

Coding Contest - ||| Year

Total Marks: 100 | Duration: 180 | Total Questions: 5

Module: Arrays & Strings

Marks: 30 | Duration: 0

Question 1:

Marks: +15 -0

Maximum Number of Guests on a Cruise

Maximum Number of Guests on a Cruise Party

A party is organized on a cruise ship that lasts for  $T$  hours. For each hour, the number of guests entering and leaving the party is given.

You are provided with two integer arrays:

- $E[]$  where  $E[i]$  represents the number of guests **entering** the party at the  $i$ -th hour (0-indexed).
- $L[]$  where  $L[i]$  represents the number of guests **leaving** the party at the  $i$ -th hour.

Your task is to determine the **maximum number of guests present** on the cruise at any given time within the  $\tau$  hours duration.

Input Format:

The first line contains a single integer  $\tau$ , the total number of hours the party lasts.

The next  $\tau$  lines each contain an integer representing the entry count  $E[i]$  for each hour.

The next  $\tau$  lines each contain an integer representing the leaving count  $L[i]$  for each hour.

Output Format:

Print a single integer which is the maximum number of guests present on the cruise at any instant within the  $\tau$  hours.

Input

5  
7  
0  
5  
1

3  
1  
2  
1  
3  
4

Explanation of Input:

- $\tau = 5$  (total hours)
- $E = [7, [5][1][3]$  (guests entering each hour)
- $L = [1, 2, 1, 3, [4]$  (guests leaving each hour)

Output

8

Explanation

Hour	Entry (E[i])	Exit (L[i])	Guests Present
1	7	1	6
2	0	2	4
3	5	1	8 (Max)
4	1	3	6
5	3	4	5

Number of guests present at any instance is 8.

This question was asked in the following below companies

1. Infosys
2. IBM
3. TCS Ninja

Test Cases:

#	Input	Expected Output
1	5 7 0 5	8

	1 3 1 2 1 3 4	
2	3 10 5 8 2 3 4	14
3	4 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4	4

**Solution:**

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int T = sc.nextInt();
        int[] E = new int[T];
        int[] L = new int[T];

        for (int i = 0; i < T; i++) {
            E[i] = sc.nextInt();
        }

        for (int i = 0; i < T; i++) {
            L[i] = sc.nextInt();
        }

        int currentGuests = 0;
        int maxGuests = 0;

        for (int i = 0; i < T; i++) {
            currentGuests += E[i] - L[i];
            maxGuests = Math.max(maxGuests, currentGuests);
        }

        System.out.println(maxGuests);
    }
}
```

**Question 2:**

Marks: +15 -0

**Filter Event Ticket Number****Remove Specific Characters from Ticket Number**

An event management company prints unique ticket numbers to direct visitors to their designated audience class. Given a ticket number `str1`, your task is to **remove specific characters or substrings** based on the following rules:

- Remove **all occurrences** of the substring **"EF"** (only when the characters 'E' and 'F' appear together in that order).
- Remove **all occurrences** of the digits **"56"** (only when digits '5' and '6' appear together in that order).
- Remove **all occurrences** of the character **"G"**.
- If 'E' and 'F' appear but **not consecutively in the order "EF"**, they should be **kept** intact.

The input will only contain uppercase alphabets (A-Z) and digits (0-9). No spaces or special characters will be present.

**Input Format:**

A single line containing the string `str1`, representing the ticket number.

**Output Format:**

A single line containing the processed string after removing all specified characters and substrings.

**Constraints:**

`1 <= length of str1 <= 1000`

`str1` contains only uppercase letters (A-Z) and digits (0-9).

No spaces or special characters in the input.

**Input:**

4523EF58G

**Output:**

452358

**Explanation:**

- **"EF"** is together → removed
- **"56"** is not present → no action
- **"G"** is removed

**Input:**

E12F35G58

**Output:**

E12F3558

**Explanation:**

- "E" and "F" are **not together** → kept
- "56" is not present → no action
- "G" is removed

This question was asked in the following below companies

1. HCLTech
2. Meta
3. IBM

**Test Cases:**

#	Input	Expected Output
1	4523EF58G	452358
2	E12F35G58	E12F3558
3	A1B2C3D4EF56G	A1B2C3D4

**Solution:**

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        String str1 = scanner.nextLine();

        // Remove occurrences of "EF"
        str1 = str1.replaceAll("EF", "");
        // Remove occurrences of "56"
        str1 = str1.replaceAll("56", "");
        // Remove occurrences of "G"
        str1 = str1.replaceAll("G", "");

        System.out.println(str1);
    }
}
```

## Module: Recursion

Marks: 20 | Duration: 0

### Question 1:

Marks: +20 -0

#### Parsing A Boolean Expression

### Parsing A Boolean Expression

You are given a string `expression` which represents a boolean expression. The expression can be one of the following forms:

- `'t'` representing **true**.
- `'f'` representing **false**.
- `'!(subExpr)'` which evaluates to the logical NOT of the inner boolean expression `subExpr`.
- `'&(subExpr1, subExpr2, ..., subExprn)'` which evaluates to the logical AND of the inner boolean expressions `subExpr1, subExpr2, ..., subExprn`, where  $n \geq 1$ .
- `'|(subExpr1, subExpr2, ..., subExprn)'` which evaluates to the logical OR of the inner boolean expressions `subExpr1, subExpr2, ..., subExprn`, where  $n \geq 1$ .

Your task is to **evaluate the expression and return its boolean result**.

#### Input

- `expression`: a valid boolean expression string consisting only of characters `'t', 'f', '!', '&', '|', '(', ')', and ', '`.

#### Output

- A boolean `true` or `false` indicating the evaluation result of the expression.

#### Constraints

- $1 \leq \text{expression.length} \leq 2 * 10^4$
- The expression is guaranteed to be valid and follow the described rules.

#### Explanation of Evaluating the Boolean Expression

The expression consists of:

- Literals `'t'` (true) and `'f'` (false).
- Operators:
  - `!` (NOT) applied to a single sub-expression.
  - `&` (AND), applied to one or more sub-expressions.
  - `|` (OR), applied to one or more sub-expressions.

Each operator is followed by parentheses enclosing its argument sub-expressions, which can themselves be literals or nested operator-expressions.

Examples

Example 1:

text  
Input: expression = "&|(f))"  
Output: false  
  
Explanation:  
| (f) evaluates to f (false).  
Then & (f) evaluates to f (false).  
So the final result is false.

Example 2:

text  
Input: expression = "|(f,f,f,t)"  
Output: true  
  
Explanation:  
false OR false OR false OR true is true.

Example 3:

text  
Input: expression = "!(&(f,t))"  
Output: true  
  
Explanation:  
&(f,t) = false AND true = false.  
! (f) = NOT false = true.

This question was asked in the below following companies

- 1. IBM
- 2. Deloitte
- 3. Adobe

Test Cases:

#	Input	Expected Output
1	& (f))	false
2	(f,f,f,t)	true
3	(&(t,t),!( (f,f,f)))	true

Solution:

```

import java.util.*;
public class Main{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        BooleanExpressionEvaluator evaluator = new BooleanExpressionEvaluator();
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println(evaluator.parseBoolExpr(sc.nextLine()));
        // Optional: You can run the test cases here or pass inputs to parseBoolExpr method.
    }
}

class BooleanExpressionEvaluator {

    public boolean parseBoolExpr(String expression) {
        Deque stack = new ArrayDeque<>();

        for (char ch : expression.toCharArray()) {
            if (ch == ',') {
                continue;
            } else if (ch == ')') {
                // evaluation code (same as yours)
                int trueCount = 0, falseCount = 0;
                while (!stack.isEmpty() && (stack.peek() == 't' || stack.peek() == 'f')) {
                    char val = stack.pop();
                    if (val == 't') trueCount++;
                    else falseCount++;
                }
                stack.pop(); // pop '('

                char operator = stack.pop(); // operator must be on top now

                char result;
                switch (operator) {
                    case '!':
                        result = (falseCount > 0) ? 't' : 'f';
                        break;
                    case '&':
                        result = (falseCount > 0) ? 'f' : 't';
                        break;
                    case '|':
                        result = (trueCount > 0) ? 't' : 'f';
                        break;
                    default:
                        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid operator: " + operator);
                }
                stack.push(result);
            } else if (ch == '!' || ch == '&' || ch == '|') {
                stack.push(ch);
            } else if (ch == '(') {
                stack.push(ch);
            } else {
                // operands (t or f)
                stack.push(ch);
            }
        }

        // Final result on stack top
        return stack.pop() == 't';
    }
}

```



```
}  
  
    // Main method for simple manual testing  
  
}
```

Module: DSA

Marks: 50 | Duration: 0

Question 1:

Marks: +30 -0

Chicks in a Zoo

Chicks in a Zoo

The zoo initially has **1 chick** on day 1. Each day, the following happens:

- Every chick alive at the start of the day gives birth to **2 new chicks**.
- Each chick lives for exactly **6 days**. On the 7th day of its life, it dies and is no longer counted.

Given an integer **N** representing the day number, determine the **total number of chicks alive** on the Nth day.

Input Format:

A single integer  $n$  representing the day number.

Output Format:

A single integer representing the total number of chicks alive on day  $n$ .

Constraints:

- $1 \leq N \leq 100$

Input:

7

Output:

728

Example Walkthrough

Day 1:

Chicks Born: 1

Deaths: 0

Total Alive at End: 1

**Day 2:**

Chicks Born: 2

Deaths: 0

Total Alive at End: 3

**Day 3:**

Chicks Born: 6

Deaths: 0

Total Alive at End: 9

**Day 4:**

Chicks Born: 18

Deaths: 0

Total Alive at End: 27

**Day 5:**

Chicks Born: 54

Deaths: 0

Total Alive at End: 81

**Day 6:**

Chicks Born: 162

Deaths: 0

Total Alive at End: 243

**Day 7:**

Chicks Born: 486

Deaths: 1 (the original chick from Day 1 dies after living 6 days)

Total Alive at End: 728

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**Input:**

2

**Output:**

3

**Explanation:**

- Day 1 → **1 chick**.
- Day 2 → The original chick gives birth to 2 chicks. Total =  $1 + 2 = 3$ .

**Example 2:****Input:**

3

**Output:**

9

**Explanation:**

- Day 1 → **1 chick**.
- Day 2 → 1 original + 2 new = 3 chicks.
- Day 3 → Each of the 3 chicks gives birth to 2 chicks:
- $3 + (3 * 2) = 9$  chicks total.

**Test Cases:**

#	Input	Expected Output
1	2	3
2	3	9
3	4	27

**Solution:**

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int N = sc.nextInt();
        sc.close();

        System.out.println(totalChicks(N));
    }

    public static long totalChicks(int N) {
        if (N == 1) return 1;

        long[] chicks = new long[N + 1];
```

```

    chicks[1] = 1;

    for (int day = 2; day <= N; day++) {
        long bornToday = chicks[day - 1] * 2;
        long dyingToday = (day > 6) ? chicks[day - 6] : 0;
        chicks[day] = chicks[day - 1] + bornToday - dyingToday;
    }

    return chicks[N];
}
}

```

## Question 2:

Marks: +20 -0

### Cookie Distribution

## Assign Cookies to Maximize Content Children

You are given two integer arrays:

- **greed**, where `greed[i]` represents the **greed factor** of the  $i$ -th child.
- **cookies**, where `cookies[j]` represents the **size** of the  $j$ -th cookie.

Each child will be **content** if they receive a cookie of size **greater than or equal to** their greed factor.

Your task is to determine the **maximum number of children** that can be made content by distributing the cookies optimally.

### Input

- An integer array `greed` of length  $n$  ( $1 \leq n \leq 10^4$ ), representing the greed factors of the children.
- An integer array `cookies` of length  $m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 10^4$ ), representing the sizes of the cookies.

Each element in `greed` and `cookies` satisfies:

$$1 \leq \text{greed}[i], \text{cookies}[j] \leq 10^5$$

### Output

- Return an integer representing the maximum number of children that can be content.

### Example 1:

#### Input:

```

greed = [1, 2, 3]
cookies = [1, 1]

```

Output:

1

Explanation:

Only one child (with greed factor 1) can be content with a 1-sized cookie.

Example 2:

Input:

```
greed = [1, 2]
cookies = [1, 2, 3]
```

Output:

2

Explanation:

Both children can be content because they receive cookies of size 1 and 2, respectively.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n, m \leq 10^4$
- $1 \leq \text{greed}[i], \text{cookies}[j] \leq 10^5$

Note:

The key idea is to **sort both arrays** and use a **greedy approach**, iterating through the children and assigning the smallest possible cookie that meets their greed factor.

Test Cases:

#	Input	Expected Output
1	3 1 2 3 2 1 1	1
2	2 1 2 3 1 2 3	2

3	4 1 2 4 5 5 1 2 2 4 6	4
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**Solution:**

```

import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main{
    public static int maxContentChildren(int[] greed, int[] cookies) {
        Arrays.sort(greed);
        Arrays.sort(cookies);
        int i = 0, j = 0, count = 0;

        while (i < greed.length && j < cookies.length) {
            if (cookies[j] >= greed[i]) {
                count++;
                i++;
            }
            j++;
        }
        return count;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int n = sc.nextInt();
        int[] greed = new int[n];
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            greed[i] = sc.nextInt();

        int m = sc.nextInt();
        int[] cookies = new int[m];
        for (int i = 0; i < m; i++)
            cookies[i] = sc.nextInt();

        System.out.println(maxContentChildren(greed, cookies));
        sc.close();
    }
}

```