

98. Validate Binary Search Tree

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Given a binary tree, determine if it is a valid binary search tree (BST).

Assume a BST is defined as follows:

- The left subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **less than** the node's key.
- The right subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **greater than** the node's key.
- Both the left and right subtrees must also be binary search trees.

Example 1:

```
    2
   /\
  1 3
```

Binary tree [2,1,3] , return true.

Example 2:

```
    1
   /\
  2 3
```

Binary tree [1,2,3] , return false.

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```
1 /**
2  * Definition for a binary tree node.
3  * struct TreeNode {
4  *     int val;
5  *     TreeNode *left;
6  *     TreeNode *right;
7  *     TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(NULL), right(NULL) {}
8  * };
9  */
10 class Solution {
11 public:
12     bool isValidBST(TreeNode* root) {
13         long last = LONG_MIN;
14         return helper(root,&last);
15     }
16     bool helper(TreeNode* root,long* last){
17         if(root==NULL) return true;
18         if(root->left!=NULL)
19             if(!helper(root->left,last))
20                 return false;
21         if(root->val<=*last) return false;
22         *last = root->val;
23         if(root->right==NULL) return true;
24         return helper(root->right,last);
25     }
26 };
```

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