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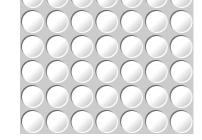
Problem 4

Connect-4

The rules for Connect-4 are simple. The game is played on an upright seven column board. Each column has six spots. Two players play by alternately dropping a red chip or a blue chip down one of the columns. The chip drops to the lowest unoccupied spot in that column. The first player to get four chips in a row, of their colour, either vertical, horizontal, or diagonal, wins. The game ends in a stalemate if it fills before someone wins.

An empty Connect-4 board looks as follows:

Columns of the board will be numbered 1 to 7 from left to right.



The input file (**DATA41.txt** for the first submission and **DATA42.txt** for the second submission) will contain 5 lines of data. Each line will contain a string of length 42. The only characters in the string will be the digits 1 through 7, indicating the column that the chip is dropped in. The first digit in the string, and every other digit after that will represent the column that a red chip is dropped in. The second digit in the string and every other digit after that will represent the column that a blue chip is dropped in. There will be exactly seven of each of the digits 1 to 7.

The output file (OUT41.txt for the first submission and OUT42.txt for the second submission) will contain five lines of data. Each line will contain the colour of the winner, in upper case, a hyphen (-), and the total number of chips dropped when the winner was declared.

Note: There will be a winner in each case.

Sample Input (3 lines only)	Sample Output
212343342254453665554756111121237776767643	RED-23
433242522131111122333344445555566666677777	RED-11
333242236724226611111133344455555566677777	BLUE-18

Analysis of Sample Input - Second Case

Red drops a chip in column 4, Blue drops a chip in column 3 Red drops a chip in column 3, Blue drops a chip in column 2 Red drops a chip in column 4, Blue drops a chip in column 2 Red drops a chip in column 5, Blue drops a chip in column 2 Red drops a chip in column 2, Blue drops a chip in column 1 Red drops a chip in column 3. Red wins!

