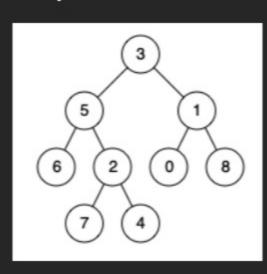
1644. Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree II Premium

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Given the root of a binary tree, return the lowest common ancestor (LCA) of two given nodes, p and q. If either node p or q does not exist in the tree, return null. All values of the nodes in the tree are unique.

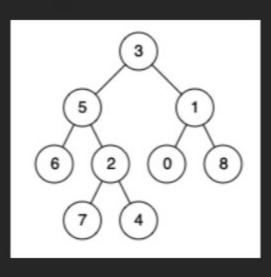
According to the definition of LCA on Wikipedia: "The lowest common ancestor of two nodes p and q in a binary tree T is the lowest node that has both p and q as descendants (where we allow a node to be a descendant of itself)". A **descendant** of a node x is a node y that is on the path from node x to some leaf node.

Example 1:



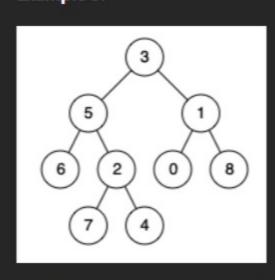
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Input: root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 1
Output: 3
Explanation: The LCA of nodes 5 and 1 is 3.
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Example 2:



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Input: root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 4
Output: 5
Explanation: The LCA of nodes 5 and 4 is 5. A node can be a descendant of itself according to the definition of LCA.
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Example 3:



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Input: root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 10
Output: null
Explanation: Node 10 does not exist in the tree, so return null.
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Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range [1, 10⁴].
- -10^9 <= Node.val <= 10^9
- All Node.val are unique.
- p != q

Follow up: Can you find the LCA traversing the tree, without checking nodes existence?

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    Traverse the graph visiting root, left, root, right, root to make an Euler Path
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O Hint 2 Return the node (LCA) that is at the lowest depth between p and q in the Euler Path **₹** Similar Questions Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Search Tree Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree III 🏠 Medium Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree IV 🏠 Discussion (7)