# 1620. Coordinate With Maximum Network Quality

Medium <u>Array</u> **Enumeration** 

# **Problem Description**

with three elements - the x-coordinate, the y-coordinate, and the quality factor. We have to find a point on an X-Y plane that has the maximum sum of the signal qualities from all the reachable towers. A tower is considered reachable if it is within a given radius. The quality of the signal from a tower decreases as the distance from the tower increases, and it is calculated using the formula q\_i / (1 + d), where q\_i is the tower's quality factor and d is

In this problem, we are given the locations and quality factors of several network towers. Each tower is represented as an array

the Euclidean distance from the tower to the point of interest. We round down the calculated quality to the nearest integer. We need to find the coordinates (cx, cy) where the network quality is the highest. If there are multiple such coordinates with

the same quality, we return the smallest lexicographically coordinate, one that has the smallest non-negative x-coordinate, and if those are the same, then the one with the smallest non-negative y-coordinate.

To solve this problem, we perform exhaustive search – basically, we iterate over all the possible coordinates and calculate the

We initiate a variable mx to keep track of the maximum network quality found so far, and a variable ans to store the best

## network quality at each point by summing up the signal quality from each tower that is within the given radius.

y's are expected to lie within this range).

ans will contain the coordinates with the highest possible network quality.

coordinates corresponding to mx. We compute the network quality at every point by iterating over a predefined range (coordinates from (0, 0) to (50, 50) in this case, assuming these bounds are set by the problem context, i.e., the given x's and

For each point (i, j), we iterate over all towers checking their reachability. If a tower is reachable (distance d is less than or equal to radius), we calculate its contribution to the signal quality using the provided formula, rounding down to the nearest integer, and add it to the current network quality t. If t exceeds mx, we update mx with t and set ans to the current coordinates (i, j). After checking all possible coordinates,

**Solution Approach** The solution provided uses a brute-force approach to find the best coordinate with the maximum network quality.

For this, we use two nested loops to iterate over all possible coordinate points within the given constraints. In this case, it iterates through (0, 0) to (50, 50) as the solution only examines points with integral coordinates within this range.

We initiate a variable mx to track the highest network quality observed and a list ans to store the corresponding coordinates

of this quality.

network quality.

**Example Walkthrough** 

Inside the inner loop, for every point (i, j), another nested loop iterates through the list of towers. For each tower, it calculates the Euclidean distance d from the current coordinate (i, j) using the formula  $sqrt((x - i)^2 + (y - j)^2)$ .

- If the calculated distance is less than or equal to the radius, the tower is reachable, and its quality contribution is computed using the floor division formula q / (1 + d). This is because signal quality is integer-valued after flooring.
- The variable t represents the total signal quality at the point (i, j) and is calculated by summing up the contributions from all reachable towers.

If at any point (i, j), the total signal quality t is greater than mx, mx is updated to t, and ans is updated to [i, j]. If t is

equal to the maximum found so far, it automatically retains the earliest (and therefore lexicographically smallest) coordinates

Finally, after all the coordinates are checked, the function returns ans, which points to the coordinate with the highest

- due to how the loops are structured (starting from (0, 0)). The function floor() is used to perform the floor division operation to ensure that the quality is an integer.
- range of coordinates is small, as the computational complexity is O(n \* m \* t), where n and m are the ranges of x and y coordinates to be checked, and t is the number of towers.

This approach does not use any sophisticated algorithmic pattern but relies on a simple exhaustive search. It is feasible when the

• Tower 1 has coordinates (1, 2) and a quality factor of 5. • Tower 2 has coordinates (3, 4) and a quality factor of 10. To simplify, let's consider our grid extends from (0, 0) to (5, 5).

We would iterate from (0, 0) to (5, 5) and calculate the total network quality at each point. For example, at point (0, 0):

Suppose we have two towers and the radius is given to be 2 units. The towers have the following properties:

#### • Since d2 is also greater than the radius of 2, Tower 2 is unreachable and contributes 0 to the network quality. • The total network quality at point (0, 0) is 0.

Continuing this process for each point, assume we reach coordinate (2, 3): • Compute the distance from Tower 1:  $d1 = sqrt((1-2)^2 + (2-3)^2) = sqrt(1+1) = sqrt(2)$ 

the methodology of searching for the best signal quality on a grid.

# Initialize max signal quality and answer coordinates.

if distance <= coverage radius:</pre>

if total quality > max quality:

best\_coordinate = [i, j]

public int[] bestCoordinate(int[][] towers. int radius) {

for (int x = 0; x < 51; x++) {

for (int y = 0; y < 51; y++) {

max quality = total quality

for x, y, q in towers:

• Given the highest quality, ans would be [2, 3].

Solution Implementation

max quality = 0

**Python** 

class Solution:

Consider the following small example to illustrate the solution approach:

• Tower 2 is reachable as d2 <= 2, so the quality contribution from Tower 2 is floor(10 / (1 + sqrt(2))). • The total network quality at point (2, 3) is the sum of quality contributions from both towers.

We continue this for all points on the grid from (0, 0) to (5, 5), keeping track of the maximum network quality and the

The reason for choosing such a small grid is to explain the brute force approach clearly without diving deep into a complex

calculation that would involve many iterations. This step-by-step progression through the solution approach provides insight into

corresponding coordinates. After we check all points: • Let's say the highest network quality found was 12 at point (2, 3). This would be our mx.

Finally, the coordinates (2, 3) with the highest network quality 12 would be returned.

• Compute the distance from Tower 1:  $d1 = sqrt((1 - 0)^2 + (2 - 0)^2) = sqrt(1 + 4) = sqrt(5)$ 

• Compute the distance from Tower 2:  $d2 = sqrt((3 - 0)^2 + (4 - 0)^2) = sqrt(9 + 16) = sqrt(25)$ 

• Since d1 is greater than the radius of 2, Tower 1 is unreachable and contributes 0 to the network quality.

• Tower 1 is reachable as d1 <= 2, so the quality contribution from Tower 1 is floor(5 / (1 + sqrt(2))).

• Compute the distance from Tower 2:  $d2 = sqrt((3-2)^2 + (4-3)^2) = sqrt(1+1) = sqrt(2)$ 

from math import floor

distance = ((x - i) \*\* 2 + (y - j) \*\* 2) \*\* 0.5

total\_quality += floor(q / (1 + distance))

# update max quality and best coordinate to this point.

int maxSignal = 0; // to keep track of the highest signal quality

// Loop through each possible coordinate on the grid up to 50x50

int[] bestCoordinates = new int[]{0, 0}; // to hold the best coordinates

// Iterate through each tower to calculate its contribution

bestCoord = {x, y}; // Update the best coordinate

// Return the best coordinate after checking all possible points

function calculateDistance(x1: number, v1: number, x2: number, v2: number): number {

// Calculate Euclidean distance from the current coordinate to the tower

double distance = sqrt((x - tower[0]) \* (x - tower[0]) + (y - tower[1]) \* (y - tower[1]));

// If the distance is within the effective radius, add the tower's signal quality

currentSignal += static\_cast<int>(floor(tower[2] / (1 + distance)));

// Check if the current signal quality is greater than the max found so far

maxSignalQuality = currentSignal; // Update max signal quality

for (auto& tower : towers) {

return bestCoord;

type Tower = [number, number, number];

for (let x = 0; x < 51; ++x) {

if (distance <= radius) {</pre>

// Function to calculate Euclidean distance between two points

return Math.sqrt(Math.pow((x1 - x2), 2) + Math.pow((y1 - y2), 2));

// Function to find the best coordinate with the maximum signal quality

// Iterate through each possible x coordinate within the grid limit

function bestCoordinate(towers: Tower[], radius: number): [number, number] {

let maxSignalQuality: number = 0; // To store the maximum signal quality

let bestCoord: [number, number] = [0, 0]; // To store the best coordinate

if (maxSignalQuality < currentSignal) {</pre>

def bestCoordinate(self, towers: List[List[int]], coverage radius: int) -> List[int]:

total\_quality = 0 # Sum of signal qualities from all towers for this point.

# Calculate euclidean distance from the tower to the current point.

int signalQuality = 0; // to calculate the total signal quality at the point (x, y)

# Calculate the signal quality from each tower at the current point.

# Add quality to the total if inside the coverage radius.

# If the total signal quality at this point is greater than the max,

best\_coordinate = [0, 0] # Iterate through each possible point on the grid. for i in range(51): for j in range(51):

#### # After checking all points, return the coordinates with the highest signal quality. return best\_coordinate Java

class Solution {

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// Check each tower's contribution to the signal quality at the point (x, y)
                for (int[] tower : towers) {
                    // Calculate the distance between tower and point (x, y)
                    double distance = Math.sqrt(Math.pow(x - tower[0], 2) + Math.pow(y - tower[1], 2));
                    // Add the tower's signal contribution if it is within radius
                    if (distance <= radius) {</pre>
                        signalQuality += Math.floor(tower[2] / (1 + distance));
                // Update the maximum signal quality and the best coordinates if the current point is better
                if (maxSignal < signalQuality) {</pre>
                    maxSignal = signalQuality;
                    bestCoordinates = new int[]{x, y};
        // Return the coordinates with the best signal quality
        return bestCoordinates;
C++
#include <vector>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;
class Solution {
public:
    // Function to find the best coordinate with the maximum signal quality
    vector<int> bestCoordinate(vector<vector<int>>& towers. int radius) {
        int maxSignalQuality = 0; // To store the maximum signal quality
        vector<int> bestCoord = {0, 0}; // To store the best coordinate
        // Iterate through each possible x coordinate within the grid limit
        for (int x = 0; x < 51; ++x) {
            // Iterate through each possible y coordinate within the grid limit
            for (int v = 0; v < 51; ++v) {
                int currentSignal = 0; // Signal quality at the current coordinate
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**}**;

**TypeScript** 

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// Iterate through each possible y coordinate within the grid limit
   for (let v = 0; v < 51; ++v) {
      let currentSignal: number = 0; // Signal quality at the current coordinate
     // Iterate through each tower to calculate its contribution
      for (let tower of towers) {
       // Calculate Euclidean distance from the current coordinate to the tower
        let distance: number = calculateDistance(x, y, tower[0], tower[1]);
       // If the distance is within the effective radius, add the tower's signal quality
        if (distance <= radius) {</pre>
          currentSignal += Math.floor(tower[2] / (1 + distance));
     // Check if the current signal quality is greater than the max found so far
      if (maxSignalQuality < currentSignal) {</pre>
        maxSignalQuality = currentSignal; // Update max signal quality
        bestCoord = [x, y]; // Update the best coordinate
  // Return the best coordinate after checking all possible points
  return bestCoord;
from math import floor
class Solution:
   def bestCoordinate(self, towers: List[List[int]], coverage radius: int) -> List[int]:
       # Initialize max signal quality and answer coordinates.
       max quality = 0
        best_coordinate = [0, 0]
       # Iterate through each possible point on the grid.
        for i in range(51):
            for j in range(51):
                total_quality = 0 # Sum of signal qualities from all towers for this point.
                # Calculate the signal quality from each tower at the current point.
                for x, y, q in towers:
                    # Calculate euclidean distance from the tower to the current point.
                    distance = ((x - i) ** 2 + (y - j) ** 2) ** 0.5
                    # Add quality to the total if inside the coverage radius.
                    if distance <= coverage radius:</pre>
                        total_quality += floor(q / (1 + distance))
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## # After checking all points, return the coordinates with the highest signal quality. return best\_coordinate

**Time Complexity** 

two loops.

Time and Space Complexity

### The given code runs three nested loops: • The first two loops iterate over a fixed range of 51 each, resulting in 51 \* 51 iterations.

Therefore, the time complexity can be determined by multiplying the number of iterations in each loop. This gives us 51 \* 51 \*

# If the total signal quality at this point is greater than the max,

# update max quality and best coordinate to this point.

if total quality > max quality:

best\_coordinate = [i, j]

max quality = total quality

n, which simplifies to O(n) since the 51 \* 51 is a constant. Thus, the overall time complexity is O(n).

• The innermost loop iterates over the list of towers. If n is the total number of towers, this loop will execute n times for each iteration of the first

**Space Complexity** 

The space complexity of the given code is quite straightforward. There are a few integers (mx, i, j, t, x, y, q, d) and a list

# ans of size 2 being used to store the answer, which do not depend on the input size.

Therefore, since no additional space is used that scales with the input size, the space complexity is 0(1), or constant space complexity.