

Problem 111: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree

Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

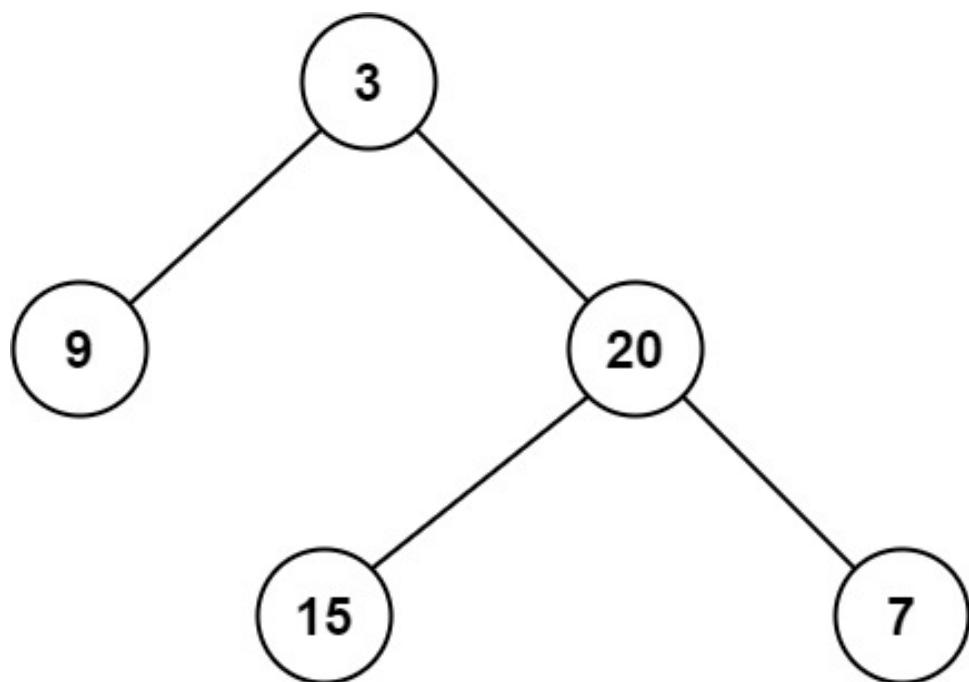
Given a binary tree, find its minimum depth.

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 1:



Input:

```
root = [3,9,20,null,null,15,7]
```

Output:

```
2
```

Example 2:

Input:

```
root = [2,null,3,null,4,null,5,null,6]
```

Output:

```
5
```

Constraints:

The number of nodes in the tree is in the range

```
[0, 10
```

```
5
```

```
]
```

```
.
```

```
-1000 <= Node.val <= 1000
```

Code Snippets

C++:

```
/*
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
```

```

* struct TreeNode {
* int val;
* TreeNode *left;
* TreeNode *right;
* TreeNode() : val(0), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
* TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
* TreeNode(int x, TreeNode *left, TreeNode *right) : val(x), left(left),
right(right) {}
* };
*/
class Solution {
public:
int minDepth(TreeNode* root) {

}
};

```

Java:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
* int val;
* TreeNode left;
* TreeNode right;
* TreeNode() {}
* TreeNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
* TreeNode(int val, TreeNode left, TreeNode right) {
* this.val = val;
* this.left = left;
* this.right = right;
* }
* }
class Solution {
public int minDepth(TreeNode root) {

}
}

```

Python3:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution:

    def minDepth(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> int:

```

Python:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode(object):
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution(object):

    def minDepth(self, root):
        """
        :type root: Optional[TreeNode]
        :rtype: int
        """

```

JavaScript:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * function TreeNode(val, left, right) {
 *     this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 *     this.left = (left===undefined ? null : left)
 *     this.right = (right===undefined ? null : right)
 * }
 */
/**
 * @param {TreeNode} root
 * @return {number}
 */
var minDepth = function(root) {

};

```

TypeScript:

```

    /**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 * val: number
 * left: TreeNode | null
 * right: TreeNode | null
 * constructor(val?: number, left?: TreeNode | null, right?: TreeNode | null)
 *
 * this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 * this.left = (left===undefined ? null : left)
 * this.right = (right===undefined ? null : right)
 *
 * }
 *
 */
function minDepth(root: TreeNode | null): number {
}

```

C#:

```

    /**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
 *     public int val;
 *     public TreeNode left;
 *     public TreeNode right;
 *     public TreeNode(int val=0, TreeNode left=null, TreeNode right=null) {
 *         this.val = val;
 *         this.left = left;
 *         this.right = right;
 *     }
 * }
 *
public class Solution {
    public int MinDepth(TreeNode root) {
        }
    }
}

```

C:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * struct TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     struct TreeNode *left;
 *     struct TreeNode *right;
 * };
 */
int minDepth(struct TreeNode* root) {

}

```

Go:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * type TreeNode struct {
 *     Val int
 *     Left *TreeNode
 *     Right *TreeNode
 * }
 */
func minDepth(root *TreeNode) int {

}

```

Kotlin:

```

/**
 * Example:
 * var ti = TreeNode(5)
 * var v = ti.`val`
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode(var `val`: Int) {
 *     var left: TreeNode? = null
 *     var right: TreeNode? = null
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    fun minDepth(root: TreeNode?): Int {
        if (root == null) return 0
        if (root.left == null &amp; root.right == null) return 1
        val leftDepth = minDepth(root.left)
        val rightDepth = minDepth(root.right)
        return Math.max(leftDepth, rightDepth) + 1
    }
}

```

Swift:

```
/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * public class TreeNode {
 *     public var val: Int
 *     public var left: TreeNode?
 *     public var right: TreeNode?
 *     public init() { self.val = 0; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }
 *     public init(_ val: Int) { self.val = val; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }
 *     public init(_ val: Int, _ left: TreeNode?, _ right: TreeNode?) {
 *         self.val = val
 *         self.left = left
 *         self.right = right
 *     }
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    func minDepth(_ root: TreeNode?) -> Int {
        }
    }
}
```

Rust:

```
// Definition for a binary tree node.
// #[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq)]
// pub struct TreeNode {
//     pub val: i32,
//     pub left: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
//     pub right: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
// }
//
// impl TreeNode {
//     #[inline]
//     pub fn new(val: i32) -> Self {
//         TreeNode {
//             val,
//             left: None,
//             right: None
//         }
//     }
// }
```

```
// }  
// }  
use std::rc::Rc;  
use std::cell::RefCell;  
impl Solution {  
    pub fn min_depth(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>) -> i32 {  
        }  
        }  
    }
```

Ruby:

```
# Definition for a binary tree node.  
# class TreeNode  
# attr_accessor :val, :left, :right  
# def initialize(val = 0, left = nil, right = nil)  
#   @val = val  
#   @left = left  
#   @right = right  
# end  
# end  
# @param {TreeNode} root  
# @return {Integer}  
def min_depth(root)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
/**  
 * Definition for a binary tree node.  
 * class TreeNode {  
 *     public $val = null;  
 *     public $left = null;  
 *     public $right = null;  
 *     function __construct($val = 0, $left = null, $right = null) {  
 *         $this->val = $val;  
 *         $this->left = $left;  
 *         $this->right = $right;  
 *     }  
 * }  
 */
```

```

class Solution {

    /**
     * @param TreeNode $root
     * @return Integer
     */
    function minDepth($root) {

    }
}

```

Dart:

```

/***
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 * int val;
 * TreeNode? left;
 * TreeNode? right;
 * TreeNode([this.val = 0, this.left, this.right]);
 * }
 */
class Solution {
int minDepth(TreeNode? root) {

}
}

```

Scala:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode(_value: Int = 0, _left: TreeNode = null, _right: TreeNode =
null) {
 * var value: Int = _value
 * var left: TreeNode = _left
 * var right: TreeNode = _right
 * }
 */
object Solution {
def minDepth(root: TreeNode): Int = {

```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Elixir:

```
# Definition for a binary tree node.  
#  
# defmodule TreeNode do  
#   @type t :: %__MODULE__{  
#     val: integer,  
#     left: TreeNode.t() | nil,  
#     right: TreeNode.t() | nil  
#   }  
#   defstruct val: 0, left: nil, right: nil  
# end  
  
defmodule Solution do  
@spec min_depth(root :: TreeNode.t | nil) :: integer  
def min_depth(root) do  
  
end  
end
```

Erlang:

```
%% Definition for a binary tree node.  
%%  
%% -record(tree_node, {val = 0 :: integer(),  
%%   left = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{},  
%%   right = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{}}).  
  
-spec min_depth(Root :: #tree_node{} | null) -> integer().  
min_depth(Root) ->  
.
```

Racket:

```
; Definition for a binary tree node.  
#|  
  
; val : integer?  
; left : (or/c tree-node? #f)
```

```

; right : (or/c tree-node? #f)
(struct tree-node
  (val left right) #:mutable #:transparent)

; constructor
(define (make-tree-node [val 0])
  (tree-node val #f #f))

| #

(define/contract (min-depth root)
  (-> (or/c tree-node? #f) exact-integer?))
)

```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Easy
 * Tags: tree, graph, search
 *
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
 * Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
 * Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
 */

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * struct TreeNode {
 *     int val;
 *     TreeNode *left;
 *     TreeNode *right;
 *     TreeNode() : val(0), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {
 *         // TODO: Implement optimized solution
 *         return 0;
 *     }
 *     TreeNode(int x) : val(x), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {
 *         // TODO: Implement optimized solution
 *     }
 */

```

```

        return 0;
    }
* TreeNode(int x, TreeNode *left, TreeNode *right) : val(x), left(left),
right(right) {
// TODO: Implement optimized solution
return 0;
}
* };
*/
class Solution {
public:
int minDepth(TreeNode* root) {

}
};


```

Java Solution:

```

/**
* Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
* Difficulty: Easy
* Tags: tree, graph, search
*
* Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
* Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
* Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
*/

```

```

/**
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* public class TreeNode {
* int val;
* TreeNode left;
* TreeNode right;
* TreeNode() {
// TODO: Implement optimized solution
return 0;
}
* TreeNode(int val) { this.val = val; }
* TreeNode(int val, TreeNode left, TreeNode right) {
* this.val = val;

```

```

* this.left = left;
* this.right = right;
* }
* }
*/
class Solution {
public int minDepth(TreeNode root) {

}
}

```

Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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Difficulty: Easy
Tags: tree, graph, search

Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
"""

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode:
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left
#         self.right = right
class Solution:

    def minDepth(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

Python Solution:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode(object):
#     def __init__(self, val=0, left=None, right=None):
#         self.val = val
#         self.left = left

```

```

# self.right = right
class Solution(object):
    def minDepth(self, root):
        """
:type root: Optional[TreeNode]
:rtype: int
"""

```

JavaScript Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Easy
 * Tags: tree, graph, search
 *
 * Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
 * Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
 * Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
 */

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * function TreeNode(val, left, right) {
 *     this.val = (val===undefined ? 0 : val)
 *     this.left = (left===undefined ? null : left)
 *     this.right = (right===undefined ? null : right)
 * }
 */
/**
 * @param {TreeNode} root
 * @return {number}
 */
var minDepth = function(root) {

};


```

TypeScript Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
 * Difficulty: Easy

```

```

* Tags: tree, graph, search
*
* Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
* Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
* Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
*/

```

```

/***
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* class TreeNode {
* val: number
* left: TreeNode | null
* right: TreeNode | null
* constructor(val?: number, left?: TreeNode | null, right?: TreeNode | null)
{
* this.val = (val==undefined ? 0 : val)
* this.left = (left==undefined ? null : left)
* this.right = (right==undefined ? null : right)
* }
* }
*/

```

```

function minDepth(root: TreeNode | null): number {
}

```

C# Solution:

```

/*
* Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
* Difficulty: Easy
* Tags: tree, graph, search
*
* Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
* Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
* Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height
*/

```

```

/***
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* public class TreeNode {

```

```

* public int val;
* public TreeNode left;
* public TreeNode right;
* public TreeNode(int val=0, TreeNode left=null, TreeNode right=null) {
*     this.val = val;
*     this.left = left;
*     this.right = right;
* }
* }
*/
public class Solution {
    public int MinDepth(TreeNode root) {

    }
}

```

C Solution:

```

/*
* Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
* Difficulty: Easy
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*
* Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
* Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
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*/

/**
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* struct TreeNode {
*     int val;
*     struct TreeNode *left;
*     struct TreeNode *right;
* };
*/
int minDepth(struct TreeNode* root) {

}

```

Go Solution:

```

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// Difficulty: Easy
// Tags: tree, graph, search
//
// Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
// Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
// Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * type TreeNode struct {
 *     Val int
 *     Left *TreeNode
 *     Right *TreeNode
 * }
 */
func minDepth(root *TreeNode) int {

}

```

Kotlin Solution:

```

/**
 * Example:
 * var ti = TreeNode(5)
 * var v = ti.`val`
 *
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode(var `val`: Int) {
 *     var left: TreeNode? = null
 *     var right: TreeNode? = null
 * }
 */
class Solution {
    fun minDepth(root: TreeNode?): Int {

    }
}

```

Swift Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 *
```

```

* public class TreeNode {
*   public var val: Int
*   public var left: TreeNode?
*   public var right: TreeNode?
*   public init() { self.val = 0; self.left = nil; self.right = nil; }
*   public init(_ val: Int) { self.val = val; self.left = nil; self.right =
nil; }
*   public init(_ val: Int, _ left: TreeNode?, _ right: TreeNode?) {
*     self.val = val
*     self.left = left
*     self.right = right
*   }
* }
*
class Solution {
func minDepth(_ root: TreeNode?) -> Int {
}
}

```

Rust Solution:

```

// Problem: Minimum Depth of Binary Tree
// Difficulty: Easy
// Tags: tree, graph, search
//
// Approach: DFS or BFS traversal
// Time Complexity: O(n) where n is number of nodes
// Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height

// Definition for a binary tree node.
// #[derive(Debug, PartialEq, Eq)]
// pub struct TreeNode {
//   pub val: i32,
//   pub left: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
//   pub right: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>,
// }
//
// impl TreeNode {
//   #[inline]
//   pub fn new(val: i32) -> Self {

```

```

// TreeNode {
// val,
// left: None,
// right: None
// }
// }
// }

use std::rc::Rc;
use std::cell::RefCell;
impl Solution {
pub fn min_depth(root: Option<Rc<RefCell<TreeNode>>>) -> i32 {
}
}

```

Ruby Solution:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
# class TreeNode
# attr_accessor :val, :left, :right
# def initialize(val = 0, left = nil, right = nil)
#   @val = val
#   @left = left
#   @right = right
# end
# end
# @param {TreeNode} root
# @return {Integer}
def min_depth(root)

end

```

PHP Solution:

```

/**
 * Definition for a binary tree node.
 * class TreeNode {
 *   public $val = null;
 *   public $left = null;
 *   public $right = null;
 *   function __construct($val = 0, $left = null, $right = null) {

```

```

* $this->val = $val;
* $this->left = $left;
* $this->right = $right;
* }
* }
*/
class Solution {

/**
* @param TreeNode $root
* @return Integer
*/
function minDepth($root) {

}
}

```

Dart Solution:

```

/**
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* class TreeNode {
* int val;
* TreeNode? left;
* TreeNode? right;
* TreeNode([this.val = 0, this.left, this.right]);
* }
*/
class Solution {
int minDepth(TreeNode? root) {

}
}

```

Scala Solution:

```

/**
* Definition for a binary tree node.
* class TreeNode(_value: Int = 0, _left: TreeNode = null, _right: TreeNode =
null) {
* var value: Int = _value

```

```

* var left: TreeNode = _left
* var right: TreeNode = _right
* }
*/
object Solution {
def minDepth(root: TreeNode): Int = {

}
}

```

Elixir Solution:

```

# Definition for a binary tree node.
#
# defmodule TreeNode do
# @type t :: %__MODULE__{
#   val: integer,
#   left: TreeNode.t() | nil,
#   right: TreeNode.t() | nil
# }
# defstruct val: 0, left: nil, right: nil
# end

defmodule Solution do
@spec min_depth(TreeNode.t() | nil) :: integer
def min_depth(root) do

end
end

```

Erlang Solution:

```

%% Definition for a binary tree node.
%%
%% -record(tree_node, {val = 0 :: integer(),
%%   left = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{},
%%   right = null :: 'null' | #tree_node{}}).

-spec min_depth(tree_node() | null) -> integer().
min_depth(Root) ->
.
```

Racket Solution:

```
; Definition for a binary tree node.  
#|  
  
; val : integer?  
; left : (or/c tree-node? #f)  
; right : (or/c tree-node? #f)  
(struct tree-node  
(val left right) #:mutable #:transparent)  
  
; constructor  
(define (make-tree-node [val 0])  
(tree-node val #f #f))  
  
|#  
  
(define/contract (min-depth root)  
(-> (or/c tree-node? #f) exact-integer?)  
)
```