

## 98. Validate Binary Search Tree

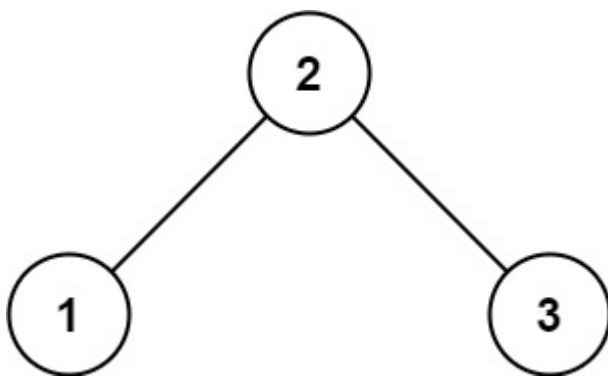
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Given the `root` of a binary tree, *determine if it is a valid binary search tree (BST)*.

A **valid BST** is defined as follows:

- The left subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **less than** the node's key.
- The right subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **greater than** the node's key.
- Both the left and right subtrees must also be binary search trees.

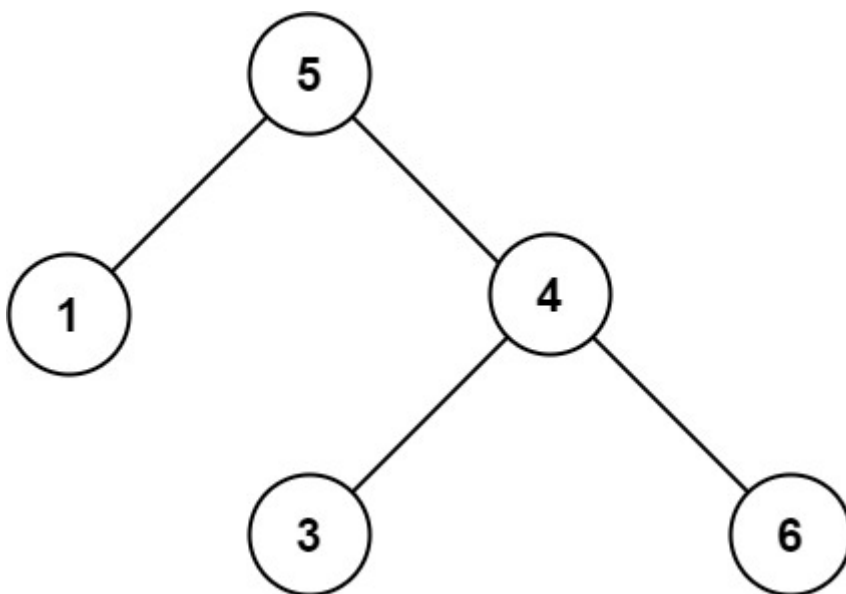
**Example 1:**



Input: `root = [2,1,3]`

Output: `true`

**Example 2:**



Input: `root = [5,1,4,null,null,3,6]`

Output: `false`

Explanation: The root node's value is 5 but its right child's value is 4.

## Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range  $[1, 10^4]$ .
- $-2^{31} \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 2^{31} - 1$

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import sys
class Solution:
    def isValidBST(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> bool:
        low = -sys.maxsize
        high = sys.maxsize
        return self.isValidBSTHelper(root, low, high)

    def isValidBSTHelper(self, root, low, high):
        if root is None:
            return True
        if root.val <= low or root.val >= high:
            return False
        return self.isValidBSTHelper(root.left, low, root.val) and
self.isValidBSTHelper(root.right, root.val, high)
```

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class Solution:
    def isValidBST(self, root: TreeNode) -> bool:
        nodes = []
        self.itemsOfBST(root, nodes)
        for i in range(1, len(nodes)):
            if nodes[i] - nodes[i-1] > 0:
                continue
            else:
                return False
        return True

    def itemsOfBST(self, root, nodes):
        if root is None:
            return
        self.itemsOfBST(root.left, nodes)
        nodes.append(root.val)
        self.itemsOfBST(root.right, nodes)
```

