

Q. Find A<sup>th</sup> magical number.

A no. is magical if it is divisible by B or C.

eg: B=2, C=3, A=8

ans → 12

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

B.F. → consider all no's till count  $\leq A$

Maximum range for ans →  $[1, A * \min(B, C)]$

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16;

Range →  $[\min(B, C), A * \min(B, C)]$

Q. Given B, C, x. Find count of magical numbers from 1 to x.

B=3, C=5, x=35

16

How many multiples of 3 are there in  $[1, 35] \Rightarrow \frac{35}{3} = 11$

" " of 5 " "  $[1, 35] \Rightarrow \frac{35}{5} = 7$

" " of  $(3 \times 5)$  " "  $[1, 35] \Rightarrow \frac{35}{15} \Rightarrow 2$

3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 30, 33, 35

Q. Count of magical no's from [1, 100], B=9, C=12.

$$\frac{100}{9} + \frac{100}{12} - \frac{100}{36} = 11 + 8 - 2 = \textcircled{17}$$

least common multiple of 9, 12.

eg. A=10, B=2, C=3

search space : [1, 20]

Q. Check if 16 is your 10<sup>th</sup> magical no.?

$$\text{count of magical no's for } \underline{16} \rightarrow \frac{16}{2} + \frac{16}{3} - \frac{16}{6} = 8 + 5 - 2 = \textcircled{11}$$

⇒ Move left

$$\text{count of magical no's for } \underline{10} \Rightarrow \frac{10}{2} + \frac{10}{3} - \frac{10}{6} = \textcircled{7}$$

⇒ Move right

$$\text{count of magical no's for } 15 \Rightarrow \frac{15}{2} + \frac{15}{3} - \frac{15}{6} = \underline{10}$$

pseudo-code.

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left = min(B, C) , right = A * min(B, C)
while (left <= right) {
    mid = (left + right) / 2;
    count = fun(B, C, mid);
    if (count == A) {
        return mid;
    }
    else if (count < A) {
        left = mid + 1;
    }
    else {
        right = mid - 1;
    }
}

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find count  
of magical  
no's till  
mid

trace for:

B=5, C=7, A=3

[1, 15]

$$mid = \frac{1+15}{2} = 8$$

$$count \text{ for } 8 = \frac{8}{5} + \frac{8}{7} - \frac{8}{35} = 2$$

[9, 15]

$$mid = \frac{9+15}{2} = 12$$

$$count \text{ for } 12 = \frac{12}{5} + \frac{12}{7} - \frac{12}{35} = 3$$

count:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
				1	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	5

ans = 12

→ move left.

T.C →  $\log_2(A * \min(B, C))$  , S.C →  $O(1)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\text{mid}}{B} + \frac{\text{mid}}{C} - \frac{\text{mid}}{\text{lcm}(B, C)} \\ n_1 \times n_2 = \text{gcd}(n_1, n_2) * \text{lcm}(n_1, n_2) \end{array} \right\}$$

#todo

→ How to minimize the search space?

Google, Amazon, G.S

Q1 Given  $N$  distinct elements in an array & array is unsorted.  
Find element at  $k^{\text{th}}$  index position in its sorted form.

Note → We can't modify the array. We can't use extra space.

eg: arr → { 2, 8, 3, 11, 14 }

$k=2$

{ 2, 3, 8, 11, 14 }

ans → 8

arr → { 11, 24, 18, 2, 5, 27, 34, 9, 40 }

$k=4$

less: 3 5 4

ans = 18

B.F → Consider every no. and for every no. find the count of no's which are less than the curr no.  
if (count →  $k$ ) ⇒ curr no. is our ans.

T.C →  $O(n^2)$

$O(n \log n)$

$O(n)$  ×

→ Sorting

→ B.S

target

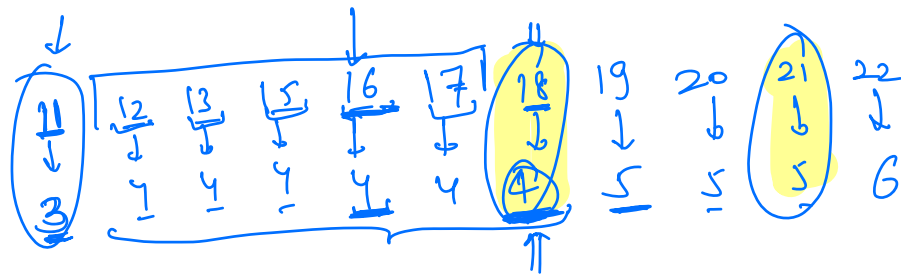
search space.

→  $[0, n-1]$  x

→  $[min, max]$  → search space

arr → { 11, 24, 18, 3, 5, 27, 34, 9, 40 } , K=4

left	right	middle	(# count elements < middle element)	
<u>3</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>5</u>	⇒ (discard right portion)
<u>3</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	⇒ (discard left portion)
<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	⇒ <u>16 is our ans?</u> X



# pseudo-code.

```
left = min , right = max
while (left <= right) {
    mid = (left + right) / 2;
    x = countLess(arr, mid);
    // No. of elements which are less than mid

    if (x <= k) {
        ans = mid;
        left = mid + 1;
    }

    else {
        right = mid - 1;
    }
}

return ans;
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T.C :  $O(N \log(\max - \min))$   
S.C :  $O(1)$

# todo → what if duplicates are there? ✓

11	28	3	18	25	11	18	18	28	5	3
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

k=5

<u>left</u>	<u>right</u>	<u>middle</u>	<u>count &lt; middle</u>
3	28	15	6
<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>
12	14	13	<u>6</u>
12	13	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<del>10</del>	

ans = ~~8~~ 11



Q.1) A[n] :                      [sorted]

B[m] :                     

Find k<sup>th</sup> position elements in merged sorted array.

left = min[A[0], B[0]], right = Max[A[n-1], B[m-1]]

while (left <= right) {

    mid = (left + right) / 2;

    x = count sorted less (a[], mid)

    x += " ( b[], mid)

    if (x <= k) {

        ans = mid;

        left = mid + 1;

    }

    else {

        right = mid - 1;

    }

}

T.C  $\rightarrow \log_2 n * \log(\max - \min)$

S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$

Q.1 Find the median of two sorted arrays.

✓ A : — — —

✓ B : — — —

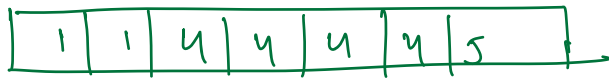
$$K = \text{Total no. of elements} / 2.$$

Q.2 Given N no. of sorted array  $\Rightarrow$  sorted matrix.  
Find the median of that matrix.

min  $\rightarrow$  ——— max  $\rightarrow$  ———

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while (left <= right) {  
    mid = (left + right) / 2;  
    x = 0;  
    for (i = 0; i < N, i++) {  
        x += countSortedLess(a[i], mid);  
    }  
    if (x <= K) {  
        ans = mid;  
        left = mid + 1;  
    }  
    else {  
        right = mid - 1;  
    }  
}
```

T.C  $\rightarrow O(n \log n * \log(\text{max-min}))$   
S.C  $\rightarrow O(1)$



$$k = 3$$

left

1

4

5

right

5

5

5

middle

③

④

count < mid

2

2

$$x \leq k$$

update ans.

and update left = mid + 1

$$\text{ans} = \underline{2} \cdot 4$$