

440. K-th Smallest in Lexicographical Order

Given two integers n and k , return the k th lexicographically smallest integer in the range $[1, n]$.

Example 1:

Input: $n = 13, k = 2$

Output: 10

Explanation: The lexicographical order is [1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9], so the second smallest number is 10.

Example 2:

Input: $n = 1, k = 1$

Output: 1

Constraints:

- $1 \leq k \leq n \leq 10^9$

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/*
    Brute force: Get all numbers in lexicographical order
    until reaching the k-th
    Time complexity:  $O(n)$  - TLE
    Space complexity:  $O(1)$ 
*/
class Solution {
public:
    int findKthNumber(int n, int k) {
        long long cur=1;
        k--; // We have already 1.
        while(k){
            k--;
            if(cur*10>n){
                while(cur==n || cur%10==9) cur/=10;
                cur++;
            }
            else cur*=10;
        }
        return cur;
    }
};
```

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Optimization: lust look in the subtree that contains the k-th number

Time complexity: $O((10 \log_{10} n)^2)$ - AC

Space complexity: $O(1)$

*/

class Solution {

public:

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int count_nodes(long long cur,int n){
    int cnt=0;
    long long next=cur+1;
    while(cur<=n){
        cnt+=std::min(n*1ll-cur+1*1ll,next-cur);
        cur*=10;
        next*=10;
    }
    return cnt;
}
```

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int findKthNumber(int n, int k) {
    long long cur=1;
    k--; // We have already 1.
    while(k){
        int cnt=count_nodes(cur,n);
        if(cnt<=k){
            cur++;
            k-=cnt;
        }
        else {
            cur*=10;
            k--;
        }
    }
    return cur;
}
```

};