

Experiment 4:

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1. Aim(a):

You are given two integer arrays `nums1` and `nums2`, sorted in **non-decreasing order**, and two integers `m` and `n`, representing the number of elements in `nums1` and `nums2` respectively.

Merge `nums1` and `nums2` into a single array sorted in **non-decreasing order**. The final sorted array should not be returned by the function, but instead be *stored inside the array* `nums1`. To accommodate this, `nums1` has a length of `m + n`, where the first `m` elements denote the elements that should be merged, and the last `n` elements are set to 0 and should be ignored. `nums2` has a length of `n`.

2. Objective: The objective of this program is to merge two sorted integer arrays, `nums1` and `nums2`, into a single sorted array in non-decreasing order. The merged result should be stored in `nums1` without using extra space, utilizing its allocated size of `m + n`.

3. Algorithm:

- Initialize three pointers: `i = m - 1`, `j = n - 1`, and `k = m + n - 1`.
- Iterate while `j >= 0`
 - If `i >= 0` and `nums1[i] > nums2[j]`, place `nums1[i]` at `nums1[k]`, decrement `i`.
 - Else, place `nums2[j]` at `nums1[k]`, decrement `j`.
 - Decrement `k` after each placement.

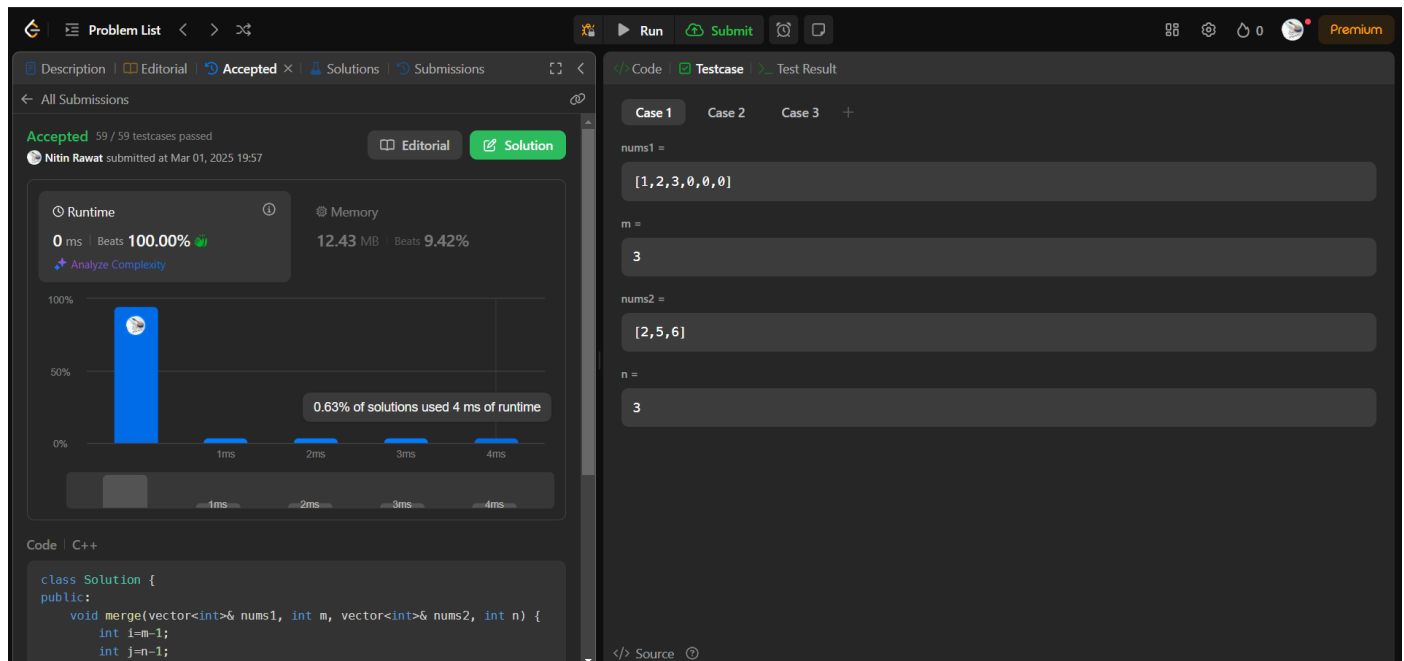
4. Code:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    void merge(vector<int>& nums1, int m, vector<int>& nums2, int n) {  
        int i=m-1;  
        int j=n-1;  
        int k=m+n-1;  
        while(j>=0)  
            if(i>=0 && nums1[i]>nums2[j])  
                nums1[k--]=nums1[i--];  
            else  
                nums1[k--]=nums2[j--];  
    }  
};
```

Leetcode link:

<https://leetcode.com/problems/merge-sorted-array/submissions/1559217600/>

5. Output:



6. Time Complexity:

The time complexity is $O(m + n)$, where m and n are the lengths of the given arrays.

7. Learning Outcomes:

- Learnt how to merge two sorted arrays efficiently using a two-pointer approach.
- Learnt how to traverse arrays from the end to avoid unnecessary shifting.
- Learnt the time complexity analysis of merging sorted arrays in $O(m + n)$ time.

PROBLEM-2

1. **Aim(b):** You are a product manager and currently leading a team to develop a new product. Unfortunately, the latest version of your product fails the quality check. Since each version is developed based on the previous version, all the versions after a bad version are also bad.

Suppose you have n versions $[1, 2, \dots, n]$ and you want to find out the first bad one, which causes all the following ones to be bad.

You are given an API `bool isBadVersion(version)` which returns whether version is bad. Implement a function to find the first bad version. You should minimize the number of calls to the API.

2. **Objective:** The objective of this program is to efficiently find the first bad version in a sequence of product versions using the `isBadVersion(version)` API, while minimizing the number of API calls by implementing a binary search approach.

3. Algorithm:

- Initialize Pointers: Set `left = 1` and `right = n` to define the search range.

- Perform Binary Search: While $\text{left} < \text{right}$:
 - Compute $\text{mid} = \text{left} + (\text{right} - \text{left}) / 2$.
 - If $\text{isBadVersion}(\text{mid})$ is true, update $\text{right} = \text{mid}$ (search in the left half).
 - Else, update $\text{left} = \text{mid} + 1$ (search in the right half).
- End Condition: When $\text{left} == \text{right}$, it points to the first bad version.
- Return the Result: Return left as the first bad version.

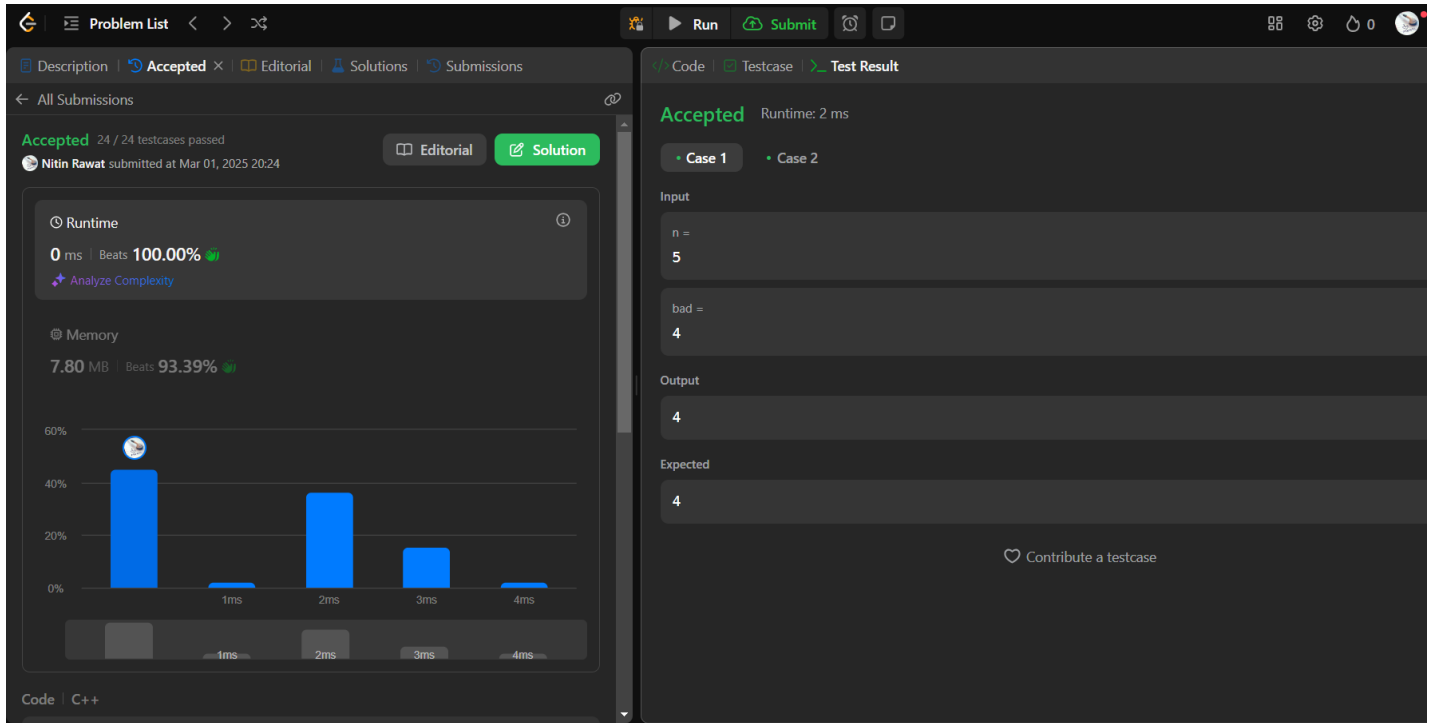
4. Code:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int firstBadVersion(int n)
    {
        int left = 1, right = n, mid;
        while (left < right) {
            mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
            if (isBadVersion(mid))
            {
                right = mid;
            } else
            {
                left = mid + 1;
            }
        }
        return left;
    }
};
```

LeetCode Link:

<https://leetcode.com/problems/first-bad-version/submissions/1559270518/>

5. Output:



6. Time Complexity:

The time complexity of this code is $O(\log n)$, where n represents the total number of product versions, numbered from 1 to n .

7. Learning outcomes:

- Learnt how to apply binary search to efficiently solve problems with ordered data.
- Learnt how to identify the first occurrence of a condition in a sorted sequence.
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- Learnt how to handle real-world scenarios like version control and quality testing efficiently.