

397. Integer Replacement

Difficulty : Medium

<https://leetcode.com/problems/integer-replacement>

Given a positive integer n , you can apply one of the following operations:

1. If n is even, replace n with $n / 2$.
2. If n is odd, replace n with either $n + 1$ or $n - 1$.

Return *the minimum number of operations needed for n to become 1*.

Example 1:

Input: $n = 8$

Output: 3

Explanation: $8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

Example 2:

Input: $n = 7$

Output: 4

Explanation: $7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

or $7 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

Example 3:

Input: $n = 4$

Output: 2

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 2^{31} - 1$