

# 1387. Sort Integers by The Power Value

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The power of an integer  $x$  is defined as the number of steps needed to transform  $x$  into  $1$  using the following steps:

- if  $x$  is even then  $x = x / 2$
- if  $x$  is odd then  $x = 3 * x + 1$

For example, the power of  $x = 3$  is 7 because 3 needs 7 steps to become 1 ( $3 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$ ).

Given three integers  $lo$ ,  $hi$  and  $k$ . The task is to sort all integers in the interval  $[lo, hi]$  by the power value in **ascending order**, if two or more integers have **the same** power value sort them by **ascending order**.

Return the  $k$ -th integer in the range  $[lo, hi]$  sorted by the power value.

Notice that for any integer  $x$  ( $lo \leq x \leq hi$ ) it is **guaranteed** that  $x$  will transform into  $1$  using these steps and that the power of  $x$  is will **fit** in 32 bit signed integer.

## Example 1:

**Input:**  $lo = 12, hi = 15, k = 2$

**Output:** 13

**Explanation:** The power of 12 is 9 ( $12 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$ )

The power of 13 is 9

The power of 14 is 17

The power of 15 is 17

The interval sorted by the power value  $[12, 13, 14, 15]$ . For  $k = 2$  answer is the second element which is 13.

Notice that 12 and 13 have the same power value and we sorted them in ascending order. Same for 14 and 15.

## Example 2:

**Input:**  $lo = 1, hi = 1, k = 1$

**Output:** 1

## Example 3:

**Input:**  $lo = 7, hi = 11, k = 4$

**Output:** 7

**Explanation:** The power array corresponding to the interval [7, 8, 9, 10, 11] is [16, 3, 19, 6, 14].

The interval sorted by power is [8, 10, 11, 7, 9].

The fourth number in the sorted array is 7.

#### Example 4:

**Input:** lo = 10, hi = 20, k = 5

**Output:** 13

#### Example 5:

**Input:** lo = 1, hi = 1000, k = 777

**Output:** 570

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def getKth(self, lo: int, hi: int, k: int) -> int:
    res = {}
    res[1] = 1

    for i in range(lo,hi+1):
        temp = self.helper(i,res)
        res[i] = temp
    ans = {}
    for i in range(lo,hi+1):
        ans[i] = res[i]
    ans = sorted(ans.items(),key=lambda x:x[1])
    return ans[k-1][0]
    # print(ans)

def helper(self,n,res):
    if n==1:
        return 0
    if n in res:
        return res[n]
    if n%2==0:
        temp = 1+self.helper(n//2,res)
        res[n] = temp
        return temp
    else:
        temp = 1+self.helper((3*n)+1,res)
        res[n] = temp
        return temp
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