The Virtual Learning Environment for Computer Programming

## **Barcelona's trams**

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Quite recently, the City of Barcelona has included trams to its "efficient" public transport. As expected, the result has been a nice set of accidents of outstanding originality and beauty. But diminishing aesthetic reasons, the Mayor of Barcelona has decided to reduce the delay caused by the accidents. After a thorough study the following model has been established.

Every tram must go from an initial point  $P_0$  to a final point  $P_n$  visiting the intermediate points  $P_1, \ldots, P_{n-1}$  in this order. For every  $1 \le i \le n$ , let  $S_i$  be the section that goes from  $P_{i-1}$  to  $P_i$ . Every such section must be travelled at uniform speed  $v_i$ , which is chosen by the driver at  $P_{i-1}$ . Let  $M_i$  be the maximum possible speed of the tram at  $S_i$ , and assume that the chosen speed is  $0 < v_i \le M_i$ . Then the probability of crashing in  $S_i$  is  $v_i/M_i$ . When a crash happens, the tram uses an efficient recovery system that lasts only 10 seconds. Afterwards, the tram reaches  $P_i$  using an auxiliary (slow but safe) engine, which provides a speed of 5 meters per second and guarantees no more crashes in  $S_i$ .

For instance, assume that the section length is 300 meters, and that the current maximum speed is 25 meters per second. If the driver chooses to travel at 25 m/s, the tram will crash for sure. Since this can happen anywhere between  $P_{i-1}$  and  $P_i$ , for the sake of computation we can assume that it will take place exactly in the middle point (after 150 meters). Therefore, on the average the tram will spend 6 seconds to reach the middle point, 10 seconds to recover from the crash, and 30 seconds to reach  $P_i$ , for a total of 46 seconds. By contrast, if the tram starts traveling at 15 m/s, with probability 0.6 it will crash and spend 10 + 10 + 30 = 50 seconds, and with probability 0.4 it will reach  $P_i$  after 20 seconds without any crash. The average time in this case is thus just 0.6 \* 50 + 0.4 \* 20 = 38 seconds.

When the tram reaches every  $P_i$ , it stops for a few seconds regardless of having crashed in  $S_i$  or not; these few seconds (for simplicity, we consider them to be 0) are enough to (almost) repair the tram: the maximum speed reduces by 1 m/s after every crash. In other words, if we call the initial maximum speed  $M_0$ , then we have  $M_i = M_0 - C_i$ , where  $0 \le C_i \le i - 1$  is the total number of crashes suffered in  $S_1, \ldots, S_{i-1}$ .

Write a program to print the optimal average travel time given the initial maximum speed and the length of every section.

## Input

Input consists of several cases, each one with  $M_0$  (a real number between 5 and 1000), n (an integer number between 1 and  $M_0 - 1$ ), and the length of every section (each one a real number between 100 and 1000).



## Output

For every case, print the optimal average travel time with four digits after the decimal point. The input cases have no precision issues.

## Sample input

25 1 900 25 2 900 900 25 2 305.15 980.76 5 1 1000

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# Sample output

102.0000 205.0303 150.0000 210.0000