

Explanation of binary_tree Function (Using Queue for Binary Tree Construction)

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node* binary_tree(int arr[],int n){  
    node* root = new node(arr[0]);  
    int i = 1;  
    int j = 2;  
    queue<node*>q;  
    q.push(root);  
    while(q.size()>0 && i<n){  
        node* temp = q.front();  
        q.pop();  
        node* l;  
        node* r;  
        if(arr[i] != INT_MIN) l = new node(arr[i]);  
        else l = NULL;  
        if(j<n && arr[j] != INT_MIN) r = new node(arr[j]);  
        else r = NULL;  
        temp -> left = l;  
        temp -> right = r;  
        if(l)q.push(l);  
        if(r)q.push(r);  
        i += 2;  
        j += 2;  
    }  
    return root;  
}
```

The function `binary_tree(int arr[], int n)` constructs a binary tree from a given array using a **queue-based level-order approach**. This ensures that nodes are assigned to the tree in a **breadth-first** manner, maintaining a proper binary structure.

Step-by-Step Breakdown

1. Creating the Root Node:

2. node* root = new node(arr[0]); // Create root node
 - o The first element of the array (arr[0]) becomes the root of the tree.
 - o A node object is created dynamically using new node(arr[0]).

3. Initializing Queue for Level-Order Processing:

4. queue<node*> q;
5. q.push(root);
 - o A queue (q) is used to maintain nodes whose children are yet to be assigned.
 - o Initially, the root node is pushed into the queue.

6. Iterating Over the Array to Assign Children:

7. int i = 1;
8. while(q.size() > 0 && i < n){
 - o The loop runs until **all elements are processed or the queue is empty**.
 - o i is used to track the next index in the array.

9. Processing Each Node in the Queue:

10. node* temp = q.front();
11. q.pop();
 - o Extract the **front node** from the queue.
 - o This node is the **parent** for the next two children (if available).

12. Assigning the Left Child:

13. node* l = NULL;
14. if(arr[i] != INT_MIN) l = new node(arr[i]);
15. temp->left = l;
16. if(l) q.push(l);
17. i++;
 - o A **left child** node is created only if arr[i] is not INT_MIN (which represents NULL).
 - o The new node is assigned to temp->left.
 - o If the left child is created, it is **added to the queue** for further processing.

18. Assigning the Right Child (if exists):

19. if(i < n){

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20. node* r = NULL;
21. if(arr[i] != INT_MIN) r = new node(arr[i]);
22. temp->right = r;
23. if(r) q.push(r);
24. i++;
25. }

    ○ If another element exists (i < n), a right child is assigned.
    ○ The same NULL check is applied using INT_MIN.
    ○ If a right child is created, it is added to the queue.
26. Returning the Constructed Tree Root:
27. return root;

    ○ The root of the constructed tree is returned.

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Why Use a Queue?

- The queue ensures that nodes are **processed in level order**.
 - It maintains a **FIFO (First In, First Out)** approach, which is perfect for **breadth-first tree construction**.
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Input Array:

arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, INT_MIN, 6}

Step-by-Step Tree Construction

Step Queue (Front to Back) Processed Node Left Child Right Child

| | | | | |
|---|-----------|---|------|------|
| 1 | [1] | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | [2, 3] | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | [3, 4, 5] | 3 | NULL | 6 |
| 4 | [4, 5, 6] | 4 | NULL | NULL |
| 5 | [5, 6] | 5 | NULL | NULL |
| 6 | [6] | 6 | NULL | NULL |

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7 [] (empty) - - -

Final Binary Tree Representation:

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1
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2 3
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4 5 6
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This method ensures that the tree is constructed correctly while handling missing nodes (INT_MIN) properly. 🚀