



You are giving  $N = 2$  identical fuses. Their rating is the same; it is one of the following values:

0.5 mA, 1 mA, 2 mA, 5 mA, 10 mA, 20 mA, 50 mA, 100 mA, 200 mA, 500 mA, 1 A

Since the fuses are not marked, you test them repeatedly with different currents to determine the unknown rating. When the current exceeds the rating, the fuse is irreversibly destroyed.

Devise a strategy that minimizes the maximum number of tests to reliably determine the fuses' current rating.

How many tests  $T$  are required to distinguish  $R$  different ratings, if you have  $N$  fuses?

Note: All  $N$  fuses may be destroyed in the process.