The Virtual Learning Environment for Computer Programming

### Product of consecutive naturals

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Program the function:

```
// Pre: x>0
int product_of_consecutive(int x);
```

which, if x is the product of two consecutive naturals, returns the smaller of them. For instance, if x = 42, since  $6 \cdot 7 = 42$ , the function would return 6. If such a pair of naturals is not found, the function returns -1.

Use the following main program:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
   int x;
   while (cin >> x) {
      int k = product_of_consecutive(x);
      if (k == -1) cout << x << " NO" << endl;
      else cout << x << " = " << k << "*" << k+1 << endl;
   }
}</pre>
```

IMPORTANT: The function product\_of\_consecutive must follow a binary search schema to solve this problem. Any solution not using binary search will be rendered INVALID.

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**HINT:** Note that performing this binary search without a vector is analogous to use binary search to find the root of a function (seen in class). You also can see it as having an imaginary vector where v[i] == i (and since each position holds the same value of its index, the vector is not necessary).

For instance, if x = 90, we search for a number k between 1 and 90 such that k \* (k + 1) = 90.

```
(90+1)/2 = 45 --> 45*46 > 90, discard k>=45 (1+44)/2 = 22 --> 22*23 > 90, discard k>=22 (1+21)/2 = 11 -> 11*12 > 90, discard k>=11 (1+10)/2 = 5 --> 5*6 < 90, discard k<=5 (6+10)/2 = 8 --> 8*9 < 90, discard k<=8 (9+10)/2 = 9 --> 9*10 = 90
```

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#### Input

A sequence of natural numbers, all of them greater than zero.

### Output

For each natural x in the input, if x is the product of two consecutive naturals  $x = k \cdot (k+1)$ , the program writes both factors. Otherwise, the program writes "NO". Follow the format shown in the examples.

# Sample input 1

42	
91	
90	
812	
332	
81	
156	

## Sample input 2

2
6
12
20
30
42
56
72
90
110
132
5
9
17
22
29
35
41
52
66
78
96
112

# 112

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# Sample output 1

```
42 = 6*7

91 NO

90 = 9*10

812 = 28*29

332 NO

81 NO

156 = 12*13
```

# Sample output 2

```
2 = 1 * 2
6 = 2 * 3
12 = 3 * 4
20 = 4 * 5
30 = 5 * 6
42 = 6 * 7
56 = 7 * 8
72 = 8 * 9
90 = 9 * 10
110 = 10 * 11
132 = 11 * 12
5 NO
9 NO
17 NO
22 NO
29 NO
35 NO
41 NO
52 NO
66 NO
78 NO
96 NO
112 NO
```