

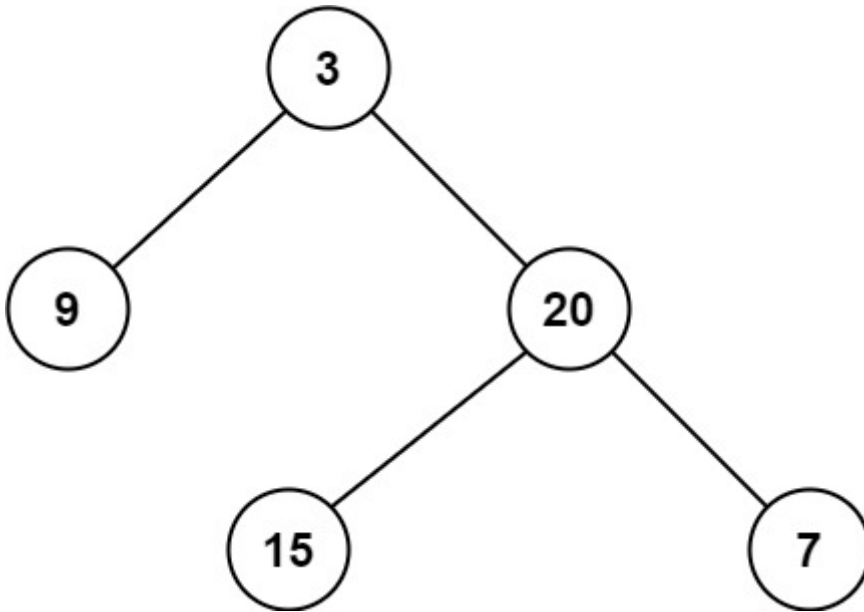
# 111. Minimum Depth of Binary Tree

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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.



**Input:** root = [3,9,20,null,null,15,7]

**Output:** 2

```
def minDepth(self, root: TreeNode) -> int:
    if root is None:
        return 0
    mindepth = [sys.maxsize]
    self.helper(root,mindepth,1)
    return mindepth[0]

def helper(self,root,mindepth,currNode):
    if root is None:
        return
    if root.left is root.right:
        mindepth[0] = min(mindepth[0],currNode)
    self.helper(root.left,mindepth,currNode+1)
    self.helper(root.right,mindepth,currNode+1)
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