



# Count Strings

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A regular expression is used to describe a set of strings. For this problem the alphabet is limited to 'a' and 'b'.

We define  $R$  to be a valid regular expression if:

- 1)  $R$  is " $a$ " or " $b$ ".
- 2)  $R$  is of the form " $(R_1 R_2)$ ", where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions.
- 3)  $R$  is of the form " $(R_1 | R_2)$ " where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions.
- 4)  $R$  is of the form " $(R_1 *)$ " where  $R_1$  is a regular expression.

Regular expressions can be nested and will always have two elements in the parentheses. ('\*' is an element, '|' is not; basically, there will always be pairwise evaluation) Additionally, '\*' will always be the second element; '(\*a)' is invalid.

The set of strings recognized by  $R$  are as follows:

- 1) If  $R$  is " $a$ ", then the set of strings recognized =  $a$ .
- 2) If  $R$  is " $b$ ", then the set of strings recognized =  $b$ .
- 3) If  $R$  is of the form " $(R_1 R_2)$ " then the set of strings recognized = all strings which can be obtained by a concatenation of strings  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , where  $s_1$  is recognized by  $R_1$  and  $s_2$  by  $R_2$ .
- 4) If  $R$  is of the form " $(R_1 | R_2)$ " then the set of strings recognized = union of the set of strings recognized by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .
- 5) If  $R$  is of the form " $(R_1 *)$ " then the strings recognized are the empty string and the concatenation of an arbitrary number of copies of any string recognized by  $R_1$ .

## Task

Given a regular expression and an integer,  $L$ , count how many strings of length  $L$  are recognized by it.

## Input Format

The first line contains the number of test cases  $T$ .  $T$  test cases follow.

Each test case contains a regular expression,  $R$ , and an integer,  $L$ .

## Constraints

- $1 \leq T \leq 50$
- $1 \leq |R| \leq 100$
- $1 \leq L \leq 10^9$
- It is guaranteed that  $R$  will conform to the definition provided above.

## Output Format

Print  $T$  lines, one corresponding to each test case containing the required answer for the corresponding test case. As the answers can be very big, output them modulo  $10^9 + 7$ .

## Sample Input

```
3
((ab)|(ba)) 2
((a|b)*) 5
((a*)(b(a*))) 100
```

## Sample Output

```
2
32
100
```

## Explanation

For the first case, the only strings recognized are "***ab***" and "***ba***". Of the **4** possible strings of length **2**, **2** of them fit that expression.

For the second case, the RegEx recognizes any string of any length containing only ***a***'s and ***b***'s. The number of strings of length **5** recognized by this expression is  **$2^5 = 32$** .

For the third case, the RegEx recognizes any string having one ***b***, preceeded and followed by any number of ***a***'s. There are **100** strings of length **100** which have a single ***b*** in them.

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1 import java.io.*;
2 import java.util.*;
3 import java.text.*;
4 import java.math.*;
5 import java.util.regex.*;
6
7 public class Solution {
8
9     public static void main(String[] args) {
10         /* Enter your code here. Read input from STDIN. Print output to STDOUT. Your class should be named Solution. */
11     }
12 }
```

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