

Project Euler #158: Exploring strings



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Taking three different letters from the **26** letters of the alphabet, character strings of length three can be formed.

Examples are **abc**, **hat** and **zyx**.

When we study these three examples we see that for **abc** two characters come lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

For **hat** there is exactly one character that comes lexicographically after its neighbour to the left. For **zyx** there are zero characters that come lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

In all there are **10400** strings of length **3** for which exactly one character comes lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

We now consider strings of $n \leq N$ different characters from some foreign alphabet consisting of N characters. For every n , $p(n, m)$ is the number of strings of length n for which exactly m characters come lexicographically after their neighbour to the left.

For $m \in [0, N - 1]$ what is the maximum value of $p(n, m)$?

Input Format

The first line of each test contains two integers: N and q which is the size of alphabet and the number of queries.

On the next line there are q different numbers separated by single spaces given by m_i .

Constraints

$$2 \leq N \leq 700$$

$$1 \leq q \leq N$$

$$0 \leq m_i < N$$

Output Format

Output one number i.e. $\sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \max_{n \in [1, N]} p(n, m_i)$.

Sample Input

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2 2
0 1
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Sample Output

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3
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Explanation

Let's assume our alphabet contains only letters 'A' and 'B'. Then we have the following values for p :

$$p(1, 0) = 2 \text{ (both words "A" and "B")}$$

$$p(2, 0) = 1 \text{ (word "BA")}$$

$p(2, 1) = 1$ (word "AB")

We now see that the maximum for $m = 0$ is **2** and the maximum for $m = 1$ is **1**.