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//reconstruct BST from preorder

```
int index;
template<class T>
void reconstructBST(shared_ptr<node<T>> & curr,T preorder[],int maxAllowed,int size){

    if(index==size)
        return;

    if(preorder[index]<curr->value){ //go left
        curr->left=make_shared<node<T>>(preorder[index]);
        index++;
        reconstructBST(curr->left,preorder,curr->value,size);
    }
    if(preorder[index]>curr->value && preorder[index]<maxAllowed){ //go right
        curr->right=make_shared<node<T>>(preorder[index]);
        index++;
        reconstructBST(curr->right,preorder,maxAllowed,size);
    }
}
```

Bst property

```
template<class T>
bool checkBSTproperty(shared_ptr<node<T>> & curr,int maxAllowed){

    //to break BST property

    bool ans=curr->value <maxAllowed;

    if(curr!=nullptr){
        if(curr->left!=nullptr){
            ans=ans && (curr->left->value < curr->value) &&
checkBSTproperty(curr->left,curr->value);
        }
        if(curr->right!=nullptr){
            ans=ans && (curr->right->value > curr->value) &&
checkBSTproperty(curr->right,maxAllowed);
        }
    }

    return ans;
}
```

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}

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binary tree LCA

//find LCA of two nodes a & b

//Algorithm: if both a&b are in the left subtree, then LCA is twoo (same for the right subtree)

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template<class T>
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shared_ptr<node<T>> find_LCA(shared_ptr<node<T>> & curr,shared_ptr<node<T>>  
a,shared_ptr<node<T>> b){
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    if(curr==nullptr)
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        return nullptr;
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    else{
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        //check if current is one of the nodes a or b. Also works for the case that A is LCA (or b)
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        if(curr->value==a->value)
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            return a;
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        if(curr->value==b->value)
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            return b;
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        shared_ptr<node<T>> leftT=find_LCA(curr->left,a,b);
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        shared_ptr<node<T>> rightT=find_LCA(curr->right,a,b);
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        //if not null from right and left: curr is LCA
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        if(leftT!=nullptr && rightT!=nullptr){
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            return curr;
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        }
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        return leftT==nullptr?rightT:leftT; //return the one that's not null
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    }
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}
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Rabin-Karp string matching

```
int main(){

    string pattern="ababac";
    string text=" ababac hey bacman itsaba fer andababac fersarr ababac to ababac";

    int m=pattern.length();
    int n=text.length();

    int kBase=27; //26 letters in english alphabet +1 for space. Used to get numeric value of a string. "122" -> 122
    int kMod=997; //big prime number;

    int power=1;
    int p_hash=0;
    int t_hash=0;

    //compute the hash for the pattern and for the first window (substring of length m) in text string
    for(int i=0;i<m;i++){
        power=i>0?power*kBase:1; //to get  $26^{(M-1)}$  -> used when deleting most significant character
        p_hash=(p_hash*kBase+pattern[i])%kMod; //kMod multiplies ALL TERMS (increasing their exponent)
        in previous hash each time
        t_hash=(t_hash*kBase+text[i])%kMod;
    }

    //try to find the pattern inside the text

    for(int i=m;i<n;i++){
        if(p_hash==t_hash){ //only if they have same hash, compare strings
            if(pattern==text.substr(i-m,m)){
                cout<<"Match found at "<<i-m<<endl;
            }
        }

        //Rolling hash technique:
        //remove the Most Significant Char and add a new Least Significant.
        t_hash-=(power*text[i-m])%kMod; //remove MSC
        if(t_hash < 0)
            t_hash+=kMod;
        t_hash=(t_hash*kBase+text[i])%kMod; //add LSC and multiply hash by kBase to increment exponents by
        one after removing the MSB in previous step

    }

    //LAST CASE: check if pattern is last substring in text
    if(t_hash == p_hash && text.substr(n-m,m)==pattern)
        cout<<"Match at END "<<n-m<<endl;
```

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Quicksort

//partition the array so that the left part is LESS than pivot and right part is MORE than pivot.

//this way, pivot is already in it's correct sorted position in the array

//a[lo..hi] so that $a[lo..j-1] \leq a[j] \leq a[j+1..hi]$

```
int partition(int array[],int lo,int hi){
    int pivot=array[lo];

    while(lo<hi){

        //find item on low to swap (bigger than pivot)
        while(array[lo]<pivot)
            lo++;

        //find item on hi to swap (smaller than pivot)
        while(array[hi]>pivot)
            hi--;

        if(array[lo]==array[hi]) //for duplicate items, if we dont have this -> goes forever
            lo++;

        if(lo<hi)
            swap(array,lo,hi);
        else
            break;

    }

    return hi;
}
```

```
void quicksort(int array[],int lo,int hi){
    if(hi<=lo)
        return;
    int j=partition(array,lo,hi);

    quicksort(array,lo,j-1); //sort left partition
    quicksort(array,j+1,hi); //sort right partition

}
```

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List : find cycle length (L) and start point(A)

```
template<class T>
shared_ptr<node<T>> findCycle(shared_ptr<node<T>> const & head){

    shared_ptr<node<T>> slow=head,fast=head;

    int cycle=1;
    bool hasCycle=false;

    while(slow->next!=nullptr && fast->next!=nullptr &&fast->next->next!=nullptr){
        slow=slow->next;
        fast=fast->next->next;
        if(slow==fast){

            hasCycle=true;

            slow=slow->next;
            while(slow!=fast){ //get cycle length
                cycle++;
                slow=slow->next;
            }

            //move fast from head cycle_length steps. cycle_start-fast=cycle_start-head
            whatever we are shy of cycle start, we have put advanced before the cycle
            fast=head;
            slow=head;
            while(cycle--){
                fast=fast->next;
            }
            //advance both one at a time. Whereevery they meet, that's cycle_start
            while(slow!=fast){
                slow=slow->next;
                fast=fast->next;
            }

            int stepsToMeet=0;

            break;

        }

    }

    return hasCycle?slow:nullptr;
}
```