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/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode left;
 *     TreeNode right;
 *     TreeNode(int x) { val = x; }
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    public int sumOfLeftLeaves(TreeNode root) {
        return helper(root, false);
    }

    private int helper(TreeNode root, boolean isLeft) {
        if (root == null)
            return 0;
        if (isLeft && root.left == null && root.right == null) {
            return root.val;
        }
        return helper(root.left, true) + helper(root.right, false);
    }
}

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