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The Power Sum

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Find the number of ways that a given integer, X , can be expressed as the sum of the N^{th} powers of unique, natural numbers.

For example, if $X = 13$ and $N = 2$, we have to find all combinations of unique squares adding up to **13**. The only solution is $2^2 + 3^2$.

Function Description

Complete the `powerSum` function in the editor below. It should return an integer that represents the number of possible combinations.

`powerSum` has the following parameter(s):

- X : the integer to sum to
- N : the integer power to raise numbers to

Input Format

The first line contains an integer X .
The second line contains an integer N .

Constraints

- $1 \leq X \leq 1000$
- $2 \leq N \leq 10$

Output Format

Output a single integer, the number of possible combinations calculated.

Sample Input 0

```
10
2
```

Sample Output 0

```
1
```

Explanation 0

If $X = 10$ and $N = 2$, we need to find the number of ways that **10** can be represented as the sum of squares of unique numbers.

$$10 = 1^2 + 3^2$$

This is the only way in which **10** can be expressed as the sum of unique squares.

Sample Input 1

```
100
2
```

Sample Output 1

```
3
```

Explanation 1

$$100 = (10^2) = (6^2 + 8^2) = (1^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 7^2)$$

Sample Input 2

```
100
3
```

Sample Output 2

```
1
```

Explanation 2

100 can be expressed as the sum of the cubes of **1, 2, 3, 4**.

$(1 + 8 + 27 + 64 = 100)$. There is no other way to express **100** as the sum of cubes.

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Difficulty: Medium

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C++



```
1 #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2
3 using namespace std;
4
5 string ltrim(const string &);
6 string rtrim(const string &);
7
8 /*
9  * Complete the 'powerSum' function below.
10  *
11  * The function is expected to return an INTEGER.
12  * The function accepts following parameters:
13  * 1. INTEGER X
14  * 2. INTEGER N
15  */
16
17 int powerSum(int X, int N) {
```

```
18 }
19 }
20
21 int main()
22 {
23     ofstream fout(getenv("OUTPUT_PATH"));
24
25     string X_temp;
26     getline(cin, X_temp);
27
28     int X = stoi(ltrim(rtrim(X_temp)));
29
30     string N_temp;
31     getline(cin, N_temp);
32
33     int N = stoi(ltrim(rtrim(N_temp)));
34
35     int result = powerSum(X, N);
36
37     fout << result << "\n";
38
39     fout.close();
40
41     return 0;
42 }
43
44 string ltrim(const string &str) {
45     string s(str);
46
47     s.erase(
48         s.begin(),
49         find_if(s.begin(), s.end(), not1(ptr_fun<int, int>(isspace)))
50     );
51
52     return s;
53 }
54
55 string rtrim(const string &str) {
56     string s(str);
57
58     s.erase(
59         find_if(s.rbegin(), s.rend(), not1(ptr_fun<int, int>(isspace))).base(),
60         s.end()
61     );
62
63     return s;
64 }
65
```

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