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Tiling Madness (tiling)

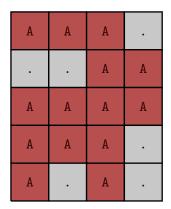
You want to cover a $N \times N$ grid with N non-overlapping identical 2N-minoes.

The 2N-minoes are not required to be entirely inside the $N \times N$ grid.

More formally, every solution to this problem must fix a 2N-mino, and then place N copies of it on a grid (without rotating or reflecting it) so that:

- every cell of the grid is part of at most one of the 2N-minoes.
- there exists an $N \times N$ subgrid entirely covered by the 2N-minoes.

A 2N-mino is a connected set of 2N squares; you can find an example of a valid and of an invalid 2N-mino in Figure 1.



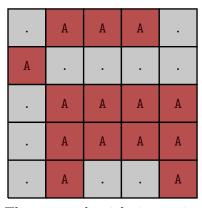


Figure 1: The figure on the left is a valid 14-mino. The one on the right is not since it is not connected.

We want to know many ways to tile the grid, each of which uses a **unique** 2N-mino; your score will depend on how many valid 2N-minoes that tile the $N \times N$ square you provide.

Note that 2N-minoes that can be obtained from each other by rotation or reflection are considered distinct.

Implementation

This is an output-only task. You will have to submit exactly one output file.

Input format

The only input file consists of a single line, containing the integer N.

Output format

The only output file should be in the following format:

- The first line should contain a single integer C ($0 \le C \le 16000$): the number of different solutions contained in your output.
- Then C solution blocks should follow. Each block should be in the following format:
 - ▶ The first line should contain two integers h and w ($0 \le h, w \le 5N$): the height and the width of the grid where you are going to place the 2N-minoes in.
 - The next h lines should each contain a string of length w, made up of the first N uppercase letters of the latin alphabet and the dot (.) character. The i-th letter of the alphabet indicates that the cell is occupied by the i-th copy of the 2N-mino, while the dot indicates that the cell is left empty.

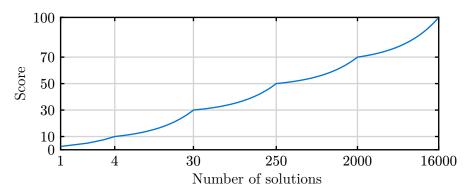
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For each solution block, the grid must contain a $N \times N$ sub-grid that doesn't contain any . character. All the N copies of the 2N-mino must be identical.

Scoring

This task has exactly 1 test case, where N=7. The score S for your solution is determined according to the following table. Between the values specified in the table, the score will be assigned by **linear interpolation**. A malformed output always scores zero points.

Solutions	Score
0	0
4	10
30	30
250	50
2000	70
16000	100



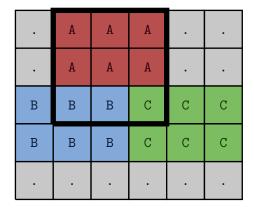
Examples

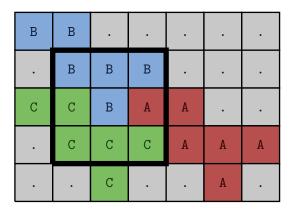
input	output
3	2
	5 6
	.AAA
	.AAA
	BBBCCC
	BBBCCC
	5 7
	BB
	.BBB
	CCBAA
	. CCCAAA
	CA.

Explanation

In the sample case we are asked to use 6-minoes to cover a 3×3 square: note that this is not a valid input, since in the only input N = 7.

The output shows two of the many possible solutions, shown in the image below.





In both cases, we can see that there are 3 identical non overlapping 6-minoes and that a 3×3 square is covered.

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