

## Kick Start 2018 - Round B

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### Small dataset

To solve the Small dataset, we can check all numbers in the range  $[A, B]$  and count how many of them are legal.

### Large dataset

Let  $f(X)$  be the number of legal numbers in the range  $[0, X]$ . Then the answer is  $f(B) - f(A) + 1$ , since  $A$  and  $B$  are both legal numbers.

To calculate  $f(X)$ , let  $x[0], x[1], \dots, x[n-1]$  be the decimal representation of  $X$ , such that  $X = \sum_{0 \leq i < n} x[i] \times 10^i$ . For numbers in the range  $[X - x[0], X]$ , we will check each number individually to see if it is legal.

If we list numbers without the digit 9 in their decimal representations, we can find that their decimal representations are the same as listing numbers in base 9. So for numbers in the range  $[0, X - x[0]]$ , there are  $C = \sum_{1 \leq i < n} x[i] \times 9^i$  numbers consisting only of digits in the range  $[0, 8]$ . According to the formula,  $C$  is divisible by 9.

For any integer  $Y$ , there is exactly one number divisible by 9 in the set  $\{10Y + 0, 10Y + 1, \dots, 10Y + 8\}$ . The  $C$  numbers form  $C/9$  such groups, and in each group, there are exactly 8 legal numbers, so there are  $8C/9$  legal numbers in the range  $[0, X - x[0]]$ .

**Alternative solution (Dynamic Programming):** To calculate  $f(X)$ , we can define  $dp[i][j]$  to be the number of integers  $Y$  such that

- $Y < \text{floor}(X/10^i)$
- $Y$  does not contain 9 in its decimal representation;
- $Y \equiv j \pmod{9}$ .

Then  $f(X) = dp[0][1] + dp[0][2] + \dots + dp[0][8] + 1$ .

The [Bellman equation](#) is  $dp[k-1][j] = \sum [dp[k][j']] \text{ for } 0 \leq d \leq 8, 10j' + d \equiv j \pmod{9} + |\{g \mid 10\text{floor}(X/10^k) \leq g < \text{floor}(X/10^{k-1}), g \equiv j \pmod{9}\}|$ .