

1506. Find Root of N-Ary Tree Premium

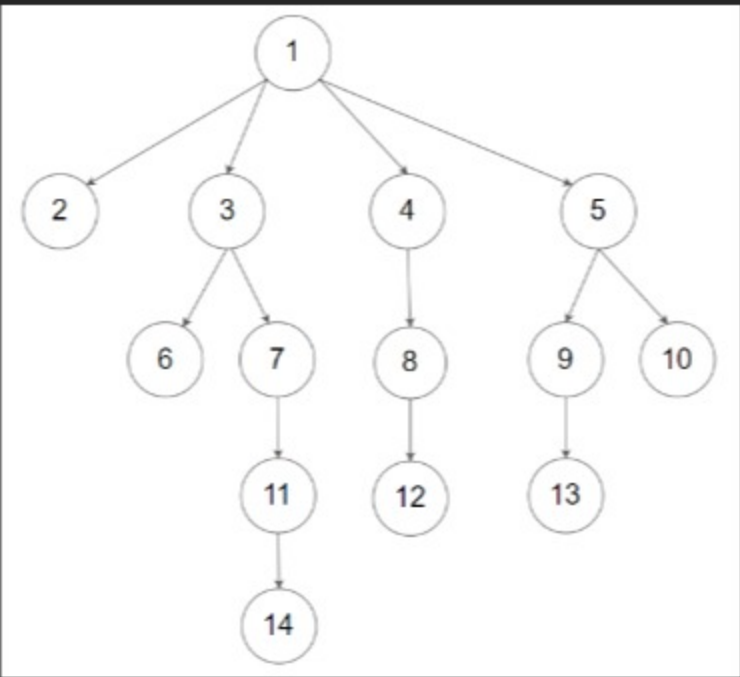
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You are given all the nodes of an **N-ary tree** as an array of `Node` objects, where each node has a **unique value**.

Return *the **root** of the N-ary tree*.

Custom testing:

An N-ary tree can be serialized as represented in its level order traversal where each group of children is separated by the `null` value (see examples).

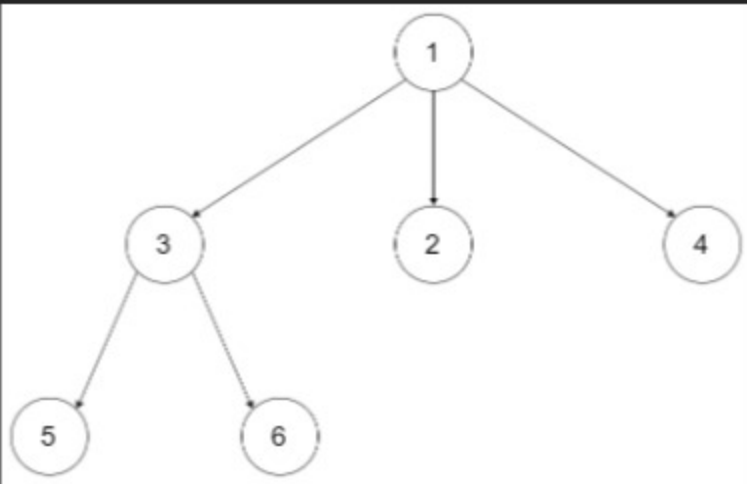


For example, the above tree is serialized as `[1,null,2,3,4,5,null,null,6,7,null,8,null,9,10,null,null,11,null,12,null,13,null,null,14]`.

The testing will be done in the following way:

1. The **input data** should be provided as a serialization of the tree.
2. The driver code will construct the tree from the serialized input data and put each `Node` object into an array **in an arbitrary order**.
3. The driver code will pass the array to `findRoot`, and your function should find and return the root `Node` object in the array.
4. The driver code will take the returned `Node` object and serialize it. If the serialized value and the input data are the **same**, the test **passes**.

Example 1:



Input: `tree = [1,null,3,2,4,null,5,6]`

Output: `[1,null,3,2,4,null,5,6]`

Explanation: The tree from the input data is shown above.

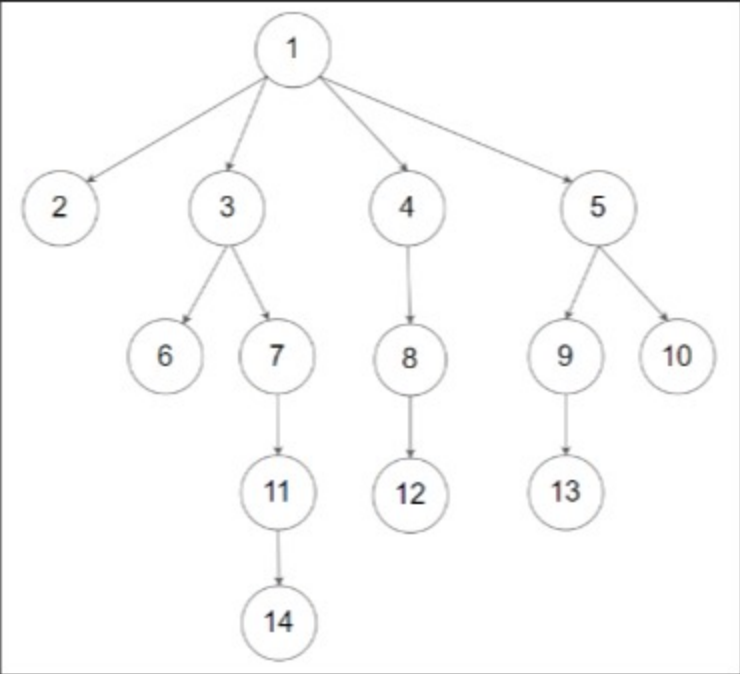
The driver code creates the tree and gives `findRoot` the `Node` objects in an arbitrary order.

For example, the passed array could be `[Node(5),Node(4),Node(3),Node(6),Node(2),Node(1)]` or `[Node(2),Node(6),Node(1),Node(3),Node(5),Node(4)]`.

The `findRoot` function should return the root `Node(1)`, and the driver code will serialize it and compare with the input data.

The input data and serialized `Node(1)` are the same, so the test passes.

Example 2:



Input: `tree = [1,null,2,3,4,5,null,null,6,7,null,8,null,9,10,null,null,11,null,12,null,13,null,null,14]`

Output: `[1,null,2,3,4,5,null,null,6,7,null,8,null,9,10,null,null,11,null,12,null,13,null,null,14]`

Constraints:

- The total number of nodes is between `[1, 5 * 104]`.
- Each node has a **unique** value.

Follow up:

- Could you solve this problem in constant space complexity with a linear time algorithm?

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