- 1. binary search.  $O(n \log W)$ .
- 2. Let d denote the divisor, we know  $f(d) \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \frac{a_i}{d} \rceil \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{d}$ . each  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$  has additive error at most 1, so if we set  $d = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}{t}$ , f(d) is an approximation for t with additive error O(n). if we maintain for each  $a_i$  the next value d s.t.  $\lceil \frac{a_i}{d} \rceil$  will change (which can be computed in O(1)), then we need to test only O(n) subsequent d's to make sure  $f(d) \leq t$ . this can be maintained by heap in  $O(n \log n)$  time.

For a fixed d, we can estimate  $f(d) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{a_i}{d}$  by sampling  $O(n^c)$  elements to get an  $\tilde{O}(n^{1-\frac{c}{2}})$  additive approximation, by Chernoff bound (since  $0 \le \frac{a_i \mod d}{d} < 1$ ). Set  $c = \frac{2}{3}$  suffices. Then first perform  $O(\log W)$  binary search steps (each step in sublinear time), then use heap to test a sublinear number of subsequent d's (notice that build a heap only takes O(n) time).  $O(n + \log W \cdot n^{\epsilon})$ , which is O(n) if we reduce W to poly(n) by standard techniques.

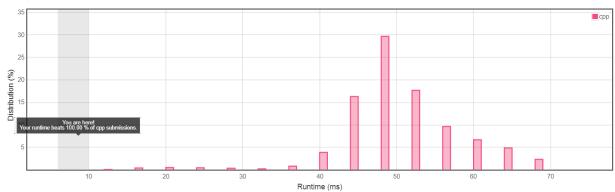
3. We can directly use the results for finding the m-th largest element in the union of n sorted arrays [1, 2, 3], and also get  $O(n + \min\{n, m\} \log \frac{m}{\min\{n, m\}}) = O(n)$  time (since m = O(n)). see 004. Median of Two Sorted Arrays.

There's a simpler algorithm that finds the m-th largest element in the union of n sorted array in O(n+m) time, using linear-time median selection. Each round using O(n) time, we either reduce n by half, or decrease m by at least  $\frac{n}{2}$ .

## Remark.

- 1. it's possible to perform only  $O(\log n)$  binary search steps, by known techniques. (extract the first n largest elements in the union of n sorted arrays, after using the observation of Alg. 2, and then binary search on those n values.)
- 2. with clever implementation we don't need long long.

## Accepted Solutions Runtime Distribution



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