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APL Problem Solving Competition Phase 2

Introduction

Phase 2 is similar to Phase 1 in that you submit solutions for each problem separately. In contrast to Phase 1, Phase 2 solutions are likely larger and more complex, and they should be adequately commented. You need to have submitted at least one correct Phase 1 solution before you can submit anything for Phase 2.

Each Phase 2 problem comprises one or more tasks. You must complete all of the tasks for the problem to be considered complete and be judged by the competition committee. You can write additional subfunctions in support of your solutions if necessary.

Each task description contains one or more examples. If applicable, the judging committee could submit your solutions to additional testing beyond the specific example solutions.

Your solutions will be tested in the default Dyalog environment using (☐IO ☐ML) ←1. Your code may employ a different, localized, setting for either of these if necessary.

Submission format

You can write your solutions using any combination of tradfns or dfns. The only requirement is that the function name and syntax must match the task description. For example, if the task description is:

Write a function named Plus which:

- takes a numeric array right argument.
- takes a numeric singleton left argument.
- returns a result that is the same shape as the right argument and whose values are the sums of the left argument added to each element of the right argument.

then either of the following would be valid solutions:

```
∇ r←a Plus b
r←a+b
∇
Plus←{α+ω}
```

Judging Guidelines

Phase 2 will mainly be judged based on:

- Did you solve the problem?
- Does your solution demonstrate appropriate use of array-oriented techniques? Solutions that use looping where an obvious array-based solution exists will be judged lower.
- Did you comment your solution? It's not necessary to write a novel, or add a comment to every line, but comments describing non-trivial lines of code are advised. These help the judging committee determine your level of understanding of the problem and its solution.
- Is your solution original? Your solution should be your own work and not a copy or near-copy of an already-published solution.

Tips

- Read the descriptions carefully.
- Don't make any assumptions about shape, rank, datatype, or values that are not explicitly stated in the

description. For example, if an argument is stated to be a numeric array then it can be any numeric type (Boolean, integer, floating point, complex) and of any shape or depth.

- Make sure that your functions return a result rather than just display output to the session.
- Pay attention to any additional judging criteria that may be stated in an individual problem's description.
- Be aware that the examples serve to provide basic guidance and validation for your solutions and are not intended to be an complete exposition of all possible edge cases; the judging committee will submit your solutions to additional test cases.
- Be aware that the order that the problems are presented in does not necessarily reflect their level of difficulty if you find yourself stuck then you might find the next problem more straightforward!

1: Sub-space Journey 🚓 (3 tasks)

All the tasks in this problem are related to creating and detecting sub-spaces. APL's multidimensional capabilities are well-suited to address problems of this sort.

Task 1: Write a function named runs that:

- takes a non-negative integer scalar left argument n that which specifies the length of the result.
- takes a 2-column integer matrix right argument in which:
 - o column 1 is a positive integer representing the index in the result where a run of 1s will start.
 - column 2 is a non-negative integer representing the length of the run (number of consecutive 1s) starting at the index indicated by column 1.
- returns a Boolean vector of length n comprising runs of consecutive 1s as indicated by the right argument.

Note: Any indices implied by the right argument that exceed the shape of the result should be ignored.

Examples

```
10 runs 1 2p3 4
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0

10 runs 2 2p3 4 8 6 A a the result must be of length n, even if a run is specified beyond n
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1

15 runs 0 2p 5 3 A no runs here
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

15 runs 2 2p3 6 5 7 A overlapping runs are permitted
0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0

10 runs 1 2p6 0 A 0-length runs are permitted
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 runs 2 2p2 3 5 6 A returns a 0-length (empty) vector
```

Task 2: Having written runs in Task 1, let's complicate things a bit...

Write a function named fill that:

- takes a non-negative integer scalar or non-empty vector left argument size that specifies the shape of the result. We'll also specify rank+≢size.
- takes a (2×rank)-column integer matrix subspaces where the first rank columns specify the index where a sub-space starts and the last rank columns specify the shape of the sub-space.
 - For example, a row containing 2 1 3 6 4 5 describes a $6 \times 4 \times 5$ sub-space starting at index (2,1,3) in a 3-dimensional array.
- returns an integer array of the shape specified in size, where each sub-space is filled with the row index in subspaces for that sub-space. Positions not in any described sub-space should be 0.

Note: Any indices implied by the right argument that exceed the shape of the result should be ignored.

```
10 fill 1 2p3 4
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0
     15 fill 2 2\rho3 6 5 7 A overlapping fills are permitted
A a terrible way to implement Phase 1's "Pyramid Scheme" problem
     +spaces+5 +ρε2/"(ι5),"(φ-1+2×ι5)
1 1 9 9
2 2 7 7
3 3 5 5
4 4 3 3
5 5 1 1
     9 9 fill spaces
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1
1 2 3 3 3 3 3 2 1
1 2 3 4 4 4 3 2 1
1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1
1 2 3 4 4 4 3 2 1
1 2 3 3 3 3 3 2 1
1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
     4 4 4 fill 3 6p6/1 2 3
1 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 2 2 0
0 2 2 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 2 2 0
0 2 3 3
0 0 3 3
0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0
0 0 3 3
0 0 3 3
```

Task 3: Now let's go the other way and write a function to describe the sub-spaces in an n-dimensional space...

Write a function subspaces with syntax:

```
result ← subspaces space
```

This function:

- takes a non-negative, non-scalar, integer array space that has the following characteristics:
 - o sub-spaces are defined as rectangular blocks of positive integers.
 - $\circ\,$ the positive integers that identify the sub-spaces start counting from 1 and are consecutive.
 - the total number of sub-spaces in space is arbitrary.
 - o sub-spaces are completely within space.
 - o sub-spaces do not overlap.
- returns an integer matrix with 2×rank columns (span class="APL">rank is the number of dimensions in space) where:
 - each row describes a sub-space.
 - $\circ\,$ rows are ordered by the positive integer that identifies the sub-space.
 - the first rank columns represent the first index of the sub-space.
 - the second rank columns represent the shape of the sub-space.

```
(annotated)
       subspaces 0 2 2 0 1 1 1 1 0 3
      A the 1s start at index 5 and have length 4
 2 2 A the 2s start at index 2 and have length 2
10 1 A the 3s start at index 10 and have length 1
      ⊢space←†(⊢ρ~⊢,⊢)~3 2 1
3 3 3
3 3 3
3 3 3
2 2 0
2 2 0
0 0 0
1 0 0
0 0 0
0 0 0
      subspaces space
3 1 1 1 1 1 A the 1s start at position 3 1 1 and span 1 plane, 1 row, and 1 column 2 1 1 1 2 2 A the 2s start at position 2 1 1 and span 1 plane, 2 rows, and 2 columns
1 1 1 1 3 3 A the 3s start at position 1 1 1 and span 1 plane, 3 rows, and 3 columns
       psubspaces 5 \pm 3 2pO \upbeta if no sub-spaces, the result should still have the proper number
of columns
0 8
⊢space+((3 3ρ5),(2 2ρ2),1),(2 2ρ4),2 3ρ3
5 5 5 2 2
5 5 5 2 2
5 5 5 1 1
4 4 3 3 3
4 4 3 3 3
       subspaces space
3 4 1 2
1 4 2 2
4 3 2 3
4 1 2 2
1 1 3 3
```

2: Reshaping Reshape (2 tasks)

Task 1: Write a function named reshape that behaves like the primitive *reshape* function XρY except that elements in the left argument can be negative integers, which indicates that the data is reversed along the corresponding axis. Your function reshape should:

- take an integer vector or scalar left argument named dims that represents the length and direction of each axis in the result.
- take an array right argument named data
- return an array of shape (|dims), which is the same as dimspdata except that the elements along the nth axis are reversed if dim[n]<0.

Note: Your function reshape is subject to the same limits as ρ , for example, it has a maximum of 15 axes.

```
10 reshape ι4
1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2
     −10 reshape 14
2 1 4 3 2 1 4 3 2 1
<sup>−</sup>4 4 reshape □A A rows are reversed
MNOP
IJKL
FFGH
ABCD
  ^{	extstyle -4} ^{	extstyle -4} reshape \BoxA 	extstyle  rows and columns are reversed
PONM
LKJI
HGFE
DCBA
    2\ \ ^2\ ^3\ ^4 reshape \iota 48\ ^{\odot} planes and rows are reversed, hyperplanes and columns are not
21 22 23 24
17 18 19 20
13 14 15 16
9 10 11 12
5 6 7 8
1 2 3 4
45 46 47 48
41 42 43 44
37 38 39 40
33 34 35 36
29 30 31 32
25 26 27 28
```

```
2 <sup>-</sup>2 reshape'Adam' 'Brian' 'Michael' 'Morten'
```

⊕ reshape 5 3 1 @ returns scalar 5

5

Task 2: The primitive *reshape* function ρ repeats or truncate elements of the right argument as necessary to match the shape described by the left argument. Hence $4\rho1$ 2 returns 1 2 1 2.

In this task we're going to extend this behavior by writing a function named reshape2 that, in addition to doing what reshape above does, also:

- allows, at most, one element of the left argument (dims) to be one of 6 "special" values
 (0.5 1.5 2.5 -0.5 -1.5 -2.5) that affects the length of the corresponding axis based on the other dimensions and the length of the data. These values are interpreted as follows:
 - o 0.5 means truncate the data if it doesn't fill a complete corresponding axis.
 - 1.5 means repeat the data, if necessary, to fill out a complete corresponding axis.
 - 2.5 means pad the data with an appropriate prototype, if necessary, to fill out a complete corresponding axis; similar to how the primitive function take X1Y behaves.
 - The other three values ($^{-0.5}$ $^{-1.5}$ and $^{-2.5}$) have the same interpretation as their positive counterparts but also reverse the elements in the corresponding dimension.
 - If dims is a singleton and is one of the "special" values, then reshape2 should return the elements of the right argument as a vector (reversed if dims is negative).

Note: Your function reshape 2 is subject to the same limits as ρ , for example, it has a maximum of 15 axes.

Your function should essentially:

- 1. truncate, repeat, or pad the data to make it conform to the shape derived from dims.
- 2. reverse, if necessary, along the approriate axes, as specified by dims.

```
0.5 4 reshape2 110 A 0.5 truncates the data
1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8
4 0.5 reshape2 110
1 2
3 4
5 6
7 8
```

```
1.5 4 reshape2 10 0 1.5 repeats the data
1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8
9 10 1 2
     2.5 4 reshape2 110 ♠ 2.5 pads the data
1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8
9 10 0 0
     <sup>-</sup>4 <sup>-</sup>2.5 reshape2 13↑□A @ 4 rows with padding and the rows and columns reversed
LKJI
HGFE
DCBA
      <sup>-</sup>3 <sup>-</sup>2.5 reshape2 'brian' 'adam' 'morten' 'michael'
|michael|morten|
|adam |brian |
     p□←⊕ reshape2 'brian' 'adam' 'morten' 'micheal' @ result is a scalar
brian
    2.5 3 4 reshape2 ι21 向 3 axes
 1 2 3 4
 5 6 7 8
 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16
17 18 19 20
21 0 0 0
    2 2.5 3 4 reshape2 ∟26 🛭 4 axes
1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16
17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24
25 26 0 0
 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0
```

¯2 2.5 3 ¯4 reshape2 126 @ 4 axes with reversal

0 0 26 25

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

4 3 2 1

8 7 6 5

12 11 10 9

16 15 14 13

20 19 18 17

24 23 22 21

3: Meetings of the Minds \supset (3 tasks)

Each year, Dyalog Ltd sponsors a user meeting where Dyalog staff and users have an opportunity to present topics of interest and interact with one another. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the meetings for 2020 and 2021 were conducted virtually using Zoom. People registered ahead of time and could then sign-on and attend, virtually, any or all sessions. There were two partial days of sessions in each year.

After the conclusion of the user meeting, Zoom sent Dyalog Ltd a CSV file containing information including when each attendee joined or left the meeting. The tasks in this problem involve analyzing this information. There are two files that you will need for this problem:

- Attendees.csv contains attendee information for all four days of the 2020 and 2021 Dyalog user meetings.
 This is a sub-set of the actual data sent to Dyalog Ltd by Zoom. All personally-identifiable information has been removed. The attendee names found in the files are ficticious and were randomly generated no association with any real person is intended or should be inferred. This file has 4 columns:
 - Attendee the ficticious attendee name
 - Join Time a character vector representing the time the attendee joined the meeting
 - Leave Time a character vector representing the time the attendee left the meeting
 - Date a character vector representing the date for the entry

Note: Some rows have join and leave times of '--' meaning the attendee registered for the user meeting but did not attend any sessions that day. When we combined the data for all four days into a single file, we added the Date column to indicate which date an attendee did not attend.

- Schedule.csv contains the user meeting schedules for all four days. This file has 4 columns:
 - Session the session identifier
 - o Title the session title
 - o Start Time a character vector representing the start time of the session
 - End Time a character vector representing the end time of the session

You should use the GSV system function to import the CSV data into the workspace as follows:

```
attendees←⊃□CSV 'your-path-here/Attendees.csv' '' 0 1
schedule←⊃□CSV 'your-path-here/Schedule.csv' '' 0 1
```

Notes:

- For the purpose of describing the tasks for this problem, we will be using matrices named attendees and schedule as defined above.
- You should replace *your-path-here* above with the path to the folder into which you downloaded the CSV files
- When properly read, attendees and schedule should have 1446 and 48 rows respectively.
- The *Date-time* system function **DT** could be helpful for this problem.

Task 1: Write a dyadic function Attended with syntax:

```
result÷attendees Attended schedule
```

where Attended:

- o takes the matrix attendees (or a sub-set of its rows) as its left argument.
- o takes the matrix schedule as its right argument.
- o returns a 435×48 Boolean matrix in which:
 - the rows represent the list of unique attendees sorted alphabetically (uattendees).
 (Hint: Aaden Webster and Zoe Bright are the first and last attendees alphabetically).
 - the columns represent each session in schedule.
 - a 1 in position [i;j] indicates that uattendees[i] attended schedule[j;].

 An attendee is considered to have attended a session if they were present for at least half of the time (in minutes) that the session was being held. We don't count the "leave time" minute or the "session end" minute. For example: for a session that runs from 14:00-14:30, if an attendee joins at 14:00 and

leaves at 14:14, they would be considered to have **not** attended that session whereas if they left at 14:15, they would be considered to have attended.

Examples:

To help you validate your solution, we've included two files attendeeTotals.json and sessionTotals.json containing the row and column totals of attendees Attended schedule. To use them to validate your work:

```
map←attendees Attended schedule
(□JSON >□NGET 'your-path-here/sessionTotals.json')≡+/map
1
(□JSON >□NGET 'your-path-here/attendeeTotals.json')≡+/map
```

Task 2: Write a dyadic function ShowedUp with syntax:

```
\label{eq:constraints} \textbf{result+attendees} \ \ \textbf{ShowedUp schedule} \\ \textbf{where ShowedUp:} \\
```

- o takes the matrix attendees as its left argument.
- o takes the matrix schedule as its right argument.
- o returns a 2×5 integer matrix where the columns contain:
 - [;1] the year of the user meeting
 - [;2] the number of people who registered for that year
 - [;3] the number of people who attended the first day of that year
 - [;4] the number of people who attended the second day of that year
 - [;5] the number of people who registered but did not attend either day that year
- o uses the same criteria as Attended for determining attendance.

Using the '--' entries in attendees is not sufficient to determine whether a user attended on a given day. This is demonstrated by Zaria Matthews' entry in the previous example – although she did join on 8 November 2021, the time was not sufficient to count as having attended a session.

Example:

As there's only one correct answer, we'll provide it here for you to validate your work.

attendees ShowedUp schedule
2020 298 205 184 78

Task 3: Write a dyadic function Popular with syntax:

```
result←map Popular schedule
where Popular:
```

2021 238 166 149 54

- o takes the matrix map (the result of Task 1) as its left argument.
- o takes the matrix schedule as its right argument.
- $\circ\,$ returns a 2-element vector (one element for each year) where each element is a 2-column matrix in

which:

- [;1] is the number of attendees for a session.
- [;2] is the session title.
- the matrix should be sorted by descending popularity each day.
- the matrix should not include any sessions that are break periods.

Example:

```
As there's only one correct answer, we'll provide it here for you to validate your work.
```

```
result←map Popular schedule
            presult
     2
           ρ"result
      16 2 19 2
            ;' ';"(attendees Attended schedule) Popular schedule
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4: Instant-Runoff Voting E (2 tasks)

Instant-runoff voting (IRV) is a type of ranked voting that can be used when there are more than two candidates running for a single seat. In this system, voters rank the candidates in order of preference. The votes for each candidate are tallied and if a candidate has a majority, they win. If no candidate receives more than half of the votes, then the candidate(s) who received the fewest votes are dropped from consideration. The voters who selected the defeated candidates then have their votes added to the totals of their next choice. This process continues until a candidate has more than half of the votes. Ballots on which all of a voter's ranked candidates are eliminated become inactive. IRV is used in a number of countries, provinces, states and municipalities.

Task 1: Write a dyadic function named Ballot that generates a sample ballot by randomly assigning candidate rankings and has syntax:

r←candidates Ballot voters

where Ballot:

- takes a positive integer right argument representing the total number of voters.
- takes a non-zero integer left argument representing the number of candidates where:
 - the number of candidates is | candidates.
 - o if candidates>0, each ballot entry must rank all candidates.
 - o if candidates < 0, at least one candidate must be ranked.
- returns a 2-column matrix in which:
 - [;2] contains unique vectors of length | candidates, where the ith element is the ranking for candidate i.
 - [;1] is the number of votes matching that ranking combination.

NOTE: Every valid result should have a non-zero probability of appearing.

Examples:

Let's create sample ballots for 150 voters and 3 candidates – Bob, Mary, and Larry. Your results will likely be different because they are random.

```
b+3 Ballot 150 A generate 150 voter rankings for 3 candidates
 22 3 1 2
 25 2 1 3
 31 3 2 1
 19 1 3 2
 33 2 3 1
 20 1 2 3
            ('#',b[;1]),'Bob' 'Mary' 'Larry' ; tb[;2]
         Mary
#
    Bob
22
                      A 22 people ranked Mary first, Larry second, and Bob third
25
                      A 25 people ranked Mary first, Bob second, and Larry third
31
      3
                    1 A 31 people ranked Larry first, Mary second, and Bob third
                   2 A 19 people ranked Bob first, Larry second, and Mary third
19
      1
33
      2
                    1 A 33 people ranked Larry first, Bob second, and Mary third
20
                   3 A 20 people ranked Bob first, Mary second, Larry third
      b2←<sup>-</sup>3 Ballot 150
('#',b2[;1]),'Bob' 'Mary' 'Larry' ;†b2[;2]
#
    Bob Mary Larry
10
                      A 10 people ranked Bob first, Mary second, Lary third
                      A 11 people ranked Mary first, Bob second and no one third
11
                   3 A you get the idea...
10
      2
            1
 9
            3
13
14
      0
            0
12
     3
            1
16
      1
            0
21
      0
            1
                    0
 6
 6
      2
            0
                    1
 8
      3
            2
                    1
 6
      0
            2
 4
            0
       1 Ballot 150 A uncontested election!
150
```

Task 2: Write a monadic function named IRV with syntax:

```
r←IRV ballot
```

where IRV:

- takes a right argument in the same format as the result returned by Ballot.
- returns a vector of matrices containing each round of tallying, followed by the candidate number of the winner, if there is one (meaning the election didn't end in a tie).

IRV b A using b from the example above

1	39	2	67	3
2	39 47	3	83	
3	64			
ı		ı		

IRV b2 A using b2 from the example above

1	45	1	55	2
2	67	2	81	ĺ
3	38			

□+b3+300 200 100 50 50 100, , +6 4p1 0 2 0 0 1 0 2 2 0 0 1 0 2 1 0 0 2 0 1 3 2 1 0

300	1	0	2	0
200	0	1	0	2
100	2	0	0	1
50	0	2	1	0
50	0	2	0	1
100	3	2	1	0

IRV b3 A end in a tie, so there is no trailing winning candidate element

300	1	400
200	2	400
150		
150		
	200 150	

IRV ⁻10 Ballot 200000 A your results will likely be different

1	19831	1	21812	2	24359	2	27375	3	31627	3	36880	3	43999	3	54868	5	73329	10
2	20023	2	21921	3	24793	3	27784	4	31364	4	36690	4	43968	5	55101	10	73790	
3	20304	3	22308	4	24440	4	27491	5	31603	5	36814	5	44206	10	55328			
4	19989	4	22005	5	24605	5	27620	6	31267	9	36428	10	44090					
5	20142	5	22162	6	24416	6	27418	9	31351	10	36679							
6	20015	6	22035	7	24325	9	27423	10	31512									
7	19864	7	21873	9	24365	10	27515											
8	19772	9	21967	10	24401													
9	20001	10	21992															
10	20059																	

5: Base₈₅ 11 (1 task)

Base85, also known as Ascii85, is a binary-to-text encoding that is more efficient than Base64. Base85 uses five ASCII characters to represent four bytes of binary data (a 25% size increase), whereas Base64 uses four characters to represent three bytes of data (a 33% size increase). Your task here are is to write a single function to encode a series of integers in the range [0,256] to a Base85 string and vice versa.

In theory, any set of 85 unique, single-byte, characters could be used as the encoding character set. Several "standard" variations exist. Two of them are "Original" and "Z85":

- The Original character set uses the ASCII characters 33-117 ('!'-'u'):
 □+Original+□UCS 32+185
 ! "#\$%&'()*+,-./0123+56789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstu
- Z85 uses the following character set:
 Z85+'0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.-:+=^!/*?&<>()[]
 {}@%\$#'

There are also several Base85-encoding methods, some of which have special treatment for compressing data, or to preserve the length of the encoding input, or to add prefix or suffix information. To (hopefully) avoid confusion, we'll describe the steps to encode and decode here.

To Encode:

- 1. If the length of the input data is not a multiple of 4, pad it with 0s to make its length divisible by 4.
- 2. Convert the Step 1 result from base 256 to base 85.
- 3. Use the Step 2 result to index into the encoding character set.
- 4. Drop as many elements from the end of the Step 3 result as you added in Step 1.

To Decode:

- 1. If the length of the input data is not a multiple of 5, pad it with as many of the last character in the encoding character set as needed to make its length divisible by 5.
- 2. Convert the Step 1 result to its ordinal positions in the encoding character set.
- 3. Convert the Step 2 result from base 85 to base 256.
- 4. Drop as many elements from the end of the Step 3 result as you added in Step 1.

Base85-encoded data can include whitespace and line-break characters that might be used for formatting or other purposes. These characters should be ignored when decoding. This convention can be extended such that any character that is not an element of the encoding character set should be ignored.

Task 1: Write a dyadic function named Base85 with syntax:

```
result÷variant Base85 data
```

where Base85:

- has a left argument variant that is a length-85 character vector representing a valid encoding character set
- has a right argument data that is one of the following:
 - 1. a character vector representing a valid Base85-encoded string to be decoded.
 - 2. a numeric vector or scalar with values in the range [0,255] representing the bytes to be Base85-encoded.
- returns respectively:
 - 1. a numeric vector with values in the range [0,255] representing the decoded binary data.
 - 2. a character vector representing the Base85-encoded argument.

6: It's a Date! 茸 (1 task)

Dyalog version 18.0 introduced two date-related features:

- DT which converts date and time stamps between almost every imaginable format.
- 1200x which formats Dyalog Date Numbers according to a specified pattern and upon which this problem is based.

The integral part of a Dyalog Date Number is an offset from day 0 (31 December 1899). The fractional part of a Dyalog Date Number represents the timestamp fraction of a day. For example, 12:00:00 is 0.5.

Task 1: Write a dyadic function named DDN (for Dyalog Date Number) with syntax:

```
ddn←pattern DDN string
```

where DDN:

- has a character vector left argument pattern that represents a **valid** left argument (formatting pattern) to 1200 I. Due to the complexity of this problem, we will limit what pattern can contain as follows:
 - pattern can contain any of the patterns in the Variations column found in the 1200[±] documentation, excluding the fractional seconds patterns (fractional seconds patterns are excluded due to the variation in precision across platforms).
 - No variable length numeric fields will be placed immediately next to another numeric field. For example, you will not encounter a pattern such as 'hYYm' as some of the possible solutions to '12012' could be 1:12 in a year ending in '20', or 12:02 in a year ending in '01'.
 - The only alphabetic characters in pattern will be part of a variation pattern. There will be no alphanumeric constants in pattern.
 - There will be no quoted substrings in pattern.
- has a character vector right argument string that is the result of

```
string ← ⊃pattern (1200I) ddn
```

where ddn is a Dyalog Date Number, and in which:

- all day names and abbreviations, month names and abbreviations, AM/PM designations, and ordinals use their default English values.
- o the only alphanumeric characters will be formatted elements of the date/time.
- returns a Dyalog Date Number ddn that would satisfy

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string ≡ ⊃pattern (1200⊥) ddn
```

There will be more than one value for ddn that satisfies the requirement; you only need to return one value.

Notes:

- It will be helpful, but not necessary, to solve this problem using Dyalog version 18.0 (or later).
- Your solution should satisfy:

```
string \equiv pattern (1200\mathrm{I}) pattern DDN string
```

```
'Ddd, DD-Mmm-YYYY hh:mm:ss' DDN 'Thu, 17-Feb-2022 15:10:07'
4+608.63203

'MM/DD/YY tP:mm' DDN '02/17/22 3P:39'
4+608.65215

'Dddd' DDN 'Thursday' A any Thursday will suffice
43208
```