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# Square Root Decomposition

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## What is Square Root Decomposition

- A process of separating a size  $O(N)$  structure to  $O(\sqrt{N})$  “blocks”, each with a size  $O(\sqrt{N})$ .
- Can we do better?
- If we separate it into  $x$  blocks, there will be  $O(x)$  number of blocks and each block has size  $O(N/x)$

## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- Given an array  $A$  of size  $N$  and  $Q$  queries
- Each query is either
  - Type 1 - Output the sum of  $A[l...r]$
  - Type 2 - Change the value of  $A[x]$  to  $v$
- This can easily be solved by segment tree in  $O((N + Q) \log N)$
- But we want to solve it using square root decomposition

## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- In a naive solution
- For Type 1 query, we calculate the sum in  $O(N)$
- For Type 2 query, we update the value in  $O(1)$
- The overall time complexity is  $O(QN)$

## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- First focus on Type 1 query, we represent each query by  $[l, r]$ .
- Split array  $A$  into blocks of size approximately  $\sqrt{N}$ .
- For each block  $i$ , precalculate the sum of elements in  $B[i]$ .
- We can assume the number of blocks and size of the block are equal to  $s = \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil$
- Then  $B[0] = A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[s-1]$ ,  $B[1] = A[s] + A[s+1] + \dots + A[2s-1]$ ,  
 $B[s-1] = A[(s-1) \times s] + \dots + A[N-1]$ .
- The last block may have fewer elements than  $s$  if  $N$  is not a multiple of  $s$ .

## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- If  $[l, r]$  is long enough, it will contains multiple whole blocks
- Therefore we can split this query into two "tails" and the blocks in the middle.
- Suppose the two tails are  $[l, (k + 1) \times s - 1]$  and  $[p \times s, r]$ , where  $k$  and  $p$  are the block index of  $l$  and  $r$  respectively.
- Blocks in the middle are blocks  $k + 1$  to  $p - 1$ .
- If  $k = p$ , the sum should be calculated trivially.
- $\sum_{i=l}^r A[i] = \sum_{i=l}^{(k+1) \times s - 1} A[i] + \sum_{i=k+1}^{p-1} B[i] + \sum_{i=p \times s}^r A[i]$
- $O(\sqrt{N})$

## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- Example:
- $A = \{8, 1, 7, 12, 3, 5, 9, 6, 4\}$ 
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- $[l, r] = [3, 8] \rightarrow [3, 3] + B[1] + [7, 8] = 7 + 20 + 9 + 6 = 42$
- $[l, r] = [3, 9] \rightarrow [3, 3] + B[1] + B[2] = 7 + 20 + 19 = 46$



## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- For Type 2 query, we can easily update the value of the corresponding block as well.
- $A[x] = v$ , assume  $A[x]$  belongs to block  $i$ .
- $B[i]' = B[i] - A[x] + v$
- $O(1)$

## Decomposition on array – Range Sum Query

- Overall we precompute in  $O(N)$  and answer  $Q$  queries in
  - Type 1:  $O(\sqrt{N})$
  - Type 2:  $O(1)$
- Overall time complexity:  $O(N + Q\sqrt{N})$

## Decomposition on array – Similar Problems

- Similar techniques can be used on
  - Find min of  $A[l...r]$
  - Find max of  $A[l...r]$
  - Find number of  $A[x] = 0$  where  $l \leq x \leq r$
  - Find the first non-zero element in  $A[l...r]$

## Decomposition on array – Range Update

- We can also handle range update queries in square root decomposition
- Consider the same Range Sum Query problem but add a Type 3 query where we add  $v$  to all elements in  $A[l...r]$ .
- Let  $C[i]$  stores the value that has to be added to all elements in the block, initially  $C[i] = 0$
- We split the query into two "tails" and the middle blocks.
- For all the middle block,  $C[i] += v$ .
- For the remaining elements in the tail,  $A[i] += v$ .

## Decomposition on array – CF551E

- CF551E GukiZ and GukiZiana
- <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/551/E>
- Given an array  $A$  with length  $N$  and  $Q$  queries.
- Two type of queries:
  - Type 1: Add  $x$  to  $[l, r]$
  - Type 2: Find the maximum value of  $j - i$  s.t.  $a[i] = a[j] = y$

## Decomposition on array – CF551E

Sample Input:

4 3  
1 2 3 4  
1 1 2 1  
1 1 1 1  
2 3

Sample Output:

2

## Decomposition on array – CF551E

- Again we first split the array into  $\sqrt{N}$  blocks
- Let the array be  $\{1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 1\}$ 
  - Block 0 contains  $\{1, 1, 1\}$
  - Block 1 contains  $\{2, 1, 3\}$
  - Block 2 contains  $\{1, 1\}$

## Decomposition on array – CF551E

- For Type 2 queries, we want to find the minimum  $i$  and maximum  $j$  s.t.  $a[i] = a[j] = y$ .
- This search can be done by binary search!
- Store a sorted array for each block, where each element is  $(a[i], i)$ , sorted by  $a[i]$  then  $i$  in ascending order.
  - Block 0 contains  $\{1, 1, 1\} \rightarrow \{(1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2)\}$
  - Block 1 contains  $\{2, 1, 3\} \rightarrow \{(1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 5)\}$
  - Block 2 contains  $\{1, 1\} \rightarrow \{(1, 6), (1, 7)\}$
- In each query for  $y$ , find the leftmost and rightmost element in blocks with  $(a[i], x)$
- Take the smallest  $x$  as minimum  $i$ , and largest as maximum  $j$ .



## Decomposition on array – CF551E

- For Type 1 queries, we can also split the query into two "tails" and the middle blocks.
- For middle blocks, use the range update technique in previous slides.
- For tails blocks, we can reconstruct the sorted block in  $O(\sqrt{N} \log \sqrt{N})$

## Mo's Algorithm

- Mo's Algorithm is a technique that is based on square root decomposition.
- In normal square root decomposition, we precompute information of each blocks, and merge the queries. But some type of queries cannot be easily merged, e.g. Finding the mode of an interval.
- Mo's Algorithm takes advantages of transition a query in  $O(1)$  or  $O(\log n)$  from  $[l, r]$  to  $[l + 1, r]$ ,  $[l - 1, r]$ ,  $[l, r - 1]$  and  $[l, r + 1]$ .
- Then we can avoid extra calculations if we carefully plan how we order the queries and make the transition.

## Mo's Algorithm – Template

```
void move(int pos, int sign) {  
    // update nowAns  
}  
  
void solve() {  
    BLOCK_SIZE = int(ceil(pow(n, 0.5)));  
    sort(queries, queries + m);  
    for (int i = 0; i < m; ++i) {  
        const query &q = queries[i];  
        while (l > q.l) move(--l, 1);  
        while (r < q.r) move(r++, 1);  
        while (l < q.l) move(l++, -1);  
        while (r > q.r) move(--r, -1);  
        ans[q.id] = nowAns;  
    }
```

## Mo's Algorithm – Sorting

- To achieve  $O(N\sqrt{N})$ , the queries should be sorted in a special way.
- We will first answer queries with left index in block 0, then queries with left index in block 1, etc.
- We can also define a struct for queries and make it easier to store them and sort them.

```
struct Query {  
    int l, r, idx;  
    bool operator<(Query other) const {  
        return make_pair(l / block_size, r) <  
               make_pair(other.l / block_size, other.r);  
    }  
};
```

## Mo's Algorithm – Analysis

- Let the maximum value of leftmost index of each block be  $max_1, max_2, \dots, max_{\lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil}$
- After sorting, we have  $max_1 \leq max_2 \leq \dots \leq max_{\lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil}$
- It takes  $O(N)$  to compute the first answer of each block.
- Or  $O(\sqrt{N})$  for all blocks except the first one, if we compute the first answer using the first answer of the previous block.
- In worst case of every block, the maximum value of the rightmost index is  $N$ , and every modification of the leftmost index is either from  $max_{i-1} + 1$  to  $max_i$  or from  $max_i$  to  $max_{i-1} + 1$ .

## Mo's Algorithm – Analysis

- Since the rightmost index is sorted in each block, answering the queries takes at most  $O(N)$  or  $O(N \log N)$  time. In total it takes  $O(N\sqrt{N})$  or  $O(N\sqrt{N} \log N)$  for all blocks.
- Let  $Q'$  be the number of queries within the block.
- For the leftmost index, every modification takes  $O(\max_i - \max_{i-1}) = O(\sqrt{N})$ , the time complexity within the block is  $O(Q' \times \sqrt{N})$ .
- The total time complexity for the leftmost index is  $O(Q\sqrt{N})$

## Mo's Algorithm – Analysis

- The time complexity for the rightmost indexes within a block is  $O(N)$
- The total time complexity for the rightmost indexes is  $O(N\sqrt{N})$
- The total time complexity is  $O((N + Q)\sqrt{N})$

## Mo's Algorithm – CF86D

- CF86D - Powerful Array

<https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/86/D>

- Given an array of length  $n$  and  $t$  queries.
- On each query  $(l, r)$ , output the *power* of  $a[l..r]$ .
- The power of  $a[l..r]$  is  $\sum cnt[s]^2 \times s$  for all unique integer  $s$ .



## Mo's Algorithm – CF86D

### Example

- $a = [1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 1, 1]$
- Query (2, 7)
- Answer =  $3^2 \times 1 + 2^2 \times 2 + 1^2 \times 3 = 9 + 8 + 3 = 20$

## Mo's Algorithm – CF86D

- Naive solution
- For each query, loop over  $(l_i, r_i)$  and calculate the answer.
- $O(tn)$
- Notice that these queries can be processed offline, i.e. the order of processing the queries does not matter!
- We can sort and change the order of the queries.
- Maybe we can reuse the information of the previous queries.

## Mo's Algorithm – CF86D

- Assume you have the answer for  $(l, r)$ .
- We should consider how the answer changes if we add an extra element or remove an element.
- When we add an element  $s$ ,  $cnt[s] = cnt[s] + 1$ , the contribution of it to answer is from  $cnt[s]^2$  to  $(cnt[s] + 1)^2$ , therefore the answer should change by  $2 \times cnt[s] + 1$ .
- it is similar when we remove an element, therefore this transition is  $O(1)$ .
- By the analysis of previous slides, we can guarantee that this takes at most  $O((t + n)\sqrt{n})$  steps.

## Mo's Algorithm – CF617E

- CF617E - XOR and Favorite Number

<https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/617/E>

- Given an array  $a$  of length  $n$ , and  $m$  queries and an integer  $k$ .
- For each queries  $(l, r)$ , count the number of pairs  $(i, j)$  s.t.  
 $a[i] \oplus a[i + 1] \oplus \dots \oplus a[j] = k$  and  $l \leq i \leq j \leq r$ .

## Mo's Algorithm – CF617E

- First think of how to handle one query quickly.
- We can calculate the prefix xor sum  $pre[i] = a[1] \oplus a[2] \oplus \dots \oplus a[i]$ .
- For a pair  $(i, j)$ ,  $a[i] \oplus a[i + 1] \oplus \dots \oplus a[j] = k$  can be replaced by  $pre[j] \oplus pre[i - 1] = k$ .
- For a query  $(l, r)$ , for all distinct prefix sum  $v$  in this range we keep track of their count  $cnt[v]$  as well as the answer to the query.

## Mo's Algorithm – CF617E

- For some prefix sum value  $v$ , we have  $u = v \oplus k$ , and the contribution of one  $v$  to the answer equals  $cnt[u]$ .
- Therefore when we add a new element  $i$ , with  $v = pre[i]$ , we can find the desired value  $u = v \oplus k$ .
- Since  $cnt[v]$  will increase by 1,  $cnt[u]$  will be added to the answer.
- The same for removing an element.
- With Mo's Algorithm, we can calculate the answers to the queries in  $O((n + m)\sqrt{n})$ .

## Avoiding $n\sqrt{n} \log n$

- evil time complexity
- Try your best to avoid this

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- Try to solve it using Mo's Algorithm.
- Maintain a counting array  $cnt$ , and a set  $S$  containing all numbers  $v$  that has  $cnt[v] = 0$ .
- Inserting an element:  $O(\log n)$  (calls  $O(n\sqrt{n})$  times)
- Removing an element:  $O(\log n)$  (calls  $O(n\sqrt{n})$  times)
- Querying the minimum element:  $O(\log n)$  (calls  $O(n)$  times)

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- Total time complexity:  $O(n\sqrt{n} \log n)$
- Query part only requires  $O(n \log n)$
- Can we balance the time?

## Avoiding $n\sqrt{n} \log n$

- Still Mo's Algorithm for the queries
- Instead of using a set  $S$ , we use a boolean array  $B$  to store whether each number  $i$  has  $cnt[i] = 0$
- we then split  $B$  into  $\sqrt{n}$  blocks
- For each block, we maintain the number of elements presented in this block

## Avoiding $n\sqrt{n} \log n$

- Inserting and removing an element can be done in  $O(1)$
- Update the boolean array and the block
- querying can be done in  $O(\sqrt{n})$
- Find the first block that isn't empty
- Then find the first existing number as the answer
- Total time complexity is  $O(n\sqrt{n})$