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# 2009 Mid-Atlantic Regional Programming Contest

## Practice Round

Welcome to the practice round for the 2009 Programming Contest. Before you start the contest, please be aware of the following notes:

### The Contest

1. There is one (1) practice problem. Please submit solutions or request clarifications **for this problem only**. Unless you have a real question about the problem, please submit at most one clarification request, and at most two runs. It is important that everyone have a chance to see how the system works. Even if you do not solve the practice problem, you should submit once just to practice with the system.
2. After (or even before) completing the practice problem, please read all of the notes listed here. They are designed to help you solve the problems during the contest.
3. Solutions for problems submitted for judging are called runs. Each run will be judged.

The judges will respond to your submission with one of the following responses. In the event that more than one response is applicable, the judges may respond with any of the applicable responses.

Response	Explanation
<b>Correct</b>	Your submission has been judged correct.
<b>Wrong Answer</b>	Your submission generated output that is not correct or is incomplete.
<b>Output Format Error</b>	Your submission's output is not in the correct format or is misspelled.
<b>Excessive Output</b>	Your submission generated output in addition to or instead of what is required.
<b>Compilation Error</b>	Your submission failed to compile.
<b>Run-Time Error</b>	Your submission experienced a run-time error.
<b>Time-Limit Exceeded</b>	Your submission did not solve the judges' test data within 30 seconds.

4. A team's score is based on the number of problems they solve and penalty points, which reflect the amount of time and number of incorrect submissions made before the problem is solved. For each problem solved correctly, penalty points are charged equal to the time at which the problem was solved plus 20 minutes for each incorrect submission. No penalty points are added for problems that are never solved. Teams are ranked first by the number of problems solved and then by the fewest penalty points.

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5. This problem set contains sample input and output for each problem. However, you may be assured that the judges will test your submission against several other more complex datasets, which will not be revealed until after the contest. Your major challenge is designing other input sets for yourself so that you may fully test your program before submitting your run. Should you receive an incorrect judgment, you should consider what other datasets you could design to further evaluate your program.

6. In the event that you feel a problem statement is ambiguous or incorrect, you may request a clarification. Read the problem carefully before requesting a clarification. If the judges believe that the problem statement is sufficiently clear, you will receive the response, “The problem statement is sufficient; no clarification is necessary.” If you receive this response, you should read the problem description more carefully. If you still feel there is an ambiguity, you will have to be more specific or descriptive of the ambiguity you have found. If the problem statement is ambiguous in specifying the correct output for a particular input, please include that input data in the clarification request.

You may not submit clarification requests asking for the correct output for inputs that you provide. Sample inputs *may* be useful in explaining the nature of a perceived ambiguity, e.g., “There is no statement about the desired order of outputs. Given the input: . . . , would not both this: . . . and this: . . . be valid outputs?”.

If a clarification is issued during the contest, it will be broadcast to all teams.

7. Runs for each particular problem will be judged in the order they are received. However, it is possible that runs for different problems (during the actual contest) may be judged out of order. For example, you may submit a run for B followed by a run for C, but receive the response for C first.

**Do not** request clarifications on when a response will be returned. If you have not received a response for a run within 30 minutes of submitting it, **you may have a runner ask the site judge to determine the cause of the delay. Under no circumstances should you ever submit a clarification request about a submission for which you have not received a judgment.**

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, judging for one or more problems begins to lag more than 30 minutes behind submissions, a clarification announcement will be issued to all teams. This announcement will include a change to the 30 minute time period that teams are expected to wait before consulting the site judge.

8. The submission of abusive programs or clarification requests to the judges will be considered grounds for immediate disqualification.

## Your Programs

9. All solutions must read from standard input and write to standard output. In C this is `scanf/printf`, in C++ this is `cin/cout`, and in Java this is `System.in/System.out`. The judges will ignore all output sent to standard error (`cerr` in C++ or `System.err` in Java). You may

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wish to use standard error to output debugging information. From your workstation you may test your program with an input file by redirecting input from a file:

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program < file.in
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10. All lines of program input and output should end with a newline character (`\n`, `endl`, or `println()`).
11. All input sets used by the judges will follow the input format specification found in the problem description. You do not need to test for input that violates the input format specified in the problem.
12. Unless otherwise specified, all lines of program output should be left justified, with no leading blank spaces prior to the first non-blank character on that line.
13. Unless otherwise specified, all numbers in your output should begin with the `-` if negative, followed immediately by 1 or more decimal digits. If it is a real number, then the decimal point should appear, followed by the appropriate number of decimal digits. For output of real numbers, the number of digits after the decimal point will be specified in the problem description as the “precision”).

All real numbers printed to a given precision should be rounded to the nearest value. Rounding should be carried out so that trailing digits of 5 or higher are rounded up, trailing digits of 4 or less are rounded down. For example, if a precision of 2 decimal digits is requested, then 0.0152 would round to 0.02, but 0.0149 would round to 0.01.

In simpler terms, neither scientific notation nor commas will be used for numbers, and you should ensure you use a printing technique that rounds to the appropriate precision.

14. If a problem specifies that an input is a floating point number, the input will be presented according to the rules stipulated above for output of real numbers, except that decimal points and the following digits may be omitted for numbers with no non-zero decimal portion. Scientific notation will not be used in input sets unless a problem explicitly allows it.

Good luck, and HAVE FUN!!!

## Practice Problem: St. Ives

Robert the chapman (a medieval traveling merchant) made regular trips between his home village and St. Ives to peddle his cloth, ribbons, and needles. On one such trip he encountered a curious procession:

As I was traveling to St. Ives  
I met a man with seven wives.  
Every wife had seven sacks.  
Every sack had seven cats.  
Every cat had seven kits.  
Kits, cats, sacks, wives -  
How many were traveling to St. Ives?



The answer to this classic ancient riddle is 'one'. Robert was traveling to St. Ives. The others were all traveling away from St. Ives. However, if we prefer to ask the question of how many were traveling from St. Ives, we can add up:

- 1 man
- 7 wives
- $7*7$  sacks
- $7*7*7$  cats
- $7*7*7*7$  kittens

for a total of 2801.

On his next trip to St. Ives, Robert met the same man, this time accompanied by 3 wives, each with 3 sacks, and so on. Becoming curious about what seemed to be a bizarre village ritual of some kind, Robert kept track of how many traveled with the man each time he encountered him during the subsequent year.

On average, what was the size of the processions that Robert encounter on his trips to St. Ives?

### Input

Input consists of multiple data sets. Each data set consists of a line with a single floating point number number representing the numbers of wives, sacks per wife, cats per sack, and kittens per cat that Robert encountered that year.

End of input is indicated by a value of zero.

### Output

For each data set, print the size of the average procession as a real number presented to 2 decimal points precision.

**Example**

**Input:**

Given the input

7  
1  
2.5  
0

the output would be

**Output:**

2801.00  
5.00  
64.44