

Maximum Depth of Binary Tree

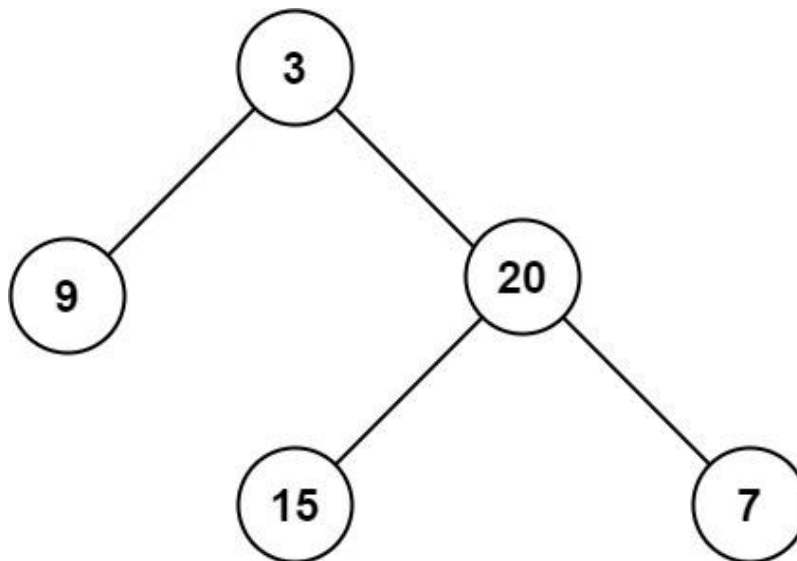
Question:

<https://leetcode.com/problems/maximum-depth-of-binary-tree/>

Given the **root** of a binary tree, return its maximum depth.

A binary tree's maximum depth is the number of nodes along the longest path from the root node down to the farthest leaf node.

Example 1:



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

Output: 3

Example 2:

Input: root = [1,null,2]

Output: 2

Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range [0, 104].
- $-100 \leq \text{Node.val} \leq 100$

Approach 1:

Using Recursive Depth-First Search to find the maximum height.

Solution 1:

```
def maxDepth(self, root):
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    def dfs(root, depth):
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        if not root: return depth
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        return max(dfs(root.left, depth + 1), dfs(root.right, depth + 1))
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```
    return dfs(root, 0)
```

Time Complexity: $O(T)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

Approach 2:

Using Iterative Breadth-First Search using Queue to find the maximum height.

Solution 2:

```
def maxDepth(self, root: Optional[TreeNode]) -> int:
    depth = 0
    level = [root] if root else []
    while level:
        depth += 1
        queue = []
        for i in level:
            if i.left:
                queue.append(i.left)
            if i.right:
                queue.append(i.right)
        level = queue
    return depth
```

Time Complexity: $O(T)$

Space Complexity: $O(T)$

Approach 3:

Using Iterative Depth-First Search using Stack to find the maximum height.

Solution 3:

```
def maxDepth(self, root):
    ans = 0
    if not root:
        return 0
    stack = [] # stack
    stack.append((root, 1))
    while DFS:
        root, depth = stack.pop()
        if depth > ans:
            ans = depth
        if root.left:
            stack.append((root.left, depth + 1))
        if root.right:
            stack.append((root.right, depth + 1))
    return ans
```

Time Complexity: $O(T)$

Space Complexity: $O(T)$