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During a job interview, Bob was proposed to think up a small cryptosystem that operates with integers. Bob invented and implemented a complex algorithm POLY that can be represented mathematically as a polynomial. Namely, if x is a plaintext, then ciphertext y is equal to p(x), where p is a polynomial with integer coefficients.

Bob's employer decided to test it. At first, he encrypted the number 20 and obtained the number 7. Secondly, he encrypted the number 15 and obtained the number 5. After that he said to Bob that there was a mistake in the implementation of the algorithm and did not hire him. What was wrong?





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