

## Transmitter

According to the scoreboard, this problem was the easiest out of all 6.

### Subtask 1 $n \leq 10$ — 13 points

How can we check that a position  $i$  is broken? Let's send a sequence where all bits are 0 except the  $i$ -th one. If the result does not contain that 1 anymore, this position is definitely broken.

### Subtask 2 There is exactly one broken position — 21 points

Send a sequence  $[0, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, 1]$  where the left half is filled with zeroes and the right half is filled with ones. Then check the result. Exactly one number is missing. Is it a zero or is it a one? Now you know which half contains the broken position. Go there and split it in the middle again. Repeat the same procedure.

This resembles binary search. After  $\log n = 10$  operations, you will find the broken position.

### Subtask 3 There are no adjacent broken positions — 20 points

You can find the answer with only 2 queries. Send  $[0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, \dots]$  and  $[0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots]$ . Can you figure out all broken positions now?

The first query will tell you if each "block" of size 2 contains 0 or 1 broken positions. From the second query you can deduce which exact position is broken in each block.

### Subtask 4 No additional constraints — 46 points

We will do a "binary search" on all broken bits:

1. Segments: Start with one big segment  $[0, n-1]$ , meaning we haven't yet separated which parts might be broken.
2. Transmit Pattern: In each round, for every segment  $[l, r]$ :
  - Calculate  $\text{mid} = \lfloor \frac{l+r}{2} \rfloor$ .
  - Assign 0 to the left half  $[l, \dots, \text{mid}]$  and 1 to the right half  $[\text{mid} + 1, \dots, r]$ .
3. Count Received: We send that entire pattern of size  $n$ . In the response, bits from broken positions are missing — so we track how many bits from each segment actually made it. That tells us how many broken bits were in the left vs. right half.
4. Split and Repeat: Replace  $[l, r]$  with two segments  $[l, \text{mid}]$  and  $[\text{mid} + 1, r]$  carrying the correct broken-count each.

After  $\log n = 10$  rounds, each segment shrinks to a single position. If that position's broken count is 1, it's broken. We collect all broken positions and return them sorted.