

Algorithms and Data Structures for Data Science

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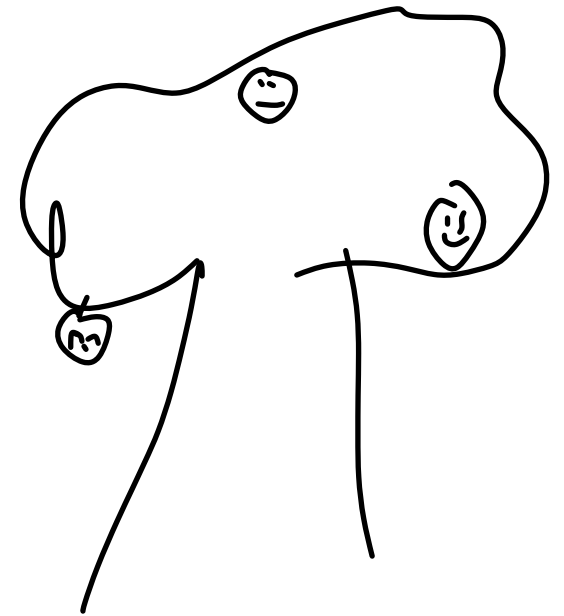
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Learning Objectives

Explore structure and use of a binary tree

Practice building programs by applying small functions to solve more complex problems

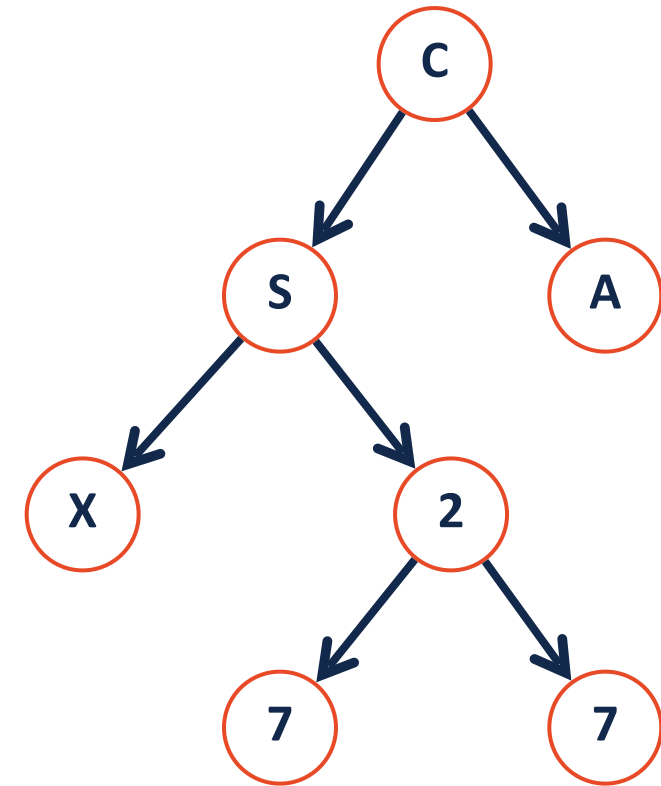
(Binary) Tree Recursion

A **binary tree** is a tree T such that:

$T = \text{None}$

or

$T = \text{treeNode}(\text{val}, T_L, T_R)$

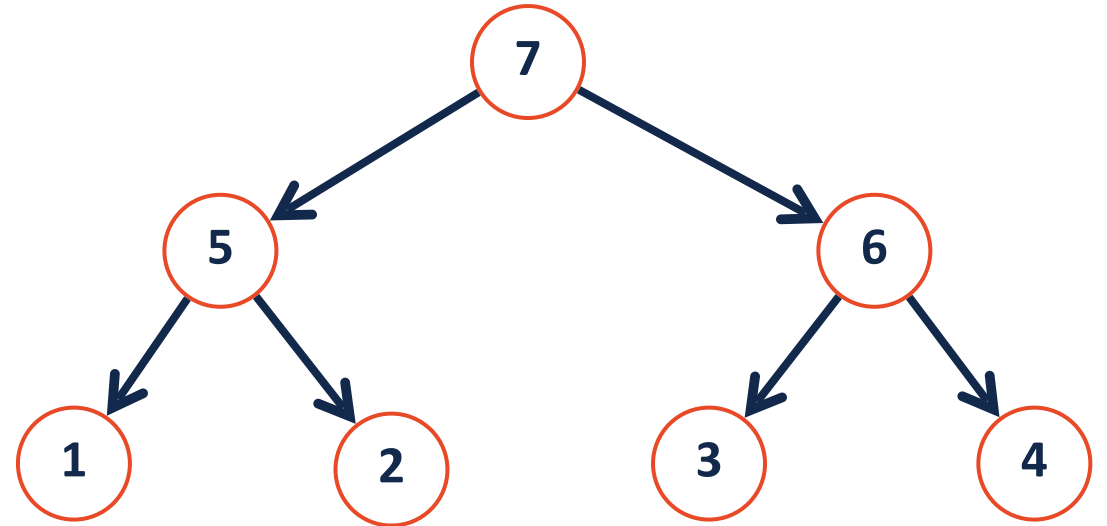


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1 class treeNode:
2     def __init__(self, val, left=None, right=None):
3         self.val = val
4         self.left = left
5         self.right = right
```

```
1 class binaryTree:
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.root = None
4
5
```


Post-Order Traversal

- 1) Recurse left
- 2) Recurse right
- 3) Get current nodes value

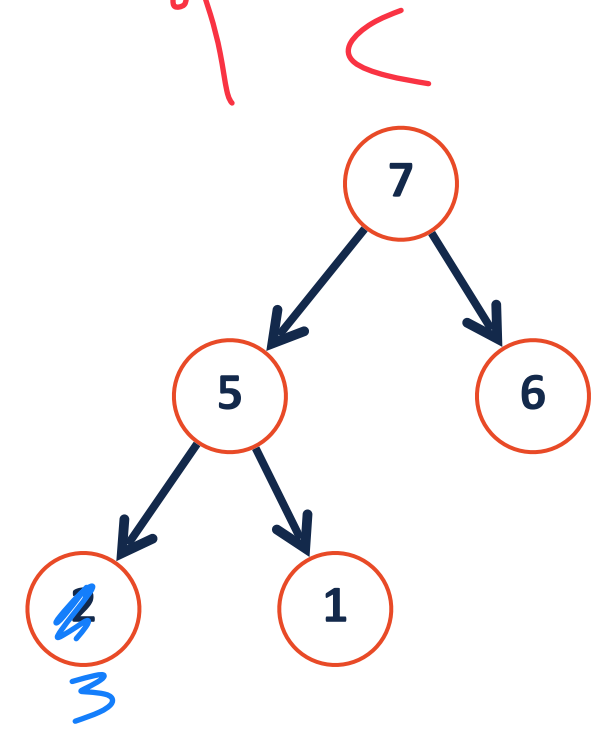
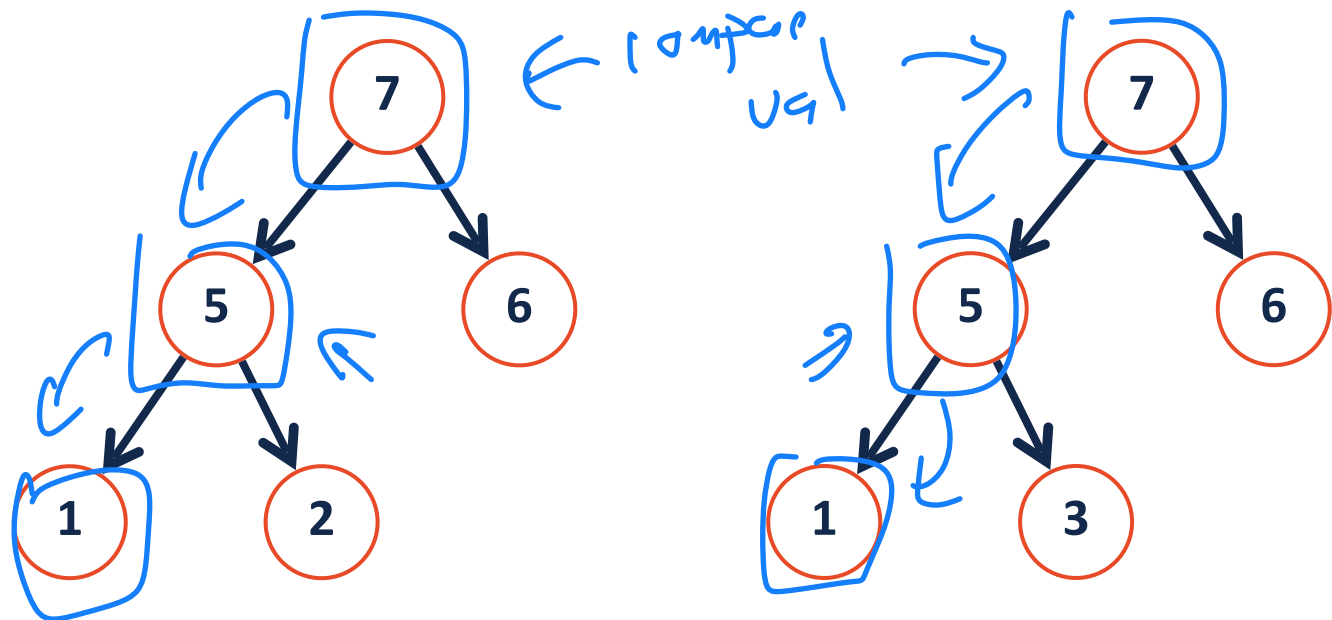


Are Equal

How can we tell if two trees are equal?

$[1, 5, 3, 7, 6]$ *

$[3, 5, 1, 7, 6]$ *



- 1) Check $node1.val == node2.val$
- 2) Check if left child exists \rightarrow recurse left
- 3) Repeat right

Are Equal

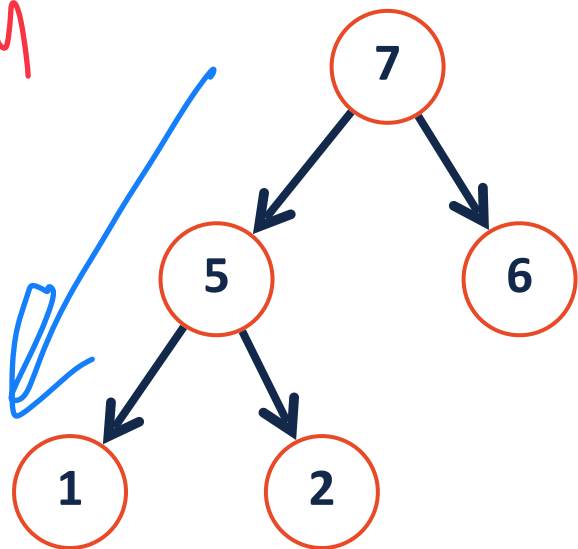
One traversal doesn't work.

LMR

(A)

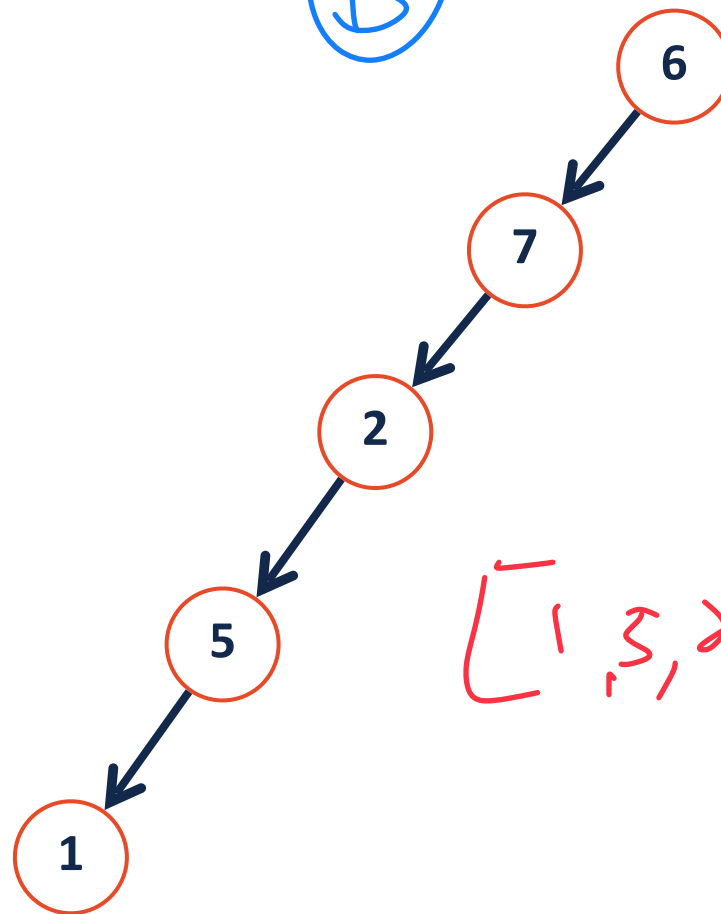
[1, 2, 5, 6, 7]

LRM



[1, 5, 2, 7, 6]

(B)



[1, 5, 2, 7, 6]

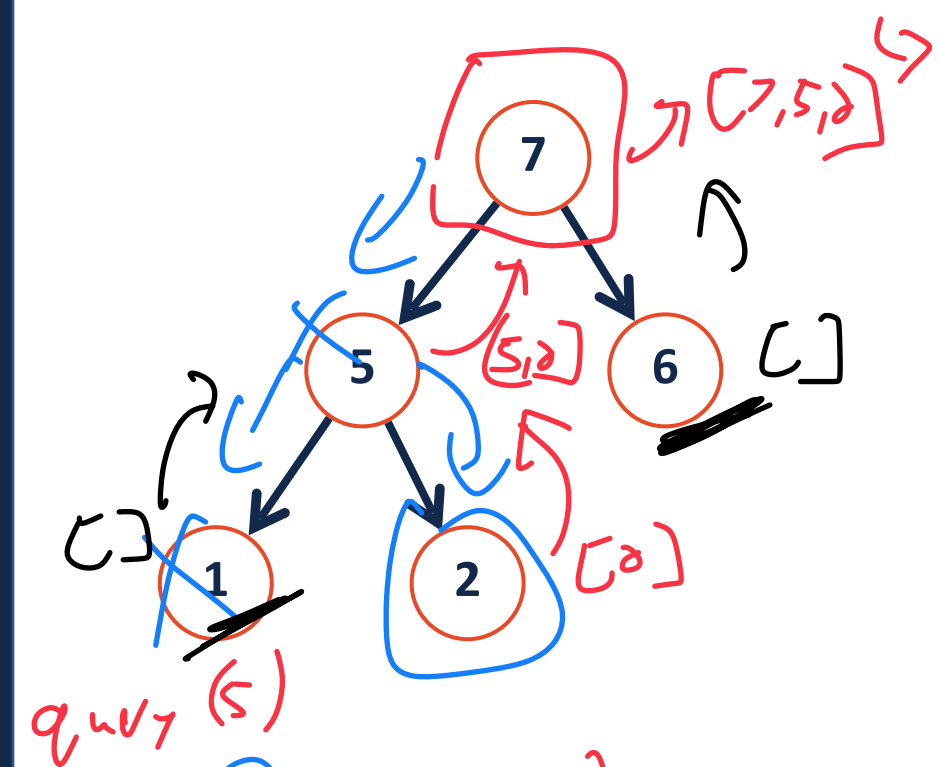
[1, 5, 2, 7, 6]

pathToNode()

pathToNode (<t>, 2)

val ↑

How can we return the path to a specific node?

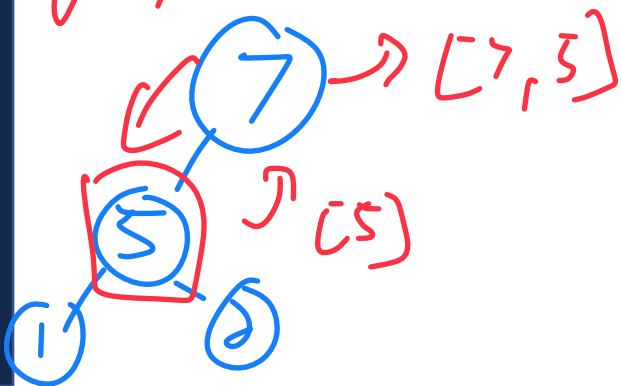


I n class how to search a tree

↳ A recursive traversal

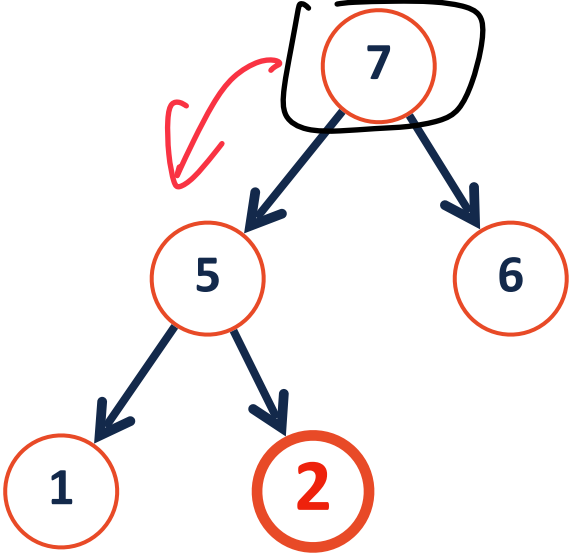
Base Case: If node value is query

OR If leaf



[7, 5, 2]

pathToNode Visualized



```

1 def pathToNode (<7>, 2)
2   <7> is not 2
3
4
5
6
  
```

[7, 5, 2]

```

1 def pathToNode (<5>, 2)
2   <5> is not 2
3
4
5
6
  
```

[5, 2]

```

1 def pathToNode (<6>, 2)
2
3
4
5
6
  
```

return []

return []

```

1 def pathToNode (<1>, 2)
2   <1> is a leaf that is not
3     2!
4
5
6
  
```

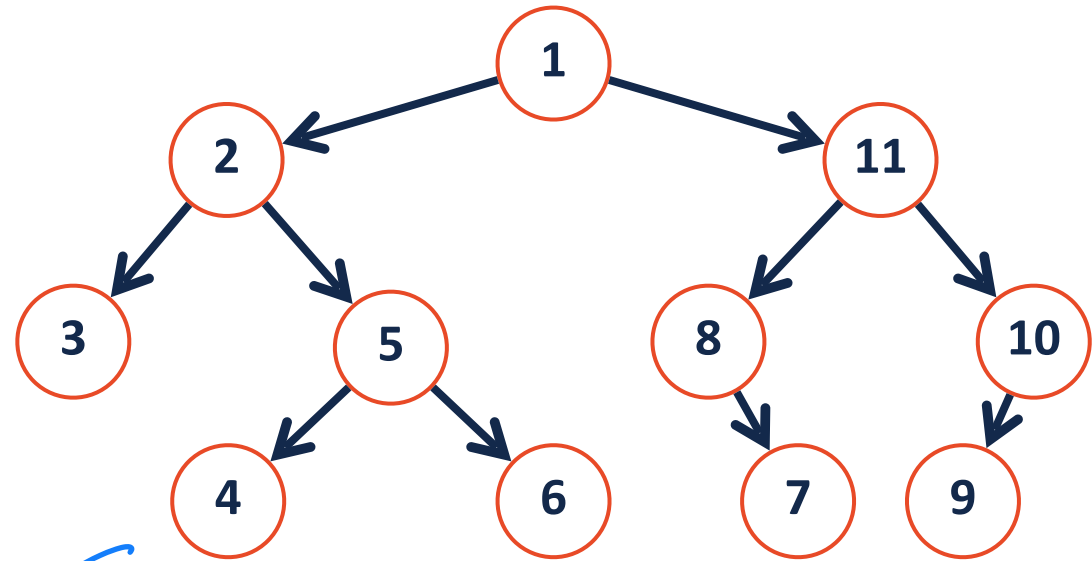
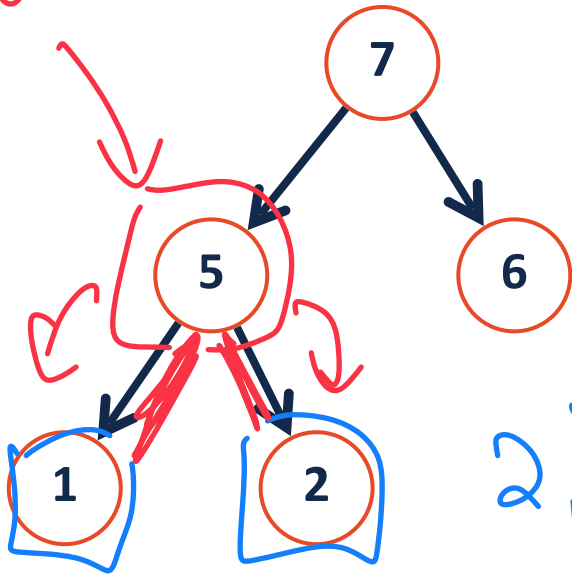
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1 def pathToNode (<2>, 2)
2   I found node!
3
4
5
6
  
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distBetweenNodes()

I want to compute the smallest distance between nodes.

lowest common ancestor

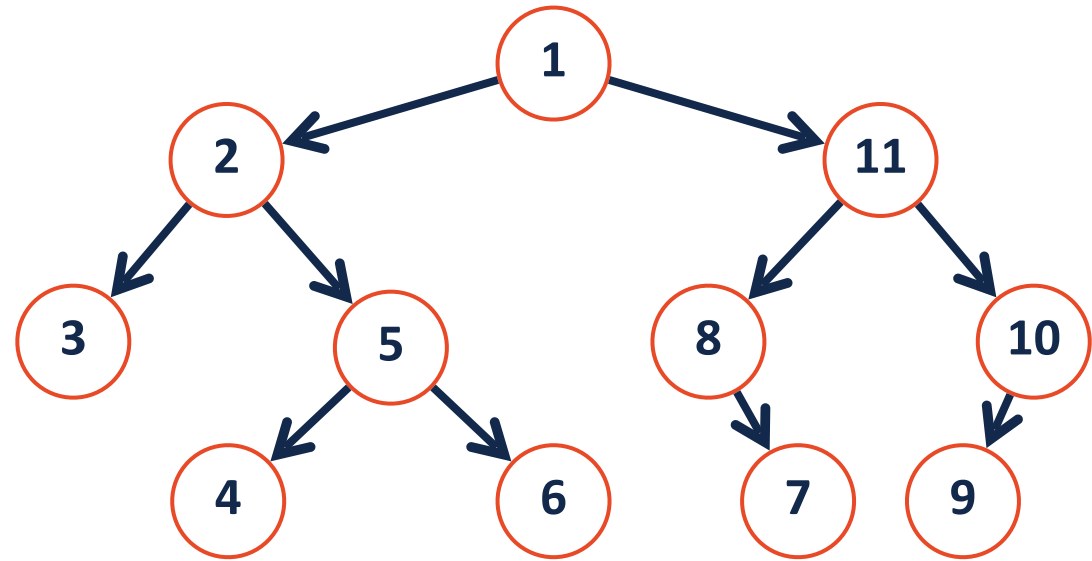
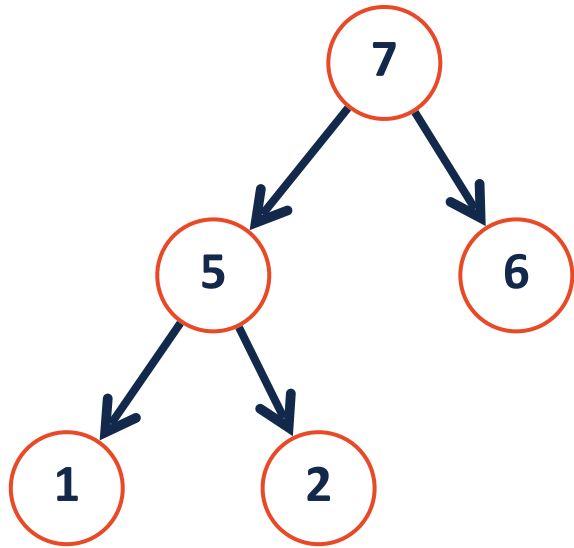


$Path(1) = [7, 5, 1]$
 $Path(2) = [7, 5, 2]$



Lowest Common Ancestor

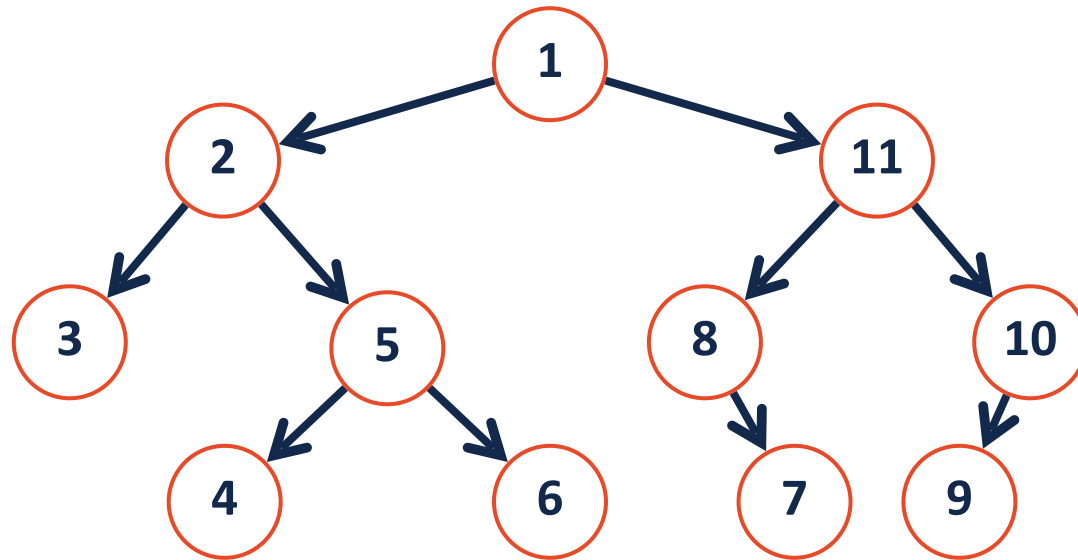
The **LCA** is the mutual parent of both nodes with the greatest depth.



distBetweenNodes()

dbn (<t>, 5, 7)

I want to compute the smallest distance between nodes.



distBetweenNodes()

dbn (<t>, 3, 6)

I want to compute the smallest distance between nodes.

