CISC320 Spring 2018
Programming Assignment 1

You may use any of the following programming languages:

Java
C++ / C
Python
PLT Scheme (Racket subset)

If you would like to use a different one please let me know ahead of time. If you are using a specific library not included in the base distribution of the language please let me know ahead of time.

Testing

You will be given a file as input with the name "input.txt" and will be expected to output a file with the name "output.txt". Your program will be run with the provided test cases in the attached "input.txt" and some additional hidden test cases.

Grading

Grading will be 80% for correctness and 20% for performance. As long as you solve the problem in polynomial time you will receive 15% for performance.

Problem

Consider the following algorithm to generate a sequence of numbers. Start with an integer n. If n is even, divide by 2. If n is odd, multiply by 3 and add 1. Repeat this process with the new value of n, terminating when $n = 1$. For example, the following sequence of numbers will be generated for $n = 22$:

$$22\ 11\ 34\ 17\ 52\ 26\ 13\ 40\ 20\ 10\ 5\ 16\ 8\ 4\ 2\ 1$$

It is *conjectured* (but not yet proven) that this algorithm will terminate at $n = 1$ for every integer n. Still, the conjecture holds for all integers up to at least $1,000,000$.

For an input n, the *cycle-length* of n is the number of numbers generated up to and *including* the 1. In the example above, the cycle length of 22 is 16. Given any two numbers i and j, you are to determine the maximum cycle length over all numbers between i and j, *including* both endpoints.

Input

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 1,000,000 and greater than 0.

Output

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.txt"

1 10
100 200
201 210
900 1000

Expected output for above (written to "output.txt")

1 10 20
100 200 125
201 210 89
900 1000 174