

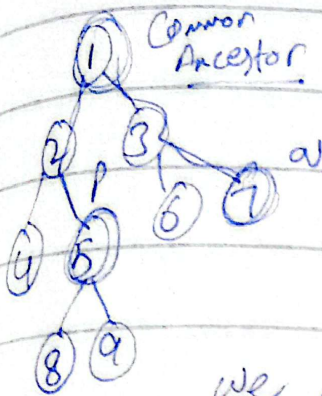
Lowest Common Ancestor

LCA

↓
first node

Backtracking

exist in both sub trees

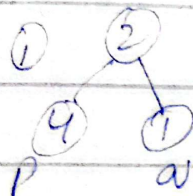


* Node can be the ancestor of itself as well.

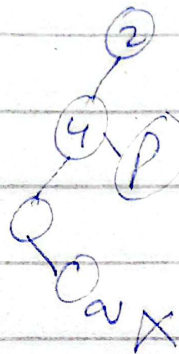
* $p \neq a$

→ we will try to find the subtree where p and a exists.

→ we will give the LCA for each level.



(2)



LCA

we don't need to find after

Pseudocode:

```
Node* LCA(root, p, a) {
    if (root == NULL) return NULL;
    if (root == p || root == a)
        return root : LCA
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    leftLCA = LCA(root->left, p, a)
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    rightLCA = LCA(root->right, p, a)
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    if (leftLCA && rightLCA) {
        return root
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    else if (leftLCA != NULL)
        return leftLCA;
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    else
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        return rightLCA;
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TC = $O(n)$

SC = $O(n)$