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BST with Dead End

You are given a Binary Search Tree (BST) containing unique positive integers greater than 0. Your task is to determine whether the BST contains a dead end. Note: A dead end is a leaf node in the BST such that no new node can be inserted in the BST at or below this node while maintaining the BST property and the constraint that all node values must be > 0 .

Examples: Input: root[] = [8, 5, 9, 2, 7, N, N, 1] Output: true Explanation: Node 1 is a Dead End in the given BST. Input: root[] = [8, 7, 10, 2, N, 9, 13] Output: true Explanation: Node 9 is a Dead End in the given BST.

Constraints: $1 \leq \text{number of nodes} \leq 3000$ $1 \leq \text{node} \rightarrow \text{data} \leq 105$

Expected Complexities Time Complexity: $O(n)$ Auxiliary Space: $O(h)$

Solution:-

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class Solution {

    // Definition for Tree Node
    static class Node {
        int data;
        Node left, right;
        Node(int item) {
            data = item;
            left = right = null;
        }
    }

    // Function to check if the BST contains a dead end
    public boolean isDeadEnd(Node root) {
        return checkDeadEnd(root, 1, Integer.MAX_VALUE);
    }

    // Helper function to check dead ends in the given range
    private boolean checkDeadEnd(Node node, int min, int max) {
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if (node == null) return false;

// If this is a leaf node and no room to insert new nodes
if (min == max) return true;

// Check in left and right subtrees
return checkDeadEnd(node.left, min, node.data - 1) ||
       checkDeadEnd(node.right, node.data + 1, max);
}
}
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