

# Lecture 2: Tree

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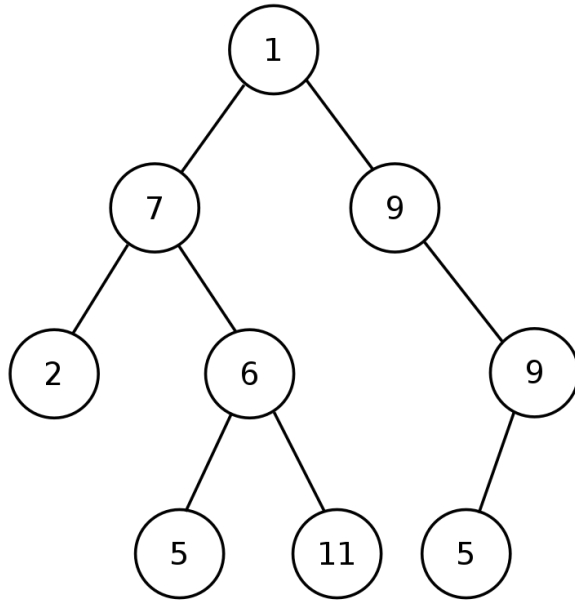
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# Basic Concepts

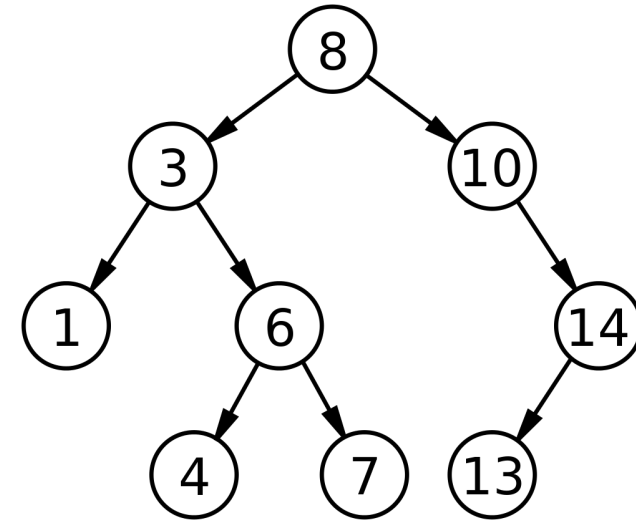
## Binary Tree

A tree data structure in which each node has at most two children, which are referred to as the left child, the right child.



## Binary Search Tree

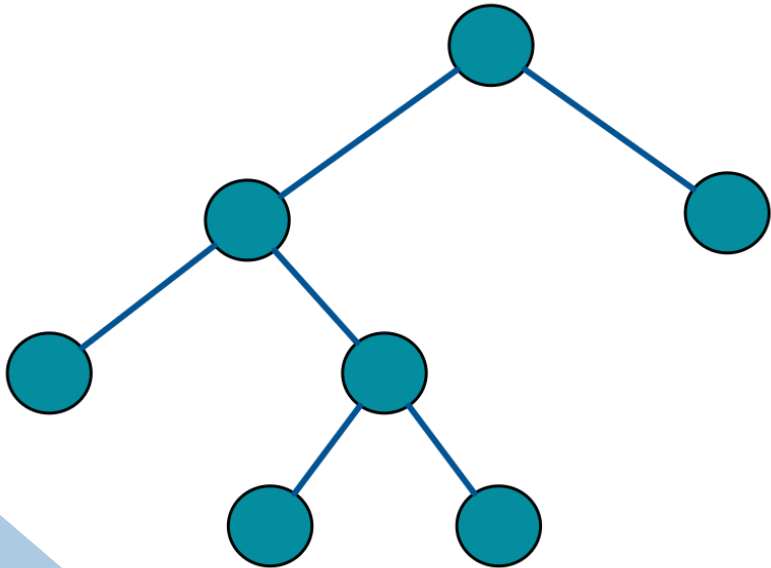
BST also called an ordered or sorted binary tree, is a rooted binary tree data structure with the key of each internal node being greater than all the keys in the respective node's left subtree and less than the ones in its right subtree.



# Basic Concepts

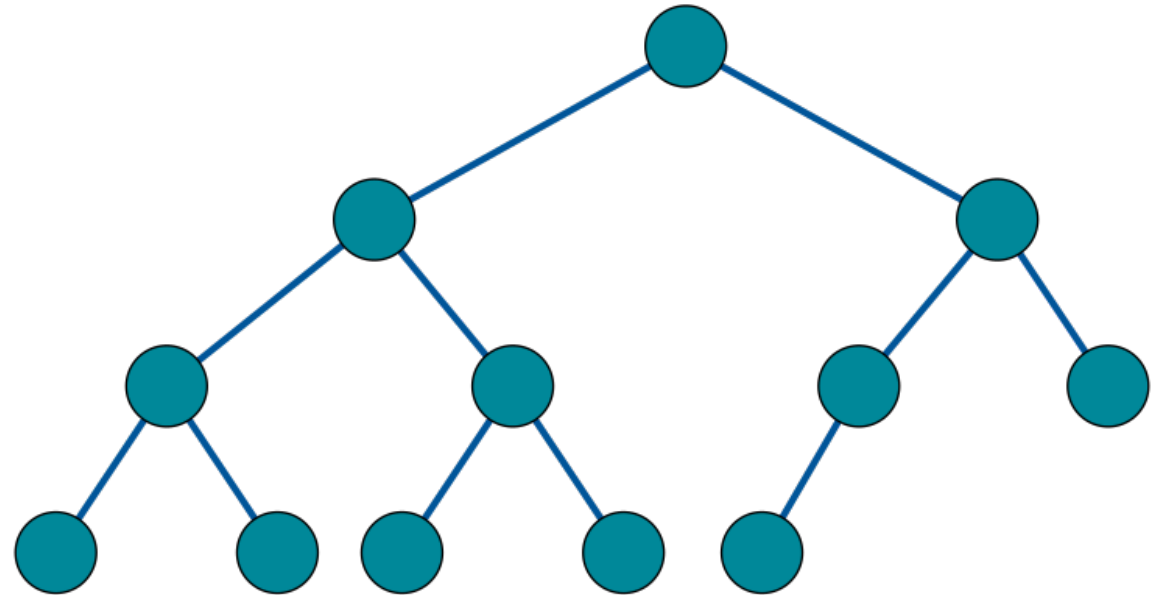
## Full Binary Tree

A binary tree where every node either has two children or is a leaf.



## Complete Tree

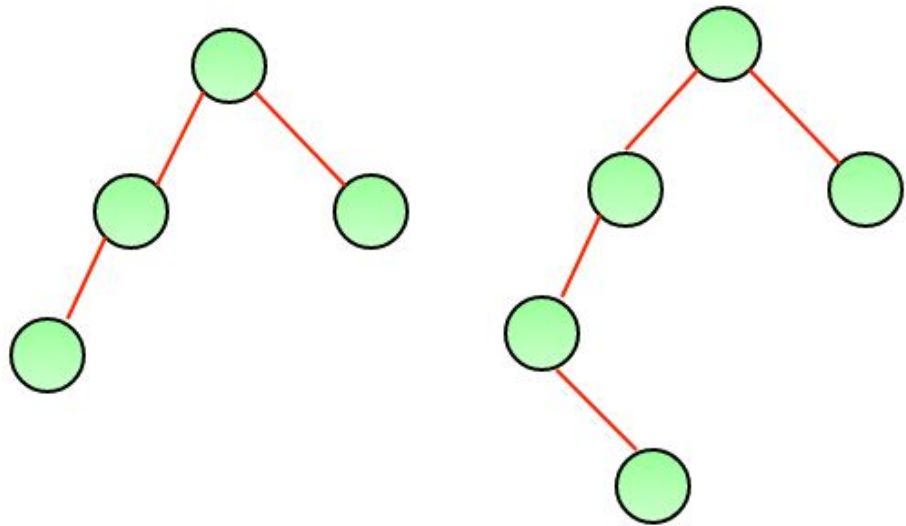
A binary tree in which every level, except possibly the last, is completely filled, and all nodes in the last level are as far left as possible. It can have between  $1$  and  $2^h$  nodes at the last level  $h$ .



# Basic Concepts

## Balanced Binary Tree

A binary tree structure in which the left and right subtrees of every node differ in height by no more than 1

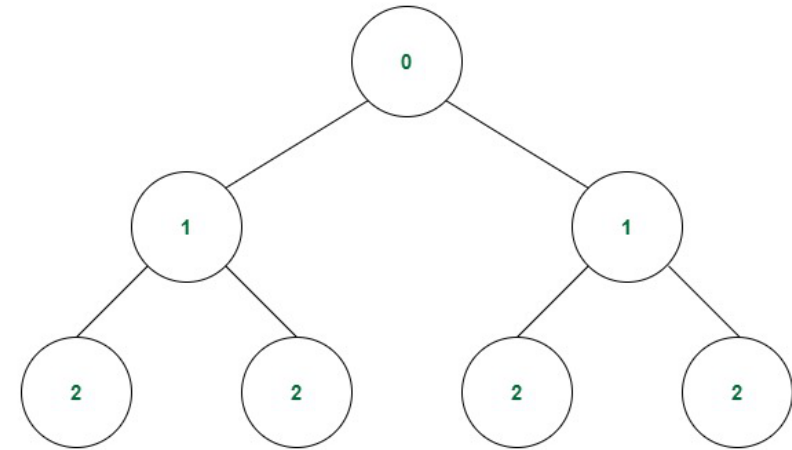


A height balanced tree

Not a height balanced tree

## Perfect Binary Tree

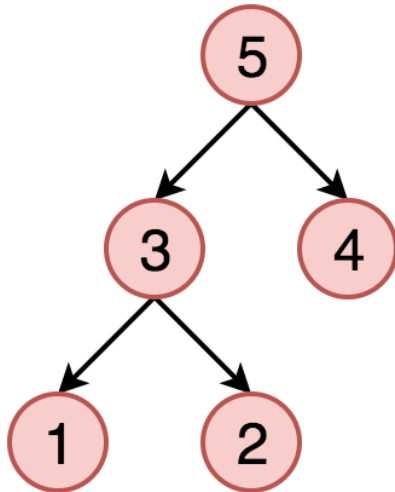
A perfect binary tree is a binary tree in which all interior nodes have two children, and all leaves have the same depth or same level



# Tree Traversal

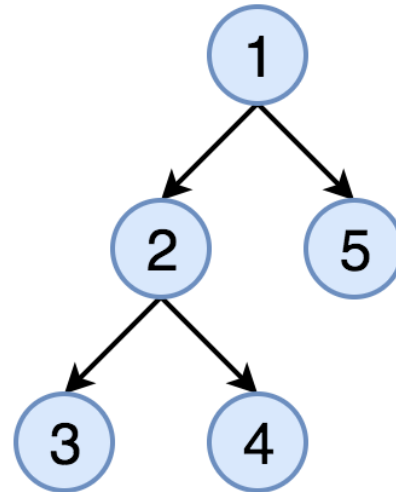
## DFS Postorder

Bottom -> Top  
Left -> Right



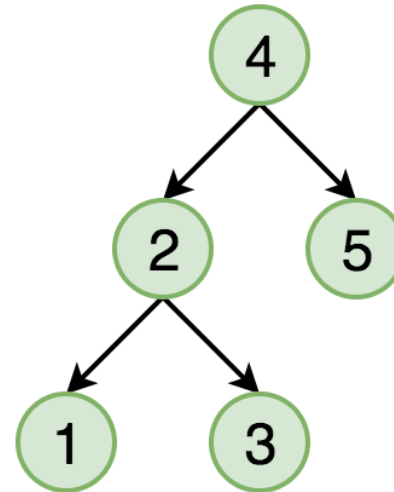
## DFS Preorder

Top -> Bottom  
Left -> Right



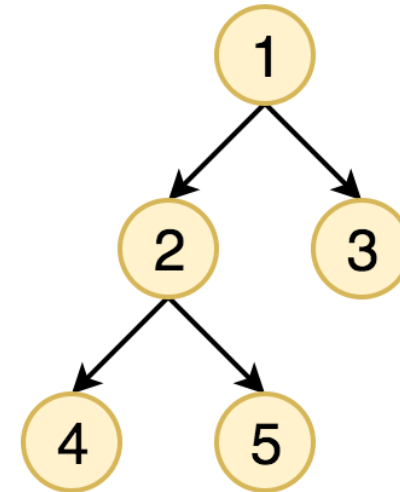
## DFS Inorder

Left -> Node -> Right



## BFS

Left -> Right  
Top -> Bottom



# Depth-First Search – In-order

## Recursion

```
class Solution:
    def inorderTraversal(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> List[int]:
        def helper(node, ans):
            if node:
                helper(node.left, ans)
                ans.append(node.val)
                helper(node.right, ans)
        result = []
        helper(root, result)
        return result
```

## Iteration

```
def inorderTraversal(self, root):
    res, stack = [], []
    while True:
        while root:
            stack.append(root)
            root = root.left
        if not stack:
            return res
        node = stack.pop()
        res.append(node.val)
        root = node.right
```

# Depth-First Search – Pre-order

## Recursion

```
# recursively
def preorderTraversal(self, root):
    res = []
    self.dfs(root, res)
    return res

def dfs(self, root, res):
    if root:
        res.append(root.val)
        self.dfs(root.left, res)
        self.dfs(root.right, res)
```

## Iteration

```
# iteratively
def preorderTraversal(self, root):
    stack, res = [root], []
    while stack:
        node = stack.pop()
        if node:
            res.append(node.val)
            stack.append(node.right)
            stack.append(node.left)
    return res
```



# Depth-First Search – Post-order

## Recursion

```
# recursively
def postorderTraversal(self, root):
    res = []
    self.dfs(root, res)
    return res

def dfs(self, root, res):
    if root:
        self.dfs(root.left, res)
        self.dfs(root.right, res)
        res.append(root.val)
```

## Iteration

```
# iteratively
def postorderTraversal(self, root):
    res, stack = [], [root]
    while stack:
        node = stack.pop()
        if node:
            res.append(node.val)
            stack.append(node.left)
            stack.append(node.right)
    return res[::-1]
```

# Breath-First Search – Level Traversal

## Iteration

```
from collections import deque
class Solution:
    def levelOrder(self, root):
        levels = []
        if not root:
            return levels
        level = 0
        queue = deque([root,])
        while queue:
            # start the current level
            levels.append([])
            # number of elements in the current level
            level_length = len(queue)
            for i in range(level_length):
                node = queue.popleft()
                # fulfill the current level
                levels[level].append(node.val)
                # add child nodes of the current level
                # in the queue for the next level
                if node.left:
                    queue.append(node.left)
                if node.right:
                    queue.append(node.right)
            # go to next level
            level += 1
        return levels
```

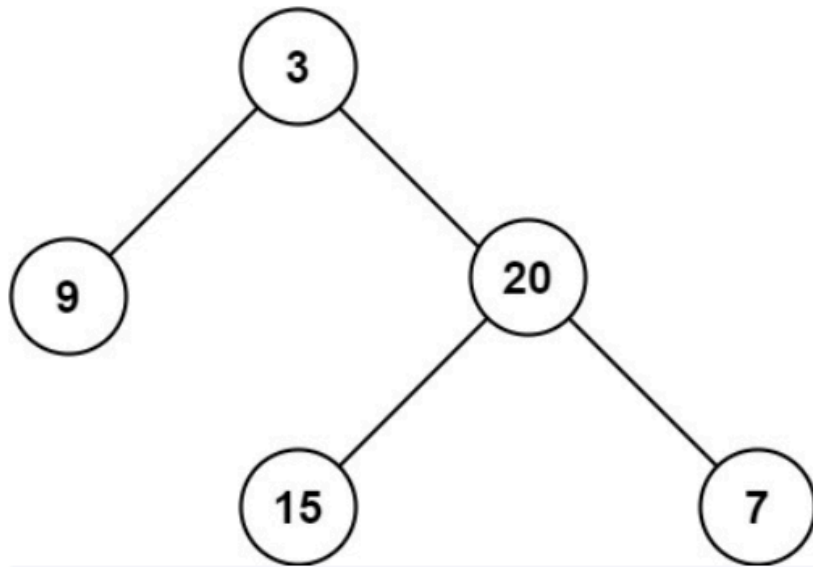
# Question 1: A Single Tree

## LC104: Maximum Depth of Binary Tree

Given the `root` of a binary tree, return *its maximum depth*.

A binary tree's **maximum depth** is the number of nodes along the longest path from the root node down to the farthest leaf node.

Example 1:



Input: root = [3,9,20,null,null,15,7]

Output: 3

## Recursion

```
class Solution:
    def maxDepth(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> int:
        if root is None:
            return 0
        return
max(self.maxDepth(root.left),self.maxDepth(root.right))+1
```

## Iteration

```
class Solution:
    def maxDepth(self, root):
        stack = []
        if root is not None:
            stack.append((1, root))
        depth = 0
        while stack != []:
            current_depth, root = stack.pop()
            if root is not None:
                depth = max(depth, current_depth)
                stack.append((current_depth + 1, root.left))
                stack.append((current_depth + 1, root.right))
        return depth
```

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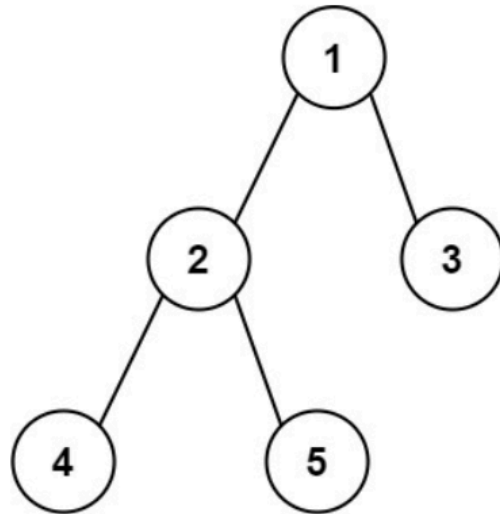
## LC543: Diameter of a Binary Tree

Given the `root` of a binary tree, return the length of the **diameter** of the tree.

The **diameter** of a binary tree is the **length** of the longest path between any two nodes in a tree. This path may or may not pass through the `root`.

The **length** of a path between two nodes is represented by the number of edges between them.

Example 1:



Input: `root = [1,2,3,4,5]`

Output: 3

Explanation: 3 is the length of the path [4,2,1,3] or [5,2,1,3].

## Recursion

`class Solution:`

```
def diameterOfBinaryTree(self, root: TreeNode) -> int:
    diameter = 0
```

```
def longest_path(node):
```

```
    if not node:
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        return 0
```

```
    nonlocal diameter
```

```
    # recursively find the longest path in
```

```
    # both left child and right child
```

```
    left_path = longest_path(node.left)
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```
    right_path = longest_path(node.right)
```

```
    # update the diameter if left_path plus right_path is larger
```

```
    diameter = max(diameter, left_path + right_path)
```

```
    # return the longest one between left_path and right_path;
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```
    # remember to add 1 for the path connecting the node and its parent
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```
    return max(left_path, right_path) + 1
```

```
longest_path(root)
```

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return diameter
```

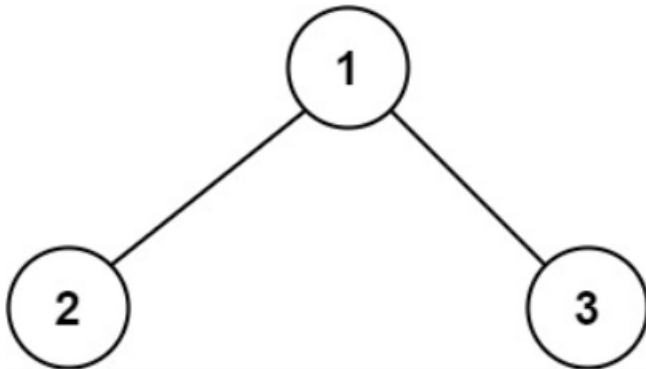
# Question 1: A Single Tree

## LC124: Binary Tree Max Path Sum

A **path** in a binary tree is a sequence of nodes where each pair of adjacent nodes in the sequence has an edge connecting them. A node can only appear in the sequence **at most once**. Note that the path does not need to pass through the root.

The **path sum** of a path is the sum of the node's values in the path.

Given the `root` of a binary tree, return the *maximum path sum* of any **non-empty path**.



**Input:** root = [1,2,3]

**Output:** 6

**Explanation:** The optimal path is 2 -> 1 -> 3 with a path sum of 2 + 1 + 3 = 6.

## Recursion

```
class Solution:
    def maxPathSum(self, root):
        def max_gain(node):
            nonlocal max_sum
            if not node:
                return 0
            # max sum on the left and right sub-trees of node
            left_gain = max(max_gain(node.left), 0)
            right_gain = max(max_gain(node.right), 0)
            # the price to start a new path where `node` is a highest
            price_newpath = node.val + left_gain + right_gain
            # update max_sum if it's better to start a new path
            max_sum = max(max_sum, price_newpath)
            # for recursion :
            # return the max gain if continue the same path
            return node.val + max(left_gain, right_gain)
        max_sum = float('-inf')
        max_gain(root)
        return max_sum
```

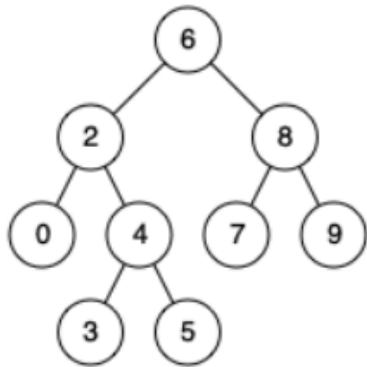
# Question 2: Two Trees/Two Nodes

## 235. Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Search Tree Sum

Given a binary search tree (BST), find the lowest common ancestor (LCA) node of two given nodes in the BST.

According to the definition of LCA on Wikipedia: "The lowest common ancestor is defined between two nodes  $p$  and  $q$  as the lowest node in  $T$  that has both  $p$  and  $q$  as descendants (where we allow **a node to be a descendant of itself**)."

Example 1:



Input: root = [6,2,8,0,4,7,9,null,null,3,5], p = 2, q = 8

Output: 6

Explanation: The LCA of nodes 2 and 8 is 6.

## Recursion

```
class Solution:
    def lowestCommonAncestor(self, root, p, q):
        # Value of current node or parent node.
        parent_val = root.val
        # Value of p
        p_val = p.val
        # Value of q
        q_val = q.val
        # If both p and q are greater than parent
        if p_val > parent_val and q_val > parent_val:
            return self.lowestCommonAncestor(root.right, p, q)
        # If both p and q are lesser than parent
        elif p_val < parent_val and q_val < parent_val:
            return self.lowestCommonAncestor(root.left, p, q)
        # We have found the split point, i.e. the LCA node.
        else:
            return root
```



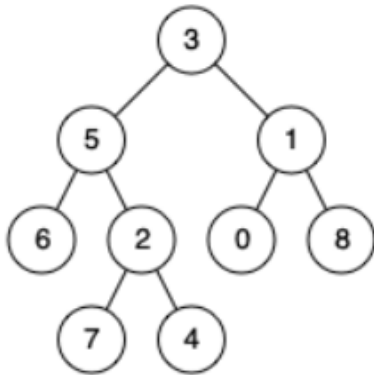
# Question 2: Two Trees/Two Nodes

## 236. Lowest Common Ancestor of a Binary Tree

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Example 1:



**Input:** root = [3,5,1,6,2,0,8,null,null,7,4], p = 5, q = 1

**Output:** 3

**Explanation:** The LCA of nodes 5 and 1 is 3.

## Recursion

class Solution:

def \_\_init\_\_(self):

# Variable to store LCA node.

self.ans = None

def lowestCommonAncestor(self, root, p, q):

def recurse\_tree(current\_node):

# If reached the end of a branch, return False.

if not current\_node:

return False

# Left Recursion

left = recurse\_tree(current\_node.left)

# Right Recursion

right = recurse\_tree(current\_node.right)

# If the current node is one of p or q

mid = current\_node == p or current\_node == q

# If any two of the three flags left, right or mid

if mid + left + right >= 2:

self.ans = current\_node

# Return True if either of the three bool values

return mid or left or right

# Traverse the tree

recurse\_tree(root)

return self.ans

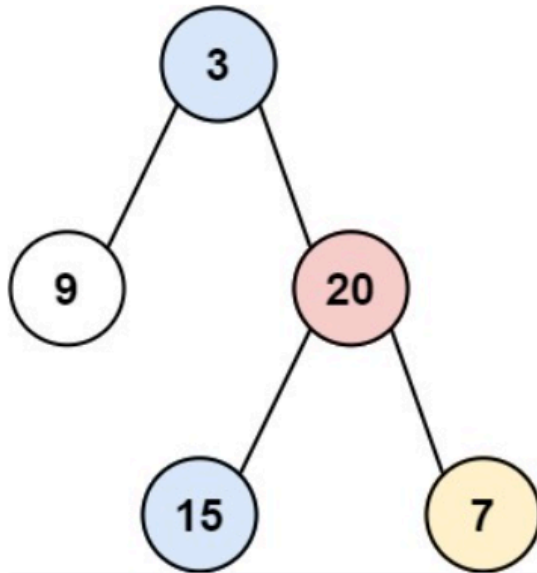
# Question 3: Tree Traversal

## 314. Binary Tree Vertical Order Traversal

Given the `root` of a binary tree, return *the vertical order traversal* of its nodes' values. (i.e., from top to bottom, column by column).

If two nodes are in the same row and column, the order should be from **left to right**.

Example 1:



Input: root = [3,9,20,null,null,15,7]

Output: [[9],[3,15],[20],[7]]

## Iteration – Level Order Traversal

```
class Solution(object):
    def verticalOrder(self, root):
        if root is None:
            return []
        q = []
        node = root
        q.append([node,0])
        output = {}
        while len(q) > 0:
            node,level = q.pop(0)
            if not (level in output):
                output[level] = [node.val]
            else:
                output[level].append(node.val)
            if node.left is not None:
                q.append([node.left,level-1])
            if node.right is not None:
                q.append([node.right,level+1])
        sortedkeys = sorted(output.keys())
        vertorder = []
        for i in sortedkeys:
            vertorder.append(output[i])
        return vertorder
```



# Homework

- LC98 : Validate Binary Search Tree
- LC230: Kth smallest element in a BST
- LC199: Binary Tree Right Side View
- LC297: Serialize/Deserialize Binary Tree