

397. Integer Replacement

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:

- **Input:** $n = 8$
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** $8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

Example 2:

- **Input:** $n = 7$
- **Output:** 4
- **Explanation:**
 - $7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$
 - or $7 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

Example 3:

- **Input:** $n = 4$
- **Output:** 2

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 2^{31} - 1$