题目原文:

Suppose that you have an n-story building (with floors 1 through n) and plenty of eggs. An egg breaks if it is dropped from floor T or higher and does not break otherwise. Your goal is to devise a strategy to determine the value of T given the following limitations on the number of eggs and tosses:

- Version 0: 1 egg, ≤T tosses.
- Version 1: ~1lgn eggs and ~1lgn tosses.
- Version 2: ~lgT eggs and ~2lgT tosses.
- Version 3: 2 eggs and $\sim 2\sqrt{n}$ n tosses.
- Version 4: 2 eggs and $\leq c\sqrt{T}T$ tosses for some fixed constant c

分析:

version0: 拿着一个鸡蛋从1~n依次扔就可以,到floor T会碎,故复杂度为≤T

version 1: 采用二分查找, 首先从n/2层开始扔:

if(鸡蛋碎) 从(n/2)/2层开始扔;

else 从n/2+(n/2)/2层开始扔

二分方法需要Ign个鸡蛋尝试Ign次

version 2: 依次从1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32,...2 k 开始扔,如果鸡蛋在2 k 碎了,那么2 $^{k-1}$ \leq T \leq 2 k ,这时已经使用了 IgT 次步,接下来在[2 $^{k-1}$ +1,2 k) 区间进行version1的二分查找方法,需要花费IgT步。这两种操作加起来总共花费2IgT步

version 3: 将 0~n 层楼分成[1, \sqrt{n} n-1], [\sqrt{n} n, 2 \sqrt{n} n-1], [$2\sqrt{n}$ n,3 \sqrt{n} n-1]...[$k\sqrt{n}$ n, (k+1) \sqrt{n} n-1]..个区间,用一个鸡蛋分布从1开始在各个区间的起始楼层扔,如果在 $k\sqrt{n}$ n 层碎了,那就从(k-1) \sqrt{n} n+1开始逐层扔。第一步区间选择用了 \sqrt{n} n的复杂度,第二步区间内部扔鸡蛋用了 \sqrt{n} n的复杂度,总共用了 $2\sqrt{n}$ n

version 4: 尝试从1, 4, 9, 16, 25,...(k-1)², k²....楼层扔鸡蛋,加入鸡蛋在楼层k²碎了,意味着(k-1)² \leq T \leq k²,这一步尝试了 \sqrt{T} T次(k= \sqrt{T} T)。接着从楼层(k-1)²+1开始逐层扔,最多尝试至k²-1结束,这一步需要尝试k²-1-(k-1)²-1=2 \sqrt{T} T-1=2 \sqrt{T} T-2次。总共用了 $3\sqrt{T}$ T-2次