489. Kth Smallest Instructions

Difficulty: Hard

https://leetcode.com/problems/kth-smallest-instructions

Bob is standing at cell (0, 0), and he wants to reach destination: (row, column). He can only travel **right** and **down**. You are going to help Bob by providing **instructions** for him to reach destination.

The **instructions** are represented as a string, where each character is either:

- 'H', meaning move horizontally (go right), or
- 'V', meaning move vertically (go **down**).

Multiple **instructions** will lead Bob to destination. For example, if destination is (2, 3), both "HHHVV" and "HVHVH" are valid **instructions**.

However, Bob is very picky. Bob has a lucky number k, and he wants the kth lexicographically smallest instructions that will lead him to destination. k is **1-indexed**.

Given an integer array destination and an integer k, return *the* kth *lexicographically smallest instructions that will take Bob to* destination.

Example 1:

(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)
(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)
(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)

Input: destination = [2,3], k = 1

Output: "HHHVV"

Explanation: All the instructions that reach (2, 3) in lexicographic order are as follows: ["HHHVV", "HHVHV", "HHVVH", "HVVHH", "VHHHV", "VHHHV", "VHHHH", "VHHHH"].

Example 2:

(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)
(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)
(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)

Input: destination = [2,3], k = 2

Output: "HHVHV"

Example 3:

(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)
(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)
(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)

Input: destination = [2,3], k = 3
Output: "HHVVH"

Constraints:

• destination.length == 2

- 1 <= row, column <= 15
- 1 <= k <= nCr(row + column, row), where nCr(a, b) denotes a choose bâ€⟨â€⟨â€⟨â€⟨â€⟨â€⟨.