1506. Find Root of N-Ary Tree

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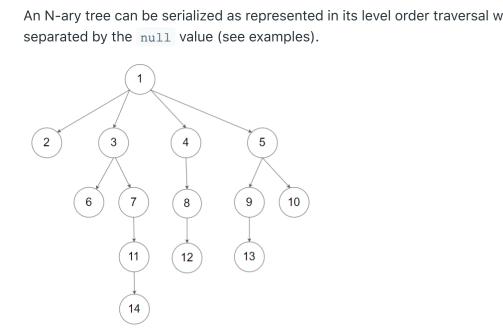
You are given all the nodes of an **N-ary tree** as an array of Node objects, where each node has a unique value.

Return the **root** of the N-ary tree.

Custom testing:

Description

An N-ary tree can be serialized as represented in its level order traversal where each group of children is



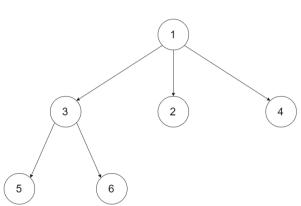
For example, the above tree is serialized as

[1,null,2,3,4,5,null,null,6,7,null,8,null,9,10,null,null,11,null,12,null,13,null,null,14 The testing will be done in the following way:

- 1. The **input data** should be provided as a serialization of the tree. 2. The driver code will construct the tree from the serialized input data and put each Node object
- into an array **in an arbitrary order**. 3. The driver code will pass the array to findRoot, and your function should find and return the
- root Node object in the array. 4. The driver code will take the returned Node object and serialize it. If the serialized value and the

input data are the **same**, the test **passes**.

Example 1:

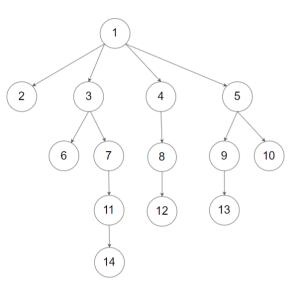


Input: tree = [1,null,3,2,4,null,5,6]

Output: [1,null,3,2,4,null,5,6] Explanation: The tree from the input data is shown above. The driver code creates the tree and gives findRoot the Node objects in an arbitrary order. For example, the passed array could be

[Node(5),Node(4),Node(3),Node(6),Node(2),Node(1)] or [Node(2), Node(6), Node(1), Node(3), Node(5), Node(4)]. The findRoot function should return the root Node(1), and the driver code will serialize it and compare with the input data. The input data and serialized Node(1) are the same, so the test passes.

Example 2:



[1,null,2,3,4,5,null,null,6,7,null,8,null,9,10,null,null,11,null,12,null,13,null,nul

[1,null,2,3,4,5,null,null,6,7,null,8,null,9,10,null,null,11,null,12,null,13,null,nul

Constraints:

• The total number of nodes is between $[1, 5 * 10^4]$. • Each node has a **unique** value.

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Node with indegree 0 is the root

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2 v public Node findRoot(List<Node> tree) { Integer valueSum = 0; for (Node node : tree) { // the value is added as a parent node valueSum += node.val; for (Node child : node.children)

// the value is deducted as a child node.

valueSum -= child.val; Node root = null; // the value of the root node is `valueSum` for (Node node : tree) {
 if (node.val == valueSum) { 16 ▼ 17 ▼ 18 root = node; 19 break; 21 22 23 24 } return root;

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