Alphabet Rangoli

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You are given an integer, N. Your task is to print an alphabet rangoli of size N. (Rangoli is a form of Indian folk art based on creation of patterns.)

Different sizes of alphabet rangoli are shown below:

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#size 3

----c----
--c-b-c--
c-b-a-b-c
--c-b-c--
----c----

#size 5

--------e--------
------e-d-e------
----e-d-c-d-e----
--e-d-c-b-c-d-e--
e-d-c-b-a-b-c-d-e
--e-d-c-b-c-d-e--
----e-d-c-d-e----
------e-d-e------
--------e--------

#size 10

------------------j------------------
----------------j-i-j----------------
--------------j-i-h-i-j--------------
------------j-i-h-g-h-i-j------------
----------j-i-h-g-f-g-h-i-j----------
--------j-i-h-g-f-e-f-g-h-i-j--------
------j-i-h-g-f-e-d-e-f-g-h-i-j------
----j-i-h-g-f-e-d-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j----
--j-i-h-g-f-e-d-c-b-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j--
j-i-h-g-f-e-d-c-b-a-b-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j
--j-i-h-g-f-e-d-c-b-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j--
----j-i-h-g-f-e-d-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j----
------j-i-h-g-f-e-d-e-f-g-h-i-j------
--------j-i-h-g-f-e-f-g-h-i-j--------
----------j-i-h-g-f-g-h-i-j----------
------------j-i-h-g-h-i-j------------
--------------j-i-h-i-j--------------
----------------j-i-j----------------
------------------j------------------
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The center of the rangoli has the first alphabet letter a, and the boundary has the Nth alphabet letter (in alphabetical order).

Function Description

Complete the *rangoli* function in the editor below.

rangoli has the following parameters:

- *int size:* the size of the rangoli

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Returns

- *string:* a single string made up of each of the lines of the rangoli separated by a newline character (\n)

Input Format

Only one line of input containing $size$, the size of the rangoli.

Constraints

$0 < size < 27$

Sample Input

```
5
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Sample Output

```
--------e--------
------e-d-e------
----e-d-c-d-e----
--e-d-c-b-c-d-e--
e-d-c-b-a-b-c-d-e
--e-d-c-b-c-d-e--
----e-d-c-d-e----
------e-d-e------
--------e--------
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```
1  alphabet = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
2  lines = []
3  for i in range(6):
4      s = "-".join(alphabet[6-1:i:-1] + alphabet[i:6])
5      lines.append((s).center(4*6-3, '-'))
6  print('\n'.join(lines[:0:-1] + lines))
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✓ 0.0s

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----------f----------
--------f-e-f--------
------f-e-d-e-f------
----f-e-d-c-d-e-f----
--f-e-d-c-b-c-d-e-f--
f-e-d-c-b-a-b-c-d-e-f
--f-e-d-c-b-c-d-e-f--
----f-e-d-c-d-e-f----
------f-e-d-e-f------
--------f-e-f--------
----------f----------
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