#### Caribbean Online Judge

#### 1077 - The 3n + 1 Problem

### Description

Consider the following algorithm to generate a sequence of numbers. Start with an integer  $\mathbf{n}$ . If  $\mathbf{n}$  is even, divide by 2. If  $\mathbf{n}$  is odd, multiply by 3 and add 1. Repeat this process with the new value of  $\mathbf{n}$ , terminating when  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{1}$ . For example, the following sequence of numbers will be generated for  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{22}$ : 22 11 34 17 52 26 13 40 20 10 5 16 8 4 2 1It is conjectured (but not yet proven) that this algorithm will terminate at  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{1}$  for every integer  $\mathbf{n}$ . Still, the conjecture holds for all integers up to at least 10^6. For an input  $\mathbf{n}$ , the cycle-length of  $\mathbf{n}$  is the total of numbers generated up to and including the 1. In the example above, the cycle length of 22 is 16. Given any two numbers  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ , you are to determine the maximum cycle length over all numbers between  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ , including both endpoints.

### Input specification

The input will consist of a series of pairs of integers **i and j**, one pair of integers per line. All integers will be less than 10<sup>6</sup> and greater than 0.

### Output specification

For each pair of input integers **i** and **j**, output **i**, **j** in the same order in which they appeared in the input and then the maximum cycle length for integers between and including **i** and **j**. These three numbers should be separated by one space, with all three numbers on one line and with one line of output for each line of input.

## Sample input

1 10

100 200

201 210

900 1000

### Sample output

1 10 20

100 200 125

201 210 89

900 1000 174

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# Hint(s)

Source

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Time limit (ms) 2000

Test limit (ms) 1000

Memory limit (kb) 131072

Output limit (mb) 64

Size limit (bytes) 100000

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