

## 222. Count Complete Tree Nodes

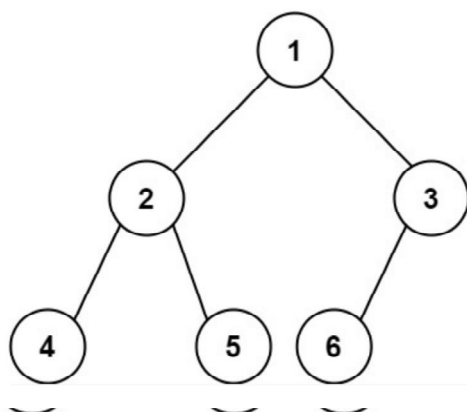
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Given the `root` of a **complete** binary tree, return the number of the nodes in the tree.

According to [Wikipedia](#), every level, except possibly the last, is completely filled in a complete binary tree, and all nodes in the last level are as far left as possible. It can have between  $2^{h-1}$  and  $2^h - 1$  nodes inclusive at the last level  $h$ .

Design an algorithm that runs in less than  $O(n)$  time complexity.

Example 1:



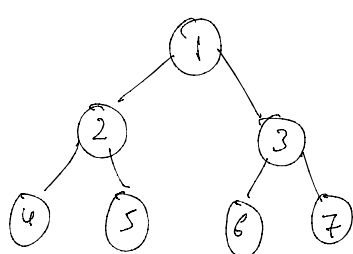
Input: `root = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]`  
Output: 6

Example 2:

Input: `root = []`  
Output: 0

Example 3:

Input: `root = [1]`  
Output: 1



S.C = worst case  
 $O(\log n)$

Whenever you see count node you can do  
in-order, pre-order, post-order and level order.  
T.C  $\Rightarrow O(n)$  S.C  $\Rightarrow O(h)$

Brute force

inorder (node, & cnt) {

if (root == null)  
return

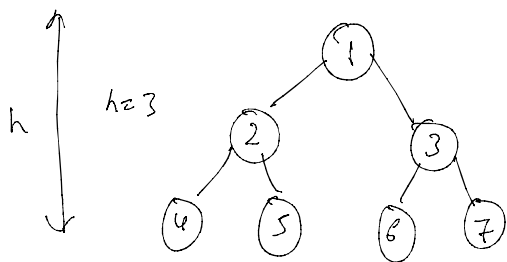
cnt++

inorder (node -> left)

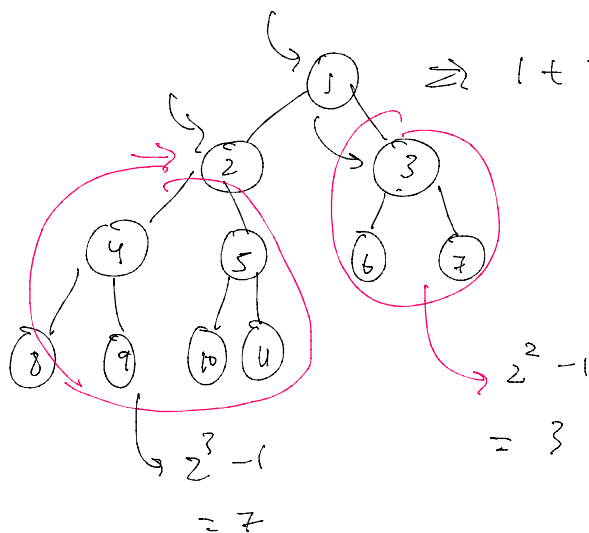
inorder (node -> right)

}

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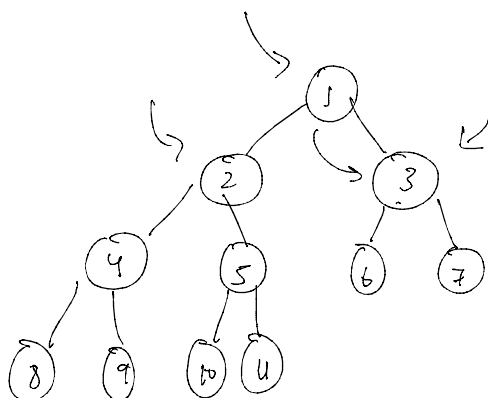
$$\text{no of nodes} = 2^3 - 1 = 2^h - 1 = 7$$



\* you can check for every subtree

\* you directly apply the formula

DRY RUN



$$lh = 4 \quad rh = 3$$

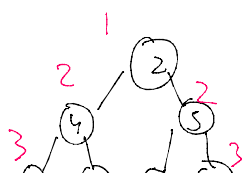
if you stand at ① node  
the  $lh \neq rh$

so you cannot apply the formula

so the ans will be 1.

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \underbrace{(7)}_{lh} + \underbrace{(3)}_{rh} = 11$$

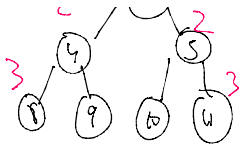
now left sub tree ②



$lh = 3 \quad rh = 3$   
 $lh == rh$   
so the formula is



now right subtree ③

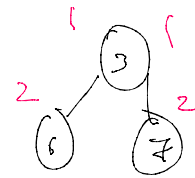


So the formula is

$$2^3 - 1 = 7$$

$$lh = 7$$

$$(1 + 7 + 1) = 11$$



$$lh = rh$$

$$2^2 - 1 = 3$$

#### Self Notes:

1. Formula is  $(2^{\text{TreeLevel}} - 1)$ . Only works for perfect tree.
2. To determine if its a perfect tree, go all the way down and count the nodes on left and right side, If they match, its a perfect tree and our formula applies.
3. If its not a perfect tree, we go on left and right subtree and again determine if they are perfect tree.
4. When we have our left and right heights, we do  $(1 + \text{left} + \text{right})$
5. If we reach null, return 0
6. C++ note:  $1 \ll n$  is the same as raising 2 to the power n, or  $2^n$

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class Solution {
public:
    int countNodes(TreeNode root) {
        if(root == null)
            return 0;

        int left = findHeightLeft(root);
        int right = findHeightRight(root);

        // if left and right are equal it means the tree is complete and hence use the formula  $2^h - 1$ 
        if(left == right)
            return ((2 << left) - 1);
        //else recursively calculate the number of nodes in left and right and add 1 for root.
        else return countNodes(root.left) + countNodes(root.right) + 1;
    }

    public: int findHeightLeft(TreeNode root){
        int count = 0;
        while(root.left != null){
            count++;
            root = root.left;
        }
        return count;
    }

    public: int findHeightRight(TreeNode root){
        int count = 0;
        while(root.right != null){
            count++;
            root = root.right;
        }
        return count;
    }
}
```

$$T.C \Rightarrow O((\log n)^2)$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(\log n)$$