

836. Race Car

Difficulty : Hard

<https://leetcode.com/problems/race-car>

Your car starts at position 0 and speed +1 on an infinite number line. Your car can go into negative positions. Your car drives automatically according to a sequence of instructions 'A' (accelerate) and 'R' (reverse):

- When you get an instruction 'A', your car does the following:
 - position += speed
 - speed *= 2
- When you get an instruction 'R', your car does the following:
 - If your speed is positive then speed = -1
 - otherwise speed = 1

Your position stays the same.

For example, after commands "AAR", your car goes to positions 0 --> 1 --> 3 --> 3, and your speed goes to 1 --> 2 --> 4 --> -1.

Given a target position target, return *the length of the shortest sequence of instructions to get there*.

Example 1:

Input: target = 3

Output: 2

Explanation:

The shortest instruction sequence is "AA".

Your position goes from 0 --> 1 --> 3.

Example 2:

Input: target = 6

Output: 5

Explanation:

The shortest instruction sequence is "AAARA".

Your position goes from 0 --> 1 --> 3 --> 7 --> 7 --> 6.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{target} \leq 10^4$