

There are 1 questions for a total of 20 points.

- (20) 1. The egg drop problem: There is a building with n floors. You have identical eggs with the property that any egg will break if and only if thrown from floor B and above. If an egg breaks, you cannot fix and reuse it. You want to determine the value of B . Consider the case where you only have one egg. In this case, the worst-case number of trials needed is $n - 1$ since the value of B may be equal to n and the only strategy is to start dropping the egg from floor $1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$. Now, suppose you have two eggs. Consider the strategy that minimizes the number of trials in the worst case. Let this worst-case number of trials be denoted by $T(n, 2)$. Similarly, we can define $T(n, 3), T(n, 4), \dots$ (for 3 eggs, 4 eggs etc.). Design an algorithm to compute the value of $T(n, k)$ for any given $k (1 \leq k \leq 100)$ and $n (1 \leq n \leq 10000)$. You may assume that $1 \leq B \leq n$.

Your programs should take input from a file named `input.txt` and should write the output in a file named `output.txt`. Your programs should produce an output within 2 minutes for this assignment. The format for input and output files is as follows.

INPUT: The first line of the input file gives n, k . Below is an example of an input file.

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OUTPUT: The output should be $T(n, k)$. For example, consider the output file corresponding to the input file above:

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Note: There are **no** whitespaces or newline characters at the end of the output file. Having such whitespaces might lead to the autograder marking the output as incorrect.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: All your program files should be in a directory `hw5_prog`. You will be asked to create a zip of this directory and submit this zip file. In this directory, there should be a makefile that will compile your code (read about makefile on the net in case you do not know what it is). After running `make`, the directory should have an executable called `eggdrop`. This, when executed, should read the input file (`input.txt`) and write the answer in the output file (`output.txt`).