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LeetCode Bootcamp

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Session Outline

01. Introduction to BFS/DFS

02. Problem Sets

03. Debrief & Q/A

Depth-first Search

Depth-first search is a graph traversal algorithm which explores as far as possible along each branch before backtracking. A stack is usually used to keep track of the nodes that are on the current search path. This can be done either by an implicit recursion stack, or an actual stack data structure. A simple template for doing depth-first searches on a matrix goes like this:

```
def dfs(matrix):
 # Check for an empty matrix/graph.
 if not matrix:
  return [ ]

 rows, cols = len(matrix), len(matrix[0])
 visited = set()
 directions = ((0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (-1, 0))

 def traverse(i, j):
  if (i, j) in visited:
   return

  visited.add((i, j))
  # Traverse neighbors.
  for direction in directions:
   next_i, next_j = i + direction[0], j + direction[1]
   if 0 <= next_i < rows and 0 <= next_j < cols:
    # Add in question-specific checks, where relevant.
    traverse(next_i, next_j)

 for i in range(rows):
  for j in range(cols):
   traverse(i, j)
```

Breadth-first Search

Breadth-first search is a graph traversal algorithm which starts at a node and explores all nodes at the present depth, before moving on to the nodes at the next depth level. A queue is usually used to keep track of the nodes that were encountered but not yet explored.
A similar template for doing breadth-first searches on the matrix goes like this. It is important to use double-ended queues and not arrays/Python lists as enqueuing for double-ended queues is O(1) but it's O(n) for arrays.

```
from collections import deque

def bfs(matrix):
 # Check for an empty matrix/graph.
 if not matrix:
   return []

 rows, cols = len(matrix), len(matrix[0])
 visited = set()
 directions = ((0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (-1, 0))

 def traverse(i, j):
   queue = deque([(i, j)])
   while queue:
     curr_i, curr_j = queue.popleft()
     if (curr_i, curr_j) not in visited:
       visited.add((curr_i, curr_j))
       # Traverse neighbors.
       for direction in directions:
         next_i, next_j = curr_i + direction[0], curr_j + direction[1]
         if 0 <= next_i < rows and 0 <= next_j < cols:
           # Add in question-specific checks, where relevant.
           queue.append((next_i, next_j))

 for i in range(rows):
   for j in range(cols):
     traverse(i, j)
```

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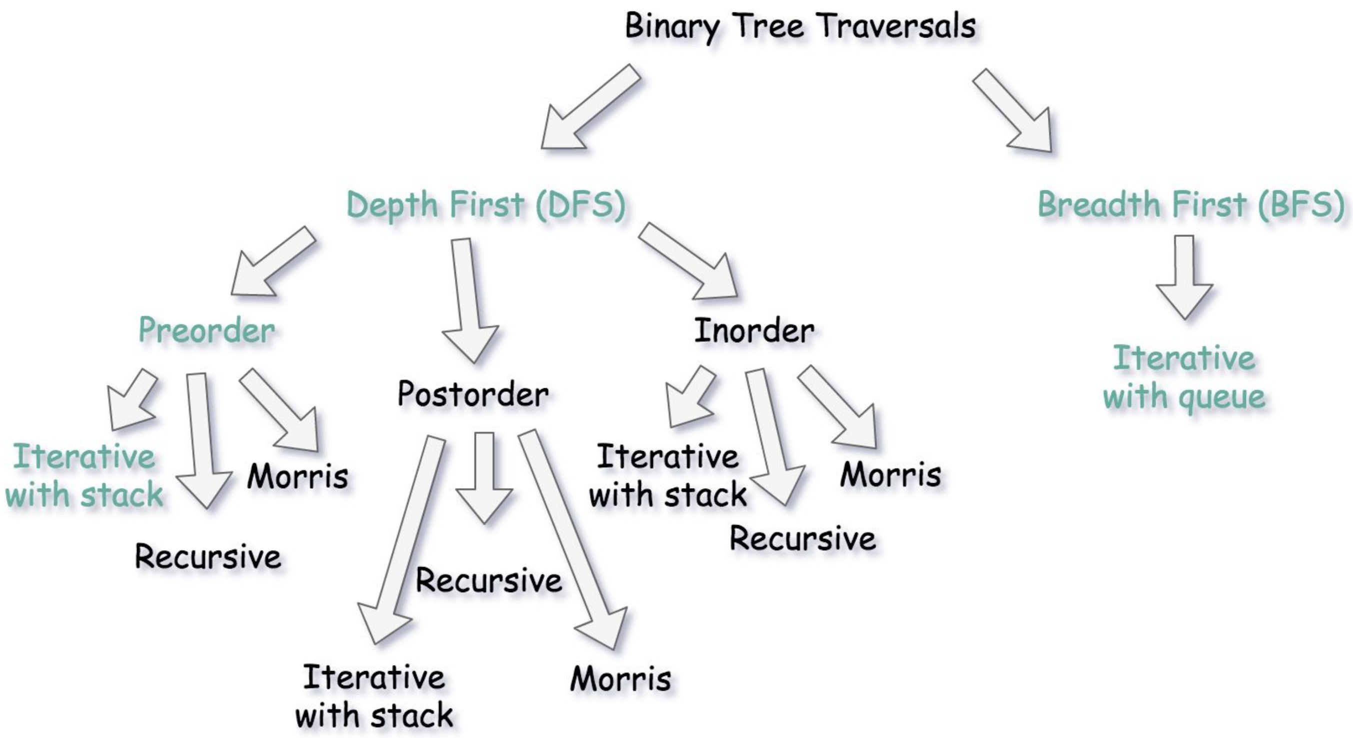
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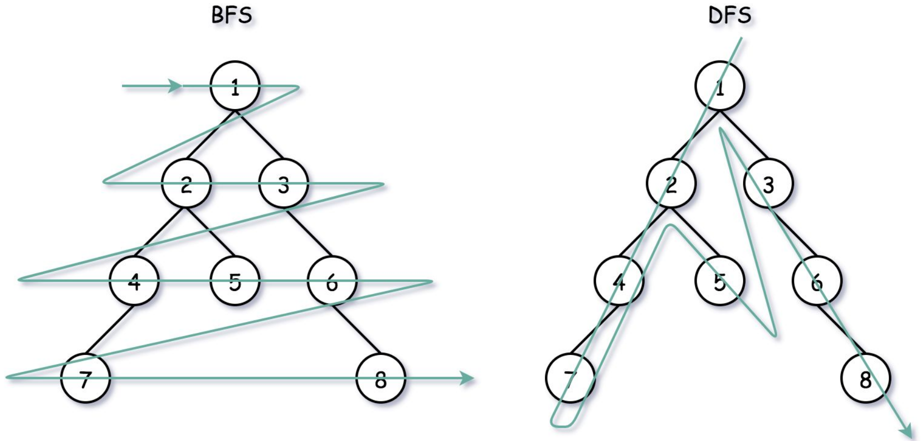
Both are starting from the root and going down, both are using additional structures, what's the difference?

Here is how it looks at the big scale: BFS traverses level by level, and DFS first goes to the leaves.



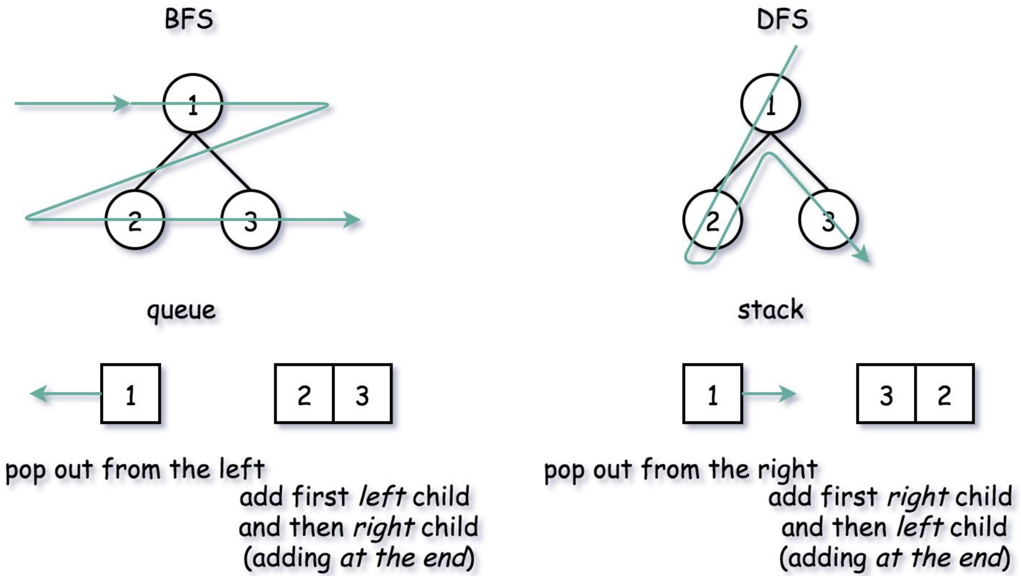
Overview

Now let's go down to the implementation. The idea is similar:

- Push root into queue (BFS) or stack (DFS).
- At each step pop out one node, and push its children into stack/queue.

For **BFS**: pop out from the *left*, first push the *left* child, and then the *right* one.

For **DFS**: pop out from the *right*, first push the *right* child, and then the *left* one.



Binary Trees & Graphs

Corner cases (Graphs):

- Empty graph
- Graph with one or two nodes
- Disjoint graphs
- Graph with cycles

Corner cases (Trees):

- Empty tree
- Single node
- Two nodes
- Very skewed tree (like a linked list)

Techniques:

- Use recursion
- Traversing by level
- Summation of nodes

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PART 02

Problem Sets

Steps to approach the question:

Understand the problem

Take time to carefully read through the problem from start to finish is critical in finding the correct and complete solution to the problem in hand.

Code your solution

Map out your solution before you write any code. Avoid too much time trying to find the perfect solution. Validate your solution early and often.

Manage your time

Don’t forget, you have multiple questions to complete within a said time. Make sure you allocate enough time to carefully consider all problems.

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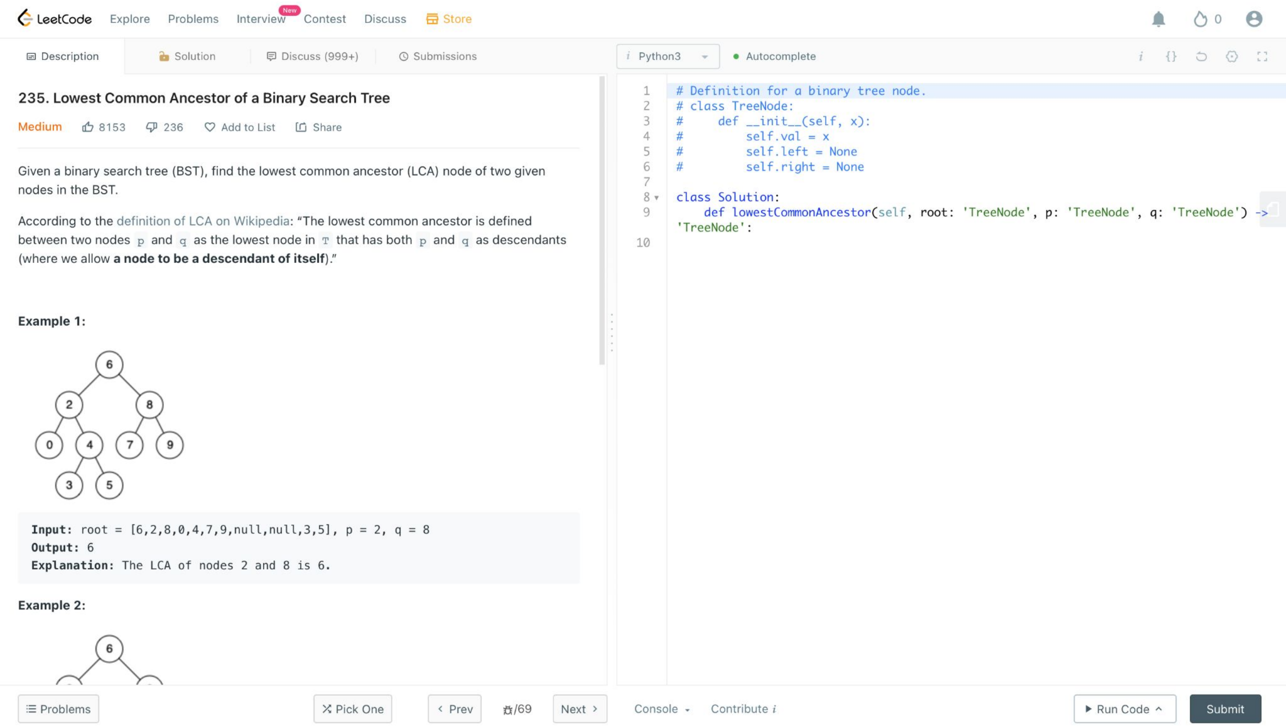
Problem 1: Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Search Tree



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235. Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Search Tree

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Given a binary search tree (BST), find the lowest common ancestor (LCA) node of two given nodes in the BST.

According to the definition of LCA on Wikipedia: “The lowest common ancestor is defined between two nodes `p` and `q` as the lowest node in `T` that has both `p` and `q` as descendants (where we allow **a node to be a descendant of itself**).”

Example 1:


```
Input: root = [6,2,8,0,4,7,9,null,null,3,5], p = 2, q = 8
Output: 6
Explanation: The LCA of nodes 2 and 8 is 6.
```

Example 2:

Python3 Autocomplete

```python
# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode:
#     def __init__(self, x):
#         self.val = x
#         self.left = None
#         self.right = None

class Solution:
    def lowestCommonAncestor(self, root: 'TreeNode', p: 'TreeNode', q: 'TreeNode') -> 'TreeNode':
```

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Approach: Recursion

```
def lowestCommonAncestor(self, root, p, q):

    # Value of current node or parent node.
    parent_val = root.val

    # Value of p
    p_val = p.val

    # Value of q
    q_val = q.val

    # If both p and q are greater than parent
    if p_val > parent_val and q_val > parent_val:
        return self.lowestCommonAncestor(root.right, p, q)
    # If both p and q are lesser than parent
    elif p_val < parent_val and q_val < parent_val:
        return self.lowestCommonAncestor(root.left, p, q)
    # We have found the split point, i.e. the LCA node.
    else:
        return root
```

Algorithm

1. Start traversing the tree from the root node.
2. If both the nodes p and q are in the right subtree, then continue the search with right subtree starting step 1.
3. If both the nodes p and q are in the left subtree, then continue the search with left subtree starting step 1.
4. If both step 2 and step 3 are not true, this means we have found the node which is common to node p's and q's subtrees. and hence we return this common node as the LCA.

Complexity Analysis

Time complexity : $O(n)$, where N is the number of nodes in the BST. In the worst case we might be visiting all the nodes of the BST.

Space complexity : $O(n)$, This is because the maximum amount of space utilized by the recursion stack would be N since the height of a skewed BST could be N.

Approach: Iterative

```
def lowestCommonAncestor(self, root, p, q):
    # Value of p
    p_val = p.val

    # Value of q
    q_val = q.val

    # Start from the root node of the tree
    node = root

    # Traverse the tree
    while node:

        # Value of current node or parent node.
        parent_val = node.val

        if p_val > parent_val and q_val > parent_val:
            # If both p and q are greater than parent
            node = node.right
        elif p_val < parent_val and q_val < parent_val:
            # If both p and q are lesser than parent
            node = node.left
        else:
            # We have found the split point, i.e. the LCA node.
            return node
```

Algorithm

The steps taken are also similar to approach 1. The only difference is instead of recursively calling the function, we traverse down the tree iteratively. This is possible without using a stack or recursion since we don't need to backtrace to find the LCA node. In essence of it the problem is iterative, it just wants us to find the split point. The point from where p and q won't be part of the same subtree or when one is the parent of the other.

Complexity Analysis

Time complexity : $O(n)$, where N is the number of nodes in the BST. In the worst case we might be visiting all the nodes of the BST.

Space complexity : $O(1)$

PART 02

Problem 2: Deepest Leaves Sum

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1302. Deepest Leaves Sum

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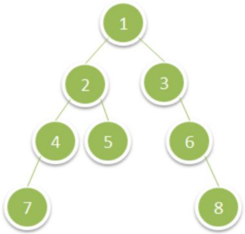
Given the `root` of a binary tree, return *the sum of values of its deepest leaves*.

Example 1:




```
Input: root = [1,2,3,4,5,null,6,7,null,null,null,null,8]
Output: 15
```

Example 2:

```
Input: root = [6,7,8,2,7,1,3,9,null,1,4,null,null,null,5]
Output: 19
```

Constraints:

Python3 Autocomplete

```python
# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution:
    def deepestLeavesSum(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> int:
```

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Approach: Iterative BFS Traversal

```
def deepestLeavesSum(self, root: TreeNode) -> int:
    next_level = deque([root,])

    while next_level:
        # prepare for the next level
        curr_level = next_level
        next_level = deque()

        for node in curr_level:
            # add child nodes of the current level
            # in the queue for the next level
            if node.left:
                next_level.append(node.left)
            if node.right:
                next_level.append(node.right)

    return sum([node.val for node in curr_level])
```

Traverse level by level, to check if this level is the last one. If it's the case, return the sum of all nodes values.

Complexity Analysis

Time complexity : $O(n)$, since one has to visit each node.

Space complexity : up to $O(N)$ to keep the queues. Let's use the last level to estimate the queue size. This level could contain up to $N/2$ tree nodes in the case of complete binary tree.

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Problem 3: Employee Importance

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690. Employee Importance

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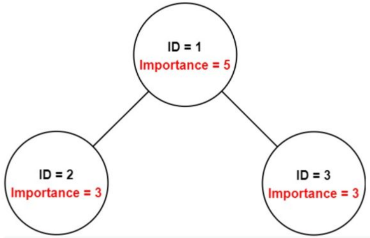
You have a data structure of employee information, including the employee's unique ID, importance value, and direct subordinates' IDs.

You are given an array of employees `employees` where:

- `employees[i].id` is the ID of the i^{th} employee.
- `employees[i].importance` is the importance value of the i^{th} employee.
- `employees[i].subordinates` is a list of the IDs of the direct subordinates of the i^{th} employee.

Given an integer `id` that represents an employee's ID, return *the* ***total*** *importance value of this employee and all their direct and indirect subordinates*.

Example 1:



Python3 Autocomplete

```python
"""
# Definition for Employee.
class Employee:
    def __init__(self, id: int, importance: int, subordinates: List[int]):
        self.id = id
        self.importance = importance
        self.subordinates = subordinates
"""

class Solution:
    def getImportance(self, employees: List['Employee'], id: int) -> int:
        
```

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Approach: DFS

```
def getImportance(self, employees, query_id):

    # Create a hashmap for employees.
    emap = {e.id: e for e in employees}

    # Define a recursive function
    def dfs(eid):
        employee = emap[eid]
        return (employee.importance +
                sum(dfs(eid) for eid in employee.subordinates))

    return dfs(query_id)
```

Let's use a hashmap emap = {employee.id -> employee} to query employees quickly.

Now to find the total importance of an employee, it will be the importance of that employee, plus the total importance of each of that employee's subordinates. This is a straightforward depth-first search.

Complexity Analysis

Time complexity : $O(n)$, where N is the number of employees. We might query each employee in dfs.

Space complexity : $O(N)$, the size of the implicit call stack when evaluating dfs.

Problem 4: Validate BST

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98. Validate Binary Search Tree

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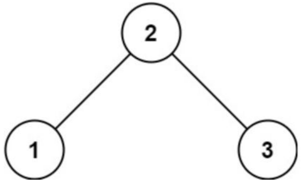
Given the `root` of a binary tree, *determine if it is a valid binary search tree (BST)*.

A **valid BST** is defined as follows:

- The left subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **less than** the node's key.
- The right subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **greater than** the node's key.
- Both the left and right subtrees must also be binary search trees.

Example 1:




```
Input: root = [2,1,3]
Output: true
```

Example 2:

Code

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```python
# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution:
    def isValidBST(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> bool:
```

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