# 279. Perfect Squares

## Description

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 1 are not.

#### Example 1:

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Input: n = 12
Output: 3
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**Explanation:** 12 = 4 + 4 + 4.

#### Example 2:

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Input: n = 13
Output: 2
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**Explanation:** 13 = 4 + 9.

### **Constraints:**

• 1 <= n <= 10 <sup>4</sup>