- 1. We sort the towers and assume R W <= R G <= R B.
- 2. If a tower is at least R W away from both neighbours, we remove it (color it W).
- 3. Between two W, G/B can mostly alternate (at most one point where they don't). Since, if there are two dists  $\gt= R_W$ , the middle segment can freely have a W. IF there arem't, only one dist can be  $\gt= R_W$  and thus  $\gt= R_G$  (or even  $\gt= R_B$ ).
- 4. There wont't (need to) be more than 4 non-W towers between two W:

W G B G B G W -> R G B W B G W

WGGBGBW->WGWBGBW

WBGGBGW->WBGWBGW

Other cases are symmetric.

- 5. We go through the towers in order keeping a DP: dp[pos][last]. We only store W positions, since those occur often enough in order to propagate data in O(1). Thus, `last` describes the last 2/3 towers and is one of: GW, BW, GWW, BWW. For GW and GWW the DP stores the leftmost possible position of the rightmost B tower before pos, such that there is a solution with that being the case. For BW and BWW -- the same but for a G tower. Notice that there can't be more than 2 W in a row because we removed such possible towers in 2.
- 6. Since we only need the rightmost positions of each color to propagate their effects, this gives us everything necessary to compute the DP in O(1) time per state (though with a big constant) by trying all possible options of length between 0 and 3 before the current GW/BW/GWW/BWW and trying each with each possible previous state. There are 20 potentially possible sequences \* 4 previous states = 80. This is also multiplied by 2 for each state we compute, (since the first color choice is already made), so a constant of 160 (or 80, if we only do it for GW, BW and then use that for the other two). If we do not take all constraints into account while exploring the possible sequences, we may try a few more than needed (30), which would give a higher constant. It should be possible to significantly reduce this constant by using an auxiliary DP, for segments of the sequence (4 \* 2 = 8), so it might be a good idea to have a small subtask for reducing the constant factor of the solution.
- 7. Finally, to get an answer, we need to insert 1 fictitious towers in the end at dist = R\_B from the last but without removing it in 2. Either the true last one is W or there is a solution where this one is. In either case, we can just check those two.