

Problem 6—Guessing Game

Professor Plum routinely drives a van-load of CS students to MICS. To keep awake, the “lucky” student in the front passenger seat gets to play the hidden-number guessing game with Professor Plum. They agree on the largest possible value n and the student selects a hidden number from the set of integers $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The professor repeatedly tries to guess the hidden number with the student responding with one of three possible answers:

- "Your guess is lower than the hidden number", or
- "Yes, that's it!", or
- "Your guess is higher than the hidden number".

On one MICS trip, a student got tired of Professor Plum doing a “binary search” of the range to minimize the number of guesses in the worst case. The student asked Professor Plum to consider a related optimization problem: “Given the value of n , what is the *optimal strategy* **that minimizes the sum of all incorrect guesses** leading up to the hidden number in the worst possible case.”

At first Professor Plum did not understand, so the student talked through some examples.

If $n=3$, the best we can do is obviously to guess the number "2". The answer will immediately lead us to find the hidden number (at a total cost = 2). The total cost is 2 because the one incorrect guess is 2, and not because we need 2 guesses.

If $n=8$, we might decide to use a "binary search" type of strategy: Our first guess would be "4" and in the worst case the hidden number is higher than 4, so we will need one or two additional guesses. Let our second guess be "6". If the hidden number is still higher than 6, we will need a third guess in order to discriminate between 7 and 8. Thus, our third guess will be "7" and the total cost for this worst-case scenario will be $4+6+7=17$.

Professor Plum begins to understand when the student points out that we can improve considerably the worst-case cost for $n=8$, by guessing "5" first. If we are told that the hidden number is higher than 5, our second guess will be "7", then we'll know for certain what the hidden number is (for a total cost of $5+7=12$). If we are told that the hidden number is lower than 5, our second guess will be "3" and if the hidden number is lower than 3 our third guess will be "1", giving a total cost of $5+3+1=9$. Since $12 > 9$, the worst-case cost for this strategy is 12. That's better than what we achieved previously with the "binary search" strategy; it is also better than or equal to any other strategy. So, in fact, we have just described an optimal strategy for $n=8$.

Let $C(n)$ be the worst-case cost achieved by an optimal strategy for n , as described above. Thus $C(1) = 0$, $C(2) = 1$, $C(3) = 2$, $C(8) = 12$, $C(20) = 49$, and

Professor Plum want you to write a program that takes as input a single positive integer X , and calculates

INPUT SPECIFICATION– File name “prob6.in”

The input file contains a single line with a positive integer X. You program should find

OUTPUT SPECIFICATION.

The output file should contain a single line with a single integer answer corresponding to the input X.

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SAMPLE OUTPUT.

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