

545. Boundary of Binary Tree

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The **boundary** of a binary tree is the concatenation of the **root**, the **left boundary**, the **leaves** ordered from left-to-right, and the **reverse order** of the **right boundary**.

The **left boundary** is the set of nodes defined by the following:

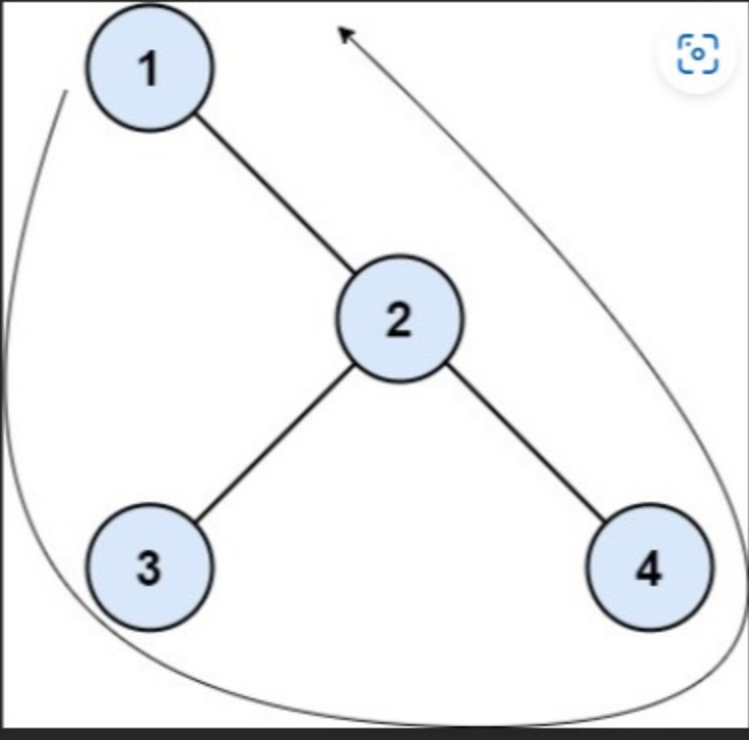
- The root node's left child is in the left boundary. If the root does not have a left child, then the left boundary is **empty**.
- If a node in the left boundary and has a left child, then the left child is in the left boundary.
- If a node is in the left boundary, has **no** left child, but has a right child, then the right child is in the left boundary.
- The leftmost leaf is **not** in the left boundary.

The **right boundary** is similar to the **left boundary**, except it is the right side of the root's right subtree. Again, the leaf is **not** part of the **right boundary**, and the **right boundary** is empty if the root does not have a right child.

The **leaves** are nodes that do not have any children. For this problem, the root is **not** a leaf.

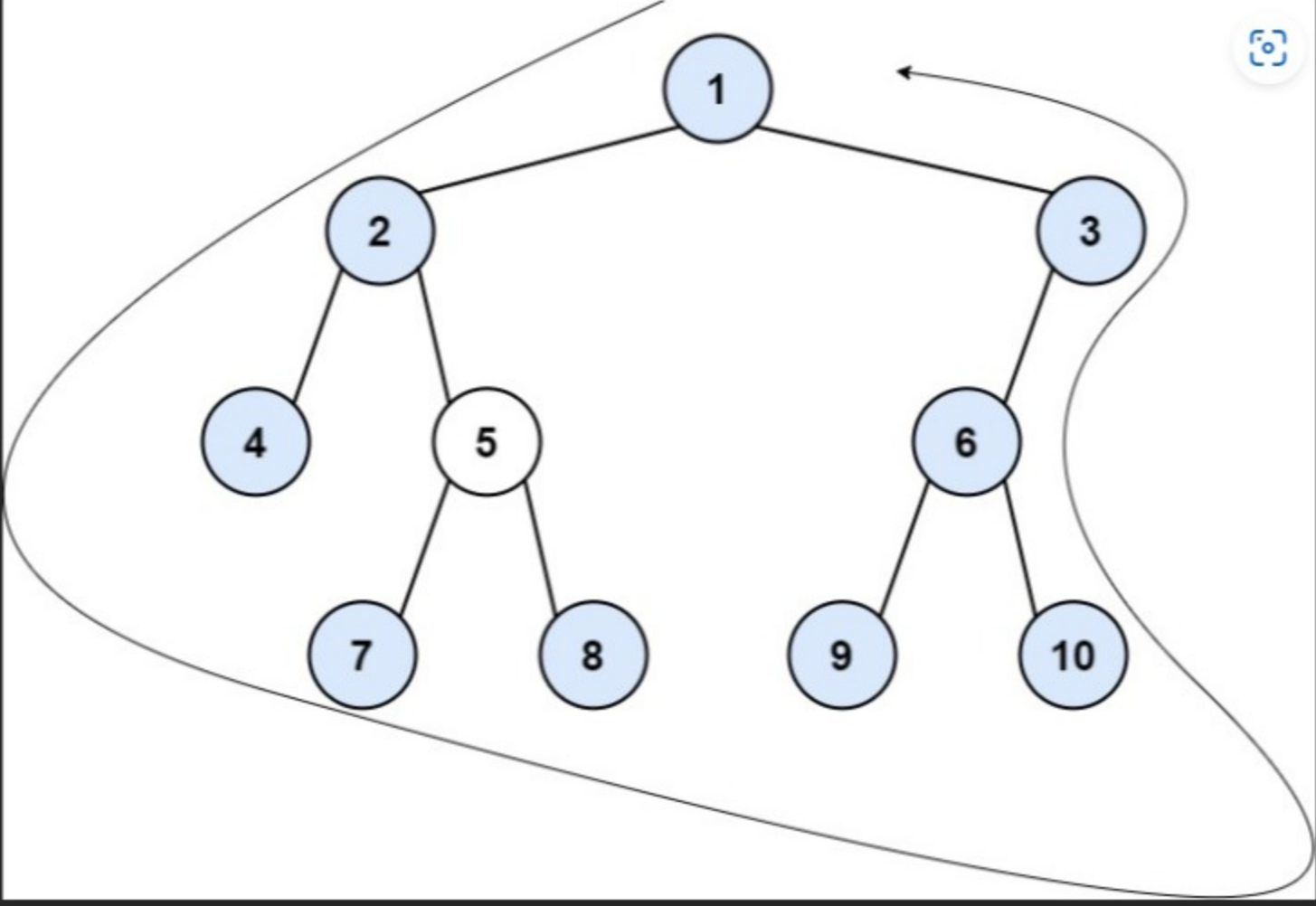
Given the `root` of a binary tree, return *the values of its **boundary***.

Example 1:



Input: `root = [1,null,2,3,4]`
Output: `[1,3,4,2]`
Explanation:
– The left boundary is empty because the root does not have a left child.
– The right boundary follows the path starting from the root's right child 2 → 4. 4 is a leaf, so the right boundary is [2].
– The leaves from left to right are [3,4].
Concatenating everything results in `[1] + [] + [3,4] + [2] = [1,3,4,2]`.

Example 2:



Input: `root = [1,2,3,4,5,6,null,null,null,7,8,9,10]`
Output: `[1,2,4,7,8,9,10,6,3]`
Explanation:
– The left boundary follows the path starting from the root's left child 2 → 4. 4 is a leaf, so the left boundary is [2].
– The right boundary follows the path starting from the root's right child 3 → 6 → 10. 10 is a leaf, so the right boundary is [3,6], and in reverse order is [6,3].
– The leaves from left to right are [4,7,8,9,10].
Concatenating everything results in `[1] + [2] + [4,7,8,9,10] + [6,3] = [1,2,4,7,8,9,10,6,3]`.

Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range `[1, 104]`.
- `-1000 <= Node.val <= 1000`

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