

Problem 1740: Find Distance in a Binary Tree

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given the root of a binary tree and two integers

`p`

and

`q`

, return

the

distance

between the nodes of value

`p`

and value

`q`

in the tree

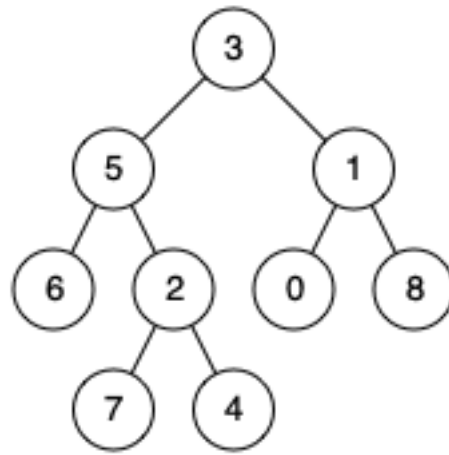
.

The

distance

between two nodes is the number of edges on the path from one to the other.

Example 1:



Input:

root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 0

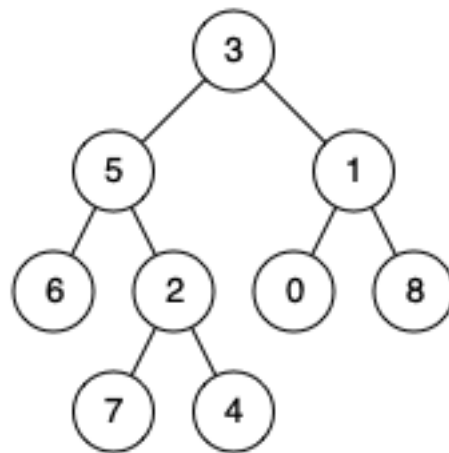
Output:

3

Explanation:

There are 3 edges between 5 and 0: 5-3-1-0.

Example 2:



Input:

root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 7

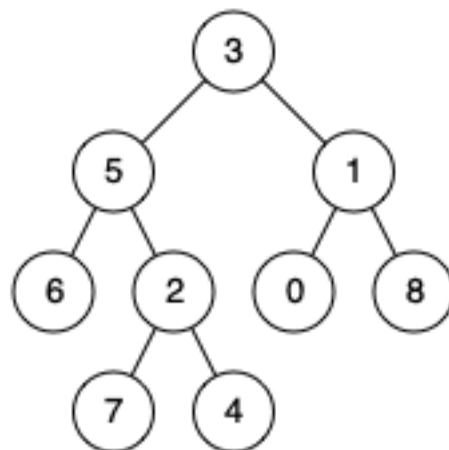
Output:

2

Explanation:

There are 2 edges between 5 and 7: 5-2-7.

Example 3:



Input:

root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 5

Output:

0

Explanation:

The distance between a node and itself is 0.

Constraints:

The number of nodes in the tree is in the range

[1, 10

4

]

.

$0 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 10$

9

All

Node.val

are

unique

.

p

and

q

are values in the tree.

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 findDistance(TreeNode* root, int p, int q) {

    }
};
```

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 findDistance(TreeNode root, int p, int q) {

}

}

```

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 findDistance(self, root: Optional[TreeNode], p: int, q: 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 findDistance(self, root, p, q):
"""
:type root: Optional[TreeNode]
:type p: int
:type q: 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} p
 * @param {number} q
 * @return {number}
 */
var findDistance = function(root, p, q) {

};

```

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 findDistance(root: TreeNode | null, p: number, q: 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 FindDistance(TreeNode root, int p, int q) {

}

}

```

C:

```

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

}

```

Go:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * type TreeNode struct {
 * Val int
 * Left *TreeNode
 * Right *TreeNode
 * }
 */
func findDistance(root *TreeNode, p int, q 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 findDistance(root: TreeNode?, p: Int, q: 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 findDistance(_ root: TreeNode?, _ p: Int, _ q: 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_distance(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>, p: i32, q: 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} p
# @param {Integer} q
# @return {Integer}
def find_distance(root, p, q)

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 $p
 * @param Integer $q
 * @return Integer
 */
function findDistance($root, $p, $q) {

}

}

```

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 findDistance(TreeNode? root, int p, int q) {

}

}

```

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 findDistance(root: TreeNode, p: Int, q: 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_distance(root :: TreeNode.t | nil, p :: integer, q :: integer) ::
    integer
  def find_distance(root, p, q) 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_distance(Root :: #tree_node{} | null, P :: integer(), Q ::
integer()) -> integer().
find_distance(Root, P, Q) ->
.

```

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-distance root p q)
  (-> (or/c tree-node? #f) exact-integer? exact-integer? exact-integer?)
)

```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: tree, hash, 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 findDistance(TreeNode* root, int p, int q) {

    }
};
```

Java Solution:

```
/**
 * Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: tree, hash, 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 {
 *     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 findDistance(TreeNode root, int p, int q) {

    }
}
```

Python3 Solution:

```
"""
Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree
Difficulty: Medium
Tags: tree, hash, 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 findDistance(self, root: Optional[TreeNode], p: int, q: 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 findDistance(self, root, p, q):
"""
:type root: Optional[TreeNode]
:type p: int
:type q: int
:rtype: int
"""

```

JavaScript Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: tree, hash, 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.
* 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} p
* @param {number} q
* @return {number}
*/
var findDistance = function(root, p, q) {

};

```

TypeScript Solution:

```

/**
* Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree
* Difficulty: Medium
* Tags: tree, hash, 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 findDistance(root: TreeNode | null, p: number, q: number): number {

};

```

C# Solution:

```

/*
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* Difficulty: Medium
* Tags: tree, hash, 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 int FindDistance(TreeNode root, int p, int q) {

```

```
}  
}
```

C Solution:

```
/*  
 * Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree  
 * Difficulty: Medium  
 * Tags: tree, hash, 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;  
 * struct TreeNode *left;  
 * struct TreeNode *right;  
 * };  
 */  
int findDistance(struct TreeNode* root, int p, int q) {  
  
}
```

Go Solution:

```
// Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree  
// Difficulty: Medium  
// Tags: tree, hash, 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.  
 * type TreeNode struct {  
 * Val int
```

```

* Left *TreeNode
* Right *TreeNode
* }
*/
func findDistance(root *TreeNode, p int, q 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 findDistance(root: TreeNode?, p: Int, q: 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 findDistance(_ root: TreeNode?, _ p: Int, _ q: Int) -> Int {

}
}

```

Rust Solution:

```

// Problem: Find Distance in a Binary Tree
// Difficulty: Medium
// Tags: tree, hash, 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 find_distance(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>, p: i32, q: 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} p  
# @param {Integer} q  
# @return {Integer}  
def find_distance(root, p, q)  
  
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 $p
* @param Integer $q
* @return Integer
*/
function findDistance($root, $p, $q) {

}
}

```

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 findDistance(TreeNode? root, int p, int q) {

  }
}

```

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 findDistance(root: TreeNode, p: Int, q: 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_distance(root :: TreeNode.t | nil, p :: integer, q :: integer) ::  
    integer  
  def find_distance(root, p, q) 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_distance(Root :: #tree_node{} | null, P :: integer(), Q ::  
integer()) -> integer().  
find_distance(Root, P, Q) ->  
.
```

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-distance root p q)
  (-> (or/c tree-node? #f) exact-integer? exact-integer? exact-integer?)
  )
```