

Problem 545: Boundary of Binary Tree

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

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 is 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

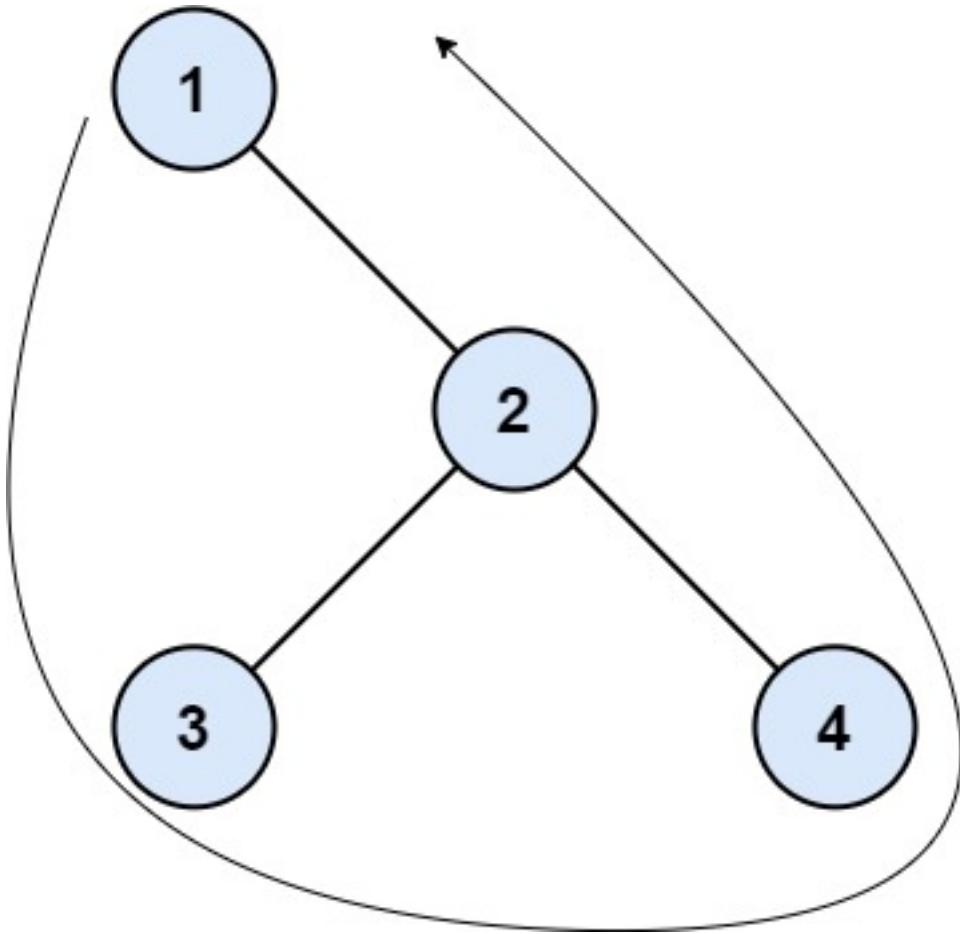
part of the right boundary, and the right boundary is empty if the root does not have a right child.

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.

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Example 1:



Input:

```
root = [1,null,2,3,4]
```

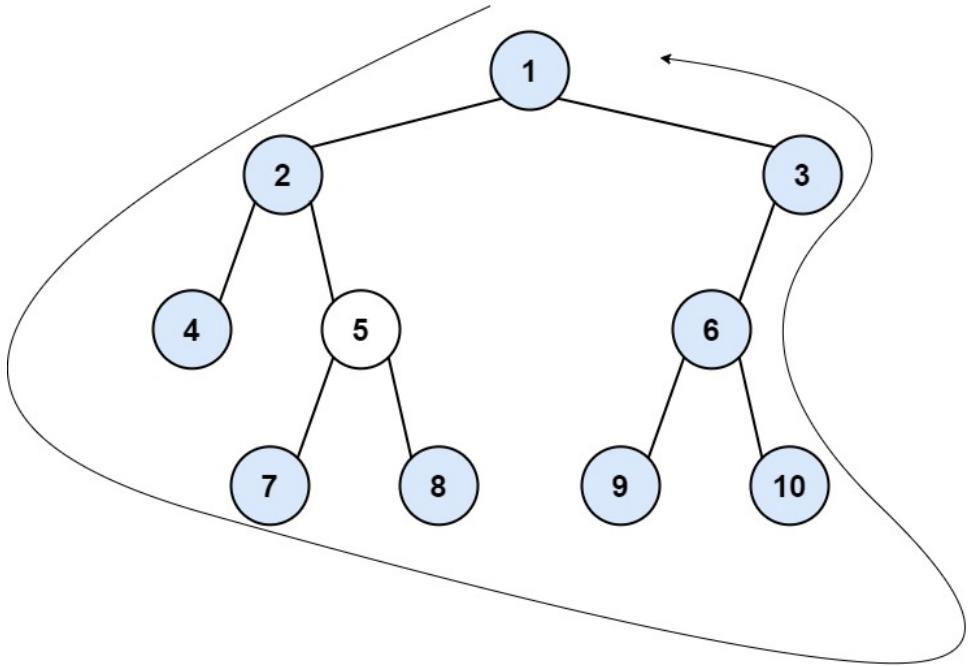
Output:

```
[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, 10]
```

]

-1000 <= Node.val <= 1000

Code Snippets

C++:

```
/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * struct TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode *left;
 *     TreeNode *right;
 *     TreeNode() : val(0), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
 *     TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
 *     TreeNode(int x, TreeNode *left, TreeNode *right) : val(x), left(left),
 *     right(right) {}
 * };
 */
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode* root) {
        }
    };
}
```

Java:

```
/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode left;
 *     TreeNode right;
 *     TreeNode() {}
 *     TreeNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
 *     TreeNode(int val, TreeNode left, TreeNode right) {
 *         this.val = val;
 *     }
 * }
```

```

* this.left = left;
* this.right = right;
* }
* }
*/
class Solution {
public List<Integer> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode root) {

}
}

```

Python3:

```

# 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 boundaryOfBinaryTree(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> List[int]:

```

Python:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode(object):
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution(object):
    def boundaryOfBinaryTree(self, root):
        """
        :type root: Optional[TreeNode]
        :rtype: List[int]
        """

```

JavaScript:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * function TreeNode(val, left, right) {

```

```

* this.val = (val==undefined ? 0 : val)
* this.left = (left==undefined ? null : left)
* this.right = (right==undefined ? null : right)
* }
*/
/***
* @param {TreeNode} root
* @return {number[]}
*/
var boundaryOfBinaryTree = function(root) {

};

```

TypeScript:

```

/**
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* class TreeNode {
*   val: number
*   left: TreeNode | null
*   right: TreeNode | null
*   constructor(val?: number, left?: TreeNode | null, right?: TreeNode | null) {
*     this.val = (val==undefined ? 0 : val)
*     this.left = (left==undefined ? null : left)
*     this.right = (right==undefined ? null : right)
*   }
* }
*/
function boundaryOfBinaryTree(root: TreeNode | null): number[] {
}

```

C#:

```

/**
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* public class TreeNode {
*   public int val;
*   public TreeNode left;
*   public TreeNode right;

```

```

* public TreeNode(int val=0, TreeNode left=null, TreeNode right=null) {
*   this.val = val;
*   this.left = left;
*   this.right = right;
* }
* }
*/
public class Solution {
    public IList<int> BoundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode root) {
        }
    }
}

```

C:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * struct TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     struct TreeNode *left;
 *     struct TreeNode *right;
 * };
 */
/**
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
 */
int* boundaryOfBinaryTree(struct TreeNode* root, int* returnSize) {

}

```

Go:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * type TreeNode struct {
 *     Val int
 *     Left *TreeNode
 *     Right *TreeNode
 * }
 */
func boundaryOfBinaryTree(root *TreeNode) []int {

```

```
}
```

Kotlin:

```
/**  
 * Example:  
 * var ti = TreeNode(5)  
 * var v = ti.`val`  
 * Definition for a binary tree node.  
 * class TreeNode(var `val`: Int) {  
 *     var left: TreeNode? = null  
 *     var right: TreeNode? = null  
 * }  
 */  
class Solution {  
    fun boundaryOfBinaryTree(root: TreeNode?): List<Int> {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
/**  
 * Definition for a binary tree node.  
 * public class TreeNode {  
 *     public var val: Int  
 *     public var left: TreeNode?  
 *     public var right: TreeNode?  
 *     public init() { self.val = 0; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }  
 *     public init(_ val: Int) { self.val = val; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }  
 *     public init(_ val: Int, _ left: TreeNode?, _ right: TreeNode?) {  
 *         self.val = val  
 *         self.left = left  
 *         self.right = right  
 *     }  
 * }  
 */  
class Solution {  
    func boundaryOfBinaryTree(_ root: TreeNode?) -> [Int] {  
  
    }
```

```
}
```

Rust:

```
// Definition for a binary tree node.
// #[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq)]
// pub struct TreeNode {
//     pub val: i32,
//     pub left: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
//     pub right: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
// }
//
// impl TreeNode {
//     #[inline]
//     pub fn new(val: i32) -> Self {
//         TreeNode {
//             val,
//             left: None,
//             right: None
//         }
//     }
// }
use std::rc::Rc;
use std::cell::RefCell;
impl Solution {
    pub fn boundary_of_binary_tree(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>) -> Vec<i32> {
        let mut result = Vec::new();
        if root.is_none() {
            return result;
        }
        result.push(root.unwrap().borrow().val);
        self.left_boundary(&root, &mut result);
        self.inorder(&root, &mut result);
        self.right_boundary(&root, &mut result);
        return result;
    }
}
```

Ruby:

```
# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode
# attr_accessor :val, :left, :right
# def initialize(val = 0, left = nil, right = nil)
#   @val = val
#   @left = left
#   @right = right
# end
# end
```

```

# @param {TreeNode} root
# @return {Integer[]}
def boundary_of_binary_tree(root)

end

```

PHP:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 *     public $val = null;
 *     public $left = null;
 *     public $right = null;
 *     function __construct($val = 0, $left = null, $right = null) {
 *         $this->val = $val;
 *         $this->left = $left;
 *         $this->right = $right;
 *     }
 * }
 */
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param TreeNode $root
     * @return Integer[]
     */
    function boundaryOfBinaryTree($root) {
        }

    }
}

```

Dart:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode? left;
 *     TreeNode? right;
 *     TreeNode([this.val = 0, this.left, this.right]);
 * }

```

```

*/
class Solution {
List<int> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode? root) {

}
}

```

Scala:

```

/***
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* class TreeNode(_value: Int = 0, _left: TreeNode = null, _right: TreeNode =
null) {
* var value: Int = _value
* var left: TreeNode = _left
* var right: TreeNode = _right
* }
*/
object Solution {
def boundaryOfBinaryTree(root: TreeNode): List[Int] = {

}
}

```

Elixir:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
#
# defmodule TreeNode do
# @type t :: %__MODULE__{
# val: integer,
# left: TreeNode.t() | nil,
# right: TreeNode.t() | nil
# }
# defstruct val: 0, left: nil, right: nil
# end

defmodule Solution do
@spec boundary_of_binary_tree(root :: TreeNode.t | nil) :: [integer]
def boundary_of_binary_tree(root) do
end

```

```
end
```

Erlang:

```
%% Definition for a binary tree node.  
%%  
%% -record(tree_node, {val = 0 :: integer(),  
%% left = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{},  
%% right = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{}}).  
  
-spec boundary_of_binary_tree(Root :: #tree_node{} | null) -> [integer()].  
boundary_of_binary_tree(Root) ->  
.
```

Racket:

```
; Definition for a binary tree node.  
#|  
  
; val : integer?  
; left : (or/c tree-node? #f)  
; right : (or/c tree-node? #f)  
(struct tree-node  
(val left right) #:mutable #:transparent)  
  
; constructor  
(define (make-tree-node [val 0])  
(tree-node val #f #f))  
  
|#  
  
(define/contract (boundary-of-binary-tree root)  
(-> (or/c tree-node? #f) (listof exact-integer?))  
)
```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Boundary of Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: tree, search
 *
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
 * Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
 * Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
 */

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * struct TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode *left;
 *     TreeNode *right;
 *     TreeNode() : val(0), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
 *     TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
 *     TreeNode(int x, TreeNode *left, TreeNode *right) : val(x), left(left),
 * right(right) {}
 * };
 */
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode* root) {
        }

    };
}

```

Java Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Boundary of Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Medium
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 *
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
 * Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
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 */

/**

```

```

* Definition for a binary tree node.
* public class TreeNode {
* int val;
* TreeNode left;
* TreeNode right;
* TreeNode() {}
* TreeNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
* TreeNode(int val, TreeNode left, TreeNode right) {
* this.val = val;
* this.left = left;
* this.right = right;
* }
* }
*/
class Solution {
public List<Integer> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode root) {

}
}

```

Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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Difficulty: Medium
Tags: tree, search

Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
"""

```

```

# 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 boundaryOfBinaryTree(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> List[int]:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution

```

```
pass
```

Python Solution:

```
# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode(object):
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution(object):
    def boundaryOfBinaryTree(self, root):
        """
        :type root: Optional[TreeNode]
        :rtype: List[int]
        """

```

JavaScript Solution:

```
/**
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 *
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
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 */

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * function TreeNode(val, left, right) {
 *     this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 *     this.left = (left===undefined ? null : left)
 *     this.right = (right===undefined ? null : right)
 * }
 */
/**
 * @param {TreeNode} root
 * @return {number[]}
 */
```

```
var boundaryOfBinaryTree = function(root) {  
};
```

TypeScript Solution:

```
/**  
 * Problem: Boundary of Binary Tree  
 * Difficulty: Medium  
 * Tags: tree, search  
 *  
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes  
 * Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height  
 */  
  
/**  
 * Definition for a binary tree node.  
 * class TreeNode {  
 * val: number  
 * left: TreeNode | null  
 * right: TreeNode | null  
 * constructor(val?: number, left?: TreeNode | null, right?: TreeNode | null)  
 {  
 * this.val = (val==undefined ? 0 : val)  
 * this.left = (left==undefined ? null : left)  
 * this.right = (right==undefined ? null : right)  
 * }  
 * }  
 */  
  
function boundaryOfBinaryTree(root: TreeNode | null): number[] {  
};
```

C# Solution:

```
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 * Problem: Boundary of Binary Tree  
 * Difficulty: Medium  
 * Tags: tree, search
```

```

/*
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
 * Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
 * Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
 */

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
 *     public int val;
 *     public TreeNode left;
 *     public TreeNode right;
 *     public TreeNode(int val=0, TreeNode left=null, TreeNode right=null) {
 *         this.val = val;
 *         this.left = left;
 *         this.right = right;
 *     }
 * }
 *
 * public class Solution {
 *     public IList<int> BoundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode root) {
 *
 *     }
 * }
 */

```

C Solution:

```

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/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * struct TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *
```

```

* struct TreeNode *left;
* struct TreeNode *right;
* };
*/
/***
* Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
*/
int* boundaryOfBinaryTree(struct TreeNode* root, int* returnSize) {

}

```

Go Solution:

```

// Problem: Boundary of Binary Tree
// Difficulty: Medium
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// Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height

/***
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* type TreeNode struct {
*     Val int
*     Left *TreeNode
*     Right *TreeNode
* }
*/
func boundaryOfBinaryTree(root *TreeNode) []int {

}

```

Kotlin Solution:

```

/***
* Example:
* var ti = TreeNode(5)
* var v = ti.`val`
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* class TreeNode(var `val`: Int) {

```

```

* var left: TreeNode? = null
* var right: TreeNode? = null
* }
*/
class Solution {
fun boundaryOfBinaryTree(root: TreeNode?): List<Int> {
}
}

```

Swift Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
 *     public var val: Int
 *     public var left: TreeNode?
 *     public var right: TreeNode?
 *     public init() { self.val = 0; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }
 *     public init(_ val: Int) { self.val = val; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }
 *     public init(_ val: Int, _ left: TreeNode?, _ right: TreeNode?) {
 *         self.val = val
 *         self.left = left
 *         self.right = right
 *     }
 * }
 */
class Solution {
func boundaryOfBinaryTree(_ root: TreeNode?) -> [Int] {
}
}

```

Rust Solution:

```

// Problem: Boundary of Binary Tree
// Difficulty: Medium
// Tags: tree, search
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// Approach: DFS or BFS traversal

```

```

// Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
// Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height

// Definition for a binary tree node.
// #[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq)]
// pub struct TreeNode {
//     pub val: i32,
//     pub left: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
//     pub right: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
// }
//
// impl TreeNode {
//     #[inline]
//     pub fn new(val: i32) -> Self {
//         TreeNode {
//             val,
//             left: None,
//             right: None
//         }
//     }
// }
use std::rc::Rc;
use std::cell::RefCell;
impl Solution {
    pub fn boundary_of_binary_tree(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>) -> Vec<i32> {
        }

    }
}

```

Ruby Solution:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode
# attr_accessor :val, :left, :right
# def initialize(val = 0, left = nil, right = nil)
#   @val = val
#   @left = left
#   @right = right
# end
# end

```

```

# @param {TreeNode} root
# @return {Integer[]}
def boundary_of_binary_tree(root)

end

```

PHP Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 *     public $val = null;
 *     public $left = null;
 *     public $right = null;
 *     function __construct($val = 0, $left = null, $right = null) {
 *         $this->val = $val;
 *         $this->left = $left;
 *         $this->right = $right;
 *     }
 * }
 */
class Solution {

/**
 * @param TreeNode $root
 * @return Integer[]
 */
function boundaryOfBinaryTree($root) {

}

}

```

Dart Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode? left;
 *     TreeNode? right;
 *     TreeNode([this.val = 0, this.left, this.right]);

```

```

    *
}
*/
class Solution {
List<int> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode? root) {
}

}
}

```

Scala Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode(_value: Int = 0, _left: TreeNode = null, _right: TreeNode = null) {
 *   var value: Int = _value
 *   var left: TreeNode = _left
 *   var right: TreeNode = _right
 * }
 */
object Solution {
def boundaryOfBinaryTree(root: TreeNode): List[Int] = {

}
}

```

Elixir Solution:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
#
# defmodule TreeNode do
# @type t :: %__MODULE__{
#   val: integer,
#   left: TreeNode.t() | nil,
#   right: TreeNode.t() | nil
# }
# defstruct val: 0, left: nil, right: nil
# end

defmodule Solution do
@spec boundary_of_binary_tree(TreeNode.t() | nil) :: [integer]
def boundary_of_binary_tree(root) do

```

```
end  
end
```

Erlang Solution:

```
%% Definition for a binary tree node.  
%%  
%% -record(tree_node, {val = 0 :: integer(),  
%% left = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{},  
%% right = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{}}).  
  
-spec boundary_of_binary_tree(Root :: #tree_node{} | null) -> [integer()].  
boundary_of_binary_tree(Root) ->  
.
```

Racket Solution:

```
; Definition for a binary tree node.  
#|  
  
; val : integer?  
; left : (or/c tree-node? #f)  
; right : (or/c tree-node? #f)  
(struct tree-node  
(val left right) #:mutable #:transparent)  
  
; constructor  
(define (make-tree-node [val 0])  
(tree-node val #f #f))  
  
|#  
  
(define/contract (boundary-of-binary-tree root)  
(-> (or/c tree-node? #f) (listof exact-integer?))  
)
```