

## 3) (10 pts) DSN (Backtracking)

Consider printing out all strings of  $x$  A's and  $y$  B's, where  $x \geq y-1$  such that no two consecutive letters are Bs, in alphabetical order. For example, if  $x = 5$  and  $y = 3$ , one of the valid strings printed would be AABABABA. One way to solve this problem would be to use backtracking, where a string is built up, letter by letter (first trying A, then trying B in the current slot), but skipping trying A, if doing so would leave 2 more Bs to place than As, and skipping trying the B if the previous letter is a B. **Complete the code below to implement this backtracking solution idea.** (Hint: it's always okay to place B as the first letter. But if not placing the first letter, multiple conditions must be checked.)

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void printAll(char buffer[], int k, int a, int b);
void printWrapper(int x, int y);

void printWrapper(int x, int y) {
    char* buffer = malloc(sizeof(char)*(x+y+1));
    buffer[x+y] = '\0';
    printAll(buffer, 0, x, y);
    free(buffer);
}

void printAll(char buffer[], int k, int x, int y) {

    if (x == 0 && y == 0) {
        printf("%s\n", buffer);
        return;
    }

    if (x > y-1) {
        buffer[k] = 'A' ;

        printAll(buffer, k+1 , x-1 , y );
    }

    if ( y > 0 && ( k == 0 || ( k > 0 && buffer[k-1] == 'A' ) ) ) {

        buffer[k] = 'B' ;

        printAll(buffer, k+1 , x , y-1 );
    }
}
```

**Grading: 1 pt per slot, needs to be perfectly correct to get the point.**