# 38. Count and Say

# Description

The **count-and-say** sequence is a sequence of digit strings defined by the recursive formula:

- countAndSay(1) = "1"
- countAndSay(n) is the way you would "say" the digit string from countAndSay(n-1), which is then converted into a different digit string.

To determine how you "say" a digit string, split it into the **minimal** number of substrings such that each substring contains exactly **one** unique digit. Then for each substring, say the number of digits, then say the digit. Finally, concatenate every said digit.

For example, the saying and conversion for digit string "3322251":

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"3322251"
two 3's, three 2's, one 5, and one 1
2 3 + 3 2 + 1 5 + 1 1
"23321511"
```

Given a positive integer n, return the nth term of the count-and-say sequence.

## Example 1:

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Input: n = 1
Output: "1"
Explanation: This is the base case.
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### Example 2:

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Input: n = 4
Output: "1211"
Explanation:
countAndSay(1) = "1"
countAndSay(2) = say "1" = one 1 = "11"
countAndSay(3) = say "11" = two 1's = "21"
countAndSay(4) = say "21" = one 2 + one 1 = "12" + "11" = "1211"
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#### **Constraints:**

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• 1 <= n <= 30
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