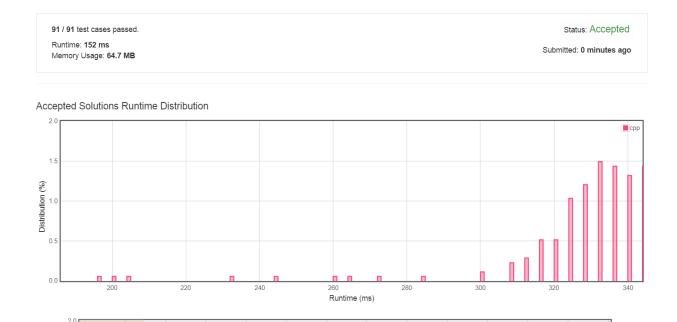
- 1. binary search. $O(n \log n)$.
- 2. reduce to sorting, merge intervals of blossomed flowers. O(sort(n)).
- 3. divide and conquer, shrink intervals of flowers that must blossom/may blossom/cannot blossom. each round we shrink the number of "may blossom" flowers by a half, and the number of intervals that "must blossom" or "cannot blossom" is at most linear in the number of flowers that "may blossom" (if a "must blossom" interval is surrounded by two "cannot blossom" intervals, we can delete it). O(n).



Zoom area by dragging across this chart

Runtime: $152\,$ ms, faster than 100.00% of C++ online submissions for Minimum Number of Days to Make m Bouquets.

References