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procedure *square*(n : nonnegative integer)

if $n=0$ **then return** 0

else return *square*($n-1$)+ $2n-1$

Let $P(n)$ denote that this algorithm is correctly computing n^2 . We can use mathematical induction.

Basic step:

If the input is 0, using the **if** clause we can have $n^2=0$.

$P(0)$ is true.

Inductive step:

Assume that $P(k)$ is true for any nonnegative integer k .

If the input is $k+1$, using the **else** clause we can have $k^2+2(k+1)-1=k^2+2k+1=(k+1)^2$. Hence $P(k+1)$ is true. This completes the inductive step.

We can conclude that the algorithm is true.

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We can simply know that the result is 3^{50} .

So there are 3^{50} ways.

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We can simply know that the result is $(6-1)!/2=60$.

So there are 60 ways.

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Using the pigeonhole principle we can know the result is $99 \cdot 50 + 1 = 4951$.

So 4951 is the minimum number.

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Using the generalized pigeonhole principle we can have $677 = 17 \cdot 38 + 31$ and $17 + 1 = 18$.

So 18 rooms are needed.