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--- Day 10: The Stars Align ---
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It's no use; your navigation system simply isn't capable of providing
                                                                                                  Code possible:
walking directions in the arctic circle, and certainly not in 1018.
The Elves suggest an alternative. In times like these, North Pole rescue
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operations will arrange points of light in the sky to guide missing Elves
                                                                                                  Platform where
back to base. Unfortunately, the message is easy to miss: the points move
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slowly enough that it takes hours to align them, but have so much momentum
                                                                                                  to you with
that they only stay aligned for a second. If you blink at the wrong time,
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it might be hours before another message appears.
                                                                                                  stack upfront!
You can see these points of light floating in the distance, and record
their position in the sky and their velocity, the relative change in
position per second (your puzzle input). The coordinates are all given from
your perspective; given enough time, those positions and velocities will
move the points into a cohesive message!
Rather than wait, you decide to fast-forward the process and calculate what
the points will eventually spell.
For example, suppose you note the following points:
position=< 9, 1> velocity=< 0, 2>
position=< 7, 0> velocity=<-1, 0>
position=< 3, -2> velocity=<-1, 1>
position=< 6, 10> velocity=<-2, -1>
position=< 2, -4> velocity=< 2, 2>
position=<-6, 10> velocity=< 2, -2>
position=< 1, 8> velocity=< 1, -1>
position=< 1, 7> velocity=< 1, 0>
position=<-3, 11> velocity=< 1, -2>
position=< 7, 6> velocity=<-1, -1>
position=<-2, 3> velocity=< 1, 0>
position=<-4, 3> velocity=< 2, 0>
position=<10, -3> velocity=<-1, 1>
position=< 5, 11> velocity=< 1, -2>
position=< 4, 7> velocity=< 0, -1>
position=< 8, -2> velocity=< 0, 1>
position=<15, 0> velocity=<-2, 0>
position=< 1, 6> velocity=< 1, 0>
position=< 8, 9> velocity=< 0, -1>
position=< 3, 3> velocity=<-1, 1>
position=< 0, 5> velocity=< 0, -1>
position=<-2, 2> velocity=< 2, 0>
position=< 5, -2> velocity=< 1, 2>
position=< 1, 4> velocity=< 2, 1>
position=<-2, 7> velocity=< 2, -2>
position=< 3, 6> velocity=<-1, -1>
position=< 5, 0> velocity=< 1, 0>
position=<-6, 0> velocity=< 2, 0>
position=< 5, 9> velocity=< 1, -2>
position=<14, 7> velocity=<-2, 0>
position=<-3, 6> velocity=< 2, -1>
Each line represents one point. Positions are given as <X, Y> pairs: X
represents how far left (negative) or right (positive) the point appears,
while Y represents how far up (negative) or down (positive) the point
appears.
At 0 seconds, each point has the position given. Each second, each point's
velocity is added to its position. So, a point with velocity <1, -2> is
moving to the right, but is moving upward twice as quickly. If this point's
initial position were <3, 9>, after 3 seconds, its position would become
<6, 3>.
Over time, the points listed above would move like this:
Initially:
..#.#....#........
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After 1 second: # . . . # # . . . After 2 seconds: # . . # . . . # # # # . . # # . . . # . . . # # . # After 3 seconds: ###### . . . # # . . . # . . . # # # After 4 seconds: What message will eventually appear in the sky?

After 3 seconds, the message appeared briefly: HI. Of course, your message will be much longer and will take many more seconds to appear.

To begin, get your puzzle input.

Answer: You can also [Share] this puzzle.