

Problem G

Combinations

Input File: G.DAT Program Source File: G.PAS or G.C or G.CPP

An n-set is a set with n elements. A k-combination of an n-set S is a k-subset of S. For example the 3-combinations of the set {a,b,c,d} are {a,b,c}, {a,b,d}, {a,c,d}, {b,c,d}.

Let C_k be the set of all strings that represent k-combinations of letters from the English alphabet. Each string from C_k is sorted in ascending lexicographic order. For example, C_{52} contains the string ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijkImnopqrstuvwxyz (the entire alphabet).

Let X be a non-empty string made of letters from the English alphabet. Considering the lexicographic order of strings, we define the functions floor and ceil as follows:

• floor(k,X) finds the largest string from C_k not greater than X; floor(k,X) is undefined if X is smaller than the smallest string from C_k ;

• ceil(k,X) finds the smallest string from C_k not smaller than X; ceil(k,X) is undefined if X is greater than the largest string from C_k .

For example, floor(3,AB) is undefined, ceil(3,AB) = ABC; floor(3,a) = Zyz, ceil(3,a) = abc; floor(3,bde) = ceil(3,bde) = bde; floor(3,xz) = xyz, ceil(3,xz) is undefined.

| | input | output | - | |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 332 | AB a bdo | floor= null ceil = ABC | | + |
| 33 | bdeaa xz | floor= Zyz ceil = abc | | |
| | | floor= bde ceil = bde | | |
| | | floor= bde ceil = bdf | | |
| | | floor= xyz ceil = null | | ¥ |
| + | | | + | |

Figure 1. An example of program input and output

Write a program that reads pairs of values $k \ X$ from a text file and, for each pair, computes floor(k,X) and ceil(k,X). Each pair k X is on a separate line of the text file, where k is an integer, $1 \le k \le 52$, and X is a non empty string made of at most 52 letters. The input file contains correct data.

For each pair k X of values, the strings floor(k,X) and ceil(k,X) are printed on successive lines on the standard output and are followed by an empty line. If the strings floor(k,X) and ceil(k,X) are undefined the messages floor= null and, respectively, ceil = null are printed. A sample of program input and output is illustrated in figure 1.