

PROBLEM

ZigZag Tree Traversal



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Given a binary tree with n nodes. Find the zig-zag level order traversal of the binary tree.

Example 1:

Input:

```
      1
     /\
    2  3
   /\ /\
  4 5 6 7
```

Output:

1 3 2 4 5 6 7

Example 2:

Input:

```
      7
     /\
    9  7
   /\  /
  8 8 6
 /\
10 9
```

Output:

7 7 9 8 8 6 9 10

Your Task:

You don't need to read input or print anything. Your task is to complete the function `zigZagTraversal()` which takes the root node of the Binary Tree as its input and returns a list containing the node values as they appear in the zig-zag level-order traversal of the tree.

Expected Time Complexity: $O(n)$.

Expected Auxiliary Space: $O(n)$.

Constraints:

$1 \leq n \leq 10^5$

CODE

```
/*class Node
{
    int data;
    Node left,right;
    Node(int d)
    {
        data=d;
        left=right=null;
    }
}*/
```

```
class GFG {  
    // Function to store the zigzag order traversal of tree in a list.  
    ArrayList<Integer> zigZagTraversal(Node root) {  
        ArrayList<Integer> result = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
        if (root == null) {  
            return result;  
        }  
  
        Queue<Node> q = new LinkedList<Node>();  
        q.add(root);  
        boolean flag = false;  
  
        while (!q.isEmpty()) {  
            int n = q.size();  
            ArrayList<Integer> currentLevel = new ArrayList<>();  
  
            for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
                Node curr = q.poll();  
                currentLevel.add(curr.data);  
  
                if (curr.left != null) {  
                    q.add(curr.left);  
                }  
  
                if (curr.right != null) {  
                    q.add(curr.right);  
                }  
            }  
  
            if (flag) {  
                Collections.reverse(currentLevel);  
            }  
  
            result.addAll(currentLevel);  
            flag = !flag;  
        }  
  
        return result;  
    }  
}
```

OUTPUT

Compilation Completed

For Input:  

3 2 1

Your Output:

3 1 2

Expected Output:

3 1 2

EXPLANATION

Purpose:

This code is for traversing a binary tree in a zigzag pattern, meaning it alternates between going left to right and right to left at each level.

How it Works:

- We start from the root of the tree.
- We use a queue to keep track of the nodes we need to visit.
- We process each level of the tree one by one.

At each level:

- We visit each node from left to right.
- If there's a left child, we add it to the queue.
- If there's a right child, we add it to the queue.
- We store the values of the nodes in the current level.
- We switch the direction of traversal (zigzag) for the next level.
- Finally, we return all the values collected during traversal in zigzag order.

Explanation:

- We start with an empty result list.
- If the tree is empty (root is null), we return the empty result list.
- We initialize a queue and add the root node to it.
- We use a flag to keep track of the traversal direction.
- While the queue is not empty:
 - We process each level:
 - We dequeue nodes and add their values to the current level list.
 - If the dequeued node has children, we add them to the queue.
 - After processing all nodes at the current level:

- If the flag is true, we reverse the current level list to achieve zigzag direction.
- We add all values from the current level list to the result list.
- We toggle the flag for the next level.

Finally, we return the result list containing the zigzag traversal order.