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0	14.6		5	12.8		10	11.3
0.1	14.6		5.1	12.7		10.1	11.3
0.2	14.5		5.2	12.7		10.2	11.2
0.3	14.5		5.3	12.7		10.3	11.2
0.4	14.5		5.4	12.6		10.4	11.2
0.5	14.4		5.5	12.6		10.5	11.2
0.6	14.4		5.6	12.6		10.6	11.1
0.7	14.3		5.7	12.5		10.7	11.1
0.8	14.3		5.8	12.5		10.8	11.1
0.9	14.3		5.9	12.5		10.9	11.1
1	14.2		6	12.4		11	11
1.1	14.2		6.1	12.4		11.1	11
1.2	14.1		6.2	12.4		11.2	11
1.3	14.1		6.3	12.4		11.3	11
1.4	14.1		6.4	12.3		11.4	10.9
1.5	14		6.5	12.3		11.5	10.9
1.6	14		6.6	12.3		11.6	10.9
1.7	13.9		6.7	12.2		11.7	10.9
1.8	13.9		6.8	12.2		11.8	10.8
1.9	13.9		6.9	12.2		11.9	10.8
2	13.8		7	12.1		12	10.8
2.1	13.8		7.1	12.1		12.1	10.8
2.2	13.8		7.2	12.1		12.2	10.7
2.3	13.7		7.3	12.1		12.3	10.7
2.4	13.7		7.4	12		12.4	10.7
2.5	13.6		7.5	12		12.5	10.7
2.6	13.6		7.6	12		12.6	10.6
2.7	13.6		7.7	11.9		12.7	10.6
2.8	13.5		7.8	11.9		12.8	10.6
2.9	13.5		7.9	11.9		12.9	10.6
3	13.5		8	11.8		13	10.5
3.1	13.4		8.1	11.8		13.1	10.5
3.2	13.4		8.2	11.8		13.2	10.5
3.3	13.4		8.3	11.8		13.3	10.5
3.4	13.3		8.4	11.7		13.4	10.4
3.5	13.3		8.5	11.7		13.5	10.4
3.6	13.2		8.6	11.7		13.6	10.4
3.7	13.2		8.7	11.6		13.7	10.4
3.8	13.2		8.8	11.6		13.8	10.4
3.9	13.1		8.9	11.6		13.9	10.3
4	13.1		9	11.6		14	10.3
4.1	13.1		9.1	11.5		14.1	10.3
4.2	13		9.2	11.5		14.2	10.3
4.3	13		9.3	11.5		14.3	10.2
4.4	13		9.4	11.5		14.4	10.2
4.5	12.9		9.5	11.4		14.5	10.2
4.6	12.9		9.6	11.4		14.6	10.2
4.7	12.9		9.7	11.4		14.7	10.2
4.8	12.8		9.8	11.3		14.8	10.1
4.9	12.8		9.9	11.3		14.9	10.1

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15	10.1		20	9.1		25	8.3
15.1	10.1		20.1	9.1		25.1	8.2
15.2	10		20.2	9.1		25.2	8.2
15.3	10		20.3	9		25.3	8.2
15.4	10		20.4	9		25.4	8.2
15.5	10		20.5	9		25.5	8.2
15.6	10		20.6	9		25.6	8.2
15.7	9.9		20.7	9		25.7	8.2
15.8	9.9		20.8	9		25.8	8.1
15.9	9.9		20.9	8.9		25.9	8.1
16	9.9		21	8.9		26	8.1
16.1	9.8		21.1	8.9		26.1	8.1
16.2	9.8		21.2	8.9		26.2	8.1
16.3	9.8		21.3	8.9		26.3	8.1
16.4	9.8		21.4	8.8		26.4	8.1
16.5	9.8		21.5	8.8		26.5	8
16.6	9.7		21.6	8.8		26.6	8
16.7	9.7		21.7	8.8		26.7	8
16.8	9.7		21.8	8.8		26.8	8
16.9	9.7		21.9	8.8		26.9	8
17	9.7		22	8.7		27	8
17.1	9.6		22.1	8.7		27.1	8
17.2	9.6		22.2	8.7		27.2	7.9
17.3	9.6		22.3	8.7		27.3	7.9
17.4	9.6		22.4	8.7		27.4	7.9
17.5	9.6		22.5	8.7		27.5	7.9
17.6	9.5		22.6	8.6		27.6	7.9
17.7	9.5		22.7	8.6		27.7	7.9
17.8	9.5		22.8	8.6		27.8	7.9
17.9	9.5		22.9	8.6		27.9	7.8
18	9.5		23	8.6		28	7.8
18.1	9.4		23.1	8.6		28.1	7.8
18.2	9.4		23.2	8.5		28.2	7.8
18.3	9.4		23.3	8.5		28.3	7.8
18.4	9.4		23.4	8.5		28.4	7.8
18.5	9.4		23.5	8.5		28.5	7.8
18.6	9.4		23.6	8.5		28.6	7.7
18.7	9.3		23.7	8.5		28.7	7.7
18.8	9.3		23.8	8.5		28.8	7.7
18.9	9.3		23.9	8.4		28.9	7.7
19	9.3		24	8.4		29	7.7
19.1	9.3		24.1	8.4		29.1	7.7
19.2	9.2		24.2	8.4		29.2	7.7
19.3	9.2		24.3	8.4		29.3	7.7
19.4	9.2		24.4	8.4		29.4	7.6
19.5	9.2		24.5	8.3		29.5	7.6
19.6	9.2		24.6	8.3		29.6	7.6
19.7	9.1		24.7	8.3		29.7	7.6
19.8	9.1		24.8	8.3		29.8	7.6
19.9	9.1		24.9	8.3		29.9 & 30	7.6

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