

2169. Count Operations to Obtain Zero

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Hint

You are given two **non-negative** integers `num1` and `num2`.

In one **operation**, if `num1 >= num2`, you must subtract `num2` from `num1`, otherwise subtract `num1` from `num2`.

- For example, if `num1 = 5` and `num2 = 4`, subtract `num2` from `num1`, thus obtaining `num1 = 1` and `num2 = 4`. However, if `num1 = 4` and `num2 = 5`, after one operation, `num1 = 4` and `num2 = 1`.

Return the **number of operations** required to make either `num1 = 0` or `num2 = 0`.

Example 1:

Input: `num1 = 2, num2 = 3`

Output: 3

Explanation:

- Operation 1: `num1 = 2, num2 = 3`. Since `num1 < num2`, we subtract `num1` from `num2` and get `num1 = 2, num2 = 3 - 2 = 1`.
- Operation 2: `num1 = 2, num2 = 1`. Since `num1 > num2`, we subtract `num2` from `num1`.
- Operation 3: `num1 = 1, num2 = 1`. Since `num1 == num2`, we subtract `num2` from `num1`.

Now `num1 = 0` and `num2 = 1`. Since `num1 == 0`, we do not need to perform any further operations.

So the total number of operations required is 3.

Example 2:

Input: `num1 = 10, num2 = 10`

Output: 1

Explanation:

- Operation 1: `num1 = 10, num2 = 10`. Since `num1 == num2`, we subtract `num2` from `num1` and get `num1 = 10 - 10 = 0`.

Now `num1 = 0` and `num2 = 10`. Since `num1 == 0`, we are done.

So the total number of operations required is 1.

Constraints:

- $0 \leq \text{num1}, \text{num2} \leq 10^5$

Python:

```
class Solution:
    def countOperations(self, num1: int, num2: int) -> int:
        def f(x, y, cnt):
            if x==0 or y==0: return cnt
            # if x<y: return f(y, x, cnt)
            q,r=divmod(x, y)
            return f(y, r, cnt+q)
        return f(num1, num2, 0)
```

JavaScript:

```
var countOperations = function (num1, num2) {
    if (num2 === 0) return 0; // done
    if (num1 < num2) countOperations(num2, num1); // reverse if num1 is small
    return (
        Math.trunc(num1 / num2) + // quotient (equals repeated subtraction amount)
        countOperations(num2, num1 % num2) // call smaller, remainder
    );
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int countOperations(int num1, int num2) {
        int count=0;
        while(num1!=0 && num2!=0){
            if(num1<num2){
                count+=num2/num1;
                num2=num2%num1;
            }else{
                count+=num1/num2;
                num1=num1%num2;
            }
        }
        return count;
    }
}
```