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# Problem J Sharing Bread

There are N toasters, numbered from 1 to N, from left to right. Initially, each toaster has a single piece of bread in it. There are M people, numbered from 1 to M, who are one by one looking for bread among the toasters, starting from person 1, person 2, and so on.

Person i starts looking from toaster  $a_i$  ( $1 \le a_i \le N$ ) and keeps going right until they found a toaster with a piece of bread in it. In other words, person i is looking for the smallest j such that  $a_i \le j \le N$  and toaster j contains bread. If such a toaster exists, then person i will take the bread from that toaster and leave; the toaster becomes empty afterward. If such a toaster does not exist, then person i will leave empty-handed.

A starting sequence  $(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_M)$  is *fair* if person i starts looking from toaster  $a_i$  and does not leave empty-handed, for all  $1 \le i \le M$ . Out of all  $N^M$  possible starting sequences, determine how many of them are fair modulo  $998\,244\,353$ .

#### Input

Input consists of two integers N M ( $1 \le M \le N \le 200\,000$ ) in a single line representing the number of toasters and the number of people, respectively.

#### Output

Output an integer in a single line representing the number of fair starting sequence modulo 998 244 353.

#### Sample Input #1

4 3

#### Sample Output #1

50

#### Explanation for the sample input/output #1

One of the possible fair starting sequences is (4,2,2). First, person 1 starts looking from toaster 4 and takes the bread from toaster 4. Then, person 2 starts looking from toaster 2 and takes the bread from toaster 2. Finally, person 3 will start looking from toaster 2, which is currently empty. Person 3 moves to toaster 3 and takes the bread from toaster 3. Since each person gets a piece of bread, the starting sequence (4,2,2) is fair.

Another example of fair starting sequences are (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (2, 3, 4), and (2, 2, 2). Some of the possible starting sequences that are not fair are (3, 3, 3), (3, 4, 3), (4, 4, 1), and (4, 4, 4).

#### Sample Input #2

10 1



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Explanation for the sample input/output #2

All starting sequences are fair.

#### Sample Input #3

2 2

#### Sample Output #3

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Explanation for the sample input/output #3

The only starting sequence that is **not** fair is (2,2). Person 1 starts looking from toaster 2 and takes the bread from toaster 2. Then, person 2 starts looking from toaster 2, which is currently empty. Since there is no more toaster to the right of toaster 2, person 2 will leave empty-handed.