

## **Number Pattern**

**Problem Description:** You are given with an input number N, then you have to print the given star pattern corresponding to that number N.

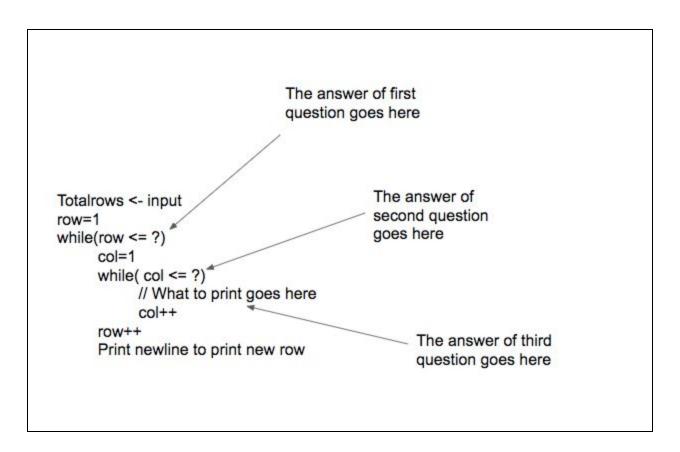
For example, if N=4

Pattern output:

For N=5, the pattern output would be:

## Generic approach to solve pattern questions:

- 1. For solving pattern questions, you have to answer three questions. The first question is how many rows are to be printed in the given pattern.
- 2. The second question is how many columns are to be printed in a generic row of the given pattern.
- 3. The third question is what to print at generic row and generic column location.
- 4. The answer to these questions form the basis of implementing a pattern.
- 5. The generic structure of code, after answering these three questions, looks like this:



Answers to these three questions for the given pattern are:

- 1. The number of rows to be printed are given as input in N.
- 2. It can be clearly seen that each row has the same number of columns, which is 2\*N.
- 3. In this pattern, we have to print three things: increasing numbers, spaces and decreasing numbers

For any generic row r and generic column c,

- a. Increasing numbers start from 1 and is written on columns: [1, r]
- b. space is printed on columns: [r+1, 2\*n-r]
- c. Decreasing numbers start from r and is written on remaining columns

Pseudo code for the given problem:

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iput=N
i=1
while i is less than or equal to N:
j=1
num1=1
num2=i
while j is less than or equal to N:
If (j <= i)
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$$Print\ num1$$
 $num1++$ 
 $Else\ if\ (j>=(i+1)\ \&\&\ j<=2*n-i)$ 
 $Print\ ```$ 
 $Else$ 
 $Print\ num2$ 
 $num2- Increment\ j\ by\ 1$ 
 $Increment\ i\ by\ 1$ 

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