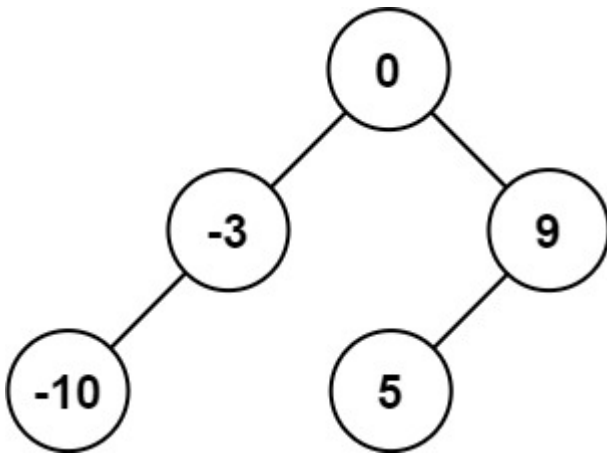


## 108. Convert Sorted Array to Binary Search Tree

Given an integer array `nums` where the elements are sorted in **ascending order**, convert it to a **height-balanced** binary search tree.

A **height-balanced** binary tree is a binary tree in which the depth of the two subtrees of every node never differs by more than one.



**Input:** `nums = [-10,-3,0,5,9]`

**Output:** `[0,-3,9,-10,null,5]`

**Explanation:** `[0,-10,5,null,-3,null,9]` is also accepted:

```
def sortedArrayToBST(self, nums: List[int]) -> TreeNode:
    root = self.helper(nums)
    return root

def helper(self, nums):
    if len(nums) == 0:
        return
    idx = len(nums) // 2
    node = TreeNode(nums[idx])
    node.left = self.helper(nums[0:idx])
    node.right = self.helper(nums[idx+1:])
    return node
```

Not a good solution as slice takes  $O(n)$  time so it is  $O(n \log n)$  TC.

A better approach would be to just have start and end indices.

```
def sortedArrayToBST(self, nums: List[int]) -> TreeNode:
    root = self.helper(nums, 0, len(nums))
    return root

def helper(self, nums, lo, hi):
    if lo == hi:
        return
    idx = (lo + hi) // 2
    node = TreeNode(nums[idx])
    node.left = self.helper(nums, lo, idx)
    node.right = self.helper(nums, idx + 1, hi)
    return node
```

TC is  $O(n)$