

Problem 818: Race Car

Problem Information

Difficulty: Hard

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Your car starts at position

0

and speed

+1

on an infinite number line. Your car can go into negative positions. Your car drives automatically according to a sequence of instructions

'A'

(accelerate) and

'R'

(reverse):

When you get an instruction

'A'

, your car does the following:

position += speed

speed *= 2

When you get an instruction

'R'

, your car does the following:

If your speed is positive then

speed = -1

otherwise

speed = 1

Your position stays the same.

For example, after commands

"AAR"

, your car goes to positions

0 --> 1 --> 3 --> 3

, and your speed goes to

1 --> 2 --> 4 --> -1

Given a target position

target

, return

the length of the shortest sequence of instructions to get there

.

Example 1:

Input:

target = 3

Output:

2

Explanation:

The shortest instruction sequence is "AA". Your position goes from 0 --> 1 --> 3.

Example 2:

Input:

target = 6

Output:

5

Explanation:

The shortest instruction sequence is "AAARA". Your position goes from 0 --> 1 --> 3 --> 7 --> 7 --> 6.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{target} \leq 10$

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Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int racecar(int target) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int racecar(int target) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def racecar(self, target: int) -> int:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def racecar(self, target):  
        """  
        :type target: int  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {number} target  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var racecar = function(target) {  
  
};
```

TypeScript:

```
function racecar(target: number): number {  
}  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int Racecar(int target) {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
int racecar(int target) {  
}  
}
```

Go:

```
func racecar(target int) int {  
}  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun racecar(target: Int): Int {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func racecar(_ target: Int) -> Int {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {
    pub fn racecar(target: i32) -> i32 {
        }
    }
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer} target
# @return {Integer}
def racecar(target)

end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer $target
     * @return Integer
     */
    function racecar($target) {

    }
}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {
    int racecar(int target) {
        }
    }
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {
    def racecar(target: Int): Int = {
        }
```

```
}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec racecar(target :: integer) :: integer
  def racecar(target) do

  end
end
```

Erlang:

```
-spec racecar(Target :: integer()) -> integer().
racecar(Target) ->
  .
```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (racecar target)
  (-> exact-integer? exact-integer?))
```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Race Car
 * Difficulty: Hard
 * Tags: dp
 *
 * Approach: Dynamic programming with memoization or tabulation
 * Time Complexity: O(n * m) where n and m are problem dimensions
 * Space Complexity: O(n) or O(n * m) for DP table
 */

class Solution {
public:
    int racecar(int target) {
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

Java Solution:

```
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 */  
  
class Solution {  
    public int racecar(int target) {  
        // Implementation  
    }  
}
```

Python3 Solution:

```
"""  
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"""  
  
class Solution:  
    def racecar(self, target: int) -> int:  
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution  
        pass
```

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```

class Solution(object):
    def racecar(self, target):
        """
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int racecar(int target) {
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func racecar(target int) int {

}
```

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```
class Solution {
    fun racecar(target: Int): Int {
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}
```

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