

## 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         return helper(root, NULL, NULL);
14     }
15     bool helper(TreeNode* root, TreeNode* minNode, TreeNode* maxNode){
16         if(root==NULL) return true;
17         if(minNode->val<=minNode->val||maxNode->val>=maxNode->val) return false;
18         return helper(root->left,minNode,root)&&helper(root->right,root,maxNode);
19     }
20 };
```

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