

450. Delete Node in a BST

Given a root node reference of a BST and a key, delete the node with the given key in the BST. Return the root node reference (possibly updated) of the BST.

Basically, the deletion can be divided into two stages:

1. Search for a node to remove.
2. If the node is found, delete the node.

Follow up: Can you solve it with time complexity $O(\text{height of tree})$?

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def deleteNode(self, root: TreeNode, key: int) -> TreeNode:
    if root is None:
        return
    root = self.helper(root, key)
    return root

def helper(self, root, key):
    if root is None:
        return
    if root.val > key:
        root.left = self.helper(root.left, key)
    elif root.val < key:
        root.right = self.helper(root.right, key)
    else:
        if root.left is not None and root.right is not None:
            temp = root.right
            while temp.left:
                temp = temp.left
            root.val = temp.val
            root.right = self.helper(root.right, root.val)
            return root
        elif root.left != None:
            return root.left
        elif root.right != None:
            return root.right
        else:
            return None
    return root
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Three conditions are:

1. when node is leaf node==>return None
2. when node has either left or right child==>return left or right child accordingly
3. when node has both left or right child==> find the minimum from the right subtree and just replcae the node value with this minimum value and

just delete the node with min value in right sub-tree.