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### 545. Boundary of Binary Tree

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The **boundary** of a binary tree is the concatenation of the **root**, the **left boundary**, the **leaves** ordered from left-to-right, and the **reverse order** of the **right boundary**.

The **left boundary** is the set of nodes defined by the following:

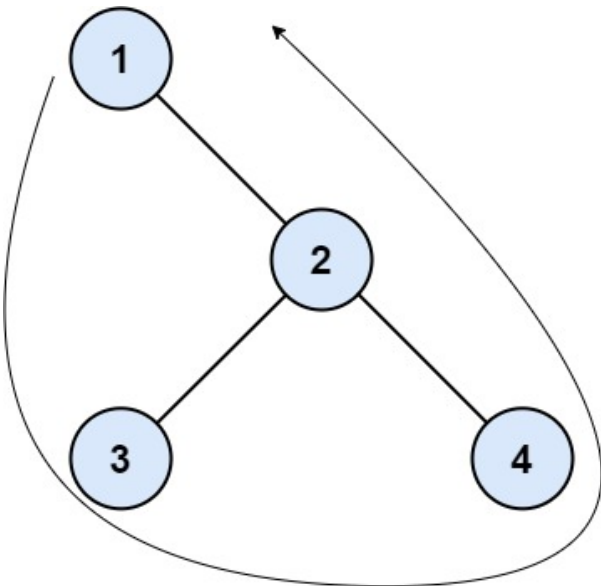
- The root node's left child is in the left boundary. If the root does not have a left child, then the left boundary is **empty**.
- If a node in the left boundary and has a left child, then the left child is in the left boundary.
- If a node is in the left boundary, has **no** left child, but has a right child, then the right child is in the left boundary.
- The leftmost leaf is **not** in the left boundary.

The **right boundary** is similar to the **left boundary**, except it is the right side of the root's right subtree. Again, the leaf is **not** part of the **right boundary**, and the **right boundary** is empty if the root does not have a right child.

The **leaves** are nodes that do not have any children. For this problem, the root is **not** a leaf.

Given the `root` of a binary tree, return *the values of its **boundary***.

#### Example 1:



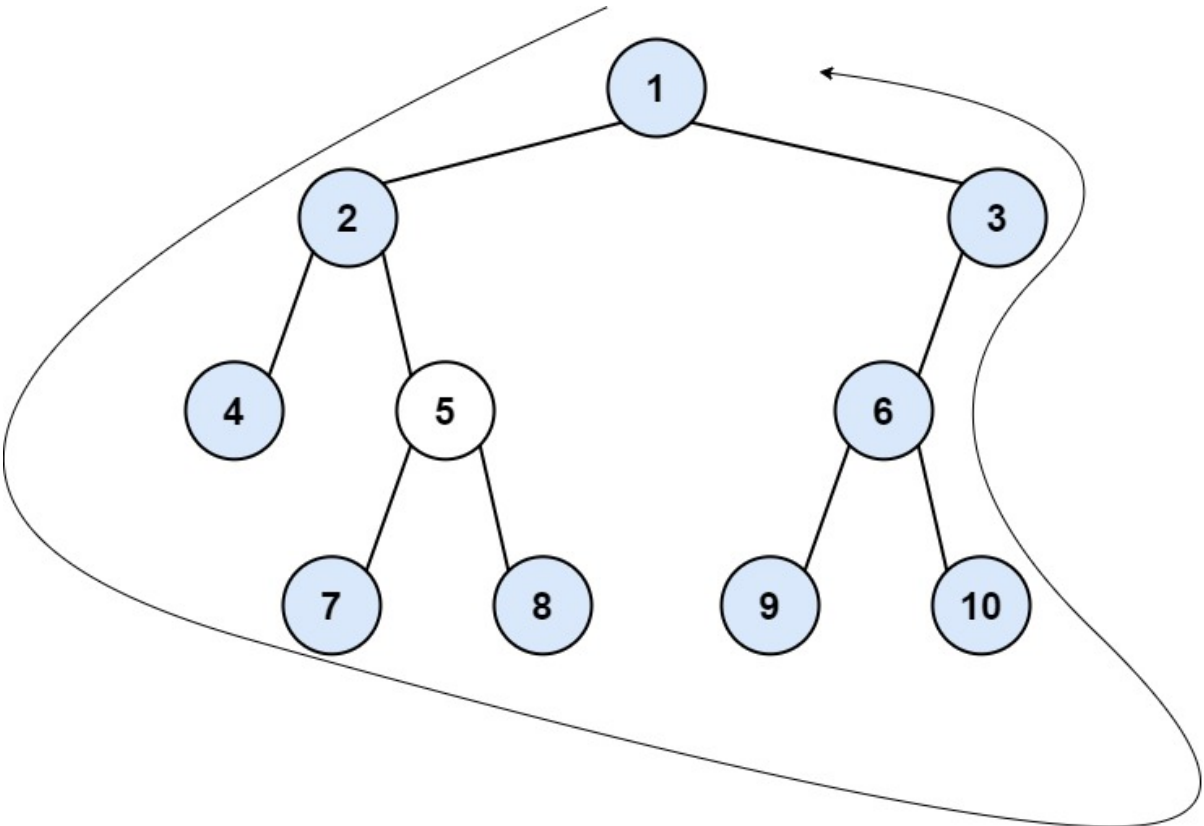
**Input:** root = [1,null,2,3,4]  
**Output:** [1,3,4,2]

#### Explanation:

- The left boundary is empty because the root does not have a left child.
- The right boundary follows the path starting from the root's right child 2 -> 4. 4 is a leaf, so the right boundary is [2].
- The leaves from left to right are [3,4].

Concatenating everything results in [1] + [3,4] + [2] = [1,3,4,2].

#### Example 2:



**Input:** root = [1,2,3,4,5,6,null,null,7,8,9,10]  
**Output:** [1,2,4,7,8,9,10,6,3]

#### Explanation:

- The left boundary follows the path starting from the root's left child 2 -> 4. 4 is a leaf, so the left boundary is [2].
- The right boundary follows the path starting from the root's right child 3 -> 6 -> 10. 10 is a leaf, so the right boundary is [3,6], and in reverse order is [6,3].
- The leaves from left to right are [4,7,8,9,10].

Concatenating everything results in [1] + [2] + [4,7,8,9,10] + [6,3] = [1,2,4,7,8,9,10,6,3].

#### Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range  $[1, 10^4]$ .
- $-1000 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 1000$

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1 public class Solution {
2     public List<Integer> boundaryOfBinaryTree(TreeNode root) {
3         List<Integer> left_boundary = new LinkedList<>(), right_boundary = new LinkedList<>(), leaves = new LinkedList<>();
4         preorder(root, left_boundary, right_boundary, leaves, 0);
5         left_boundary.addAll(leaves);
6         left_boundary.addAll(right_boundary);
7         return left_boundary;
8     }
9
10    public boolean isLeaf(TreeNode cur) {
11        return (cur.left == null && cur.right == null);
12    }
13
14    public boolean isRightBoundary(int flag) {
15        return (flag == 2);
16    }
17
18    public boolean isLeftBoundary(int flag) {
19        return (flag == 1);
20    }
21
22    public boolean isRoot(int flag) {
23        return (flag == 0);
24    }
25
26    public int leftChildFlag(TreeNode cur, int flag) {
27        if (isLeftBoundary(flag) || isRoot(flag))
28            return 1;
29        else if (isRightBoundary(flag) && cur.right == null)
30            return 2;
31        else return 3;
32    }
33
34    public int rightChildFlag(TreeNode cur, int flag) {
35        if (isRightBoundary(flag) || isRoot(flag))
36            return 2;
37        else if (isLeftBoundary(flag) && cur.left == null)
38            return 1;
39        else return 3;
40    }
41 }
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