

BALANCED BINARY TREE

Problem asks us to check if a given binary tree is balanced or not.

A balanced binary tree is one where absolute difference between height of left subtree and right subtree is less than 1 at all points.

Brute force approach is to find left height and right height at each node, check if it is balanced or not and return a boolean.

Time Complexity is $O(N^2)$

Optimal approach involves modifying the get Height function where we return -1 as height if it is not balanced.

Pseudocode :

```
int maxDepth(Node * root) {  
    if (root == NULL) {  
        return 0 ;  
    }  
    int r = maxDepth(root → right) ;  
    int l = maxDepth(root → left) ;  
    if (r == -1 || l == -1) {  
        return -1 ;  
    }  
}
```

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    if (abs(l - r) > 1) return -1;  
    return max(l, r) + 1;  
}
```

```
bool isBalanced(Node * root) {  
    return maxDepth(root) != 1;  
}
```