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Announcements

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How to Design Programs

From Problem Analysis to Data Definitions

Identify the information that must be represented and how it is represented in the chosen programming language. Formulate data definitions and illustrate them with examples.

Signature, Purpose Statement, Header

State what kind of data the desired function consumes and produces. Formulate a concise answer to the question *what* the function computes. Define a stub that lives up to the signature.

Functional Examples

Work through examples that illustrate the function's purpose.

Function Template

Translate the data definitions into an outline of the function.

Function Definition

Fill in the gaps in the function template. Exploit the purpose statement and the examples.

Testing

Articulate the examples as tests and ensure that the function passes all. Doing so discovers mistakes. Tests also supplement examples in that they help others read and understand the definition when the need arises—and it will arise for any serious program.

Applying the Design Process

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Implement `smalls`, which takes a `Tree` instance `t` containing integer labels. It returns the non-leaf nodes in `t` whose labels are smaller than any labels of their descendant nodes.

`def smalls(t):` *Signature: Tree -> List of Trees*

"""Return a list of the non-leaf nodes in t that are smaller than all their descendants."""

>>> a = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(4), Tree(5)]), Tree(3, [Tree(0, [Tree(6)])])])

>>> sorted([t.label for t in smalls(a)])
[0, 2]

"""

result = [] *Signature: Tree -> number*

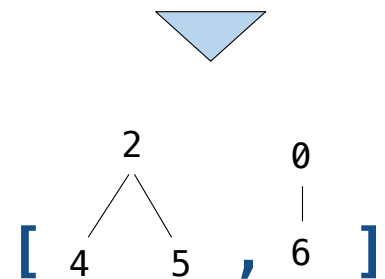
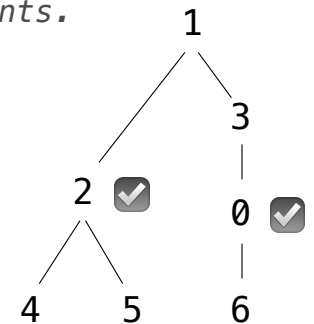
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 return t.label
 else:

return min(...)

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else:

 smallest = min([process(b) for b in t.branches])

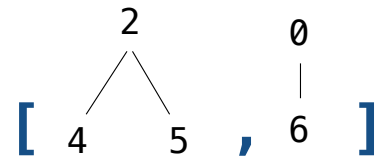
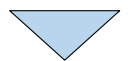
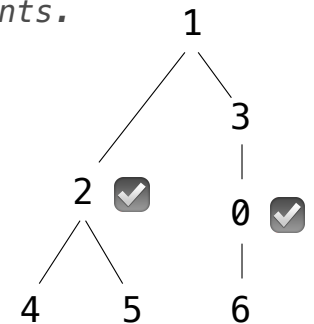
if t.label < smallest:

 result.append(t)

 return min(smallest, t.label)

process(t)

return result



More Tree Practice

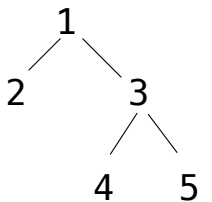
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Definition. A *full path* through a Tree is a list of adjacent node labels that starts with the root label and ends with a leaf label.

```
def count_big(t, n):
    """Return the number of paths in t that have a sum larger or equal to n.

    >>> t = Tree(1, [Tree(2), Tree(3, [Tree(4), Tree(5)])])
    >>> count_big(t, 3)
    3
    >>> count_big(t, 6)
    2
    >>> count_big(t, 9)
    1
    """
    if t.is_leaf():
        return one(_____ t.label >= n _____)
    else:
        return _____ sum([count_big(b, n-t.label) for b in t.branches]) _____
```

```
def one(b):
    if b:
        return 1
    else:
        return 0
```

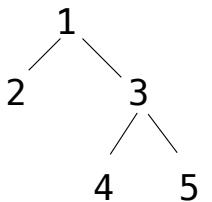


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```
def print_big(t, n):  
    """Print the paths in t that have a sum larger or equal to n.
```

```
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[1, 3, 4]  
[1, 3, 5]  
>>> print_big(t, 6)  
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[1, 3, 5]  
>>> print_big(t, 9)  
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"""
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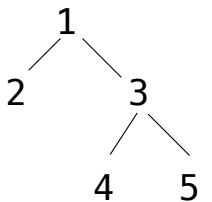
```
def helper(t, p):  
    p = p + [t.label]  
    if t.is_leaf():  
        if sum(p) >= n:  
            print(p)  
    else:  
        for b in t.branches:  
            helper(b, p)  
  
helper(t, [])
```



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```
def big_links(t, n):
    """Yield the paths in t that have a sum larger or equal to n as linked lists.

    >>> t = Tree(1, [Tree(2), Tree(3, [Tree(4), Tree(5)])])
    >>> for p in big_links(t, 3):
    ...     print(p)
    <1 2>
    <1 3 4>
    <1 3 5>
    >>> for p in big_links(t, 6):
    ...     print(p)
    <1 3 4>
    <1 3 5>
    >>> for p in big_links(t, 9):
    ...     print(p)
    <1 3 5>
    """
    if t.is_leaf() and t.label >= n:
        yield Link(t.label)
    for b in t.branches:
        for x in big_links(b, n - t.label):
            yield Link(t.label, x)
```



Interpreters

Interpreter Analysis

What expressions are passed to `scheme_eval` when evaluating the following expressions?

`(define x (+ 1 2))`

`(define (f y) (+ x y))`

`(f (if (> 3 2) 4 5))`