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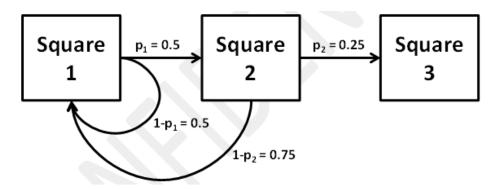
**Problem Statement** 

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The game "Back to Square 1" is played on a board that has n squares in a row and n-1 probabilities. Players take turns playing. On their first turn, a player advances to square 1.After the first turn, if a player is on square i, the player advances to square i + 1 with probability p(i), and returns to square 1 with probability 1-p(i). The player is finished upon reaching square n.

#### Task

Write a program that determines the expected number of turns needed for a player to reach the final square. For example, consider the board below with n = 3 and p(1) = 0.5 and p(2) = 0.25. A player moves to square 1 on their first turn. With probability p(1), they move to square 2 on their second turn, but with probability 1- p(1), they remain on square 1. If they were lucky and made it to square 2 on their second turn, they advance to square 3 on their third turn with probability p(2), but they would go back to square 1 with probability 1- p(2). Thus, a really lucky player could finish is 3 turns. However, on average, it would take 13 turns for a player to make it to square 3.



#### Input

The input is made up of multiple test cases. Each test case contains 2 lines of input.

The first line in each test case is an integer n,  $1 \le n \le 1,000$ , which represents the number of squares for this test case.

On the next line are n-1 single-space separated floating point numbers, each greater than 0 and less than or equal to 1, representing p(1), p(2), p(3), ..., p(n-1), respectively.

The input will end with a 0 on a line by itself.

Note: If for an input test case n=1 (i.e. there is only one square) then there will be no following line since there will be no probabilities. For example, the following input:

2 0.5

1 3

0.1 0.2

contains in total 3 test cases. The first one having 2 squares with an in-between transition

probability equal to 0.5, the second test case consists of a single square (and thus no transition probabilities are provided) and the last test case consists of 3 squares with respective transition probabilities equal to 0.1 and 0.2.

#### **Output**

For each test case, output the expected number of turns needed to reach the final state, **rounded to the nearest integer**. You are guaranteed that the expected number of turns will be less than or equal to 1,000,000.

Note: Every line of output should end in a newline character .

### Sample Input 1

3 0.5 0.25

### Sample Output 1

13

## Sample Input 2

2 0.5 4 0.3 0.2 0.1

## **Sample Output 2**

3 228