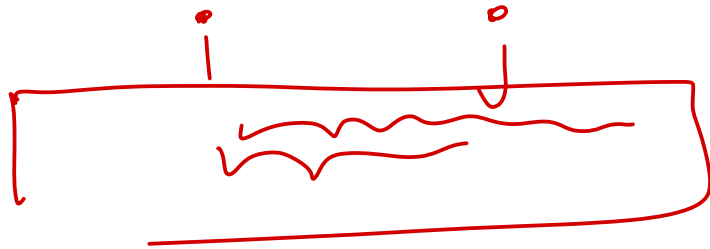


fixed length

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Two Pointers



{ Variable length }

$$j = \underline{i + k - 1}$$

- Priyansh Agarwal

Problem 1

Distance between two coordinates **x** and **y** is defined as absolute difference between the two.

$$\underline{\underline{A_3 > A_1}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \{ A_1 - A_3 \\ A_3 \quad A_1 \} (A_1 - A_3) \end{array}$$

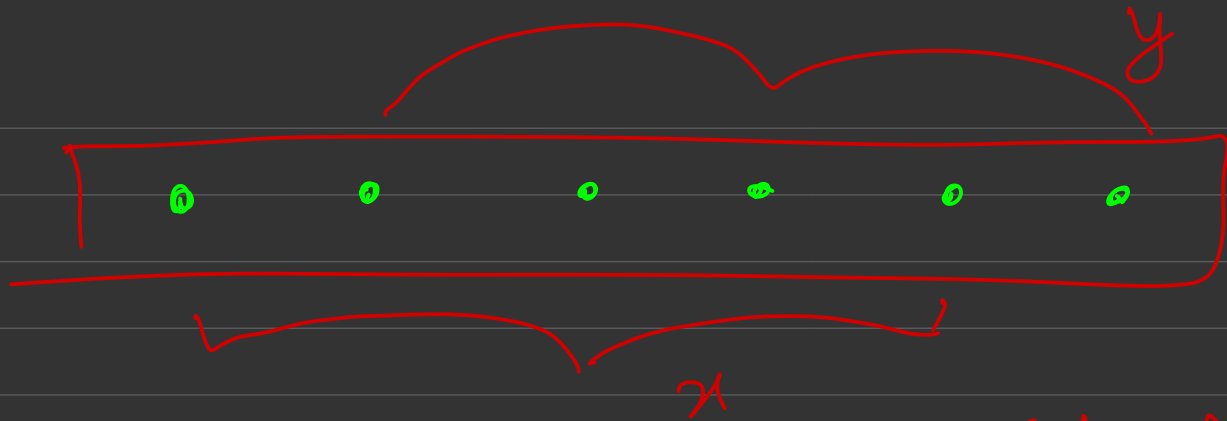
Given an array **nums** having **n** positive integers A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , and an positive integer **k**.

$$\{ 1 \leq k \leq n(n-1)/2 \} \quad (A_3 - A_1)$$

Return the **k**th smallest distance among all the pairs of integers **nums[i]** and **nums[j]** where $0 \leq i < j < n$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{i \quad j} \\ \log(10^5 - 1) \end{array}$$

Constraints: $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$, $1 \leq A_i \leq 10^5$.



$\text{dist}(\text{point}_i, \text{point}_j)$

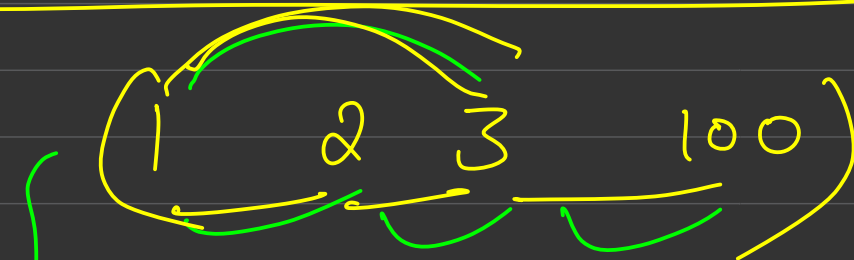
$\frac{(i, j)}{(j, i)}$

$$\underline{\underline{0 \leq i < j < n}}$$

$$0 \rightarrow n-1$$

$$1 \rightarrow n-2$$

$$nC_2 \rightarrow \frac{n \cdot (n-1)}{2}$$



Consecutive
pairs

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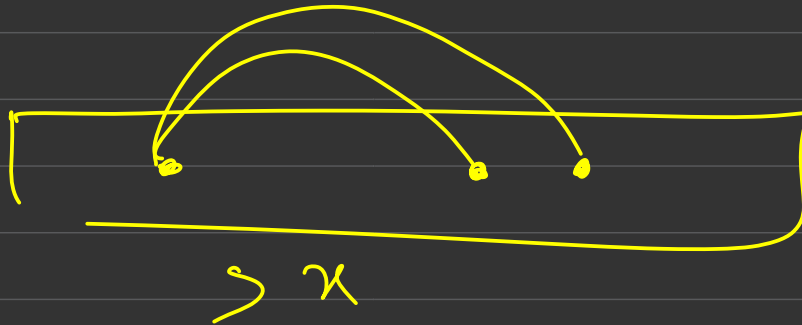
3rd smallest

iterate on 1st 2nd — — kth

$$l \leq k \leq \boxed{n/2}$$

Sorting all differe \longrightarrow picking two iter

$n/2$ \nearrow



Consider diff {s/w pair of elements}

{ $(0 \leq i < j < n)$ }

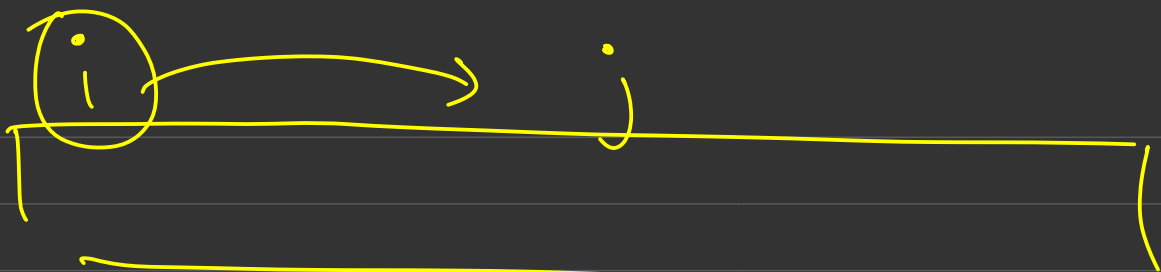
Not sort

dit

kth smallest diff among all pairs

— Binary Search on Answer

— find number of pairs in array
whose diff $< k$ \hookrightarrow $O(n)$



$$|a[j] - a[i]| \leq k$$

how many $x_s \equiv (j-i)$

$$\frac{a[x] - a[i]}{\leq k}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \quad 5 \quad 7 \\ \hline i \quad (1) \quad a[i] \end{array} \quad (i=j)$$

$$a[x] - a[1] \leq k \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (5-0 = 5) \\ (7-1) = 6 \end{array} \right.$$

$$a[j] - a[i] \leq k$$

$$a[x] - a[1] \leq k$$

$$\boxed{a[j] - a[i+1] \leq k}$$

$$(x, y) \quad \underline{\underline{11}}$$

number of pair with diff $\leq k$

$O(n)$

{ while (i < n) { $O(n)$
 while (j < n) {
 if (a[j+1] - a[i] \leq k)
 j++
 else
 break
 } ans += (j - i)
}

$O(n) \rightarrow$ find # of pairs with diff $\leq x$

$O(\log(\text{max diff}))$ k th smallest diff

(pf \rightarrow TTTTT F F F F F)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{T} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{\# of pairs with diff} < x} \text{ are } < k \\ f-1 \rightarrow \boxed{\text{\# of " " " " } < n} \text{ are } \geq k \end{array} \right\}$

1st smallest

$< x$

→ 0 pair

2nd smallest

$< x$

→ 1 pair

Ans = 0

Binary Search on Diff $\rightarrow \boxed{x}$

{

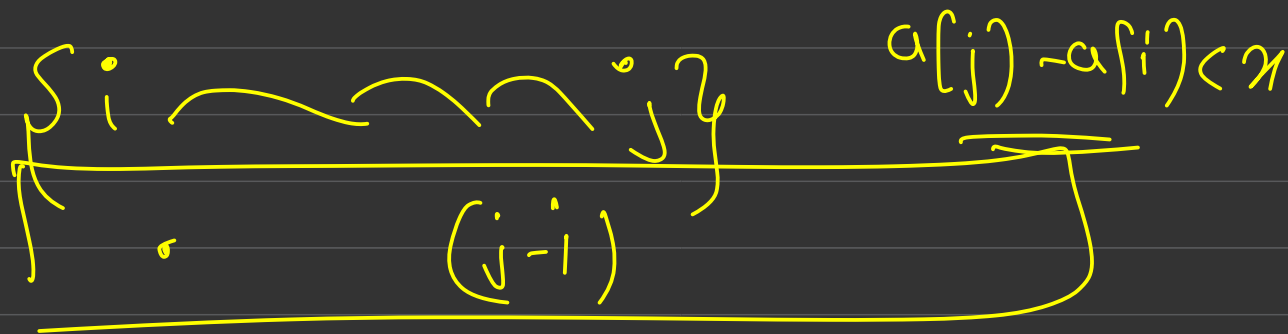
if ($f(\overset{\text{mid}}{\cdot}) == T$) — $O(n)$

{ ans = max(ans, mid)

start = mid + 1

}
end = mid - 1
}

Binary search, 2 pointers $\leq k$



$$a[j] - a[i] \leq x \quad j-1$$

→ $\underline{i-1} \quad j \quad (\underline{j-i})$

~~Q~~
kth smallest diff

$$\rightarrow (a[j] - a[i]) \rightarrow$$



$$\{ a[1] - a[0], a[2] - a[1], a[2] - a[0], \dots, a[n] \}$$

kth smallest

$\leq k$

kth smallest diff = the diff for which
no. of pair with diff $\leq k$

$\{n \rightarrow \# \text{ of pairs with diff} < n\}$

\downarrow

y

$y < k$

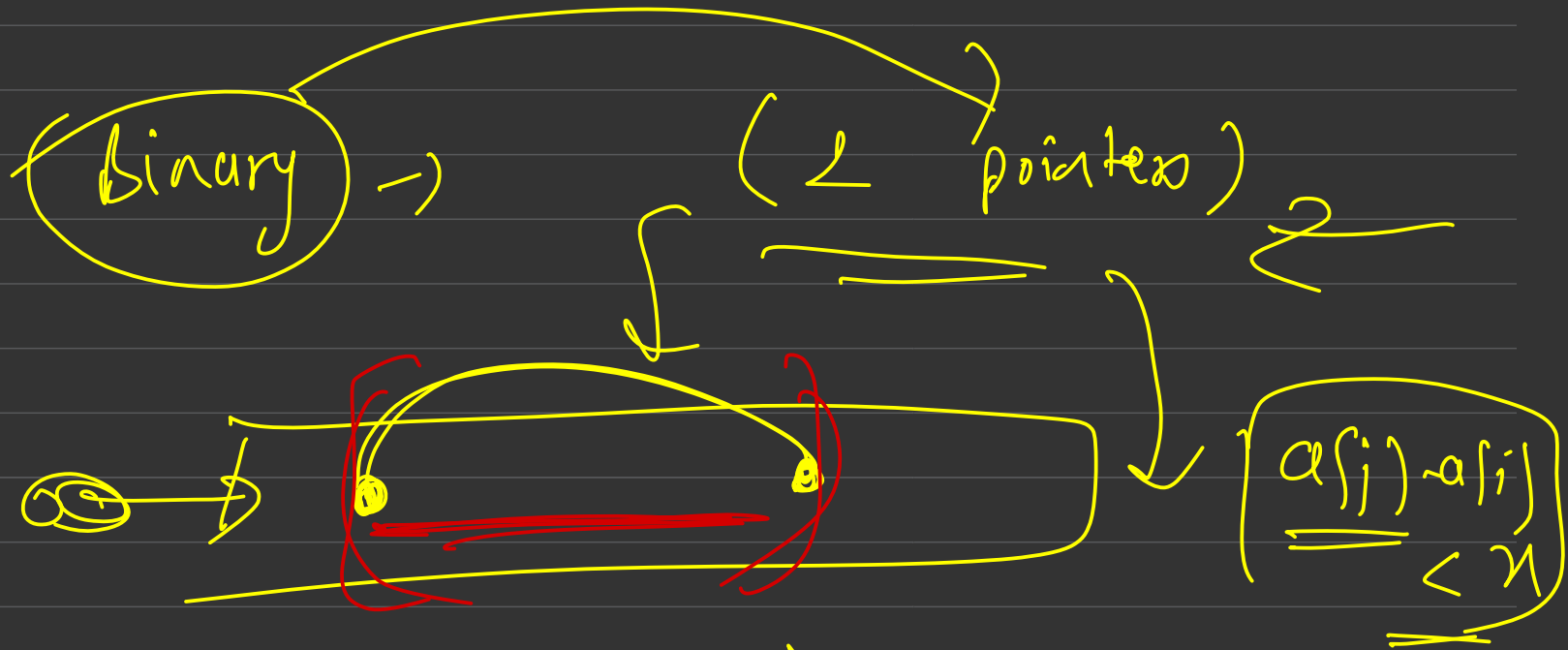
$\frac{y}{k}$

TTTTT LLLLLL

$\frac{y}{k}$

ff

\rightarrow



$$O(\log n \cdot \underline{n \log n})$$

$$O(\log n \cdot n)$$

Binary Search idles \rightarrow 2 points

$n \log n \rightarrow O(n)$

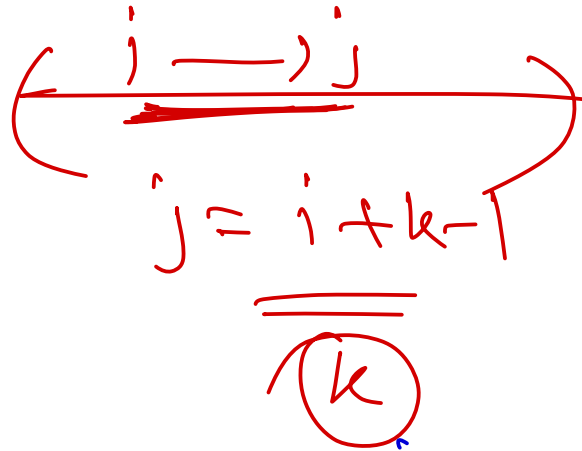
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- Useful for array based problems - subarray ✓
- When to use? ✓ →
- Optimization Technique →
- Use of 2 pointers. ✓
- Super useful for interviews too

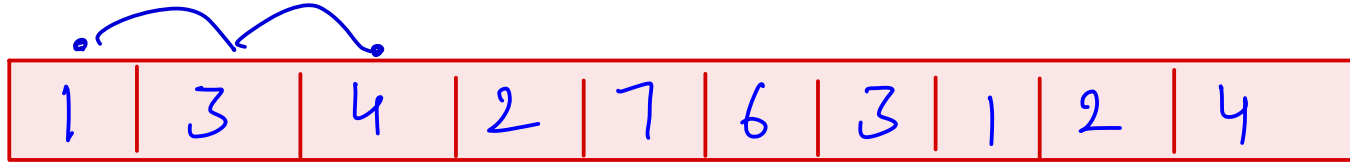
$O(n^2) \rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$

fixed length

fixed length segment



Given an array, what is the maximum sum of a subarray of size k



$K = 3$

$i \rightarrow \underline{i+k-1}$

$\hookrightarrow k$

$i \rightarrow \underline{i+k-1}$

sum available

ans = 0

for (i = 0, i < n; i++)

$O(n \times k)$

$n < n$

$O(n^2)$

}

{

sum = 0

for (j = i; j < i + k; j++)

~~sum~~ sum += a[j] ~~sum~~ $n \times k$

}

ans = max(ans, sum)



subarrays of size $k \rightarrow \underline{\underline{n-k+1}}$

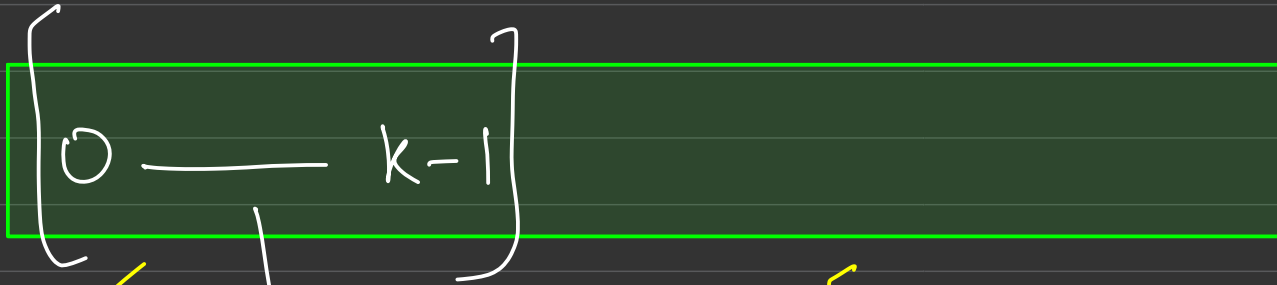
$\text{sum}(i, i+k-1)$



for ($i=0, i < n, i++$) $O(n)$

$(\text{ans} = \max(\text{ans}, \text{sum}(i, i+k-1)))$
 $O(n)$

$O(n)$ \rightarrow space



~~\times~~ sum \rightarrow $O(k)$

$[2 \text{ --- } k+1]$

$[1 \text{ --- } k]$
 \checkmark

$O(1)$ $O(1)$
 $\{ \text{sum} + a[k] - a[0] \}$



$O(k)$

$O(1)$

$+ a[k+1] - a[1]$
 $O(1)$

$O(k)$ + $O(n)$

|

$\text{sum} = 0$
 for ($i=0$; $i < k$; $i++$)
 $\text{sum} += a[i]$

$\text{ans} = \text{sum}$

$i \rightarrow \underline{i+k-1} \leq n-1$
 \downarrow
 $\underline{i+k-1} \leq n$

for ($i=1$, $\underline{i+k-1} \leq n$, $i++$)

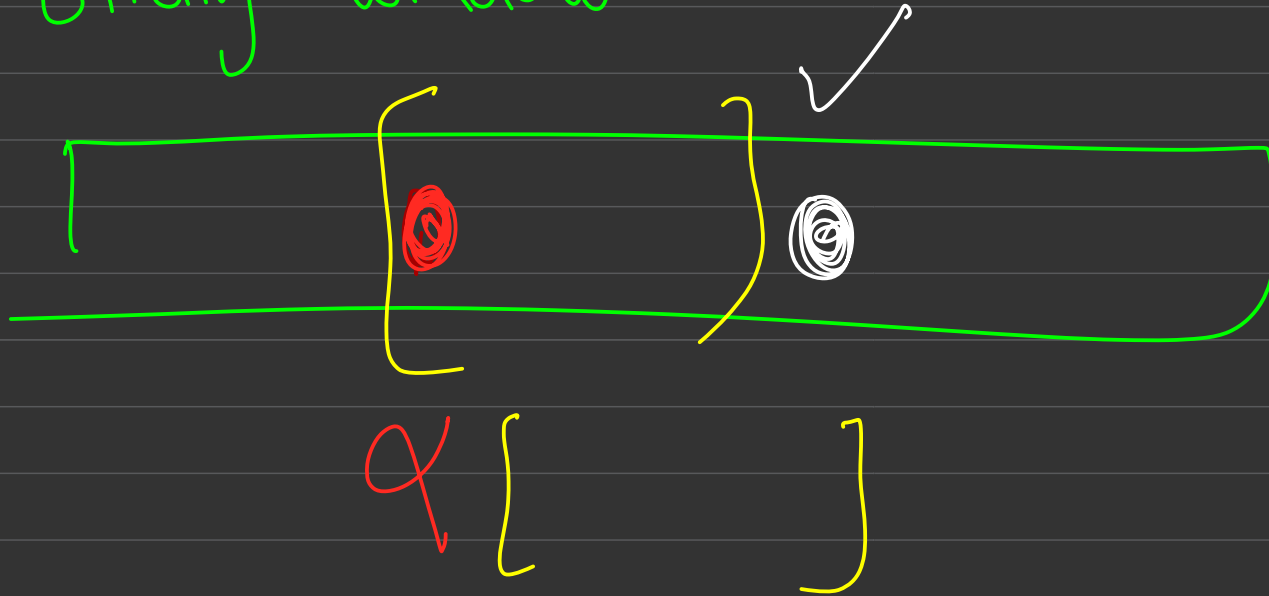
{

$\text{sum} += a[i+k-1]$ ✓

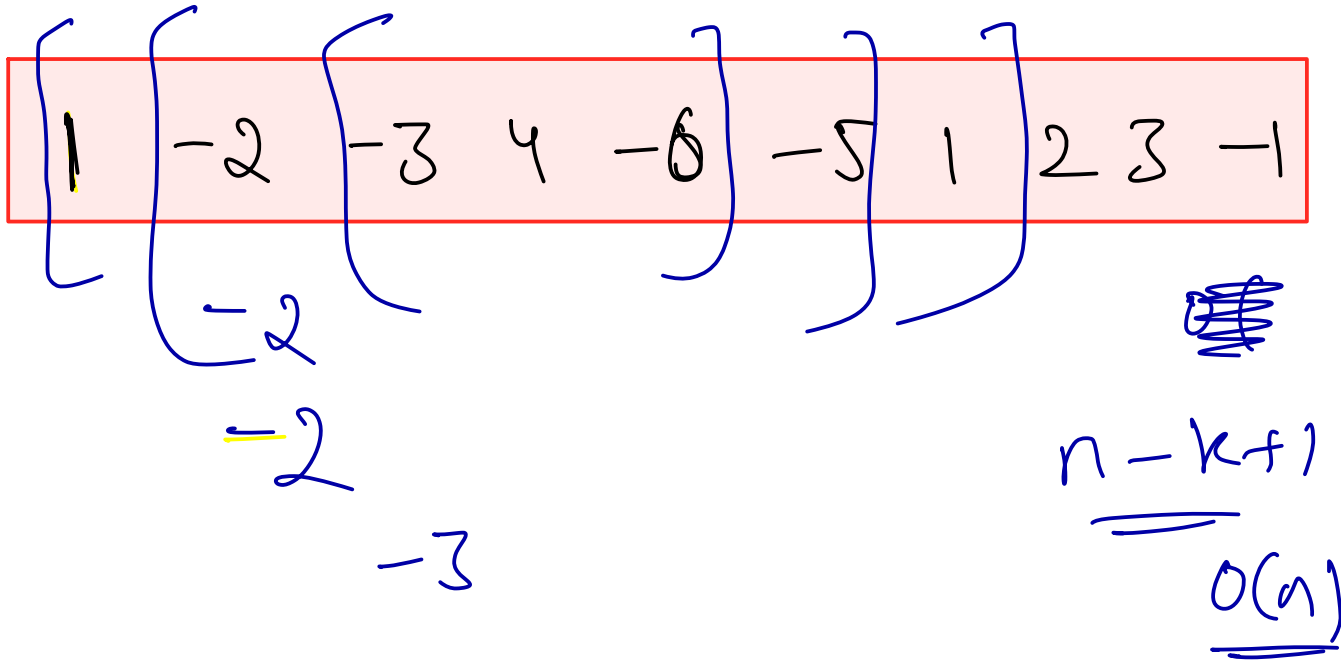
$\text{sum} -= a[i-1]$ ✗

$\text{ans} = \max(\text{ans}, \text{sum})$ }

Sliding window



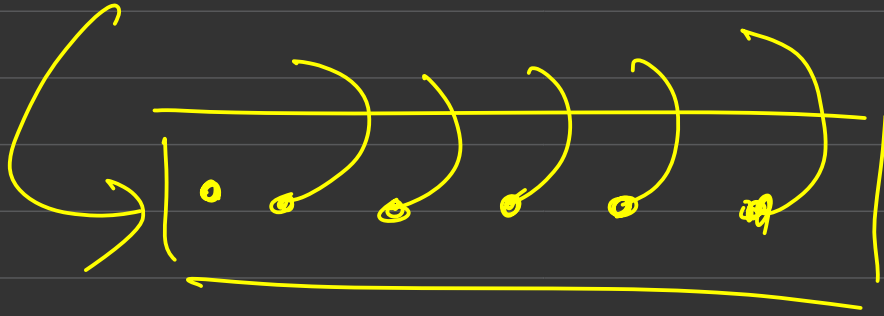
Given an array, find the first negative number in every subarray of size k





$O(1)$ space \leftarrow $\underline{\underline{O(n)}}$
 $O(n)$ time

deque



~~Q~~ 4 operations $\rightarrow O(1)$

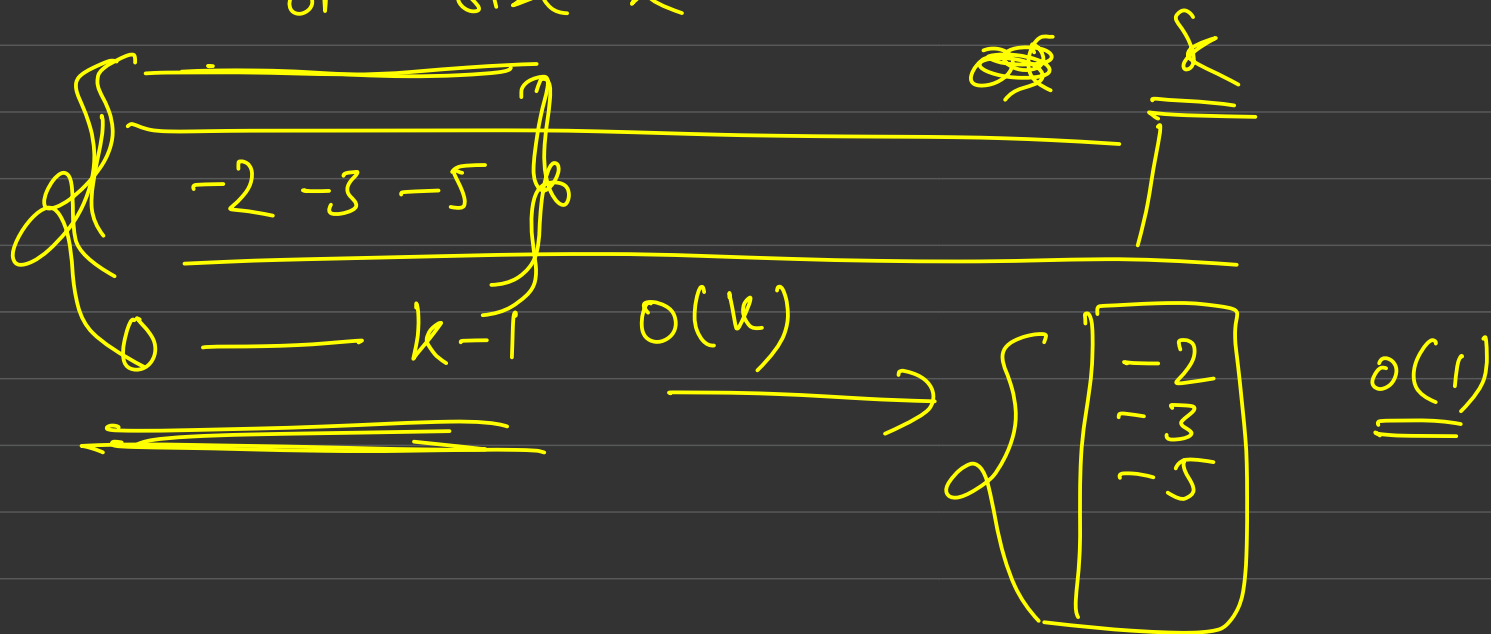
push - back

pop - back $\rightarrow \underline{O(1)}$

\rightarrow push - front \rightarrow vector

pop - front $\rightarrow O(1)$

first negative element in every subarray
of size k



deque d;

{ for (i = 0, i < k, i++)
{ if (a[i] < 0)

d.push_back(i); }

| | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | -3 | -1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|

| |
|---|
| 1 |
| 2 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 0 | 0 |
|---|---|

vector<int> ans(n-k+1, -INF)

queue d;

```
{ for (i=0, i<k, i++)  
    if (a[i] < 0)  
        d.push-back(i)
```

```
{ if (!d.empty())  
    ans[0] = a[d.front()]
```



for (i=1 ; i+k-1 < n , i++)

{ if (a[i+k-1] < 0)



i-1

d.push_back(i+k-1);

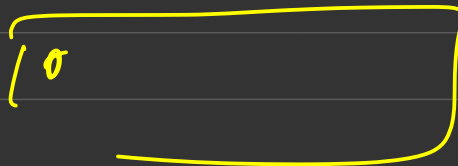
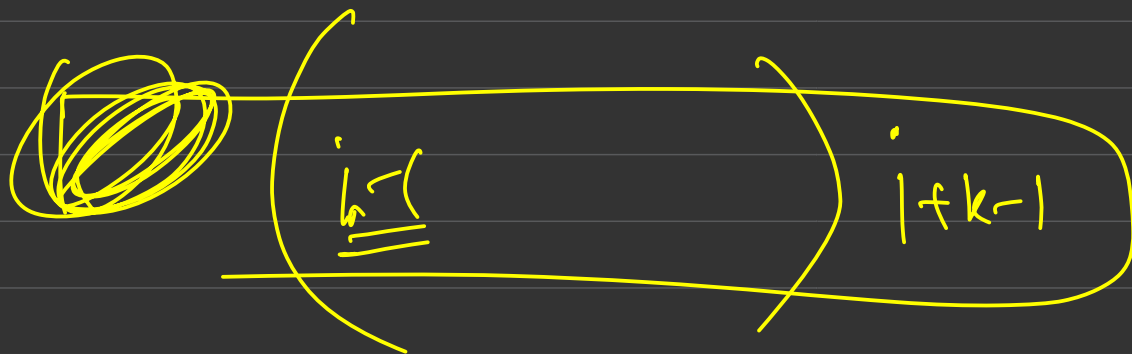
if (d.front() == i-1)

d.pop_front()

if (!d.empty())

ans[i] = a[d.front()] }

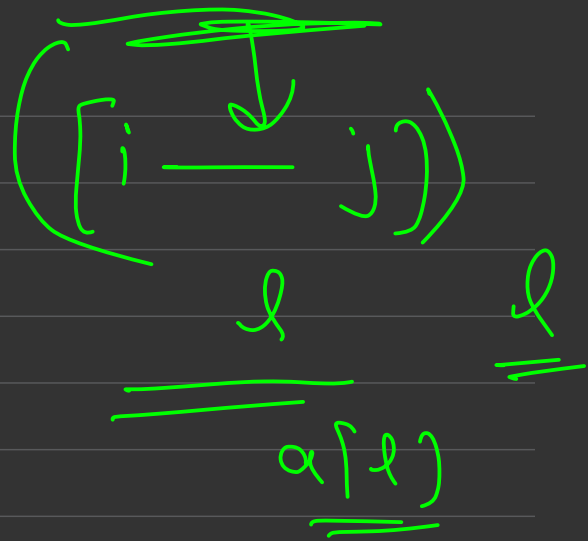




time complexity $\rightarrow O(n)$

space complexity $\rightarrow O(1) \rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$

3 pointers



i , $i+k-1$, l

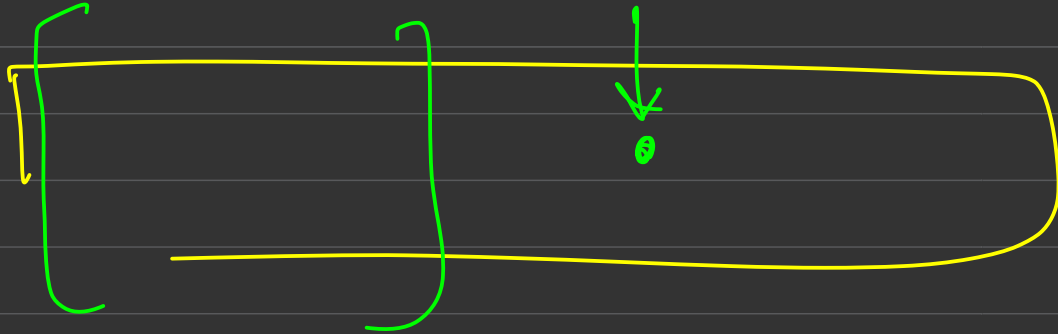
$(l \geq i)$ and $a[l]$ is the first
negative element from $(i$ to $n-1)$

{ find a valid $l = n$

for ($i = 0$, $i < n$, $i++$)

if ($a[i] < 0$)

$l = i$, break



find $l \rightarrow O(n)$ once

$(l \geq i)$

for ($i = 0$, $i + k - 1 < n$, $i++$)

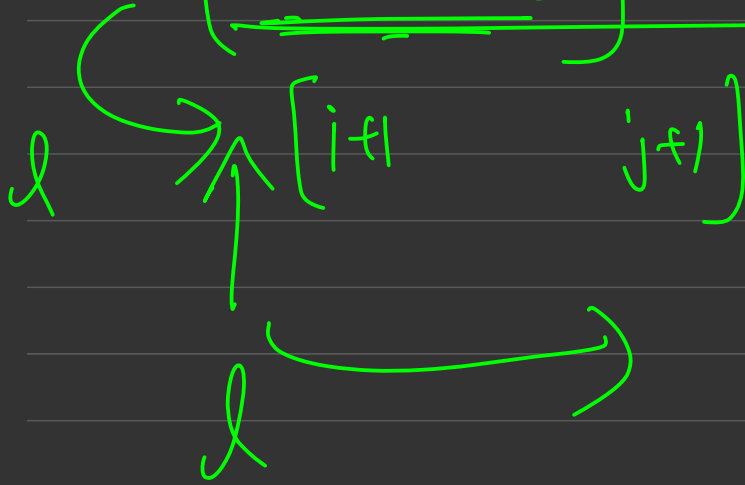
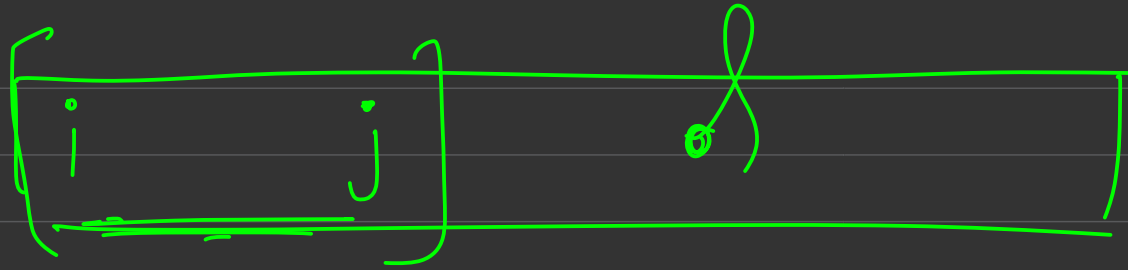
{ if ($l \leq \underline{i + k - 1}$) \leftarrow

$ans[i] = a[l]$

$[i \mid i + k - 1]$

$(i, i + k - 1)$
 $\rightarrow l$

$(i + 1, i + k)$



if ($l == i$)

$(i \leq l \leq n-1)$

such that $a[l]$ is
the first negative
element from
(i to $n-1$)

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queue, deque

time — $O(n)$

space — $O(1)$

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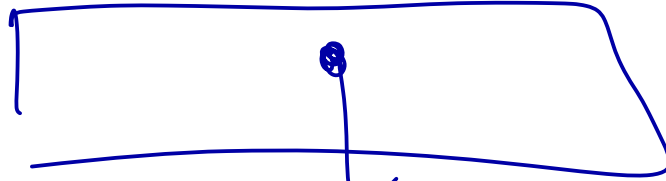
Given an array, find the median of each subarray of size k

k is odd here

No

i

$i+k-1$



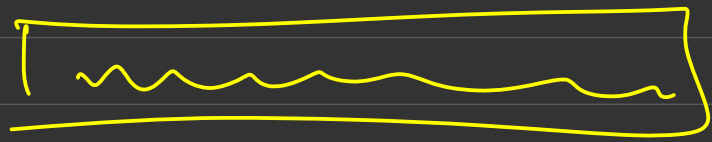
$O(n)$

0

Ordered set

multiset

5th



$O(\log n)$

$O(n)$

pbds
policy based
datastructure

Youtube

insert $\rightarrow O(\log n)$

query for index $\rightarrow O(\log n)$

remove \rightarrow $O(\log n)$



{ p b d s A.
 (pair<int, int>)

for (i = 0, i < k, i++)
 { A.insert((a[i]), i) }

ans[0] = A[k/2].first }

Concept

Q

1 1 2 1 1 2 3

set (pair < int , int >)

↓
(2 , index)

for ($i = 1$, $ifk-1 < n$; $it++$)

{ $\overset{O(1)}{\text{A.insert (\{ a[ifk-1], ifk-1\})}}$

$\text{A.erase (\{ a[i-1], i-1 \})}$

$\text{ans}[i] = \text{A}[k/2].\text{first}$

$\hookrightarrow \text{A.find_by_order}(k/2)$

Sliding window

{ \rightarrow pass }
 \rightarrow pair in set }

(pbds solution) ✓

→ { Fenwick Tree
+ Coordinate Compression }

JAVA

Time complexity → $O(n \log k)$ → $O(n \log n)$

Space → $O(k)$ → $O(n)$

Given an array, find the minimum number in each subarray of size k

set (pair (int, int))

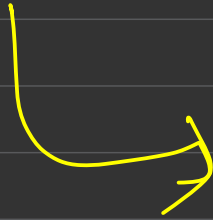
multiset

$O(n \log n)$

✓
Set \rightarrow (priority-queue)

$O(n)$

priority queue faster than set



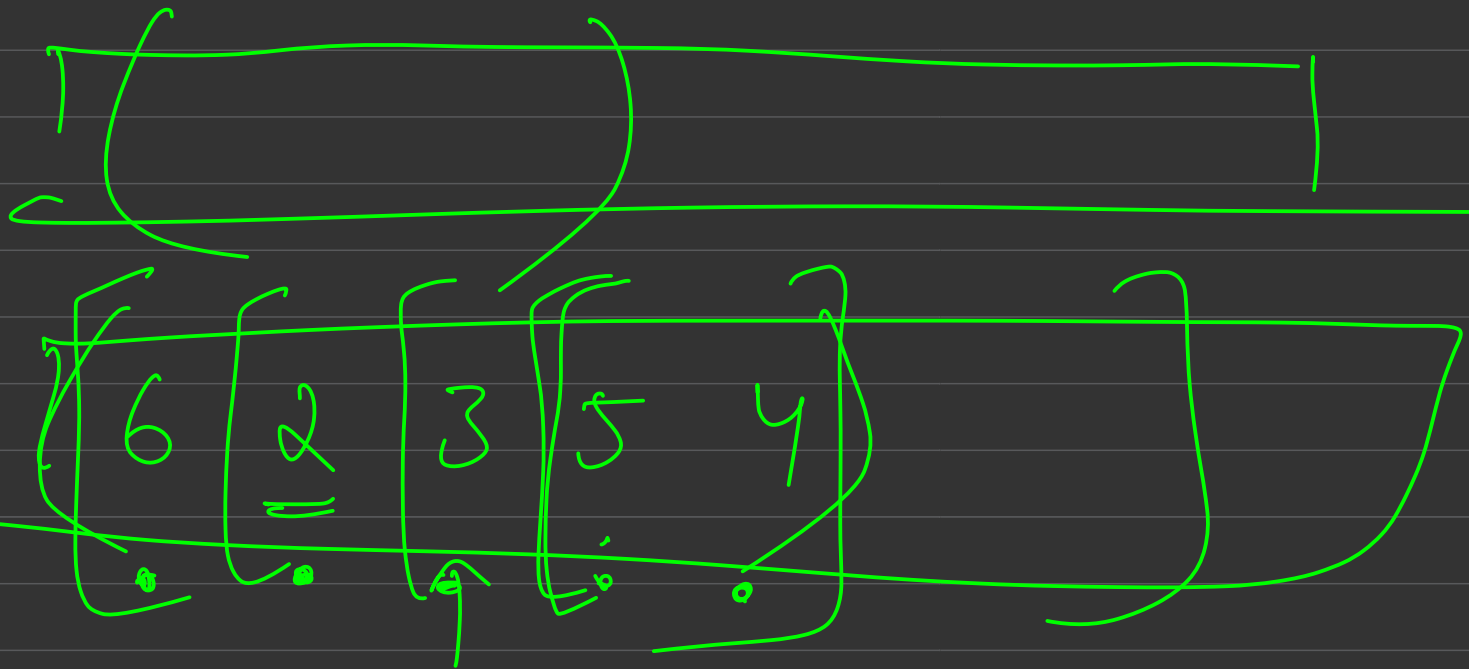
Dijkstra



$O(n \log n)$

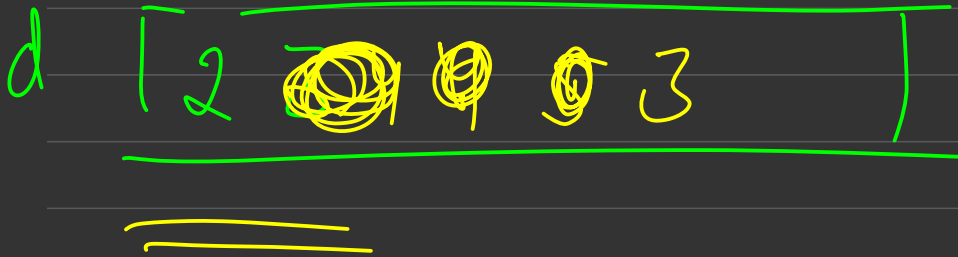
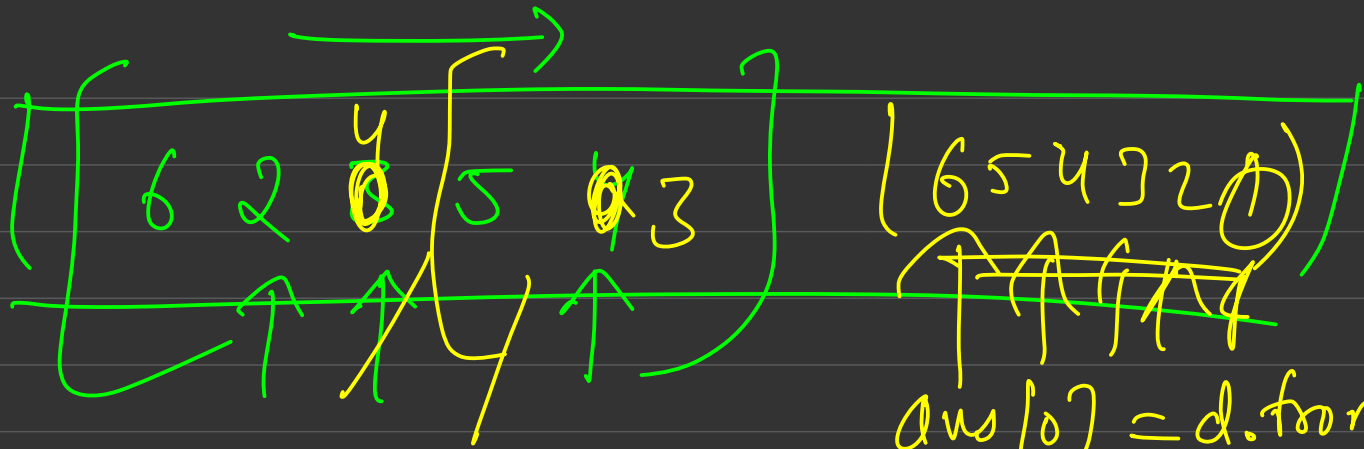
dequ.

$\Theta(n)$ $\rightarrow O(n \log)$



2 3 4

ans [0] = d



degw d

for ($i = 0$, $i < k$, $i++$)

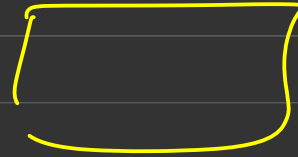
① { while (!d.empty() && $a[d.back()] > a[i]$)
 { d.pop-back(); }
 d.push-back(i); }
ans[0] = $a[d.front()]$.

for ($i = 1$, $i + k - 1 < n$, $i++$)

{
 while (! d.empty() && a[d.back()]
 \leq a[i+k-1])
 $O(n)$ d.pop-back()
 d.push-back(i+k-1)
}

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } (d.\text{front}() == i-1) \\ \quad (d.\text{pop_front}()) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{ans}[i] = a[d.\text{front}()]$$





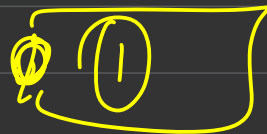
$O(n)$

$O(n)$



$O(1)$

$O(1)$



~~$O(1)$~~

Solution:

- Sliding window
- Use of deque

```
vector<int> maxSlidingWindow(vector<int>& nums, int k) {
    deque<int> d;
    vector<int> ret;
    for(int i = 0; i < k; i++){
        while(!d.empty() && nums[i] > nums[d.back()]){
            d.pop_back();
        }
        d.push_back(i);
    }
    for(int i = k; i < nums.size(); i++){
        ret.push_back(nums[d.front()]);
        if(!d.empty() && d.front() <= i-k){
            d.pop_front();
        }
        while(!d.empty() && nums[i] >= nums[d.back()]){
            d.pop_back();
        }
        d.push_back(i);
    }
    ret.push_back(nums[d.front()]);
    return ret;
}
```