

Problem 278: First Bad Version

Problem Information

Difficulty: Easy

Acceptance Rate: 46.48%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Binary Search, Interactive

Problem Description

You are a product manager and currently leading a team to develop a new product. Unfortunately, the latest version of your product fails the quality check. Since each version is developed based on the previous version, all the versions after a bad version are also bad.

Suppose you have n versions $[1, 2, \dots, n]$ and you want to find out the first bad one, which causes all the following ones to be bad.

You are given an API `bool isBadVersion(version)` which returns whether `version` is bad. Implement a function to find the first bad version. You should minimize the number of calls to the API.

Example 1:

Input: $n = 5$, $\text{bad} = 4$ **Output:** 4 **Explanation:** call `isBadVersion(3)` -> false call `isBadVersion(5)` -> true call `isBadVersion(4)` -> true Then 4 is the first bad version.

Example 2:

Input: $n = 1$, $\text{bad} = 1$ **Output:** 1

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{bad} \leq n \leq 2^{31} - 1$

Code Snippets

C++:

```
// The API isBadVersion is defined for you.
// bool isBadVersion(int version);

class Solution {
public:
    int firstBadVersion(int n) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
/* The isBadVersion API is defined in the parent class VersionControl.
boolean isBadVersion(int version); */

public class Solution extends VersionControl {
    public int firstBadVersion(int n) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

```
# The isBadVersion API is already defined for you.
# def isBadVersion(version: int) -> bool:

class Solution:
    def firstBadVersion(self, n: int) -> int:
```