Skies Aren't Clogged With Drones Yet, but Don't Rule Them Out

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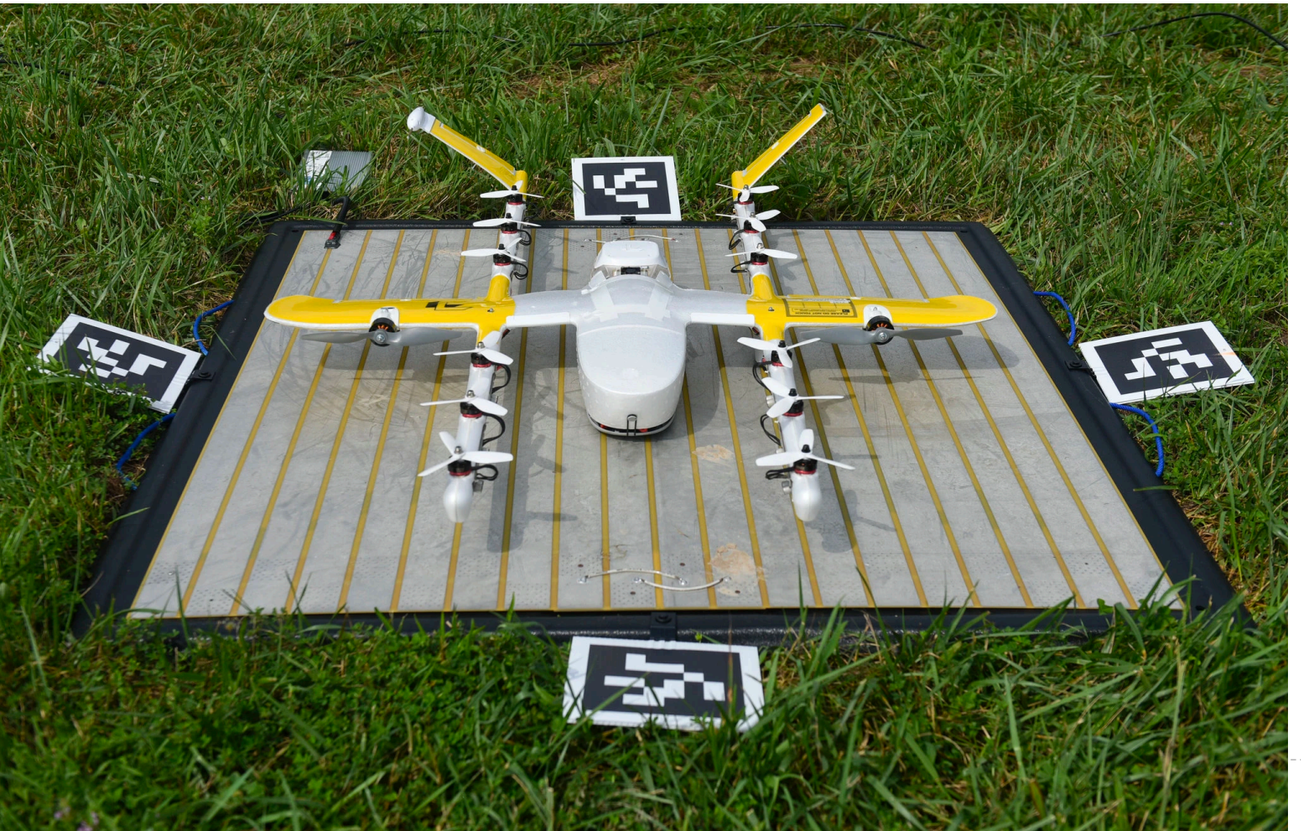

"**Test programs around the world that use the technology for lifesaving pharmaceuticals as well as for food and even coffee are attempting to prove that delivery by drones is not only safe, but efficient and environmentally sound.**

While the deliberate pace may seem slow, Mr. Levitt, like others interviewed, remains sanguine. "It's like the red flag laws when cars began to populate the roads. You had to have someone walking ahead with a flag to warn others. That's where we are today with drones — not being able to fly beyond the visual line of sight is like not allowing a car to drive faster than a person can walk.

The environmental benefits are real, Mr. Burgess said. Or, as Yariv Bash, the chief executive of Flytrex said: "**Now, you've got a guy driving a one-ton car bringing a half-pound hamburger. It's crazy**."

Announcements

Trees

Tree-Structured Data

```
def tree(label, branches=[]):
    return [label] + list(branches)

def label(tree):
    return tree[0]
def branches(tree):
    return tree[1:]

class Tree:
    def __init__(self, label, branches=[]):
        self.label = label
        self.branches = list(branches)

class BTree(Tree):
    empty = Tree(None)
    def __init__(self, label, left=empty, right=empty):
        Tree.__init__(self, label, [left, right])
    @property
    def left(self):
        return self.branches[0]
    @property
    def right(self):
        return self.branches[1]
```

A tree can contains other trees:

```
[5, [6, 7], 8, [[9], 10]]

(+ 5 (- 6 7) 8 (* (- 9) 10))

(S
  (NP (JJ Short) (NNS cuts))
  (VP (VBP make)
      (NP (JJ long) (NNS delays)))
  (. .))

<ul>
  <li>Midterm <b>1</b></li>
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```

Tree processing often involves recursive calls on subtrees

Tree Processing

Solving Tree Problems

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    >>> bigs(a)
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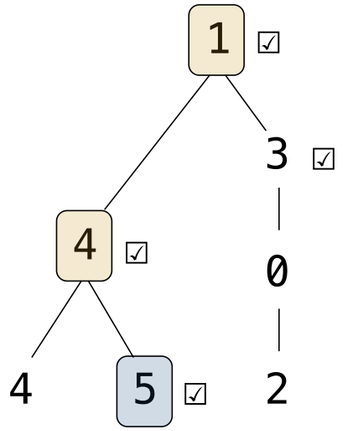
    """
```



The root label is always larger than all of its ancestors

```
    if t.is_leaf():
        return ___
    else:
        return ___([___ for b in t.branches])
```

Somehow increment the total count

Somehow track a list of ancestors

```
if node.label > max(ancestors):
```

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if node.label > max_ancestors:
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    def f(a, x):
        if a.label > x:
            return 1 + sum([f(b, a.label) for b in a.branches])
        else:
            return sum([f(b, x) for b in a.branches])
    return f(t, t.label - 1)
```

Somehow track the largest ancestor

A node in t

max_ancestor

node.label > max_ancestors

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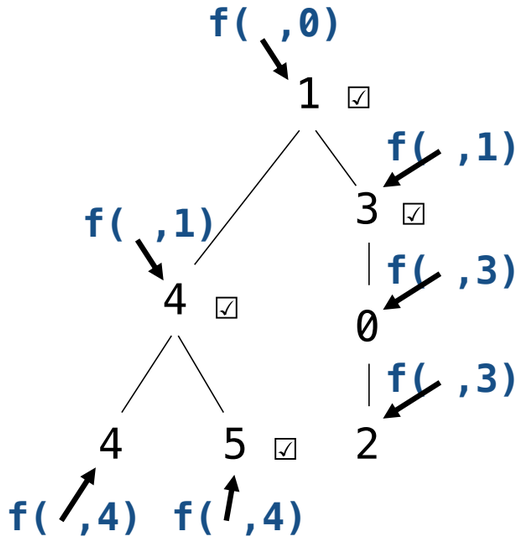
Root label is always larger than its ancestors

Some initial value for the largest ancestor so far...



Recursive Accumulation

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    n = 0
    def f(a, x):
        nonlocal n
        if a.label > x:
            n += 1
        for b in a.branches:
            f(b, max(a.label, x))
    f(t, t.label - 1)
    return n
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Designing Functions

How to Design Programs

From Problem Analysis to Data Definitions
Identify the information that must be represented and how it is represented in the chosen programming language. Formulate data definitions and illustrate them with examples.

Signature, Purpose Statement, Header
State what kind of data the desired function consumes and produces. Formulate a concise answer to the question *what* the function computes. Define a stub that lives up to the signature.

Functional Examples
Work through examples that illustrate the function's purpose.

Function Template
Translate the data definitions into an outline of the function.

Function Definition
Fill in the gaps in the function template. Exploit the purpose statement and the examples.

Testing
Articulate the examples as tests and ensure that the function passes all. Doing so discovers mistakes. Tests also supplement examples in that they help others read and understand the definition when the need arises—and it will arise for any serious program.

Applying the Design Process

Designing a Function

Implement **smalls**, which takes a Tree instance t containing integer labels. It returns the non-leaf nodes in t whose labels are smaller than any labels of their descendant nodes.

Signature: Tree -> List of Trees

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def smalls(t):
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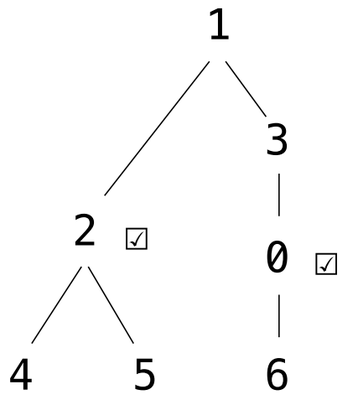
    >>> a = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(4), Tree(5)]), Tree(3, [Tree(0, [Tree(6)])])])
    >>> sorted([t.label for t in smalls(a)])
    [0, 2]
    """
    result = []
    def process(t):
        if t.is_leaf():
            return t.label
        else:

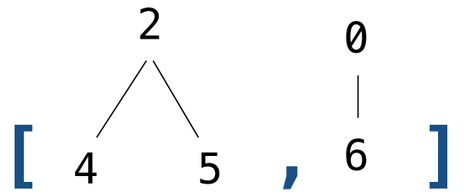


            return min(...)
    process(t)
    return result
```

Signature: Tree -> number

"Find smallest label in t & maybe add t to result"





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    result = []
    def process(t):
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        else:
            smallest = min([process(b) for b in t.branches])
            if t.label < smallest:
                result.append( t )
            return min(smallest, t.label)
    process(t)
    return result
```

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smallest label in a branch of t