

Invert/Flip Binary Tree

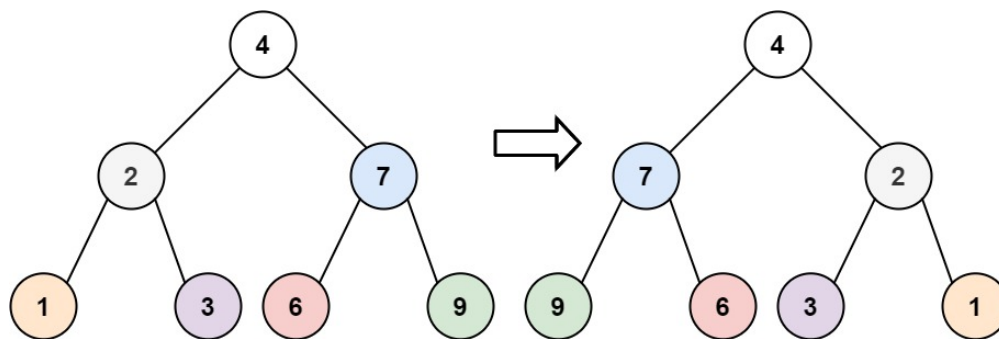
Difficulty	Easy
Category	Tree
Question	https://leetcode.com/problems/invert-binary-tree/
Solution	https://youtu.be/OnSn2XEQ4MY
Status	Done

Question

Given the **root** of a binary tree, invert the tree, and return *its root*.

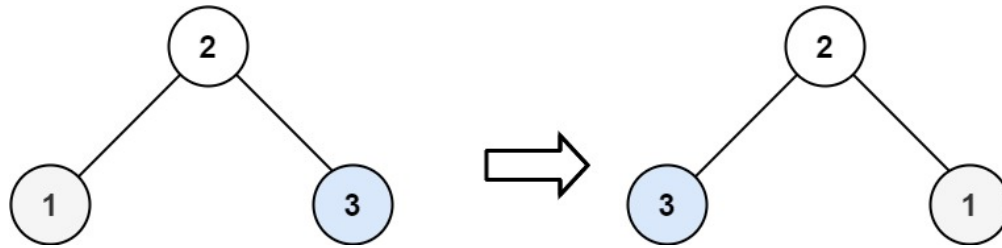
Example

Example 1:



Input: root = [4,2,7,1,3,6,9]
Output: [4,7,2,9,6,3,1]

Example 2:



Input: root = [2,1,3]
Output: [2,3,1]

Example 3:

Input: root = []
Output: []

Idea



Invert left and right part of the tree, apply the recursion on children/subtrees as well

Solution

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# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution:
    def invertTree(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> Optional[TreeNode]:
        if not root:
            return None

        # swap the children
        root.left, root.right = root.right, root.left

        #recursive call
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self.invertTree(root.left)
self.invertTree(root.right)

return root
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Explanation