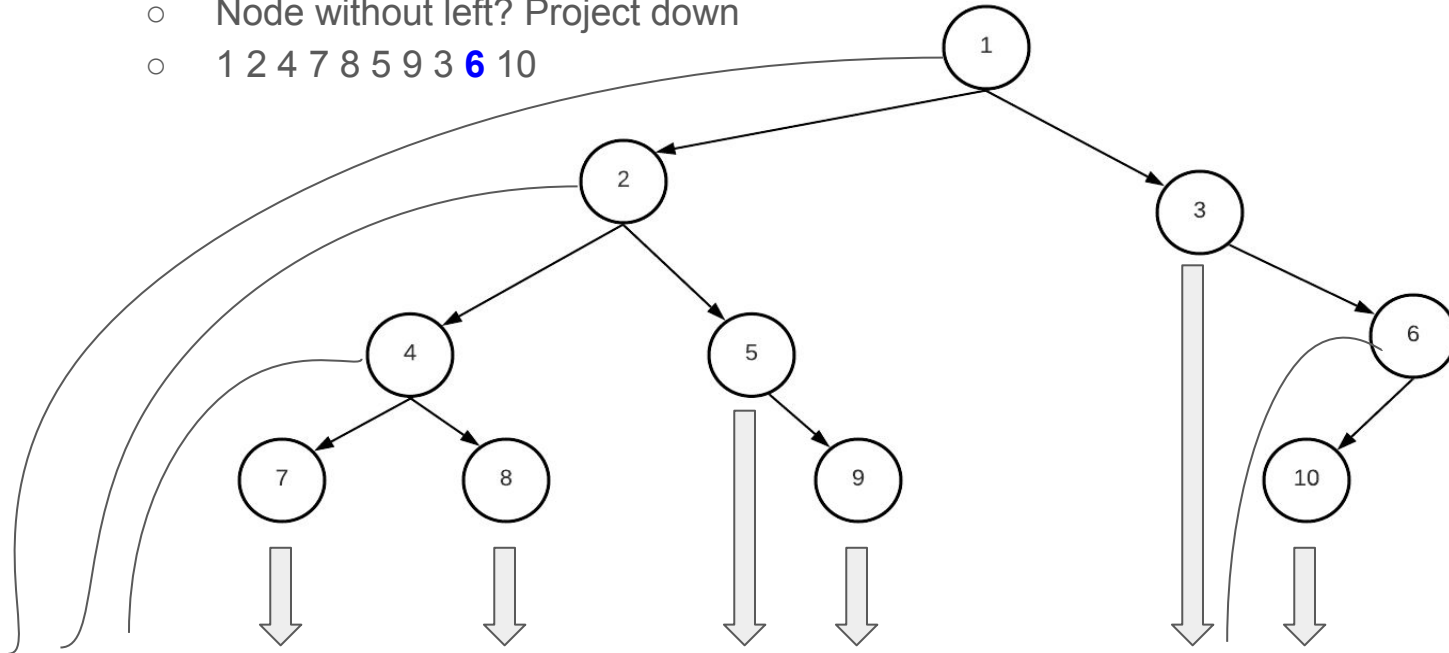


# What is the pre-order traversal? **Visually**

- Project its node **before** its left subtree

- Node without left? Project down

- 1 2 4 7 8 5 9 3 **6** 10



# Computations

- Most of tasks follows one of these traversal strategies
  - Find minimum value of a tree
  - Find height of a tree
  - Count how many leaf or non-leaf nodes
  - Etc
- In all of them you need to follow some style. Go preorder: **VLR**
  - *Proper basecase handling*
  - *Compute something based current->data*
  - *Compute left subtree recursively*
  - *Compute right subtree recursively*
  - *Compute the overall of these **3 values***
  - Examples in homework

# Computations

- For some tasks, we might easily compute inorder traversal and check
  - Save the traversal in an array
  - Do the operation if applicable
    - Tree sum, min, max, if a value exists, if the tree has duplicate values
  - But the **downside**, we have to traverse the whole tree. E.g. not efficient for value searching

*“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”*

*“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”*