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# **Optimal separation**

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Consider the sequence 1, 2, ..., n. If we use k separators among those numbers, we get k + 1 subsequences. Let  $s_i$  be the sum of the elements of the *i*-th subsequence. Let m be the minimum  $s_i$ , and let M be the maximum  $s_i$ . Given n and k, please choose where to place the k separators so that M - m is as small as possible.

## Input

Input consists of several cases, each one with *n* and *k*. You can assume  $1 \le n \le 50$  and  $0 \le k \le \min(n - 1, 10)$ .

## Output

For every case, print k + 3 lines. On the first line print the minimum M - m. Afterwards, print a line for each of the k + 1 subsequences, in order, with the numbers and their sum. Finally, print a line with 10 dashes. Follow exactly the format of the sample output. If there is more than one optimal solution, choose any one.

#### Observation

The expected solution is a dynamic programming. This problem could also be solved by precomputing the solutions. But, if you do that, your solution will be manually rejected.

#### Sample input

4 0 50 10

#### Sample output

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0

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10

40

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + 13 + 14 + 15 = 120

16 + 17 + 18 + 19 + 20 + 21 + 22 = 133

23 + 24 + 25 + 26 + 27 = 125

28 + 29 + 30 + 31 = 118

32 + 33 + 34 = 99

35 + 36 + 37 = 108

38 + 39 + 40 = 117

41 + 42 + 43 = 126

44 + 45 + 46 = 135

47 + 48 = 95

49 + 50 = 99
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## **Problem information**

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