



Graph (III)

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Overview & Revision

Prerequisite

- **Graph (I)**
 - **basic concepts, graph representation**, grid graph,
 - **depth first search**, flood fill, **breadth first search**
- Graph (II)
 - shortest path algorithms for weighted graphs,
 - minimum spanning tree
- **Data Structures (III)**
 - **sparse table, segment tree**,
 - **lazy propagation**, 1-d/2-d binary indexed tree
- **Dynamic Programming (I)**
 - **Knapsack Problems**

Overview

Tree:

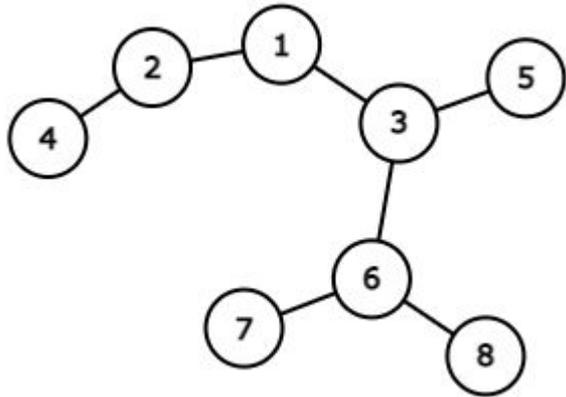
- Definition and properties

Algorithms on tree:

- Pre-order, in-order and post-order
- Euler Tour
- Tree diameter
- Lowest common ancestor

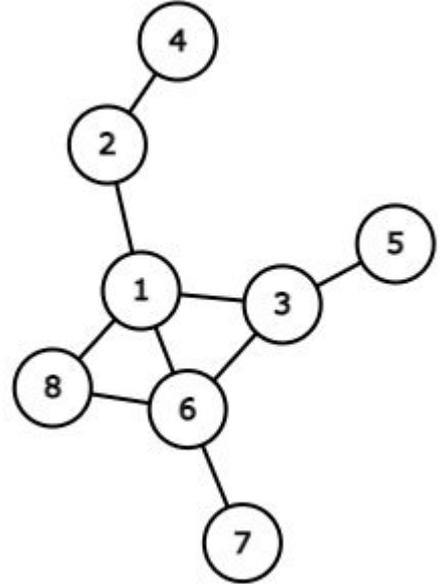
Revision: tree

- A tree is a connected graph with **no cycles**.
- Vertices of a tree are also called nodes.
- A tree can be either weighted or unweighted, and either rooted or unrooted.



← Tree

Not a tree →
∵ has cycles
(e.g. {1, 6, 8})



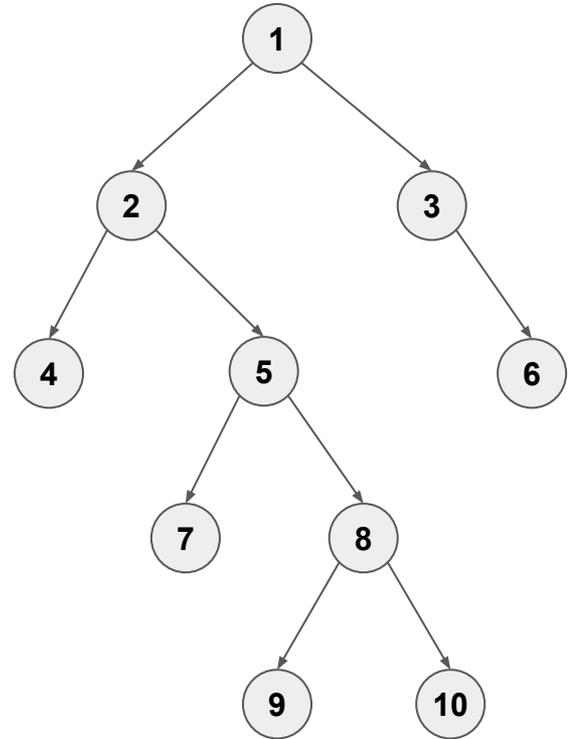
Revision: tree

- There are various equivalent definitions of a tree:
 - A connected graph with V vertices and $V - 1$ edges.
 - A connected graph with no cycles.
 - Between any two vertices on the graph, there is only one simple (also the shortest) path between them.
- These properties make problems easier to solve.

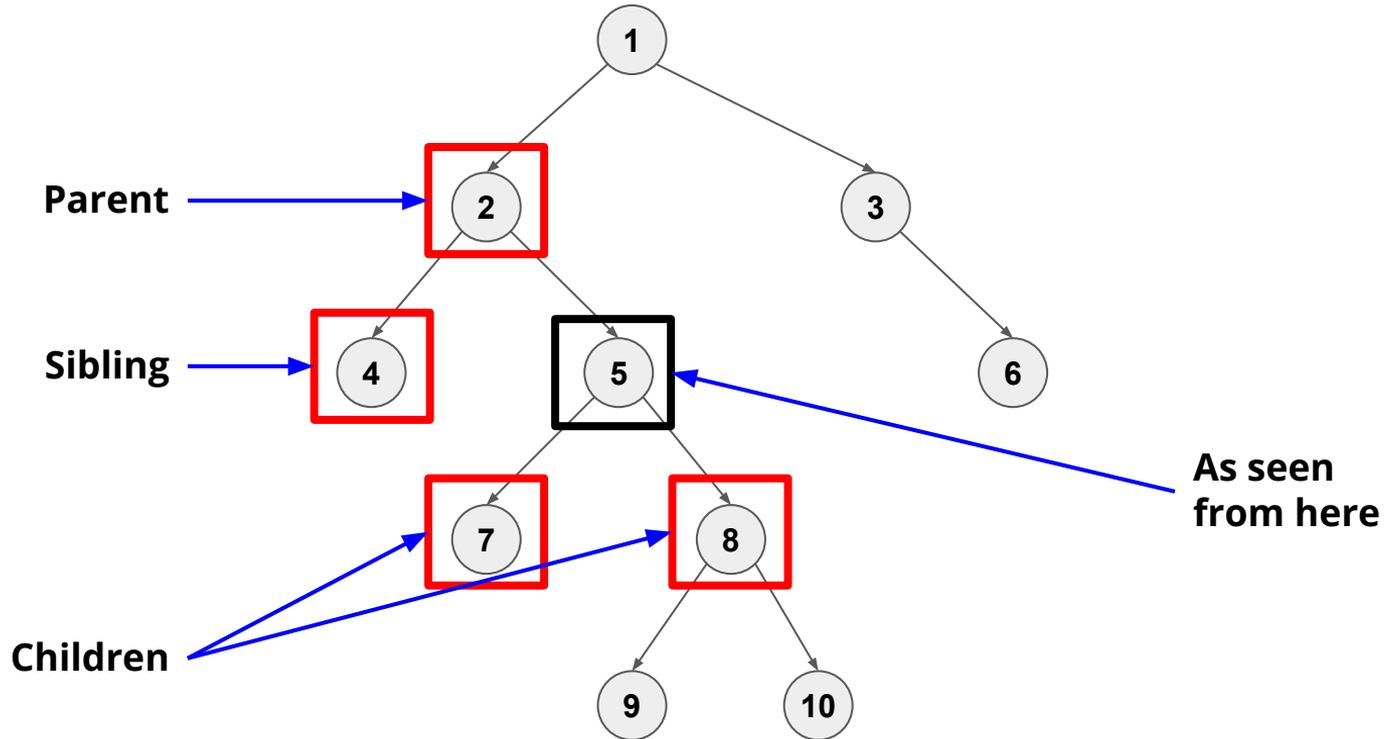
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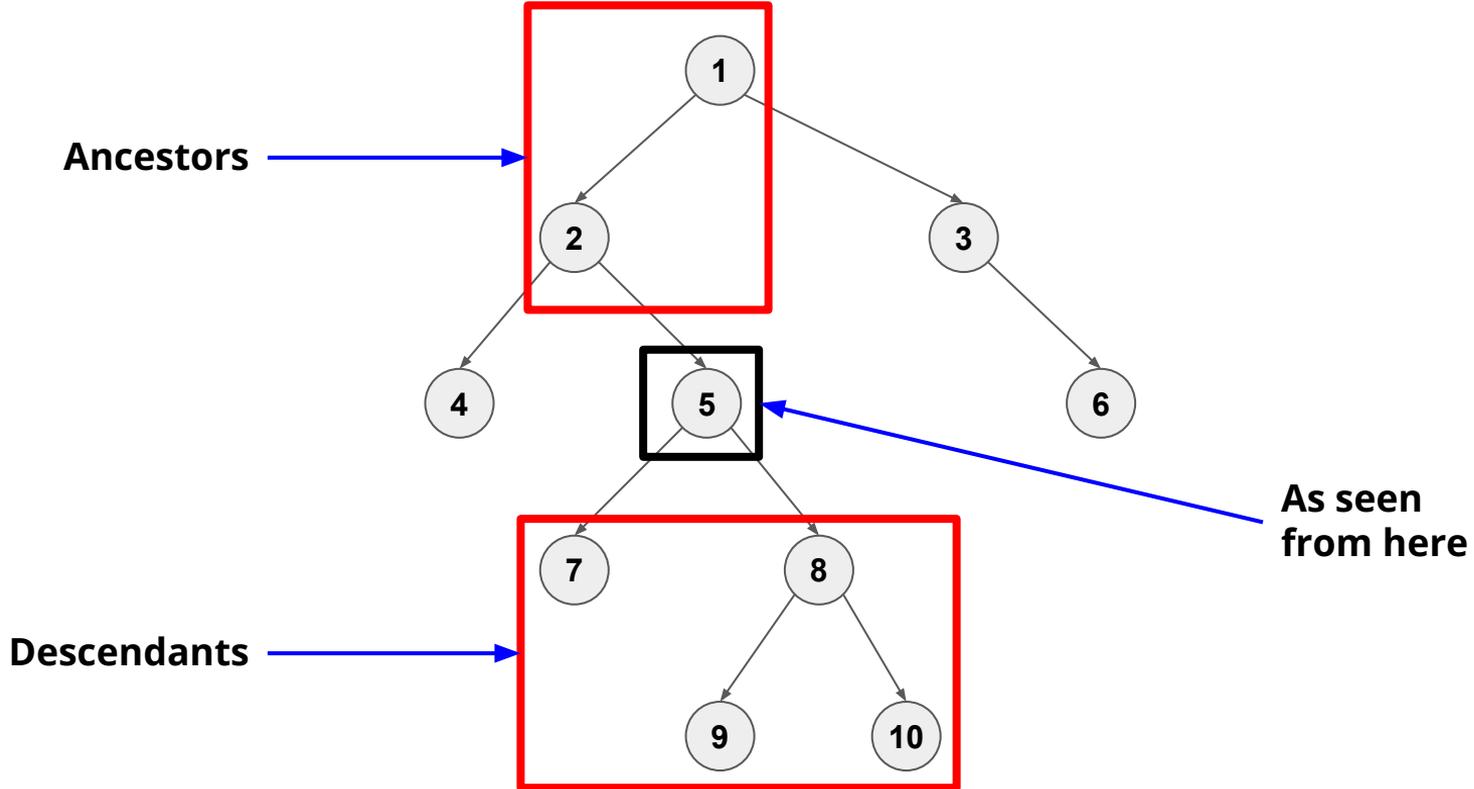
- Sometimes one of the nodes of the tree will be viewed as the **root** of the tree
- Then the tree becomes directed
- (Note: if there is no root, we sometimes choose any node as the root)



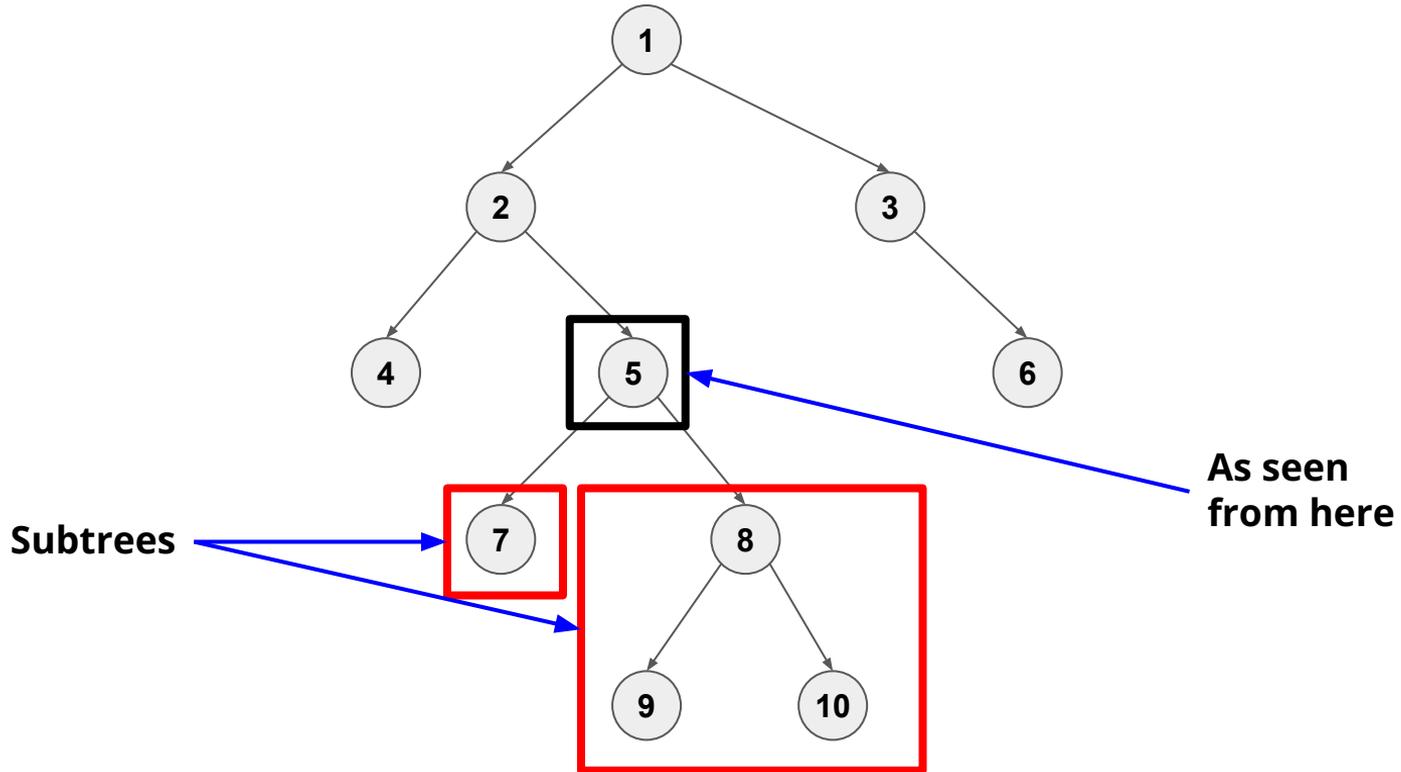
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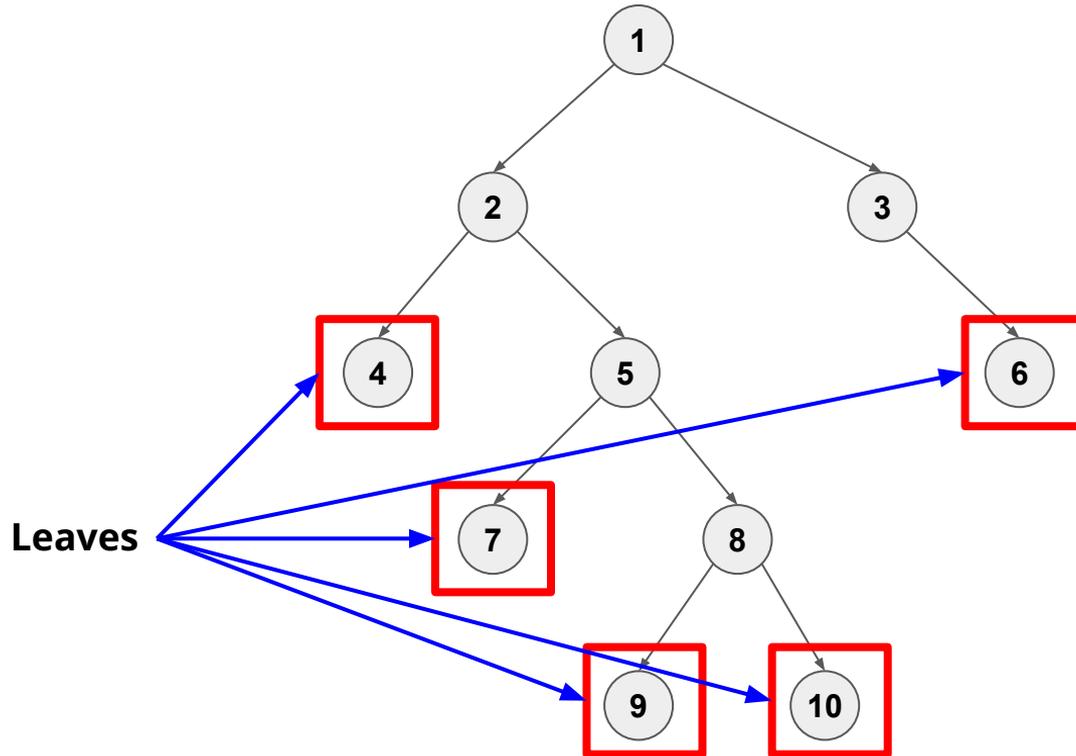
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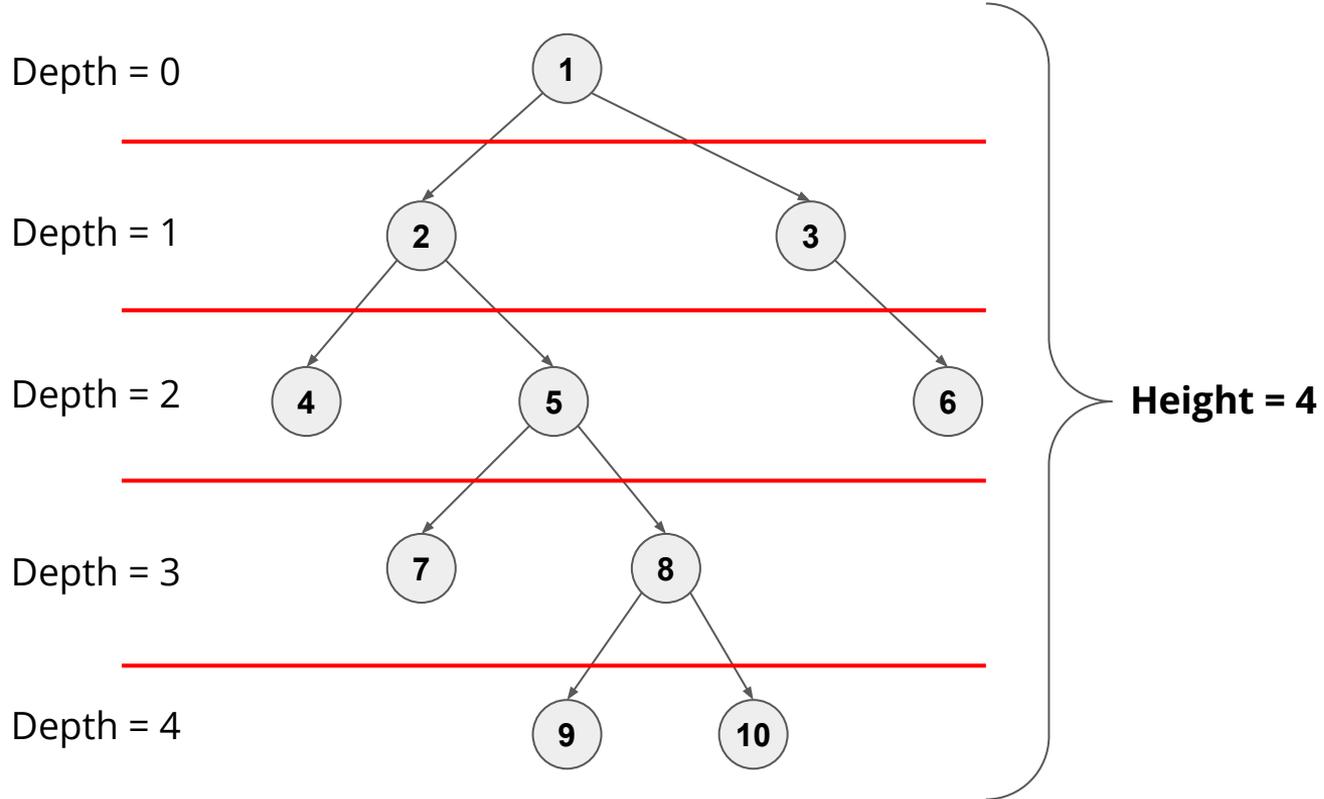
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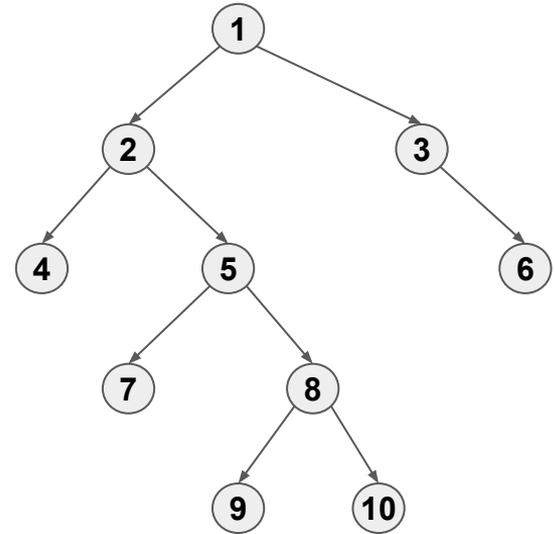
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Tree: implementation

- Trees are graph so the same representations are used.
 - e.g. adjacency matrix, adjacency list, edge list
- For rooted tree, we can choose to store the parent and children separately.

Node	Parent	Child[0]	Child[1]
1		2	3
2	1	4	5
3	1	6	
4	2		
5	2	7	8
6	3		
7	5		
8	5	9	10
9	8		
10	8		



Tree: application

Some graph problems are trivial in trees.

- Shortest path between two nodes → the only path between two nodes
- Minimum spanning tree → the tree itself

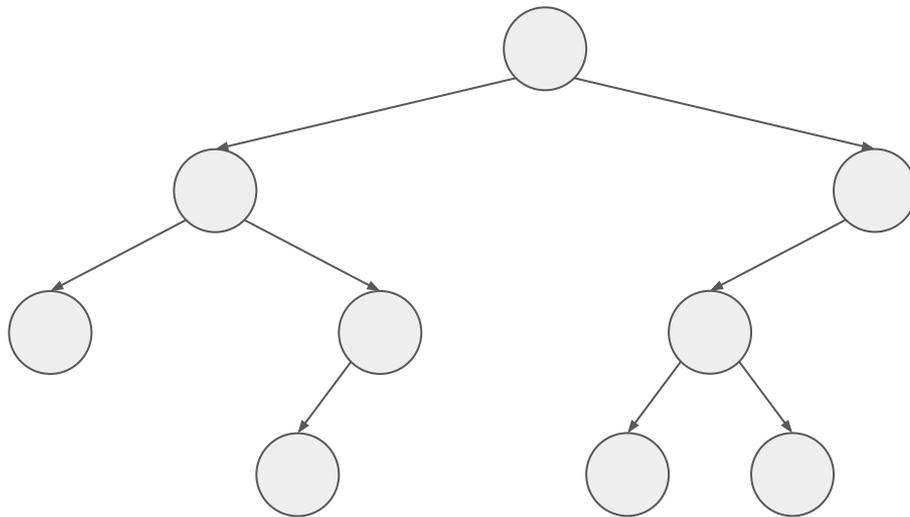
Trees are also used in data structures.

- Binary search tree
- Heap
- Trie
- Segment Tree
- Suffix Tree

Binary Tree

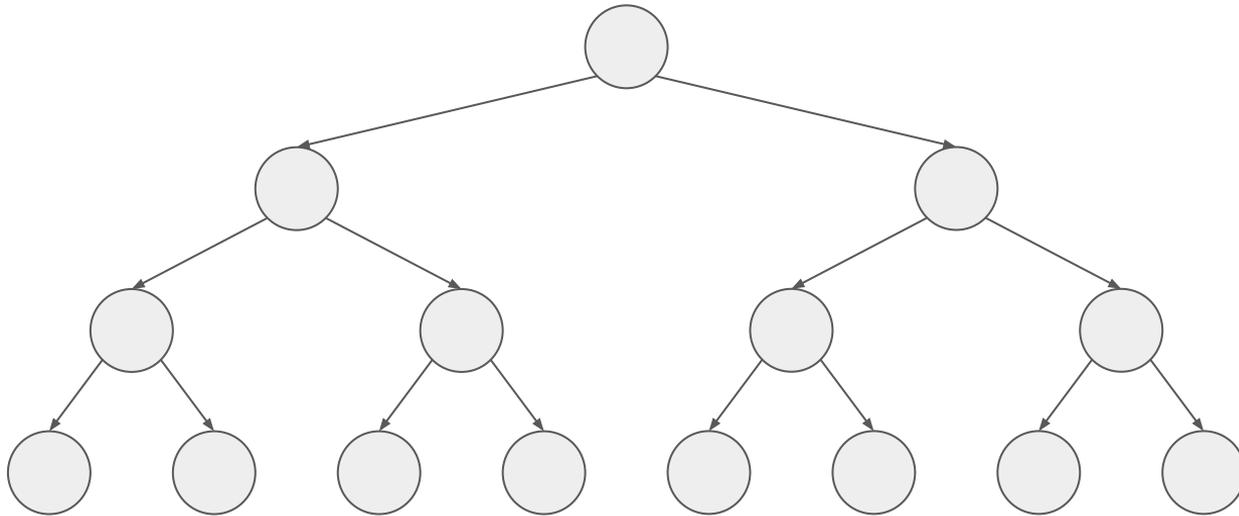
Binary Tree

A rooted tree where all vertices (nodes) have at most 2 children.



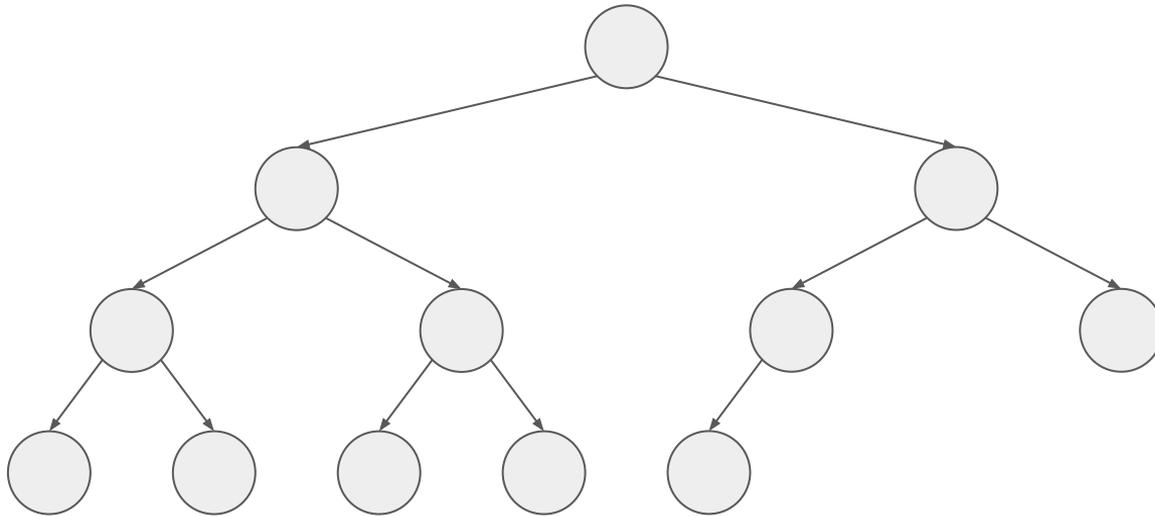
Perfect Binary Tree

A rooted tree where all vertices (nodes) have 2 children and all leaves have the same depth.



Complete Binary Tree

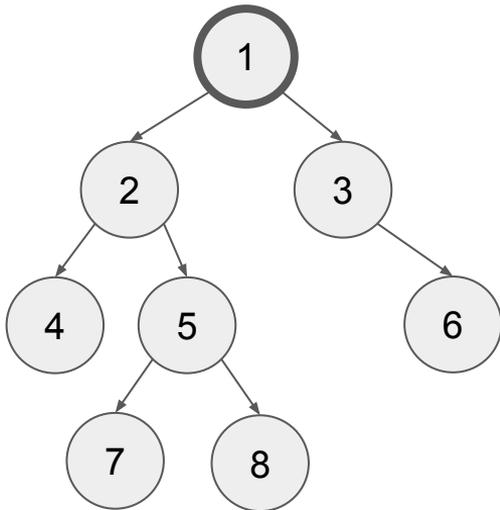
A perfect binary tree with some or all rightmost leaf nodes removed.



Tree traversal

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We can perform DFS on trees as we do on graph.

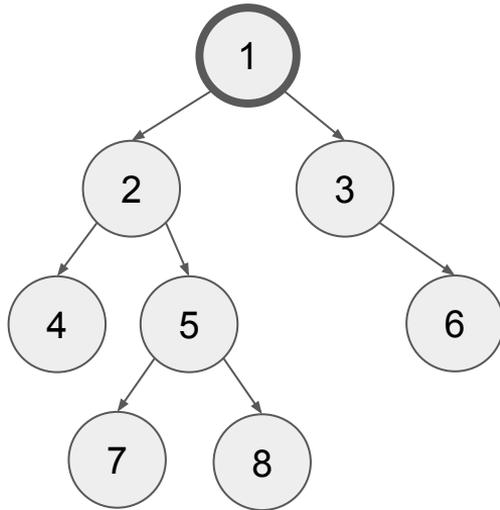


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void dfs(int node) {  
    for (auto child : children[node])  
        dfs(child);  
}
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Tree traversal orders

For binary trees, there are 3 common traversal orders:

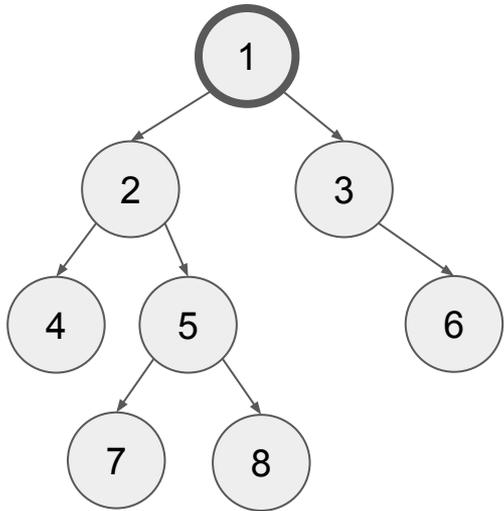
Pre-order, **in-order** and **post-order**.



Pre-order	1	2	4	5	7	8	3	6
In-order	4	2	7	5	8	1	3	6
Post-order	4	7	8	5	2	6	3	1

Pre-order

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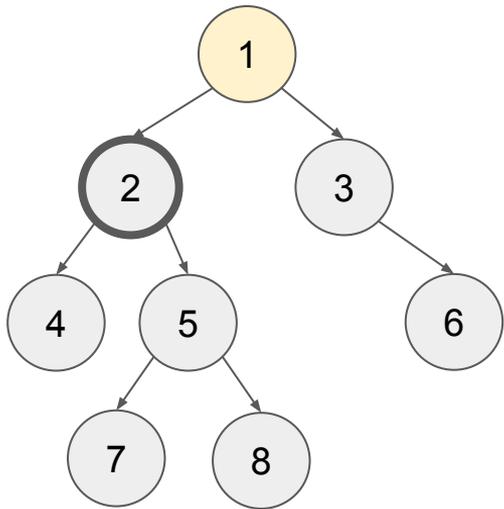
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Pre-order

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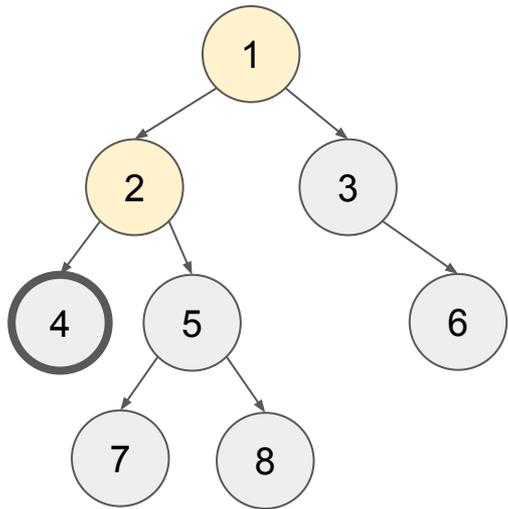
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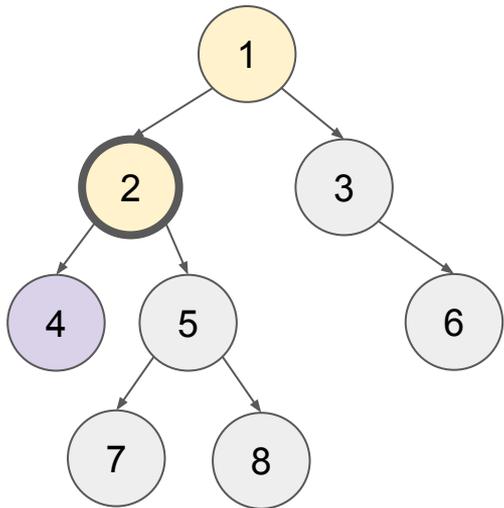
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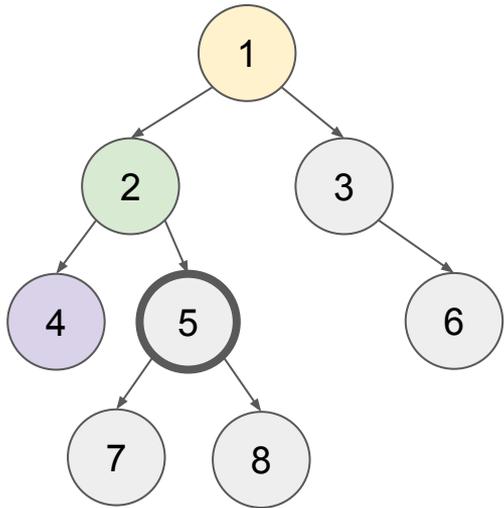
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Pre-order

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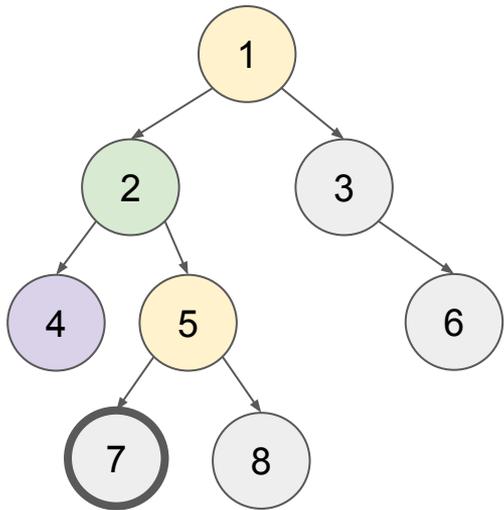
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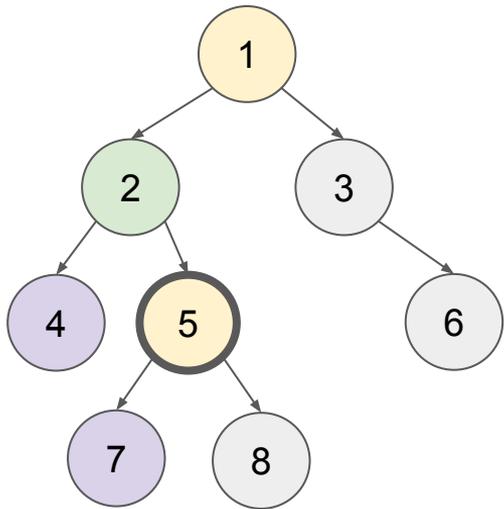
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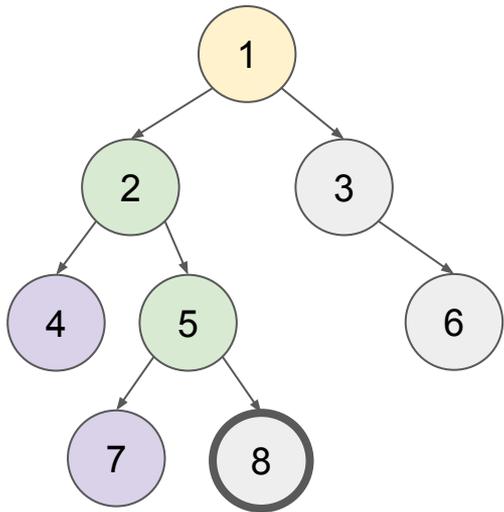
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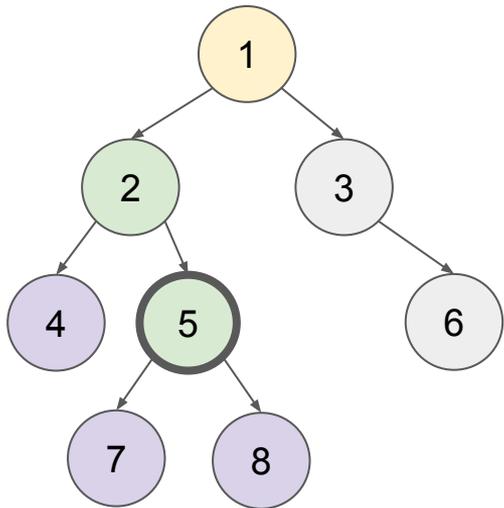
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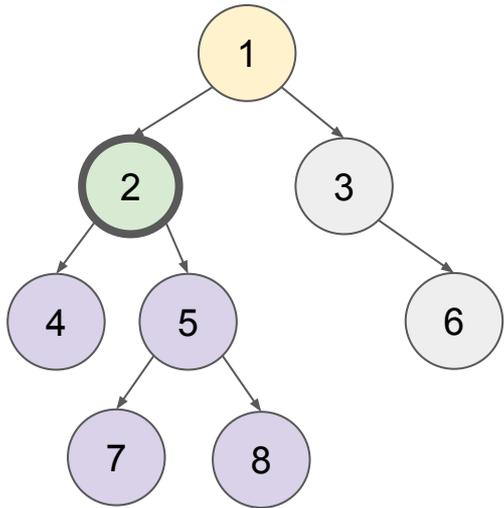
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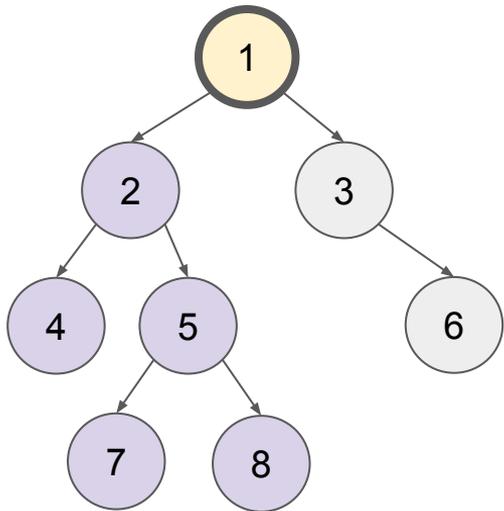
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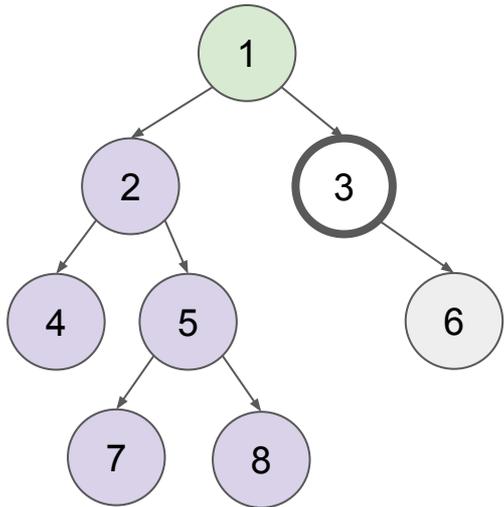
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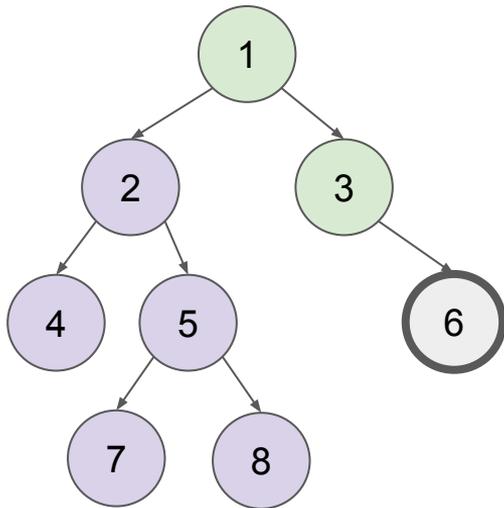
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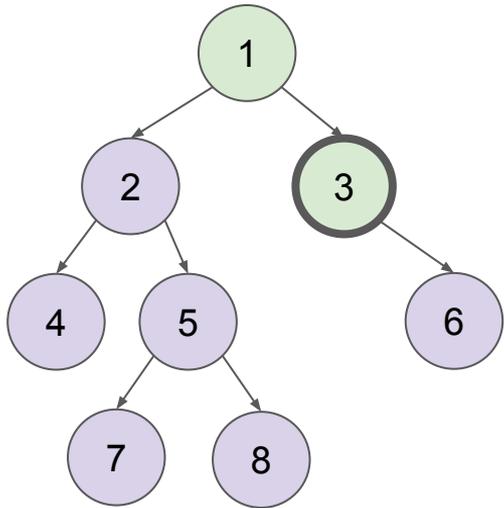
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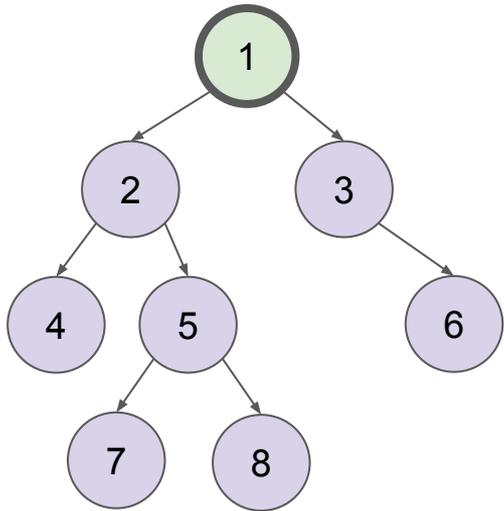
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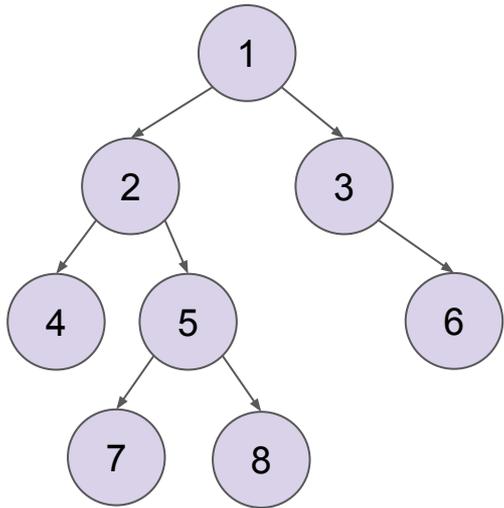
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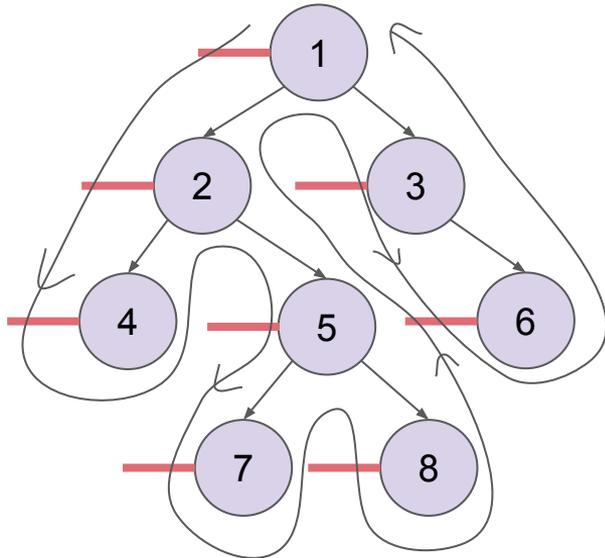
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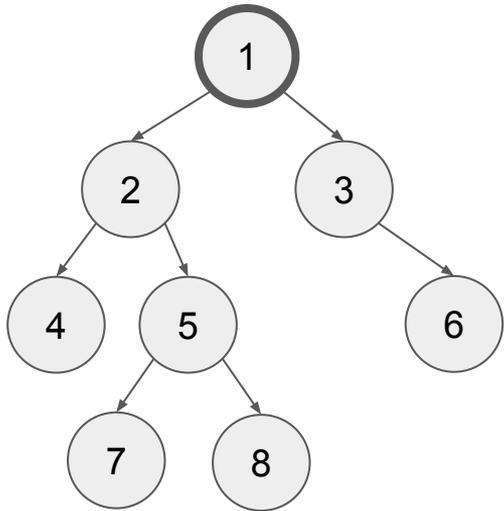
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Can imagine each node has a left bar stuck out. Start a “tour” around the graph and append the node to the answer when encountering a bar.

In-order

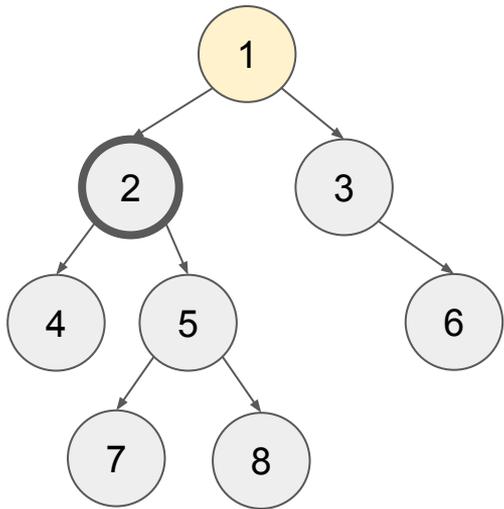


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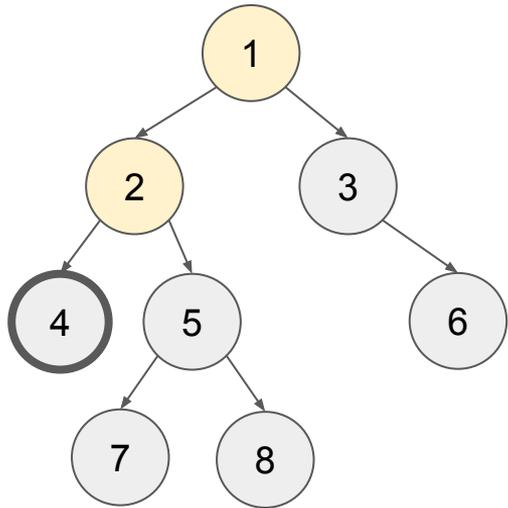
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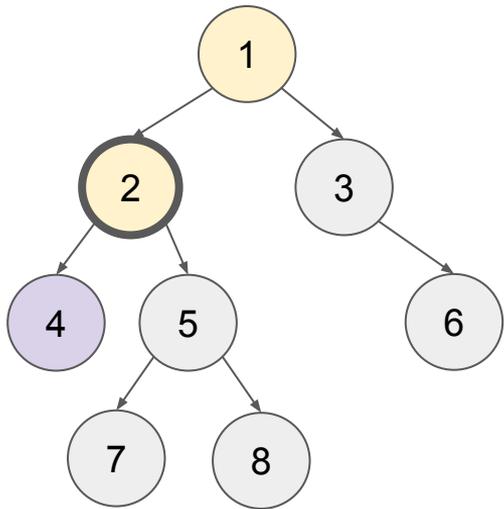
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In-order

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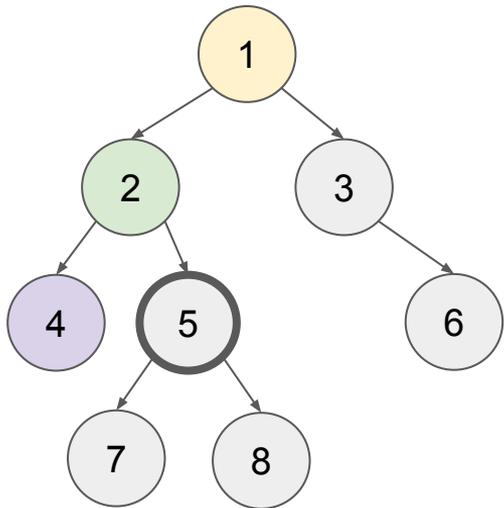
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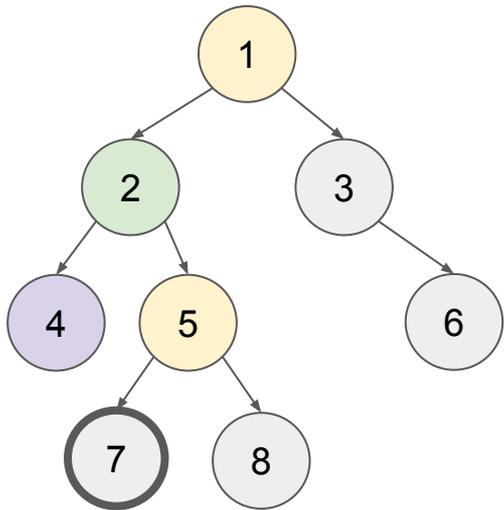
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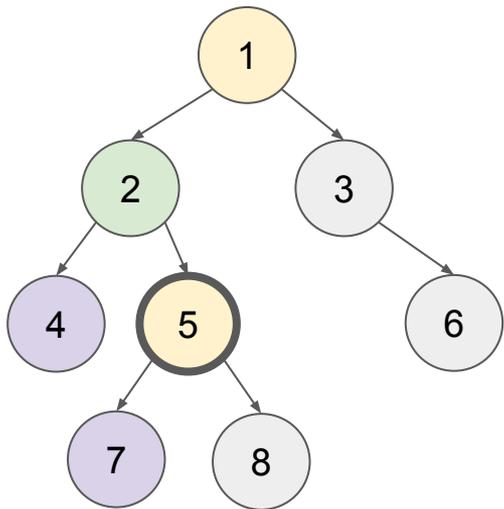
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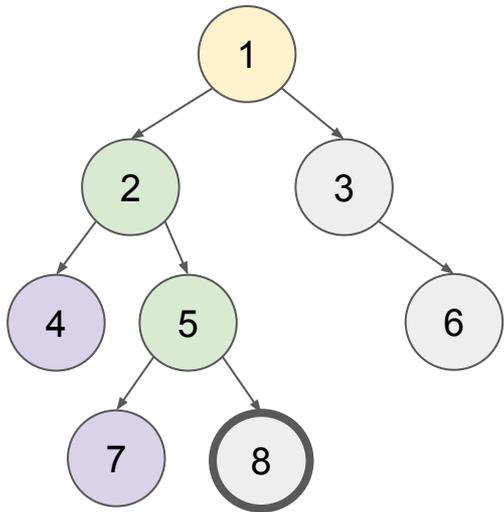
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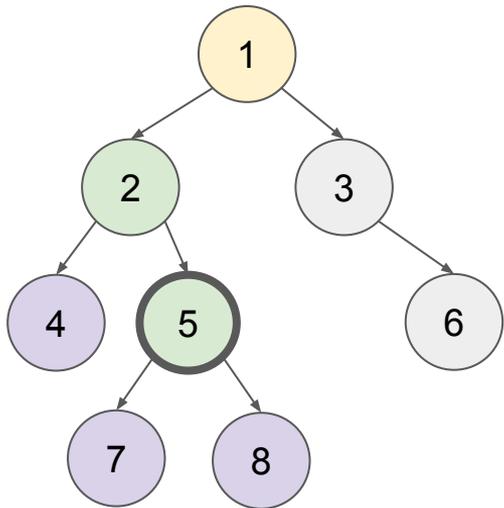
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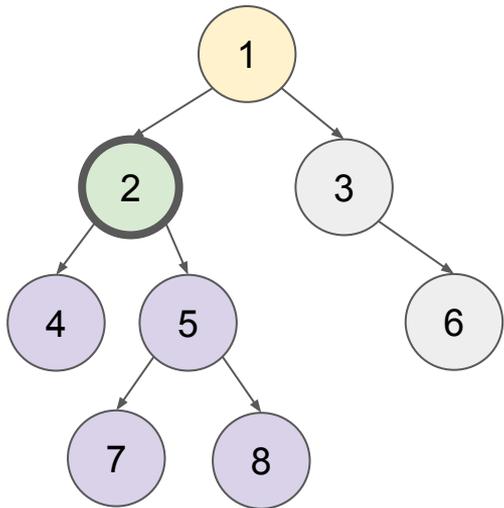
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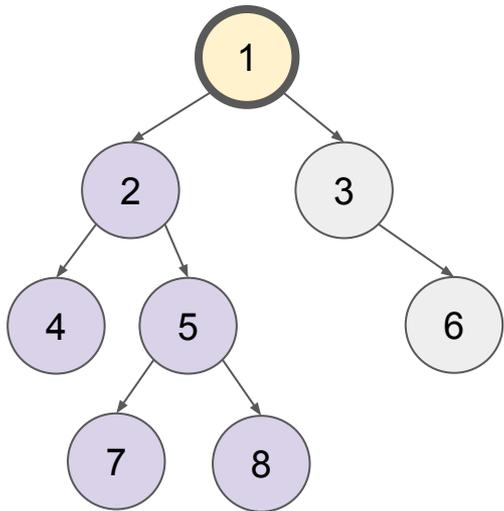
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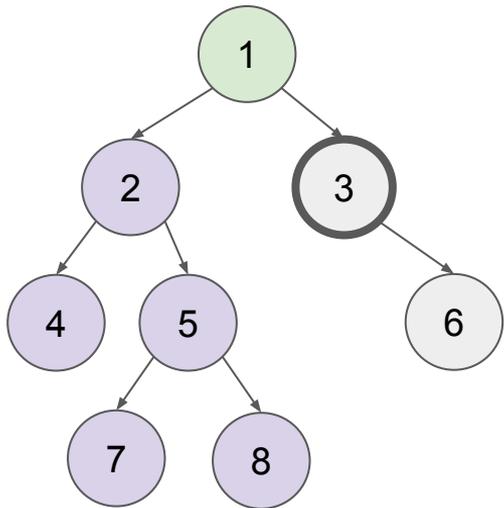
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In-order

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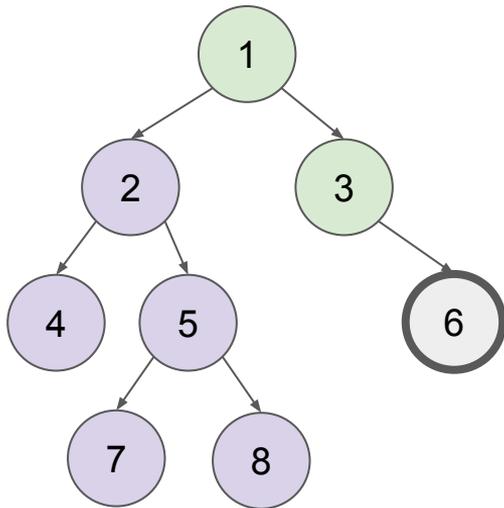
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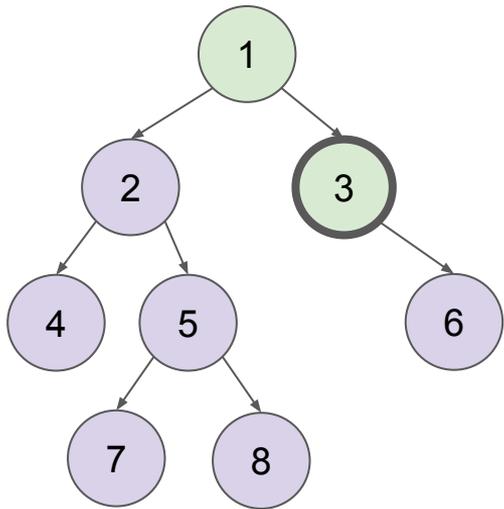
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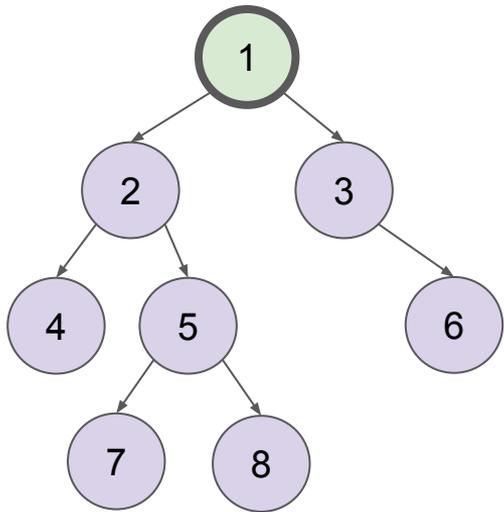
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In-order

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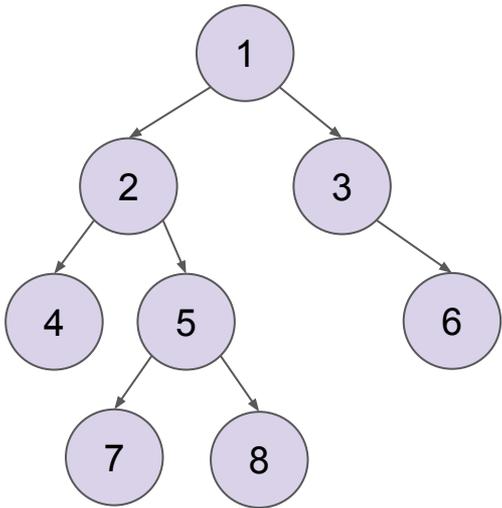
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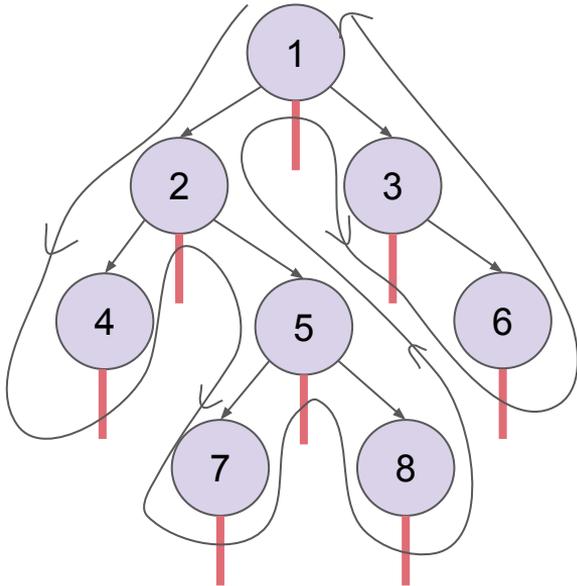
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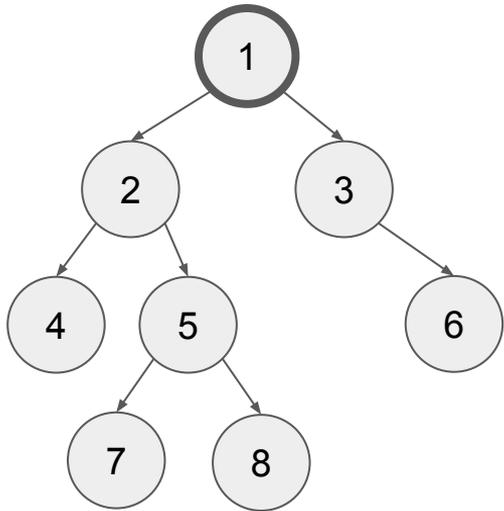
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Post-order

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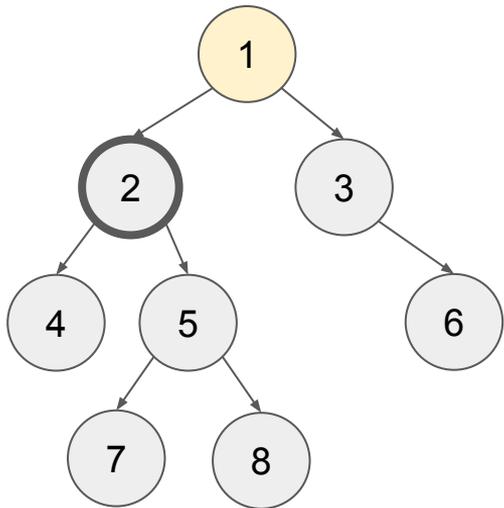
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Post-order



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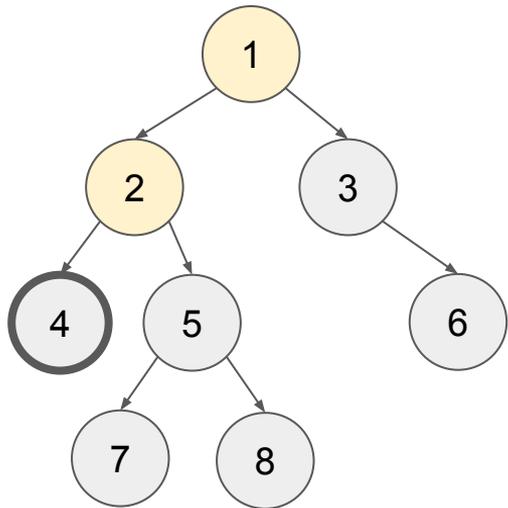
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Post-order

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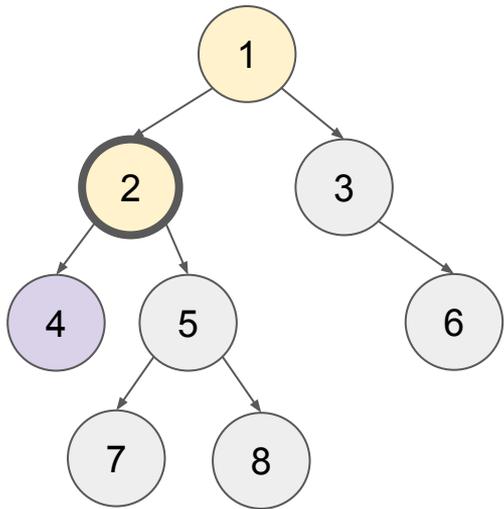
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Post-order

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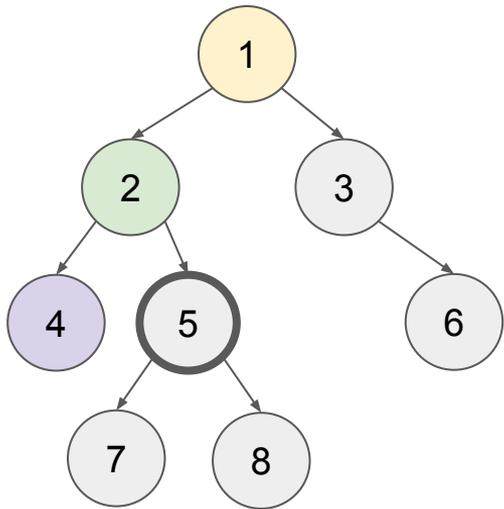
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Post-order

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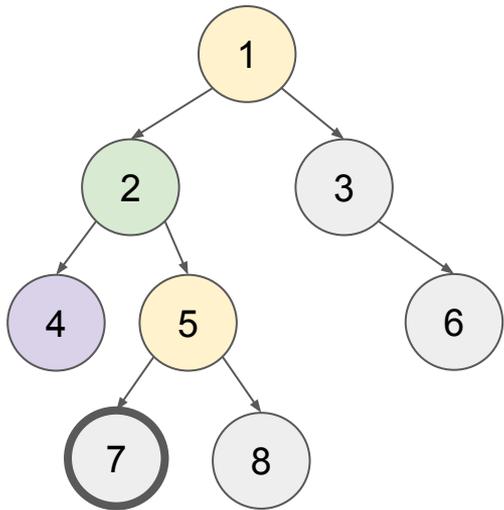
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Post-order

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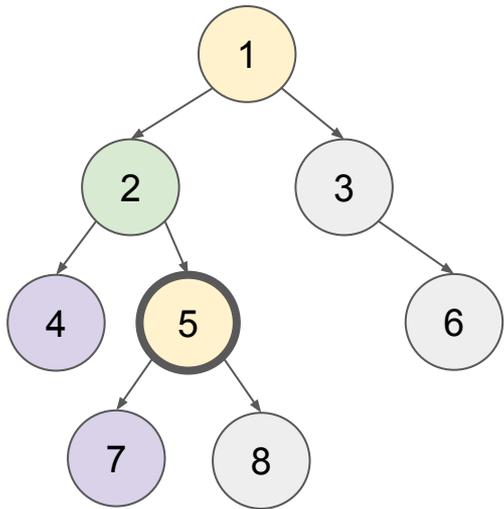
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Post-order

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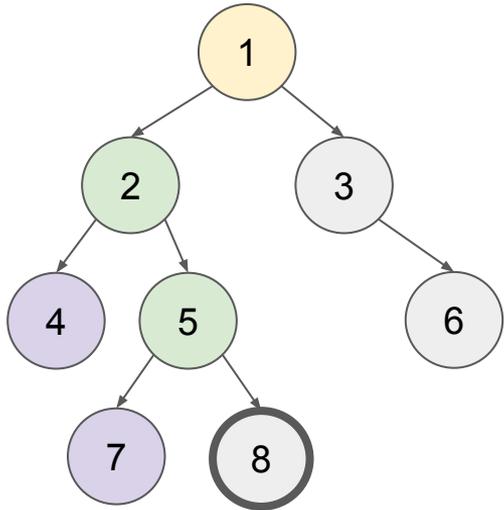
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Post-order

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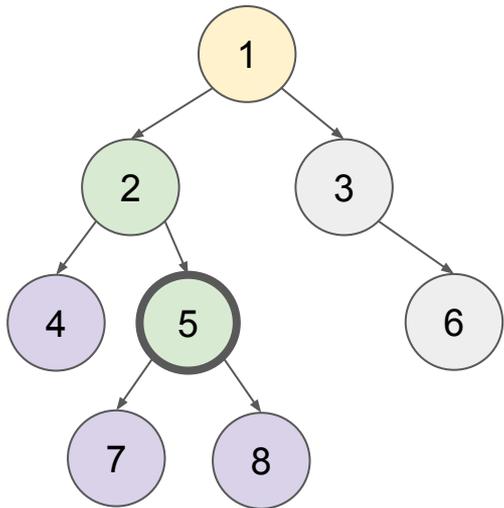
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Post-order

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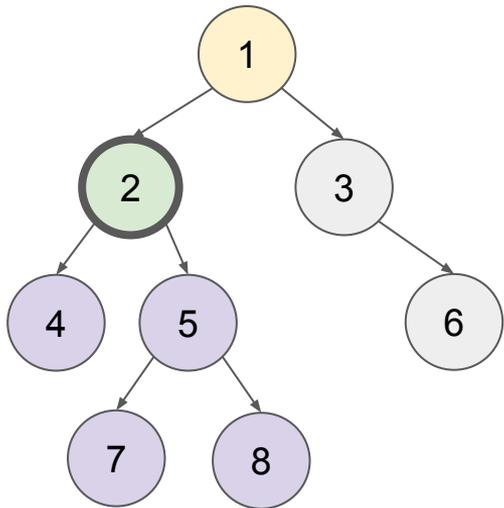
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Post-order

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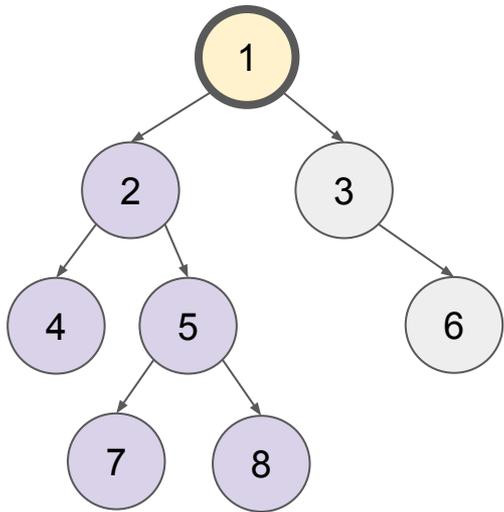
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Post-order

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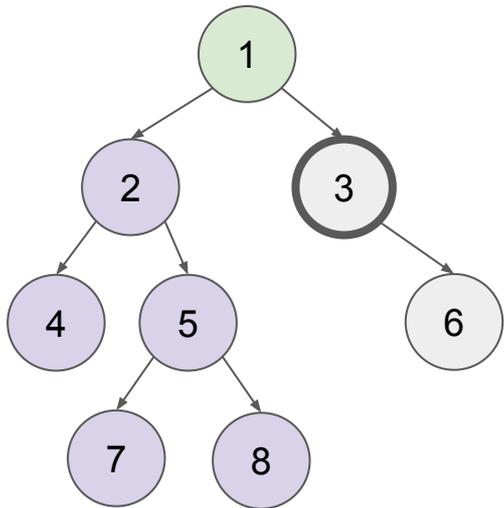
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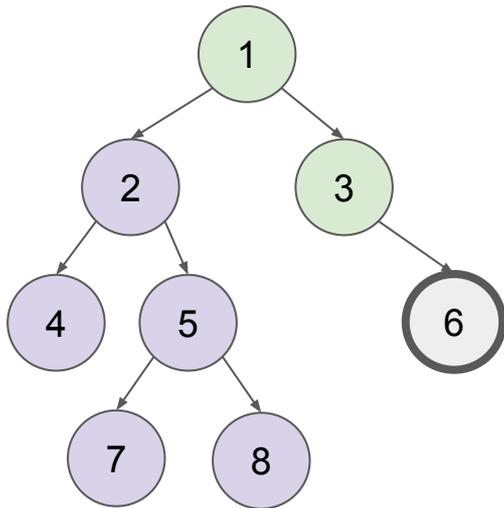
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Post-order

4	7	8	5	2	6		
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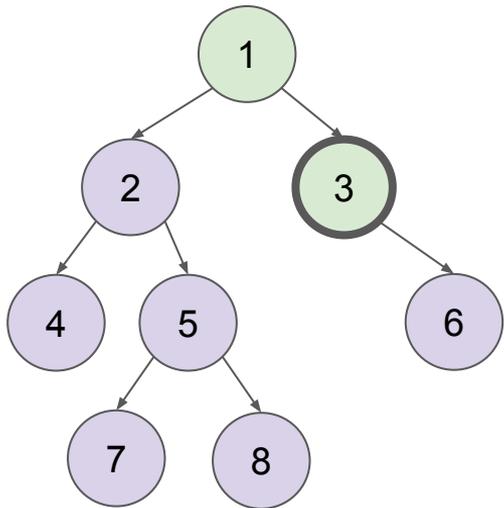
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Post-order

4	7	8	5	2	6	3	
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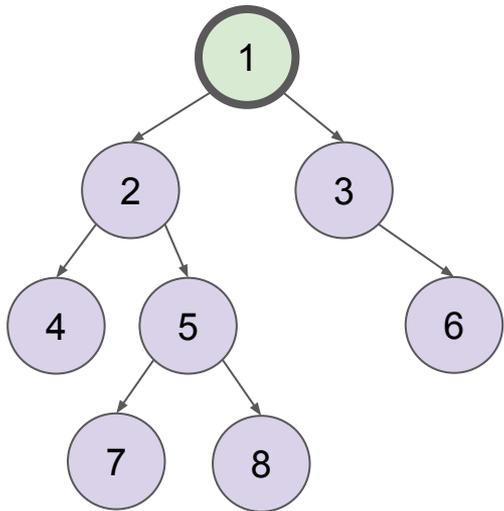
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Post-order

4	7	8	5	2	6	3	1
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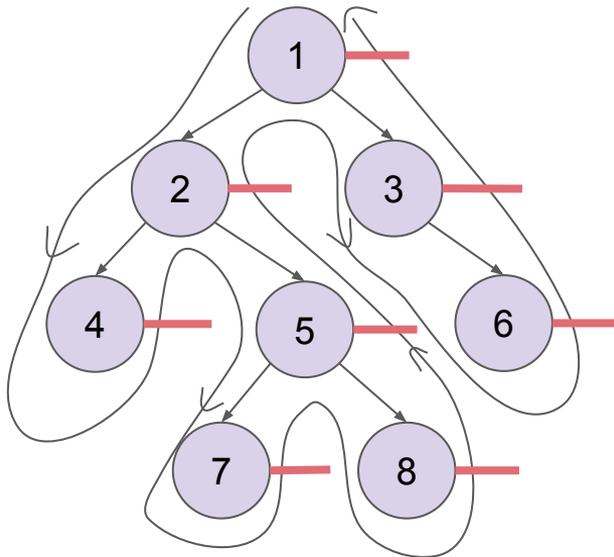
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Post-order

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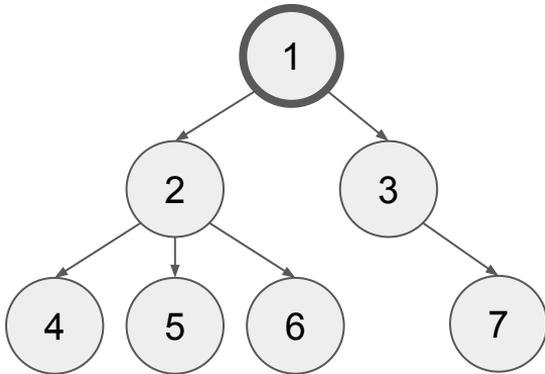
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Euler Tour

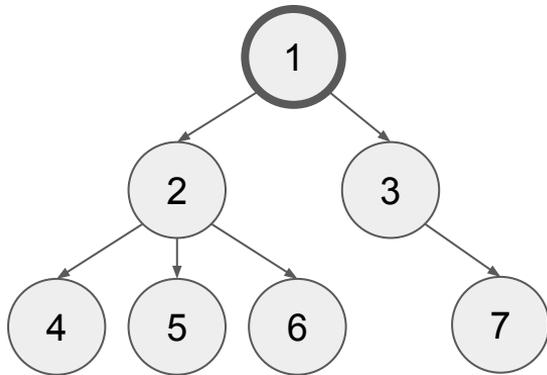
Euler Tour is a technique applying on trees generally, it is like merging pre and post orders.



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void euler_tour(int node) {  
    process(node)  
  
    for (auto child : children[node])  
        euler_tour(child);  
  
    process(node)  
}
```

Euler Tour

1						



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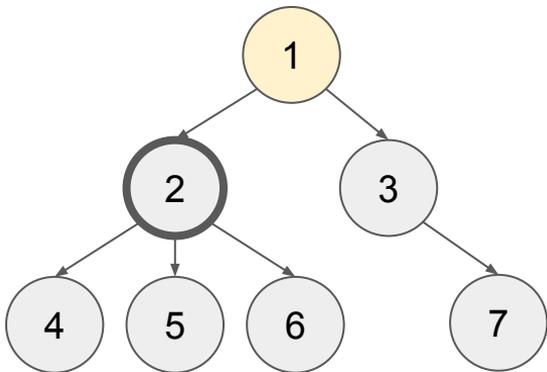
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Euler Tour

1	2					



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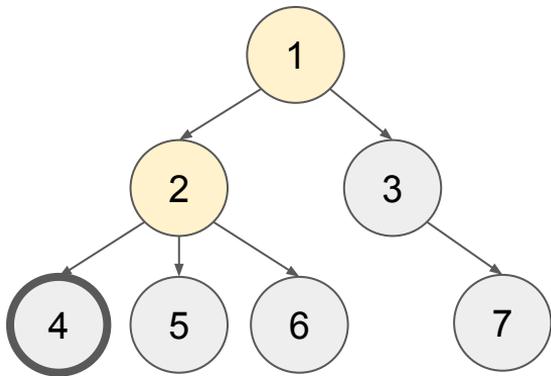
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Euler Tour

1	2	4				



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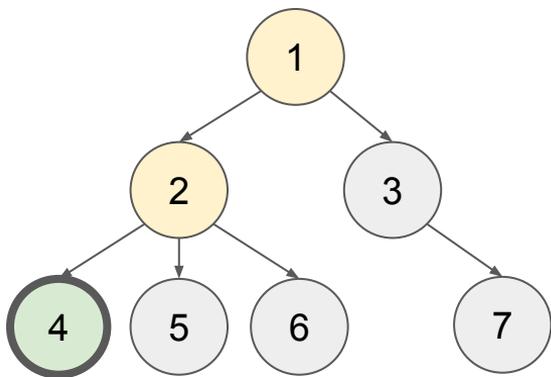
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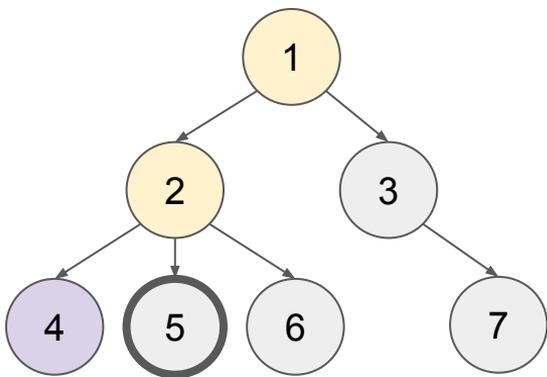
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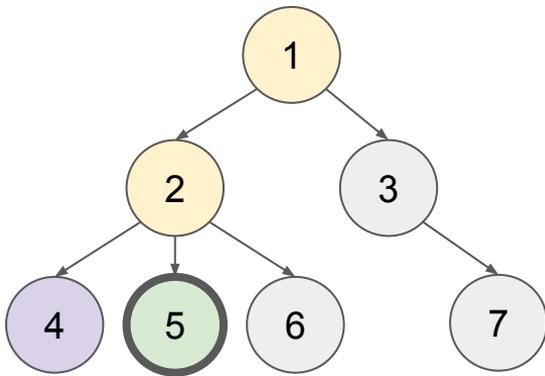
1	2	4	4	5		



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Euler Tour

1	2	4	4	5	5	



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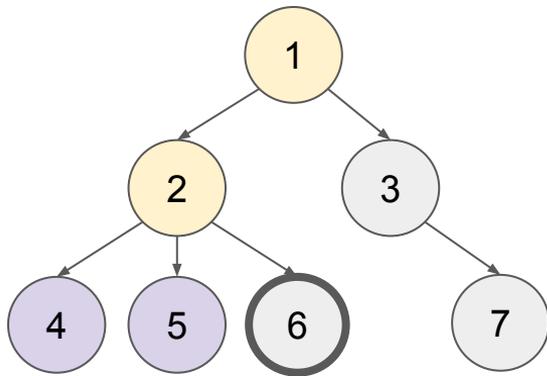
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Euler Tour

1	2	4	4	5	5	6



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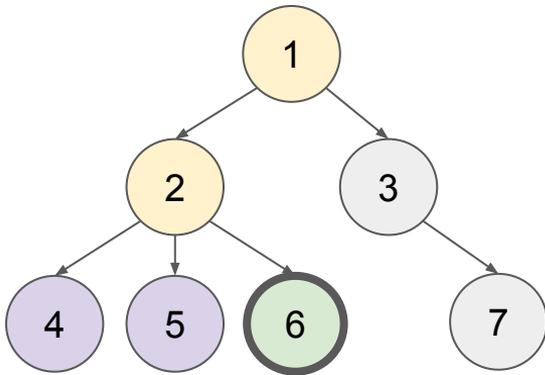
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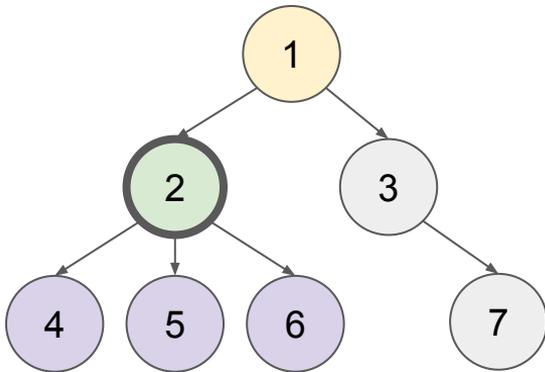
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Euler Tour

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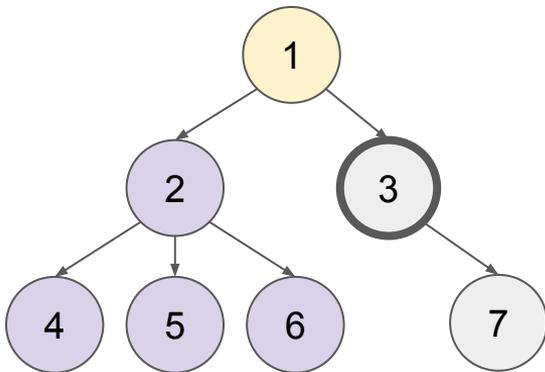
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Euler Tour

1	2	4	4	5	5	6
6	2	3				



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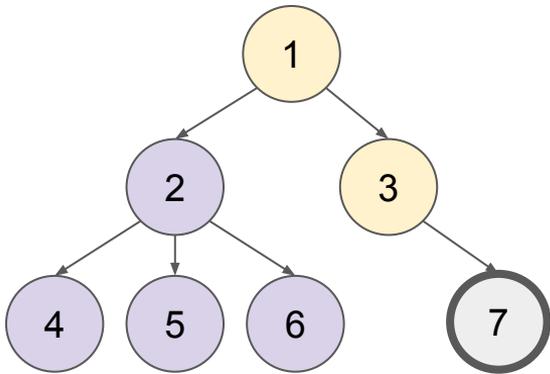
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Euler Tour

1	2	4	4	5	5	6
6	2	3	7			



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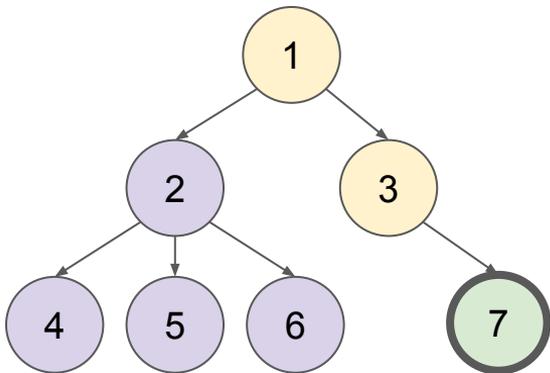
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Euler Tour

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6	2	3	7	7		



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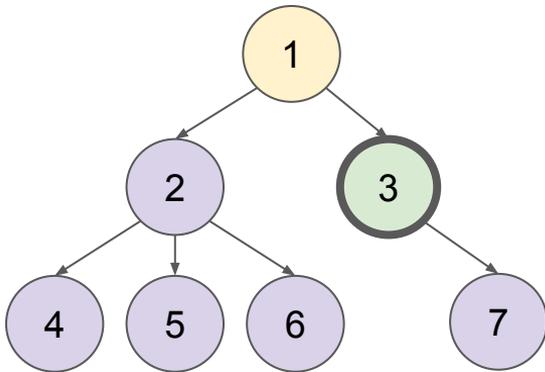
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Euler Tour

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6	2	3	7	7	3	



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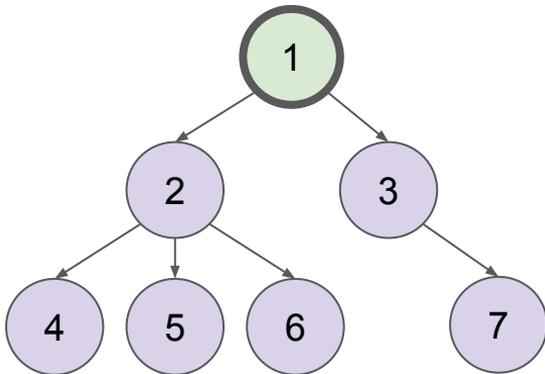
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Euler Tour

1	2	4	4	5	5	6
6	2	3	7	7	3	1



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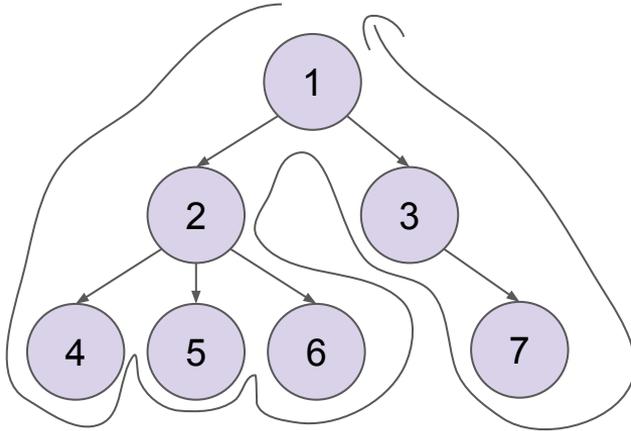
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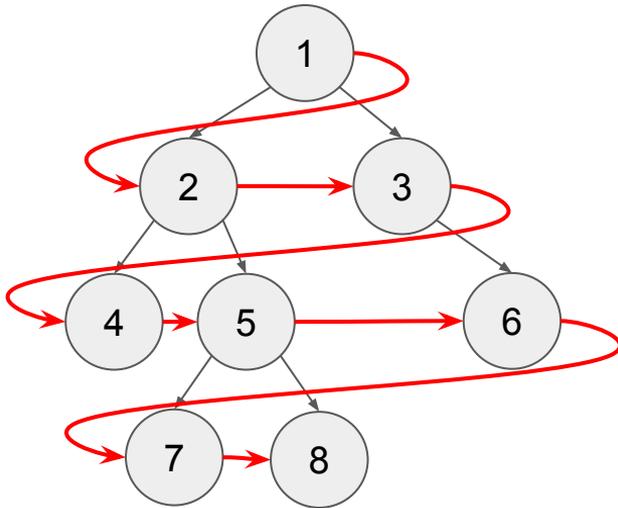
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Breadth-first search on tree

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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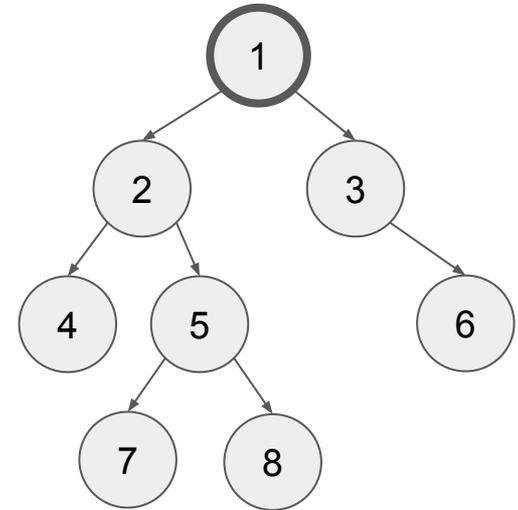
void bfs(int root) {
    queue<int> q;
    q.push(root);
    while (!q.empty()) {
        int node = q.front();
        q.pop();
        for (auto child : children[node])
            q.push(child);
    }
}
  
```

Tree traversal orders: applications

A binary tree can be uniquely determined by (pre-order, in-order) or (post-order, in-order), **but not (pre-order, post-order)**.

[\[HKOI 01040 Tree Recovery\]](#)

Pre-order	1	2	4	5	7	8	3	6
In-order	4	2	7	5	8	1	3	6
Post-order	4	7	8	5	2	6	3	1



Tree traversal orders: applications

Most often combined with tree DPs

Problem 1:

Given a rooted tree with N nodes (node 1, 2, ..., N), find the size of all N subtrees with node i as root.

$$1 \leq N \leq 10^5$$

Tree traversal orders: applications

Problem 1 Solution:

We can write a DFS similar to post-order traversal to calculate the size of subtree

$$size[i] = 1 + \text{sum of } size[c]$$

where c are all children of node i .

```
vector<int> sz;
vector<vector<int>> children;

void dfs(int node) {
    sz[node] = 1;
    for (auto child : children[node]) {
        dfs(child);
        sz[node] += sz[child];
    }
}
```

Tree traversal orders: applications

Problem 2:

Given a rooted tree with N nodes (node 1, 2, ..., N) having initial value a_i , there are two types of operation:

- *update*(x, y): set the value of node x to y
- *query*(x): query the maximum value among all nodes in the subtree of x .

Perform all Q operations.

$N, Q \leq 10^5$

[\[A203 Euler Tour\]](#)

Tree traversal orders: applications

Problem 2 Solution:

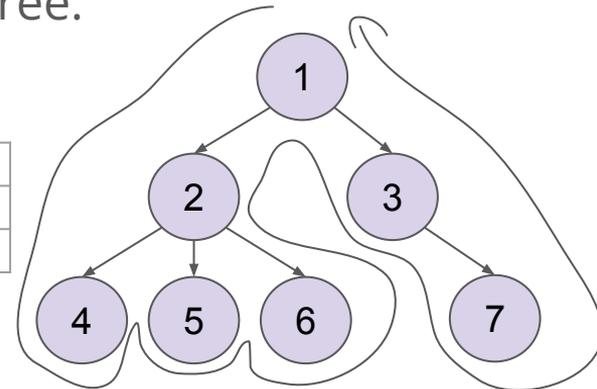
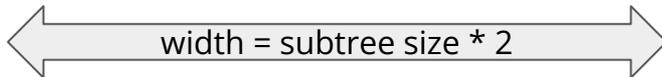
Store the value of nodes in an array using the Euler Tour of the tree.

Then values of nodes in a subtree is contiguous in the array.

This reduces (flattens) the problem to range update, point query problem, which can be solved with data structures like segment tree.

For example, the subtree of node 2 is shown below:

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Order	1	2	4	4	5	5	6	6	2	3	7	7	3	1
Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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Problem 3: (Knapsack on Tree)

Given a rooted tree with N nodes (node 1, 2, ..., N), each edge has a digging cost and each node has a reward.

You can dig some edges such that all digged edges are connected to node 1 by some digged edges. The sum of digging costs cannot exceed a digging budget B . Find the maximum sum of rewards of nodes lying on any digged edge.

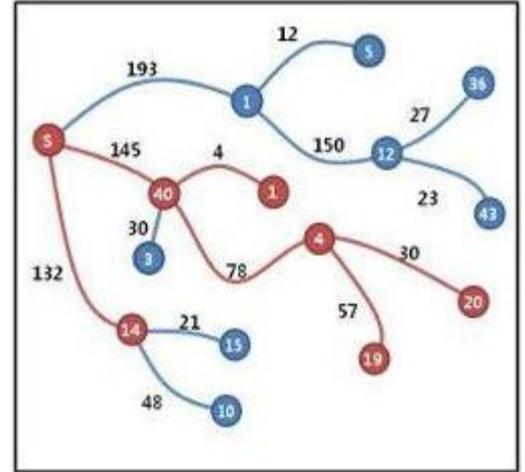
$$1 \leq N, B \leq 10^3$$

([from https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/13168](https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/13168))

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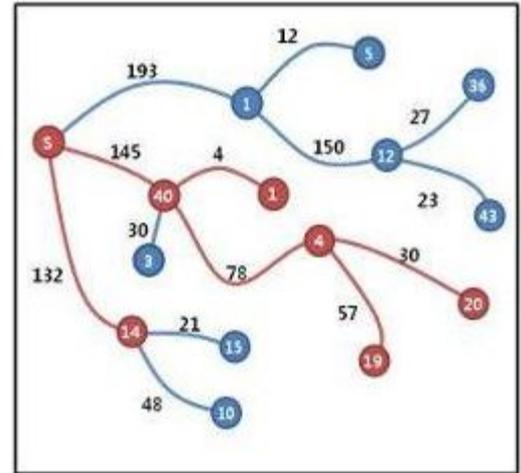
- DP State?
- $dp[i][j]$ = the maximum reward we can get, if we consider the subtree at i with digging cost j , if all digged paths are connected to i
- Combine the children by usual knapsack transition
 - $dp[i][j+w(i,ch)] = \max(dp[i][j+w(i,ch)], dp[ch][j]+v(i), ch=child$



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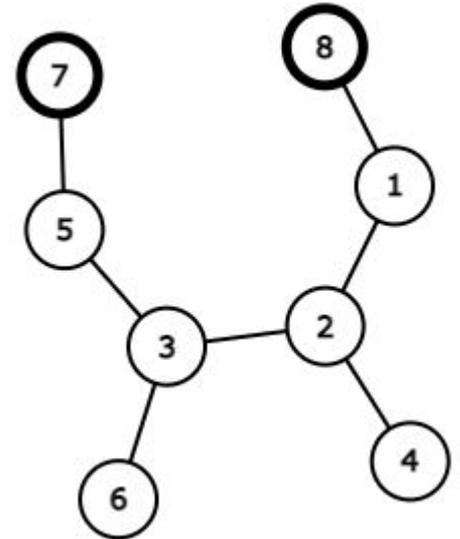
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void dfs(int node, int parent) {
    for (auto child : graph[node]) {
        if (child == parent) continue;
        dfs(child, node);
        for (int j = 0; j < B; ++j) {
            dp[node][j + w(node, child)] = max(
                dp[node][j + w(node, child)],
                dp[child][j] + v(child)
            );
        }
    }
}
```

Tree diameter

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The diameter of a tree is the furthest distance between any two nodes in the tree.

For example, in the tree on the right, the diameter of the tree is 5.



Tree diameter: algorithm

It is obvious that we can run DFS/BFS from every node once and take the maximum distance from each run, resulting in an algorithm with complexity $O(V^2)$, where V is the number of nodes.

However, we can do better.

Tree diameter: algorithm

We do not have to run a DFS/BFS from every node: we only need to do it twice.

- First, we run a DFS/BFS from any node, recording the depth of each node from the starting node.
- Among all the nodes with the maximum depth, choose any of them, and run another DFS/BFS while recording the depth of each node.
- The maximum depth in the second DFS/BFS is the tree diameter.

This results in an algorithm with time complexity $O(V)$, where V is the number of nodes.

Tree diameter: implementation

```
void dfs(int u, int parent, int depth) {
    if (max_depth < depth) {
        deepest_node = u;
        max_depth = depth;
    }
    for (auto v : edges[u])
        if (v != parent) dfs(v, u, depth + 1);
}

int diameter() {
    max_depth = 0;
    dfs(1, -1, 0);
    max_depth = 0;
    dfs(deepest_node, -1, 0);
    return max_depth;
}
```

Tree diameter: proof

How does it work?

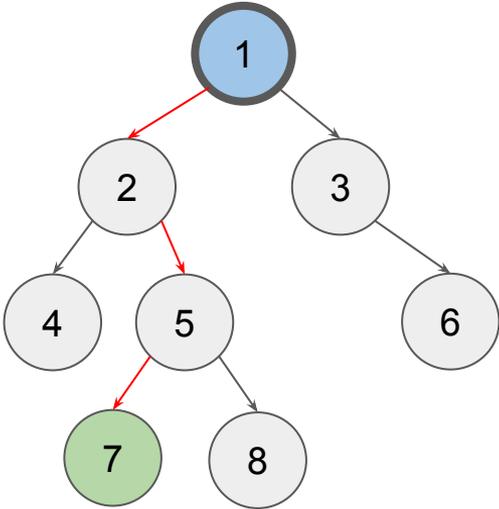
Proof by contradiction:

Assume the longest path is not from the deepest node from the root, you can always extend the path by changing one side to the deepest node

Tree diameter: example 1

First, we run a DFS from node 1. (This can be from any node.)

First DFS								
Node	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Depth	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3



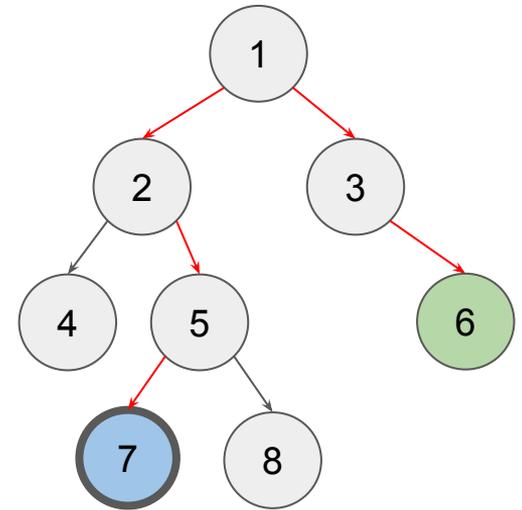
Tree diameter: example 1

As node 7 and 8 have the same, maximum depth, we can choose any of them.

Here, we start from node 7.

First DFS								
Node	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Depth	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3

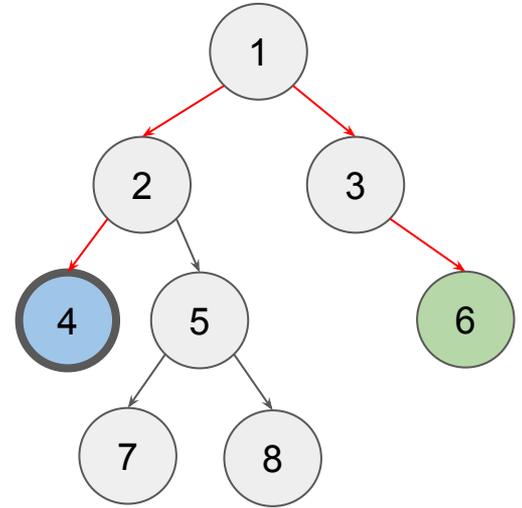
Second DFS								
Node	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Depth	3	2	4	3	1	5	0	2



Tree diameter: example 2

First, we run a DFS from node 4. (This can be from any node.)

First DFS								
Node	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Depth	2	1	3	0	2	4	3	3

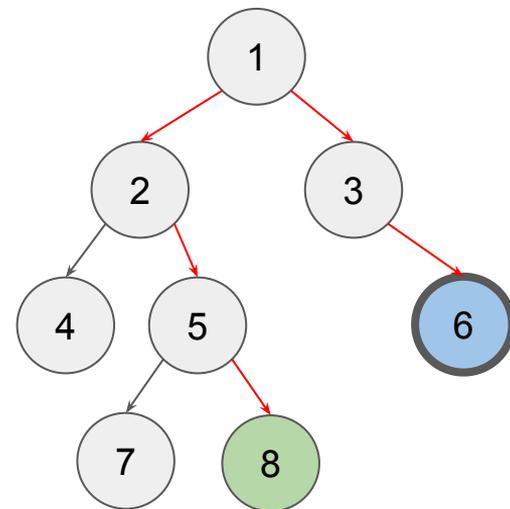


Tree diameter: example 2

As node 6 is the deepest node, we start from node 6.

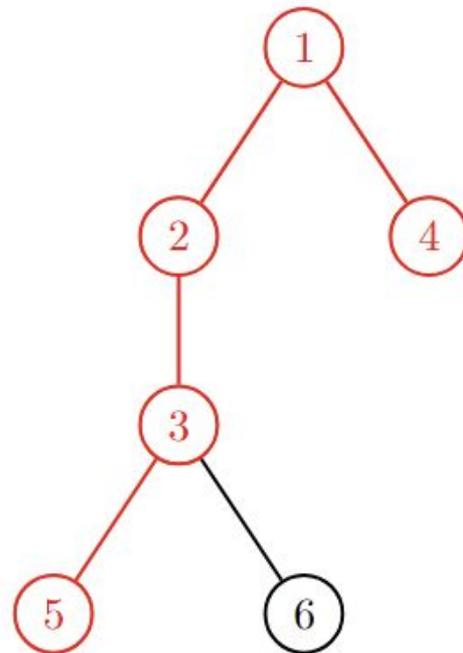
First DFS								
Node	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Depth	2	1	3	0	2	4	3	3

Second DFS								
Node	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Depth	2	3	1	4	4	0	5	5



Tree diameter: demo

[\[A200 Tree Diameter\]](#)



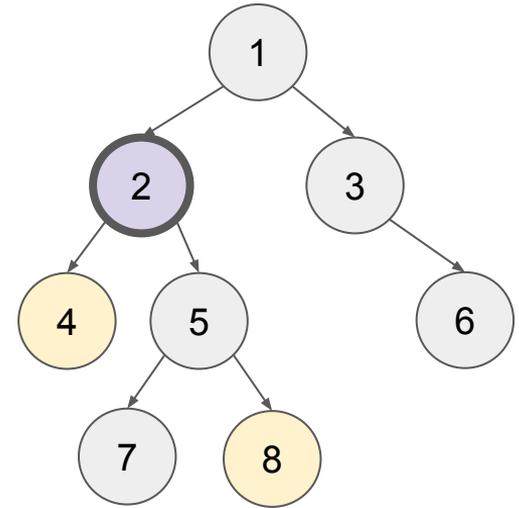
Tree diameter: useful properties

- It actually works on a non-negative weighted tree too! (NOT with negative weights!!!)
- Let (u, v) be the two ends of a diameter of a tree:
- For each node x , the farthest node from x will include u and/or v .
 - Our algorithm starts from finding the farthest node from the root, in which any node could be the root.
- For more: <https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/101271>

Lowest common ancestor (LCA)

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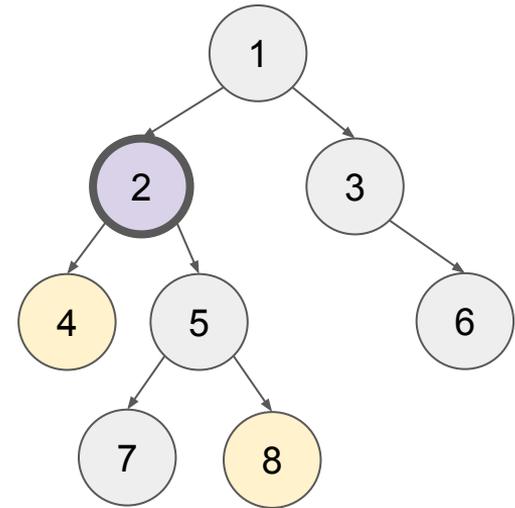
- In a rooted tree, the lowest common ancestor of two nodes u and v is the node that is the ancestor of both u and v and has the highest depth.
- If one of the nodes is the ancestor of another, it is the LCA.
- e.g. $LCA(4, 8) = 2$ (as shown on the right)
 $LCA(5, 7) = 5$



Lowest common ancestor (LCA)

Naive solution:

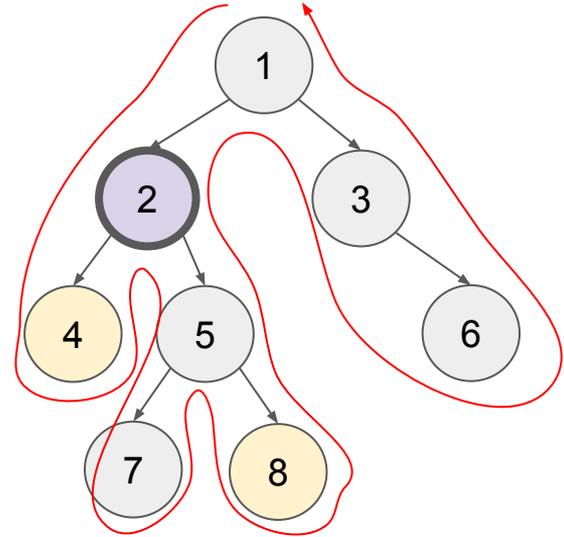
1. Check the ancestors of the given nodes and return the lowest common one
 - Time complexity per query: $O(N)$
 - Space complexity: $O(1)$
2. Precompute the answers of all pairs by running DFS on each node
 - Time complexity per query: $O(1)$
 - Time complexity for precomputation: $O(N^2)$
 - Space complexity: $O(N^2)$



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Solution 1:

- Perform DFS once to generate “Euler tour” of the tree:
 - Insert node once when first visiting the node
 - **Insert node once when one of its children has been visited (Slightly different from before)**
 - Insert node once when leaving the node

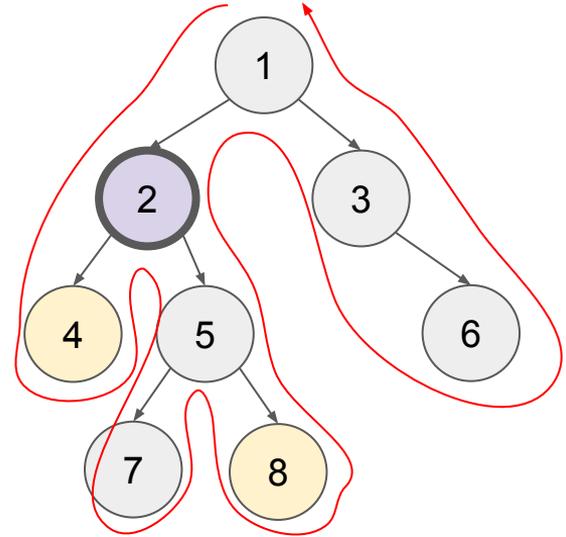


1	2	4	4	2	5	7	7	5	8	8	5	2	1	3	6	6	3	1
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Solution 1:

- For each node, compute the depth and **first occurrence** of the node.
- The LCA always appear between them in the euler tour.
- The one with the smallest depth is the LCA.



1	2	4	4	2	5	7	7	5	8	8	5	2	1	3	6	6	3	1
0	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	0

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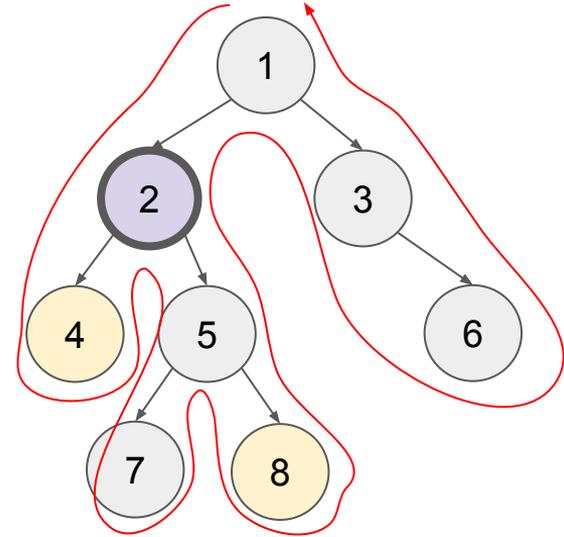
- Thus the problem is reduced to Range Minimum Query problem
- Can be solved with segment tree or **sparse table**
- Complexity:
 - Time, precomputation: $O(N)$ for segment tree, $O(N \log N)$ for sparse table
 - Time, query: $O(\log N)$ for segment tree, $O(1)$ for sparse table
 - Space: $O(N)$ for segment tree, $O(N \log N)$ for sparse table

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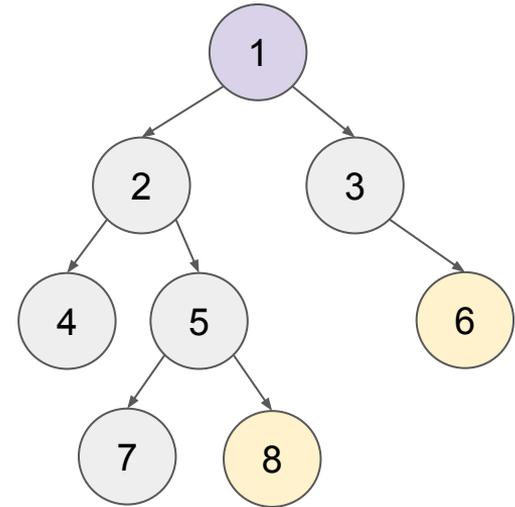
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- Time complexity: $O(N \log N + Q)$, Q = no. of queries
 - Space complexity: $O(N \log N)$



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Solution 2:

- We can attempt to optimize the naive solution of checking all ancestors with **binary lifting**.
- From now on, let us denote $ancestor(u, k)$ as the k -th ancestor of node u .
- For example, $ancestor(8, 1) = 5$,
 $ancestor(5, 2) = 1$, $ancestor(2, 3) = 1^*$
- (For simplicity, we assume the parent of the root node to be itself.)



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Solution 2: proof for correctness

- Assume the LCA of u and v is $ancestor(u, k)$, and $depth[u] = depth[v]$
 - i.e. we have already lifted u to the same depth as v
- $ancestor(u, a + b) = ancestor(ancestor(u, a), b)$ for all node u , $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$
 - $ancestor(u, 0) = u$
- For all $i < k$, $ancestor(u, i) \neq ancestor(v, i)$ because of contradiction (**lowest** common ancestor)
- For all $i \geq k$,
 $ancestor(u, i) = ancestor(ancestor(u, k), i - k)$
 $ancestor(v, i) = ancestor(ancestor(v, k), i - k)$
As $ancestor(u, k) = ancestor(v, k)$ and $i - k \geq 0$, $ancestor(u, i) = ancestor(v, i)$
- i.e. the function $f(x) = 1$ if $ancestor(u, x) = ancestor(v, x)$ else 0 is increasing or, in other words, you can binary search on $f(x)$

Lowest common ancestor (LCA)

```

const int N = 1e5 + 10, K = 20;
vector<int> g[N];
int p[N][K], dep[N];
void dfs(int u, int par) {
    for (int v : g[u]) {
        if (v == par) continue;
        p[v][0] = u;
        for (int i = 1; i < K; ++i) {
            p[v][i] = p[p[v][i - 1]][i - 1];
        }
        dep[v] = dep[u] + 1;
        dfs(v, u);
    }
}

```

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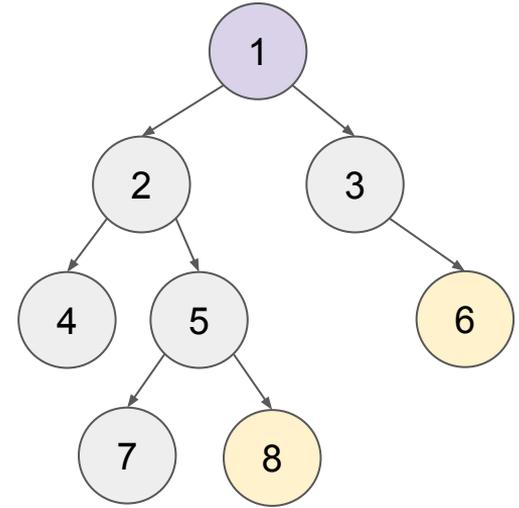
int lca(int u, int v) {
    if (dep[u] < dep[v]) swap(u, v);
    for (int i = K-1; i >= 0; --i) {
        int w = p[u][i];
        if (dep[w] >= dep[v]) u = w;
    }
    if (u == v) return u;
    for (int i = K-1; i >= 0; --i) {
        int w = p[u][i], x = p[v][i];
        if (w != x) u = w, v = x;
    }
    return p[u][0];
}

```

Lowest common ancestor (LCA): application

Given a unrooted tree, answer distance between two given nodes.

e.g. $query(1, 2) = 1$, $query(5, 6) = 4$



Lowest common ancestor (LCA): application

Answer:

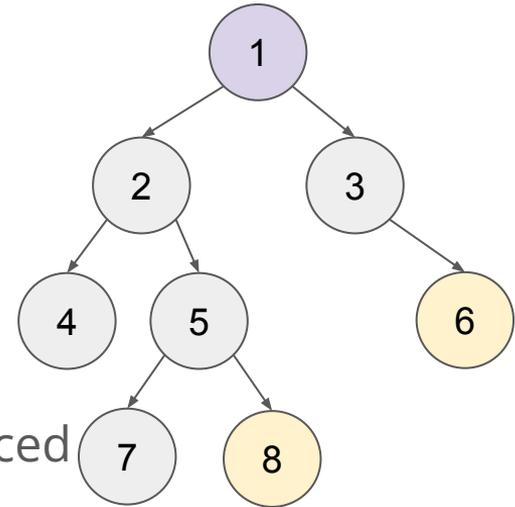
Pick any node as the root. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{query}(u, v) \\ &= (\text{depth}[u] - \text{depth}[m]) + (\text{depth}[v] - \text{depth}[m]) \end{aligned}$$

where m is the LCA of u and v

We can use any of the methods to compute LCA introduced just now.

Note: we can use a similar method to handle path queries besides distance if the information doesn't change.



Practice Problems

- [HKOJ 01038 - Preorder Tree Traversal](#)
- [HKOJ 01039 - Postorder Tree Traversal](#)
- [HKOJ S042 - Teacher's Problem](#)
- [HKOJ M0642 - Cells](#)
- [HKOJ T114 - Current Flow](#)
- [HKOJ T172 - City Reform](#)
- [HKOJ I1311 - Dreaming](#)
- [Codeforces 191C - Fools and Roads](#)
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- [AtCoder nikkei2019 qual d - Restore the Tree](#)
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