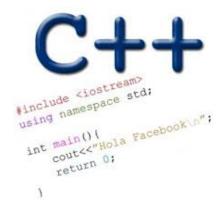
FINAL WRAP UP!

Problem Solving with Computers-II



Preparing for the final exam...

I can deal with pressure, and deadlines.





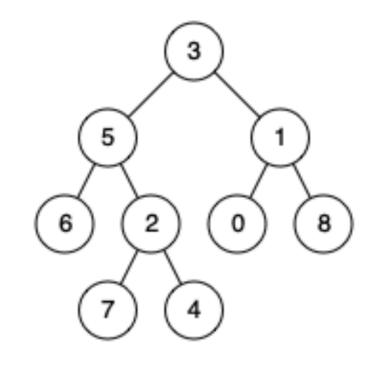


Approach 1: Turn definitions into an algorithm

Ancestor(u): any node on a path ending in u

Problem:

Find the lowest common ancestor of nodes (u, v) in a binary tree

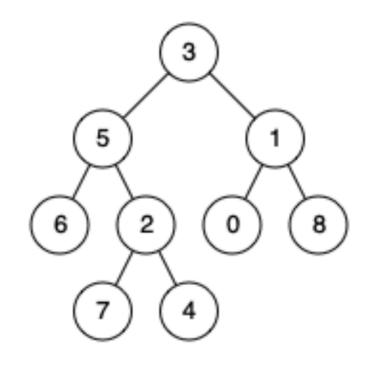


https://leetcode.com/problems/lowest-common-ancestor-of-a-binary-tree/

Approach 1: Turn definitions into an algorithm

Ancestor(u): any node on a path ending in u

```
LCA(r: root of tree, u, v):
   Find the path from root(r) to u
   Find the path from root(r) to v
   Return common node on both paths
        farthest from the root(r)
```



Explore – Depth First on a Graph

```
exploreDFS(v)
  v.visited 

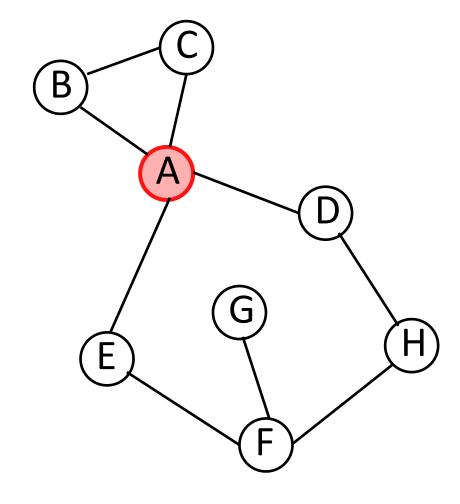
true
 For each edge (v,w)
    If not w.visited
      exploreDFS(w)
```

Modify exploreDFS to find paths

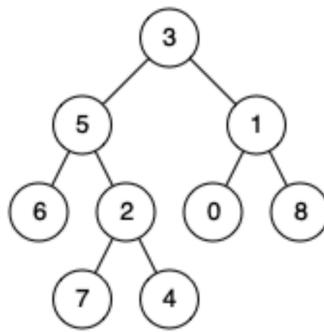
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exploreDFS(v)
  v.visited 

true
 For each edge (v,w)
    If not w.visited
      exploreDFS(w)
      w.prev 

v
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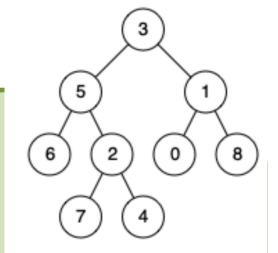


Explore – Depth First on a Tree



Modify DFS to find node u

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DFS_FindNode(r, u, found):
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```
if(r.left _____) DFS_FindNode(r.left,_____)
```

Modify DFS to find the path to node u

```
DFS FindPath(r, u, found, path):
if(r.val == u.val) {found \( \text{true}; \) return;}
if(r.left ) DFS FindPath(r.left,
if(r.right ) DFS FindPath(r.right,
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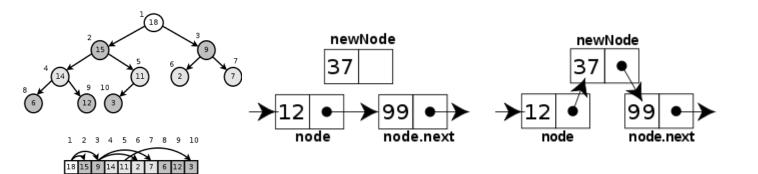
Approach 2: Divide and Conquer

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LCA(r: root of tree, u, v):
 If(r.left && u,v exist in r.left)
    Return LCA(r.left, u, v)
 If(r.right && u,v exist in r.right)
    Return LCA(r.right, u, v)
 If (u or v exists in r.left && u or v exists in r.right):
    Return
 If (u or v exists in r.left || u or v exists in r.right ):
   If(r.val == u.val ||r.val== v.val) Return
```

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Learning goals

- Design and implement larger programs that run fast
- Organize data in programs using data structures
- Analyze the complexity of your programs
- Understand what goes on under the hood of programs



```
INSERTION-SORT (A) cost times

1 for j = 2 to A. length c_1 n

2 key = A[j] c_2 n-1

3 // Insert A[j] into the sorted sequence A[1..j-1]. 0 n-1

4 i = j-1 c_4 n-1

5 while i > 0 and A[i] > key c_5 \sum_{j=2}^{n} t_j

6 A[i+1] = A[i] c_6 \sum_{j=2}^{n} (t_j-1)

7 i = i-1 c_7 \sum_{j=2}^{n} (t_j-1)

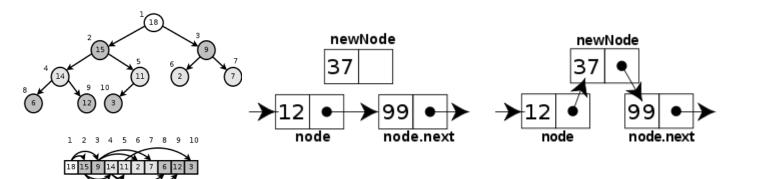
8 A[i+1] = key c_8 n-1
```

Data Structures and C++

Complexity Analysis

Resources for the Final Exam

- Office hours will be offered until Wed of Finals Week
- Code from lectures: https://github.com/ucsb-cs24-w24/cs24-w24-lectures
- Practice Problems and Labs: https://ucsb-cs24.github.io/w24/
- Past Exams: Available on Canvas
- Tool to visualize data structures: https://visualgo.net/



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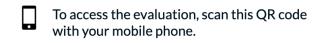
Break: Please take a moment to fill the course evaluations!



PROBLEM SOLVING II

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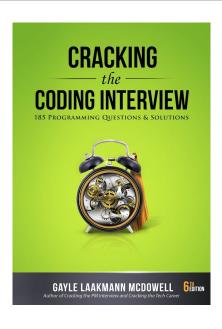
To access the evaluation, scan this QR code with your mobile phone.

Tips for Technical Interviews

- 1. Listen carefully
- 2. Draw an example
- 3. State the brute force or a partially correct solution
 - then work to get at a better solution

4. Optimize:

- Make time-space tradeoffs to optimize runtime
- Precompute information: Reorganize the data e.g. by sorting
- 5. Solidify your understanding of your algo before diving into writing code.
- 6. Start coding!



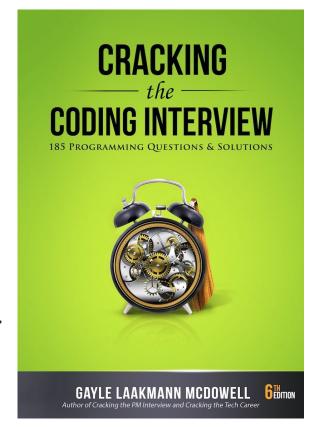
Interview practice!

Write a ADT called minStack that provides the following methods

- push() // inserts an element to the "top" of the minStack
- pop() // removes the last element that was pushed on the stack
- top () // returns the last element that was pushed on the stack
- min() // returns the minimum value of the elements stored so far

Practice the interview tips:

- Draw/solve a small example! (2 min)
 - Think of the most straightforward approach (1 min)
 - Evaluate its performance (1 min)
 - Think of another approach and evaluate it (5 min)
 - Can you trade off space/memory for better runtime?
- Pick the most promising approach and start coding! (10 min)



Thank you and all the best!







