

Problem 742: Closest Leaf in a Binary Tree

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given the

root

of a binary tree where every node has

a unique value

and a target integer

k

, return

the value of the

nearest leaf node

to the target

k

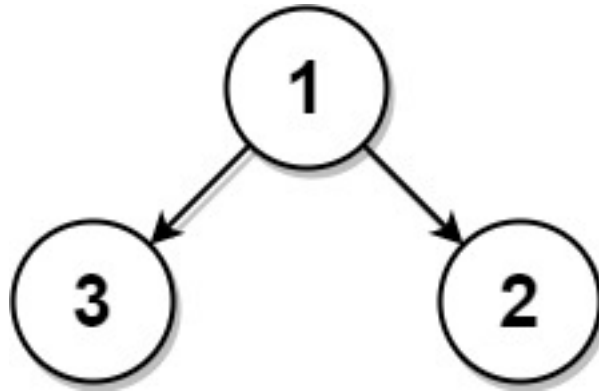
in the tree

.

Nearest to a leaf

means the least number of edges traveled on the binary tree to reach any leaf of the tree.
Also, a node is called a leaf if it has no children.

Example 1:



Input:

root = [1,3,2], k = 1

Output:

2

Explanation:

Either 2 or 3 is the nearest leaf node to the target of 1.

Example 2:



Input:

root = [1], k = 1

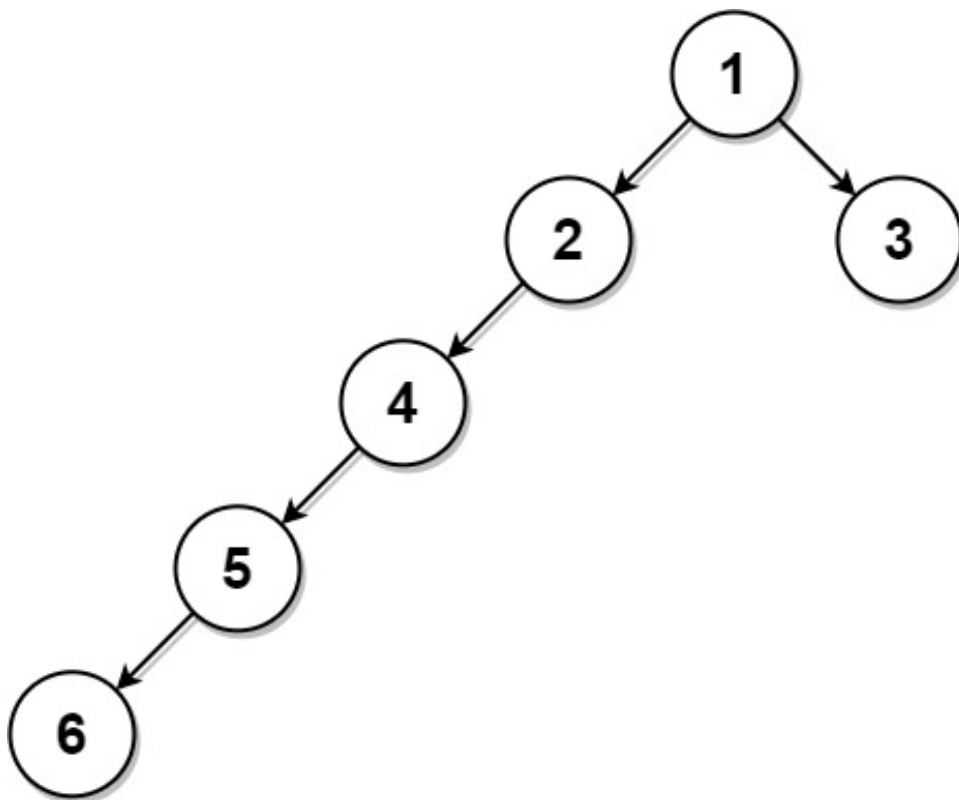
Output:

1

Explanation:

The nearest leaf node is the root node itself.

Example 3:



Input:

root = [1,2,3,4,null,null,null,5,null,6], k = 2

Output:

3

Explanation:

The leaf node with value 3 (and not the leaf node with value 6) is nearest to the node with value 2.

Constraints:

The number of nodes in the tree is in the range

[1, 1000]

.

$1 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 1000$

All the values of the tree are

unique

.

There exist some node in the tree where

$\text{Node.val} == k$

.

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:
int findClosestLeaf(TreeNode* root, int k) {

}
};

```

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 int findClosestLeaf(TreeNode root, int k) {

}

}

```

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 findClosestLeaf(self, root: Optional[TreeNode], k: int) -> 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 findClosestLeaf(self, root, k):
        """
        :type root: Optional[TreeNode]
        :type k: int
        :rtype: 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
 * @param {number} k
 * @return {number}
 */
var findClosestLeaf = function(root, k) {

};
```

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 findClosestLeaf(root: TreeNode | null, k: number): 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 int FindClosestLeaf(TreeNode root, int k) {

}

}

```

C:

```

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

```

```

* };
*/
int findClosestLeaf(struct TreeNode* root, int k) {

}

```

Go:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * type TreeNode struct {
 *     Val int
 *     Left *TreeNode
 *     Right *TreeNode
 * }
 */
func findClosestLeaf(root *TreeNode, k int) 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 findClosestLeaf(root: TreeNode?, k: Int): 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 findClosestLeaf(_ root: TreeNode?, _ k: Int) -> 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 find_closest_leaf(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>, k: i32) -> i32
  {

  }
}

```

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
# @param {Integer} k
# @return {Integer}
def find_closest_leaf(root, k)

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
 * @param Integer $k
 * @return Integer
 */
function findClosestLeaf($root, $k) {

}
}

```

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 {
  int findClosestLeaf(TreeNode? root, int k) {

  }
}

```

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 findClosestLeaf(root: TreeNode, k: Int): 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 find_closest_leaf(root :: TreeNode.t | nil, k :: integer) :: integer
  def find_closest_leaf(root, k) 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 find_closest_leaf(Root :: #tree_node{} | null, K :: integer()) ->
integer().
find_closest_leaf(Root, K) ->
.
```

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 (find-closest-leaf root k)
  (-> (or/c tree-node? #f) exact-integer? exact-integer?)
  )

```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Closest Leaf in a 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) {}
 *   // TODO: Implement optimized solution
 *   return 0;
 * }
 *
 * TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
 * // TODO: Implement optimized solution
 */

```

```

return 0;
}
* TreeNode(int x, TreeNode *left, TreeNode *right) : val(x), left(left),
right(right) {
// TODO: Implement optimized solution
return 0;
}
* };
*/
class Solution {
public:
int findClosestLeaf(TreeNode* root, int k) {

}
};

```

Java Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Closest Leaf in a Binary Tree
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 * Tags: tree, search
 *
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 * 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() {
 * // TODO: Implement optimized solution
 * return 0;
 * }
 *     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 int findClosestLeaf(TreeNode root, int k) {

}

}

```

Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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Tags: tree, search

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.
# class TreeNode:
# def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
# self.val = val
# self.left = left
# self.right = right
class Solution:
def findClosestLeaf(self, root: Optional[TreeNode], k: int) -> 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 findClosestLeaf(self, root, k):
    """
    :type root: Optional[TreeNode]
    :type k: int
    :rtype: int
    """

```

JavaScript Solution:

```

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

/**
 * 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
 * @param {number} k
 * @return {number}
 */
var findClosestLeaf = function(root, k) {

};

```

TypeScript Solution:


```

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 *
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
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 * 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 findClosestLeaf(root: TreeNode | null, k: number): number {

};

```

C# Solution:

```

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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 {
* 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 int FindClosestLeaf(TreeNode root, int k) {

}
}

```

C Solution:

```

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* Definition for a binary tree node.
* struct TreeNode {
* int val;
* struct TreeNode *left;
* struct TreeNode *right;
* };
*/
int findClosestLeaf(struct TreeNode* root, int k) {

}

```

Go Solution:

```
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/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * type TreeNode struct {
 *     Val int
 *     Left *TreeNode
 *     Right *TreeNode
 * }
 */
func findClosestLeaf(root *TreeNode, k int) 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 findClosestLeaf(root: TreeNode?, k: Int): 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 findClosestLeaf(_ root: TreeNode?, _ k: Int) -> Int {

}
}

```

Rust Solution:

```

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// 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 find_closest_leaf(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>, k: i32) -> 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
# @param {Integer} k
# @return {Integer}
def find_closest_leaf(root, k)

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
 * @param Integer $k
 * @return Integer
 */
function findClosestLeaf($root, $k) {

}

}

```

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 {
  int findClosestLeaf(TreeNode? root, int k) {

  }

}

```

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 findClosestLeaf(root: TreeNode, k: Int): 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 find_closest_leaf(root :: TreeNode.t | nil, k :: integer) :: integer
  def find_closest_leaf(root, k) 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 find_closest_leaf(Root :: #tree_node{} | null, K :: integer()) ->
integer().
find_closest_leaf(Root, K) ->
.

```

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 (find-closest-leaf root k)
  (-> (or/c tree-node? #f) exact-integer? exact-integer?)
  )

```