Programming component for Homework #4

The tiling problem: There is an nxn grid (1<= n<= 1000) in which some cells are empty and some are filled. The empty/filled cells are given by an **nxn** matrix **F**. Cell (i, i) is empty iff F[i, j] = 0. You have unbounded supply of 2x1 tiles (called dominoes). Each domino could be placed on the empty cells of the grid in horizontal and vertical manner (note that you need two consecutive empty cells on the grid for doing this). The problem is to determine if placing these 2x1 dominos such that each empty cell is covered by exactly one domino can cover the grid. If such a tiling is possible, then also give a tiling.

INPUT: The first line in the input file is the value **n**. The next **n** lines define each row of the matrix **F**. Below we give an example input file ("input.txt"):

4 1111

1011 1111

0111

<u>OUTPUT</u>: The first line of the output file ("output.txt") should be **1** if tiling is possible otherwise **0**. If the first line is **1**, then the subsequent lines should give the tiling. Each line should give the coordinates of the two adjacent cells on which a **2x1** tile is placed. Below is the output file corresponding to the above input file.

1 (1,1)(2,1)(1,2)(1,3)(1,4)(2,4)(3,1)(3,2)(2,3)(3,3)(4,2)(4,3)(3,4)(4,4)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: All your program files should be in a directory named <Your Entry Number in Caps>. You will be asked to create a zip of this directory and submit this zip file. In this directory, there should be a makefile that will compile your code (read about makefile on the net in case you do not know what it is). This should create an executable called "tile" (in case you are using java/python, this could be a shell script). This when executed, should read the input file (input.txt) and write the answer in the output file. (output.txt).

