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The Full Counting Sort

Use the counting sort to order a list of strings associated with integers. If two strings are associated with the same integer, they must be printed in their original order, i.e. your sorting algorithm should be *stable*. There is one other twist: strings in the first half of the array are to be replaced with the character — (dash, ascii 45 decimal).

Insertion Sort and the simple version of Quicksort are stable, but the faster in-place version of Quicksort is not since it scrambles around elements while sorting.

Design your counting sort to be stable.

Example

$$arr = [[0,'a'],[1,'b'],[0,'c'],[1,'d']]$$

The first two strings are replaced with '-'. Since the maximum associated integer is 1, set up a helper array with at least two empty arrays as elements. The following shows the insertions into an array of three empty arrays.

The result is then printed: -c-d.

Function Description

Complete the countSort function in the editor below. It should construct and print the sorted strings.

countSort has the following parameter(s):

• string arr[n][2]: each arr[i] is comprised of two strings, x and s

Returns

- Print the finished array with each element separated by a single space.

Note: The first element of each arr[i], x, must be cast as an integer to perform the sort.

Input Format

The first line contains n, the number of integer/string pairs in the array arr. Each of the next n contains x[i] and s[i], the integers (as strings) with their associated strings.

Constraints

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1 \leq n \leq 1000000 n is even 1 \leq |s| \leq 10 0 \leq x < 100, x \in ar s[i] consists of characters in the range ascii[a-z]
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Output Format

Print the strings in their correct order, space-separated on one line.

Sample Input

```
20
0 ab
6 cd
0 ef
6 gh
4 ij
0 ab
6 cd
0 ef
6 gh
0 ij
4 that
3 be
0 to
1 be
5 question
1 or
2 not
4 is
2 to
4 the
```

Sample Output

```
---- to be or not to be - that is the question ----
```

Explanation

The correct order is shown below. In the array at the bottom, strings from the first half of the original array were replaced with dashes.

```
0 ab
0 ef
0 ab
0 ef
0 ij
0 to
1 be
1 or
2 not
2 to
3 be
4 ij
4 that
4 is
4 the
5 question
6 cd
```

```
6 gh
6 cd
6 gh
```

```
sorted = [['-', '-', '-', '-', 'to'], ['be', 'or'], ['not', 'to'], ['be'], ['-', 'that', 'is', 'the'],
['question'], ['-', '-', '-', '-'], [], [], []]
```