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Pseudo-dichotomic search

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Consider a hidden vector *V* with *n* integer numbers in strictly increasing order. Given an integer *x* that belongs to *V*, you will play a game to guess the position *j* where V[j] = x. You have to use a "black box" *B*, with parameters *x* and a position *i* inside *V*. If there is a $j \in \{i - 1, i, i + 1\}$ such that V[j] = x, you win the game. Otherwise, *B* will tell you whether x < V[i - 1] or x > V[i + 1].

Given *n*, what is the minimum number of calls to *B* to win the game?

Input

Input consists of several cases, each one with an *n* between 1 and 10^{18} .

Output

For every *n*, print the worst-case number of calls to *B* to win the game, assuming a strategy that minimizes that worst-case cost.

Sample input

1 1	-
1	1
2	1
4	2
9	2
10	3
10000000000000	49

Problem information

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Sample output