Egg drop C++

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#include <iostream>
#include <climits>
using namespace std;

int eggDrop(int n, int k) {
   // Initialize a 2D array for DP table
   int dp[n + 1][k + 1]; // Array with (n + 1) rows and
(k + 1) columns
   for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++) {
      for (int j = 0; j <= k; j++) {
         dp[i][j] = 0;
      }
   }

   // Fill the DP table
   for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
      for (int j = 1; j <= k; j++) {
         if (i == 1) {
            dp[i][j] = j; // If only one egg is available, we
need j trials
         } else if (j == 1) {
            dp[i][j] = 1; // If only one floor is there, one
trial needed
         } else {
            int minDrops = INT_MAX;
            // Check all floors from 1 to j to find the
minimum drops needed
            for (int floor = 1; floor <= j; floor++) {
               int breaks = dp[i - 1][floor - 1]; // Egg
breaks, check below floors
               int survives = dp[i][j - floor]; // Egg
survives, check above floors
               int maxDrops = 1 + max(breaks,
survives); // Maximum drops needed in worst case
               minDrops = min(minDrops, maxDrops); //
Minimum drops to find the critical floor
            }
            dp[i][j] = minDrops;
         }
      }
   }

   return dp[n][k]; // Return the minimum drops
needed
}

int main() {
   int n = 4; // Number of eggs
   int k = 2; // Number of floors

   cout << eggDrop(n, k) << endl; // Output the
minimum drops required
   return 0;
}
```

Step 1: Understanding the DP State

- dp[i][j] = **Minimum number of trials** needed to find the critical floor with i eggs and j floors.
- If we have **1 egg**, we must check **each floor one by one** → dp[1][j] = j
- If we have **1 floor**, only **1 trial** is needed → dp[i][1] = 1

Step 2: Dry Run for n = 4 (eggs), k = 2 (floors)

We build the **DP table** from dp[1][1] up to dp[4][2].

Step 2.1: Initialize Base Cases

dp[i][j]	0 Floors	1 Floor	2 Floors
0 Eggs	0	0	0
1 Egg	0	1	2
2 Eggs	0	1	?
3 Eggs	0	1	?
4 Eggs	0	1	?

Step 2.2: Fill DP Table Using Recurrence

For dp[i][j], we check all floors f from 1 to j, and take the worst-case minimum:

$dp[i][j]=1+\min\forall f(\max(dp[i-1][f-1],dp[i][j-f]))$

Filling for dp[2][2]

- Try dropping from **floor 1**:
  - If **breaks**, check below: dp[1][0] = 0
  - If **survives**, check above: dp[2][1] = 1
  - **Max** → max(0,1) + 1 = 2
- Try dropping from **floor 2**:
  - If **breaks**, check below: dp[1][1] = 1
  - If **survives**, check above: dp[2][0] = 0
  - **Max** → max(1,0) + 1 = 2
- **Final Result:** dp[2][2] = min(2,2) = 2

Filling for dp[3][2]

- Try dropping from **floor 1**:
  - If **breaks**, check below: dp[2][0] = 0
  - If **survives**, check above: dp[3][1] = 1

- **Max** → max(0,1) + 1 = 2
- Try dropping from **floor 2**:
  - If **breaks**, check below: dp[2][1] = 1
  - If **survives**, check above: dp[3][0] = 0
  - **Max** → max(1,0) + 1 = 2
- **Final Result:** dp[3][2] = min(2,2) = 2

Filling for dp[4][2]

- Try dropping from **floor 1**:
  - If **breaks**, check below: dp[3][0] = 0
  - If **survives**, check above: dp[4][1] = 1
  - **Max** → max(0,1) + 1 = 2
- Try dropping from **floor 2**:
  - If **breaks**, check below: dp[3][1] = 1
  - If **survives**, check above: dp[4][0] = 0
  - **Max** → max(1,0) + 1 = 2
- **Final Result:** dp[4][2] = min(2,2) = 2

Final DP Table

dp[i][j]	**0 Floors**	**1 Floor**	**2 Floors**
0 Eggs	0	0	0
1 Egg	0	1	2
2 Eggs	0	1	2
3 Eggs	0	1	2
4 Eggs	0	1	2

Step 3: Final Answer
dp[4][2] = 2

Thus, the **minimum trials needed** to determine the critical floor with **4 eggs** and **2 floors** is **2**.

Output:-
2