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    public int minDepth(TreeNode root) {
        if (root == null) {
            return 0;
        }
        return h(root, 0);
    }

    private int h(TreeNode root, int level) {
        if (root.left == null && root.right == null) {
            return level + 1;
        }
        int l = root.left != null ? h(root.left, level+1) : Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        int r = root.right != null ? h(root.right, level+1) : Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        return Math.min(l, r);
    }
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    public int minDepth(TreeNode root) {
        if (root == null)
            return 0;
        if (root.left == null) {
            return 1 + minDepth(root.right);
        }
        if (root.right == null) {
            return 1 + minDepth(root.left);
        }
        return 1 + Math.min(minDepth(root.left), minDepth(root.right));
    }
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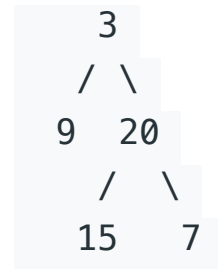
Given a binary tree, find its minimum depth.

The minimum depth is the number of nodes along the shortest path from the root node down to the nearest leaf node.

**Note:** A leaf is a node with no children.

**Example:**

Given binary tree `[3,9,20,null,null,15,7]`,



return its minimum depth = 2.