

Binary Tree Maximum Path Sum

Question: Given a binary tree, find the maximum path sum.

The path may start and end at any node in the tree.

For example:

Given the below binary tree,

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    1
   /\
  2  3
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Return 6.

Solutions:

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class TreeNode:
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    def __init__(self, x):
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        self.val = x
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        self.left = None
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        self.right = None
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class Solution:
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    # @param root, a tree node
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    # @return an integer
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    def maxPathSum(self, root):
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        self.maxValue = float("-inf")
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        self.maxPathSumRec(root)
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        return self.maxValue
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```
    def maxPathSumRec(self, root):
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if root == None:
    return 0

leftSum = self.maxPathSumRec(root.left)
rightSum = self.maxPathSumRec(root.right)

if leftSum<0 and rightSum<0:
    self.maxValue = max(self.maxValue, root.val)
    return root.val

if leftSum>0 and rightSum>0:
    self.maxValue = max(self.maxValue, root.val+leftSum+rightSum)

maxValueUp = max(leftSum, rightSum) +root.val
self.maxValue = max(self.maxValue, maxValueUp)

return maxValueUp

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if __name__ == '__main__':
    BT, BT.right, BT.left = TreeNode(1), TreeNode(2), TreeNode(3)
    print ( Solution().maxPathSum(BT) )

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