

# 279. Perfect Squares

## Difficulty : Medium

<https://leetcode.com/problems/perfect-squares>

Given an integer  $n$ , return *the least number of perfect square numbers that sum to  $n$* .

A **perfect square** is an integer that is the square of an integer; in other words, it is the product of some integer with itself. For example, 1, 4, 9, and 16 are perfect squares while 3 and 11 are not.

### Example 1:

**Input:**  $n = 12$

**Output:** 3

**Explanation:**  $12 = 4 + 4 + 4$ .

### Example 2:

**Input:**  $n = 13$

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:**  $13 = 4 + 9$ .

### Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 10^4$