

# Find the One for Me

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This problem was worth 500 points.

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**Note:** GitHub does not support LaTeX in Markdown. If you want a more readable version of the problem, download the PDF file instead.

## Statement

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Dhruv really likes the digit 1. So, Aryan gave Dhruv two numbers  $x$  and  $y$  for his birthday. The numbers only contain the digit 1 because otherwise Dhruv will be disappointed.

Dhruv will be happy if Aryan could also answer the question "What is the middle digit in the product  $x \cdot y$ ".

Since Aryan doesn't know how to solve the problem, he asks for your help. You are required to answer  $t$  testcases. Help Aryan make Dhruv happy.

Aryan does not tell you the values of  $x$  and  $y$  because the numbers could be very large to take as input. He instead gives you integers  $k$  and  $l$  - the number of digits in  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

**Note:**  $k$  and  $l$  have the same parity, i.e.  $k$  and  $l$  are either both even or both odd.

## Input Format

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The first line of the input contains an integer  $t$  - the number of testcases.

Each of the following  $t$  lines contain an integer  $k$  and  $l$  - the number of digits in the numbers  $x$  and  $y$  that Aryan gave to Dhruv.

## Output Format

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The output should contain  $t$  lines.

The  $i^{th}$  line should contain the answer to the  $i^{th}$  testcase - the middle digit in the product  $x \cdot y$ .

## Constraints

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$$1 \leq t \leq 1000$$

$$1 \leq k \leq 10^9$$

$$1 \leq l \leq 10^9$$

Note:  $x$  and  $y$  only contain 1 in their digits and no other digit.

# Sample Tests

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## Sample Test 1

### Input

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1 | 2
2 | 1 3
3 | 2 4
```

### Output

```
1 | 1
2 | 2
```

### Explanation

In the first test case,  $k = 1$  and  $l = 3$ , so  $x = 1$  and  $y = 111$ .

Their product is  $x \cdot y = 111$ . The middle digit is 1.

In the second test case,  $k = 2$  and  $l = 4$ ,  $x = 11$  and  $y = 1111$ .

Their product is  $x \cdot y = 12221$ . The middle digit is 2.

## Sample Test 2

### Input

```
1 | 3
2 | 999999998 999999998
3 | 2 1000000000
4 | 690 42
```

### Output

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1 | 8
2 | 2
3 | 6
```

## Solution

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**Time Complexity:**  $O(t)$

**Space Complexity:**  $O(1)$

The simple multiplication approach does not work because creating a string of 1s based on the values of  $k$  and  $l$  will end up taking up too much memory. Also, multiplication is very slow for large numbers.

To solve this problem, we need to take care of a few cases. Problems with a lot of edge case handling is usually discouraged in competitive programming, but they do exist. This problem is good for practice on the same, we think.

Let's take a look at the cases:

- $k = l$ : when  $x$  and  $y$  have the same number of 1's
  - $k \leq 9$ : answer is simply  $k$
  - $k \geq 10$ :
    - $k \% 9 = 0$ : answer is 9
    - $k \% 9 = 1$ : answer is 0
    - otherwise answer is  $k \% 9 = 1$
- $k \neq l$ : when  $x$  and  $y$  have different number of 1's
  - $\min(k, l) \% 9 = 0$ : answer is 9
  - otherwise answer is  $\min(k, l) \% 9$

We leave the proof as an exercise for the readers :)

$$\begin{array}{r} 111,111,111 \\ \times 111,111,111 \\ \hline 111,111,111 \\ 1,111,111,110 \\ 11,111,111,100 \\ 111,111,111,000 \\ 1,111,111,110,000 \\ 11,111,111,100,000 \\ 111,111,111,000,000 \\ 1,111,111,110,000,000 \\ + 11,111,111,100,000,000 \\ \hline 12,345,678,987,654,321 \end{array}$$

**Solution in C++:**

```
1  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2
3  constexpr bool test_cases = true;
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5  void solve () {
6      int k, l;
7      std::cin >> k >> l;
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9      if (k == l) {
10         if (k <= 9)
11             std::cout << k;
12         else {
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13         if (k % 9 == 0)
14             std::cout << 9;
15         else if (k % 9 == 1)
16             std::cout << 0;
17         else
18             std::cout << k % 9;
19     }
20 }
21 else {
22     int m = std::min(k, l);
23     if (m % 9 == 0)
24         std::cout << 9;
25     else
26         std::cout << m % 9;
27 }
28 std::cout << '\n';
29 }
30
31 int main () {
32     std::ios::sync_with_stdio(false);
33     std::cin.tie(nullptr);
34
35     int cases = 1;
36     if (test_cases)
37         std::cin >> cases;
38     while (cases--)
39         solve();
40
41     return 0;
42 }

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