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Candles



DESCRIPTION

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CODEWRITING

SCORE: 300/300

When a candle finishes burning it leaves a leftover. `makeNew` leftovers can be combined to make a new candle, which, when burning down, will in turn leave another leftover.

You have `candlesNumber` candles in your possession. What's the total number of candles you can burn, assuming that you create new candles as soon as you have enough leftovers?

Example

For `candlesNumber = 5` and `makeNew = 2`, the output should be
`candles(candlesNumber, makeNew) = 9`.

Here is what you can do to burn 9 candles:

- burn 5 candles, obtain 5 leftovers;
- create 2 more candles, using 4 leftovers (1 leftover remains);
- burn 2 candles, end up with 3 leftovers;
- create another candle using 2 leftovers (1 leftover remains);
- burn the created candle, which gives another leftover (2 leftovers in total);
- create a candle from the remaining leftovers;
- burn the last candle.

Thus, you can burn $5 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 9$ candles, which is the answer.

Input/Output

- **[execution time limit] 4 seconds (js)**
- **[input] integer candlesNumber**

The number of candles you have in your possession.

Guaranteed constraints:

$1 \leq \text{candlesNumber} \leq 15$.

- **[input] integer makeNew**

The number of leftovers that you can use up to create a new candle.

Guaranteed constraints:

$2 \leq \text{makeNew} \leq 5$.

