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Statement

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Let N be a positive odd number.

There are N coins, numbered $1,2,\ldots,N$. For each i ($1\leq i\leq N$), when Coin i is tossed, it comes up heads with probability p_i and tails with probability $1-p_i$.

Taro has tossed all the N coins. Find the probability of having more heads than tails.

Constraints

- ullet N is an odd number.
- $1 \le N \le 2999$
- ullet p_i is a real number and has two decimal places.
- $0 < p_i < 1$

Solution

Honestly this problem is a pretty fun one. The solution is built upon an observation that we can compute a two dimensional \$dp\$ table representing whether it is possible to get \$i\$ heads using \$j\$ first coins. Next we can consider two events

- 1. The \$j\$-th coin is heads. Then the probability of getting \$i\$ heads is: p_heads[i] * dp[i-1][j-1].
- 2. The \$j\$-th coin is tails. Then the probability of getting \$i\$ heads is: p_tails[i] * dp[i][j-1].