



Mario has life 10,000

Mario attacks using

- Fireball (attack point 5,000)
- Iceball (attack point 2,500)

Tortoise has life 8,000
It attacks Mario.



FireDragon has life 25,000
It attacks Mario.

Fireballs strengthen it.





```
...  
short int fireballs_in_stock= <some value>;  
short int iceballs_in_stock= <some value>;  
...  
throw_fireball(){  
    fireballs_in_stock = fireballs_in_stock - 5000;  
}  
throw_iceball(){  
    iceballs_in_stock = iceballs_in_stock - 2500;  
}
```



```
short int life_tortoise = 8000;  
attack_mario(){  
    life_mario = life_mario - 2500;  
}  
attack_by_mario(){  
    if(fireball)  
        life_tortoise = life_tortoise - 5000;  
    else  
        life_tortoise = life_tortoise - 2500;  
}
```



```
short int life_firedragon = 25000;  
attack_mario(){  
    life_mario = life_mario - 5000;  
}  
attack_by_mario(){  
    if(fireball)  
        life_firedragon = life_firedragon + 5000;  
    else  
        life_firedragon = life_firedragon - 2500;  
}
```

If Mario attacks Firedragon with fireballs, then life of Firedragon improves

Mario faces Tortoise



Mario must throw 2 fireballs or 4 iceballs before Tortoise reaches Mario

```
short int life_tortoise = 8000;
attack_mario(){
    life_mario = life_mario - 3000;
}
attack_by_mario(){
    if(fireball)
        life_tortoise = life_tortoise - 5000;
    else
        life_tortoise = life_tortoise - 2500;
}
```

Mario faces Firedragon



Mario must throw 10 iceballs before Firedragon kills Mario.

```
short int life_firedragon = 25000;  
attack_mario(){  
    life_mario = life_mario - 5000;  
}  
attack_by_mario(){  
    if(fireball)  
        life_firedragon = life_firedragon + 5000;  
    else  
        life_firedragon = life_firedragon - 2500;  
}
```

Mario faces Firedragon



Mario must throw 10 iceballs before Firedragon kills Mario.

Can Mario survive till he throws 10 iceballs?
Is there a 'cheat'?

Signed integer

Let us consider 16-bit signed short integer

`short int a=3;`

0000 0000 0000 0011

How it is stored in
computer

`short int a=1;`

0000 0000 0000 0001

How it is stored in
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Signed integer

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How it is stored in computer

`short int a=-1;`

1111 1111 1111 1111

How it is stored in computer

`short int a=-3;`

1111 1111 1111 1101

How it is stored in computer

All negative integers have most significant bit = 1

Mario faces Firedragon



Initially



```
short int life_firedragon = 25000;
```

0110000110101000

Mario faces Firedragon



Initially



```
short int life_firedragon = 25000;
```

```
0110000110101000
```

Mario throws one fireball

```
short int life_firedragon = 30000;
```

```
0111010100110000
```

Mario faces Firedragon



Initially



```
short int life_firedragon = 25000;
```

```
0110000110101000
```

Mario throws one fireball

```
short int life_firedragon = 30000;
```

```
0111010100110000
```

Mario throws another fireball

```
short int life_firedragon = 35000;
```

```
1000100010111000
```

Mario faces Firedragon



Initially



```
short int life_firedragon = 25000;
```

0110000110101000

Mario throws one fireball

```
short int life_firedragon = 30000;
```

0111010100110000

Mario throws another fireball

```
short int life_firedragon = 35000;
```

1000100010111000

Most significant bit has become 1.

Recap: negative numbers have most significant bit 1.

→ Life of FireDragon is negative, it dies 😊