

Step-wise Algorithm for Checking if a Binary Tree is a Sum Tree

This document explains the step-by-step algorithm to check whether a given binary tree is a **Sum Tree**. A Sum Tree is a binary tree where the value of each non-leaf node is equal to the sum of the values of its left and right subtrees.

Step-by-Step Algorithm:

- 1 Start with a recursive function ``subtree(Node* root)`` that returns the sum of a subtree if it satisfies the Sum Tree property, otherwise returns -1.
- 2 Base Case 1: If the current node (``root``) is NULL, return 0 (an empty tree contributes 0 to the sum).
- 3 Base Case 2: If the node is a leaf node (both left and right children are NULL), return the node's value.
- 4 Recursively call the function on the left child and store the result in ``left``.
- 5 Recursively call the function on the right child and store the result in ``right``.
- 6 If either ``left`` or ``right`` is -1, propagate -1 upwards because one of the subtrees is invalid.
- 7 Check if the current node's value equals ``left + right``. If true, return the total sum of the subtree (``root->data + left + right``).
- 8 If the condition fails, return -1 because the Sum Tree property is violated.
- 9 In the main function ``isSumTree(Node* root)``, call the ``subtree`` function.
- 10 If the result is not -1, return true (the tree is a Sum Tree). Otherwise, return false.

This algorithm ensures that every node is checked only once, making the solution efficient with a time complexity of **O(N)**, where N is the number of nodes in the tree.