## Divide & Conquer Optimization and Knuth Optimization

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 $\min[i][j]$  is the smallest k that gives the optimal answer

This optimization reduces the time complexity from  $O(KN^2)$  to  $O(KN\log N)$ 

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for(int groupNo=1; groupNo<=K; groupNo++){
    for(int pos=1; pos<=N; pos++){
        for(int endOfLast=0; endOfLast<pos; endOfLast++){
            int ret = dp[groupNo-1][endOfLast] + rangeOR(endOfLast+1, pos)
            if(ret > dp[groupNo][pos]){
                 dp[groupNo][pos] = ret;
                 opt[groupNo][pos] = endOfLast;
            }
        }
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Opt(groupNo, pos) <= Opt(groupNo, pos+1)

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    for(int pos=1; pos<=N; pos++){
        for(int endOfLast=opt[groupNo][pos-1]; endOfLast<pos; endOfLast++){
            int ret = dp[groupNo-1][endOfLast] + rangeOR(endOfLast+1, pos);
            if(ret > dp[groupNo][pos]){
                 dp[groupNo][pos] = ret;
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## Divide and Conquer Optimization

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void compute(int groupNo, int L, int R, int OptL, int OptR){
    if(L > R) return;
    int mid = (L+R)/2;
    dp[groupNo][mid] = 0;
    int optNow = optL;
    for(int endOfLast=OptL; endOfLast<=optR && endOfLast<mid; endOfLast++){</pre>
        int ret = dp[groupNo-1][endOfLast] + rangeOR(endOfLast+1, mid);
        if(ret > dp[groupNo][mid]){
            dp[groupNo][mid] = ret;
            optNow = endOfLast;
    compute(groupNo, L, mid-1, OptL, optNow);
    compute(groupNo, mid+1, R, optNow, OptR);
for(int groupNo=1; groupNo<=K; groupNo++) compute(groupNo, 1, N, 1, N);
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## How to understand whether D&C property will hold?

When will Opt(groupNo, pos) <= Opt(groupNo, pos+1) hold true?

A sufficient condition is satisfying Quadrangle Inequality

 $Cost(L, j + 1) - Cost(L, j) \le Cost(k, j + 1) - Cost(k, j)$  for any  $(L \le k \le j)$  For Max Query

Cost(L, j + 1) - Cost(L, j) >= Cost(k, j + 1) - Cost(k, j) for any(L < k < j) For Min Query

Name	Original Recurrence	Sufficient Condition of Applicability	Original Complexity	Optimized Complexity	Links
Convex Hull Optimization1	$dp[i] = min_{j < i} \{dp[j] + b[j] \star a[i]\}$	$b[j] \ge b[j+1]$ optionally $a[i] \le a[i+1]$	O(n <sup>2</sup> )	O(n)	123 p1
Convex Hull Optimization2	$dp[i][j] = min_{k < j} \{dp[i-1][k] + b[k] * a[j]\}$	$b[k] \ge b[k+1]$ optionally $a[j] \le a[j+1]$	O(kn²)	O(kn)	1 p1 p2
Divide and Conquer Optimization	$dp[i][j] = min_{k < j} \{dp[i-1][k] + C[k][j]\}$	$A[i][j] \leq A[i][j+1]$	O(kn²)	O(knlogn)	1 p1
Knuth Optimization	$dp[i][j] = min_{i < k < j} \{dp[i][k] + dp[k][j]\} + C[i][j]$	$A[i,j-1] \le A[i,j] \le A[i+1,j]$	O(n <sup>3</sup> )	O(n <sup>2</sup> )	1 2 p1