

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.

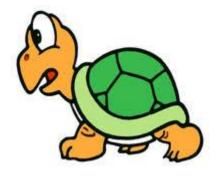


FireDragon has life 25,000 It attacks Mario. *Fireballs* strengthen it.





```
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 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 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

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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



Initially



short int life_firedragon = 25000;



Initially

Mario throws one fireball



short int life firedragon = 25000;

0110000110101000

short int life_firedragon = 30000;



Initially

Mario throws one fireball

Mario throws another fireball



short int life_firedragon = 25000;

0110000110101000

short int life_firedragon = 30000;

0111010100110000

short int life_firedragon = 35000;



Initially

Mario throws one fireball

Mario throws another fireball

Most significant bit has become 1.

Recap: negative numbers have most significant bit 1.

→ Life of FireDragon is negative, it dies ©



short int life_firedragon = 25000;

0110000110101000

short int life_firedragon = 30000;

0111010100110000

short int life_firedragon = 35000;