# 397. Integer Replacement

# Description

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:**

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Input: n = 8
Output: 3
Explanation: 8 -> 4 -> 2 -> 1
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#### Example 2:

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Input: n = 7
Output: 4
Explanation: 7 -> 8 -> 4 -> 2 -> 1
or 7 -> 6 -> 3 -> 2 -> 1
```

## Example 3:

```
Input: n = 4
Output: 2
```

#### **Constraints:**

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• 1 <= n <= 2 <sup>31</sup> - 1
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