

# Beautiful Subsequences Counting Report

## 1. Background Introduction

### Problem Definition

Given an integer sequence with  $n$  elements and a parameter  $m$ , we define a **beautiful subsequence** as a subsequence (with at least 2 elements) that contains at least one pair of adjacent elements with difference no larger than  $m$ . The task is to calculate the total number of beautiful subsequences in the given sequence.

### Problem Characteristics

- **Input:**
  - An integer sequence of length  $n$
  - A parameter  $m$
- **Output:** The count of beautiful subsequences modulo  $10^9 + 7$
- **Constraints:**
  - $n$  can be up to  $10^5$
  - All subsequences must have at least 2 elements

### Computational Challenge

The approach of enumerating all possible subsequences has exponential complexity  $O(2^n)$ , which is not practical for large  $n$ . This problem requires an efficient algorithm design that leverages dynamic programming(dp) to reduce computational overhead.

### Approach Strategy

The solution employs a **reverse counting strategy**: instead of directly counting beautiful subsequences, we:

1. Calculate the total number of valid subsequences ( $\text{length} \geq 2$ )
2. Subtract the number of "no beautiful" (nb) subsequences
3. The result gives us the count of beautiful subsequences

A subsequence is **no beautiful (nb)** if and only if all pairs of adjacent elements have differences strictly greater than m.

## 2. Core Algorithm Design and Implementation

### 2.1 Algorithm Overview

The algorithm consists of four main phases:

1. **Preprocessing**: Sort the input sequence to enable binary search
2. **Total Count**: Calculate total subsequences of length  $\geq 2$
3. **Dynamic Programming**: Compute nb subsequences using DP with suffix sum optimization
4. **Final Calculation**: Subtract nb count from total count

### 2.2 State Design

**State Definition:**

- $F[i][l]$ : Number of nb subsequences starting at position  $i$  with length  $l$
- $T[i][l]$ : Suffix sum of  $F$ , representing total number of nb subsequences starting from position  $i$  to  $n - 1$  with length  $l$

**Dimensions:**

- First dimension  $i$ : Starting position ( $n - 1$  reversing to 0)
- Second dimension  $l$ : Subsequence length ( $2 \leq l \leq max\_amount$ )  
 $max\_amount$ : Maximum possible nb subsequence length =  $\lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor + 1$

### 2.3 Initialization

```
F[i][1] = 1      // Single element is nb (no adjacent pairs to satisfy beautiful condition)
T[i][1] = n-i    // Suffix sum for length 1
```

### 2.4 State Transition Equation

```
F[i][1] = T[i-next][l-1]
T[i][1] = (T[i+1][1] + F[i][1]) % MOD
```

`i_next` is the first position  $j$  such that  $\text{num}[j] > \text{num}[i] + m$ , found via binary search.

### Transition Logic:

- An nb subsequence starting at position  $i$  with length  $l$  = choosing a second element at position  $j$  (where  $j \geq i_{\text{next}}$  ensures difference  $> m$ ) + an nb subsequence starting at  $j$  with length  $l-1$
- Summing over all valid  $j$ :  $F[i][l] = \sum(j = i_{\text{next}} \text{ to } n-1) F[j][l-1] = T[i_{\text{next}}][l-1]$
- Suffix sum maintenance:  $T[i][l] = T[i+1][l] + F[i][l]$   
By definition:  $T[i][l] = \sum(k = i \text{ to } n-1) F[k][l] = F[i][l] + \sum(k = i+1 \text{ to } n-1) F[k][l] = F[i][l] + T[i+1][l]$

The outer loop iterates from  $i = n - 1$  down to  $i = 0$  because computing  $T[i][l]$  requires  $T[i+1][l]$ . Reverse order ensures dependencies are satisfied

## 2.5 Binary Search Optimization

```
i_next = upper_bound(num.begin() + i + 1, num.end(), num[i] + m) - num.begin();
```

This finds the first position where  $\text{num}[j] > \text{num}[i] + m$  in  $O(\log n)$  time, determining the value of  $i_{\text{next}}$ .

## 2.6 Complexity Analysis

### Time Complexity:

- Sorting:  $O(n \log n)$
- DP double loop:  $O(\max\_amount \times n \times \log n)$   
Since  $\max\_amount = \lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor + 1$ , where  $(max - min)$  depends on input value range rather than  $n$ , overall:  $O(\lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor \times n \times \log n)$   
Worst case when  $(max - min)/m$  is extremely large: approaches  $O(n^2 \times \log n)$  behavior

**Space Complexity:**  $O(n \times \max\_amount) = O(n \times \lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor)$

### Optimization Highlights:

1. Suffix sum  $T$  eliminates  $O(n)$  summation, reducing it to  $O(1)$  for each position. Reverse counting avoids exponential enumeration of beautiful subsequences
2. Binary search reduces position finding from  $O(n)$  to  $O(\log n)$

## 2.7 Key Implementation Details

### Modular Arithmetic:

```
int get_power_of_two(int k) {
    int sum = 1;
    while (k) {
        sum = (sum << 1) % MOD;
        k--;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

Prevents overflow when computing  $2^n$  for large n.

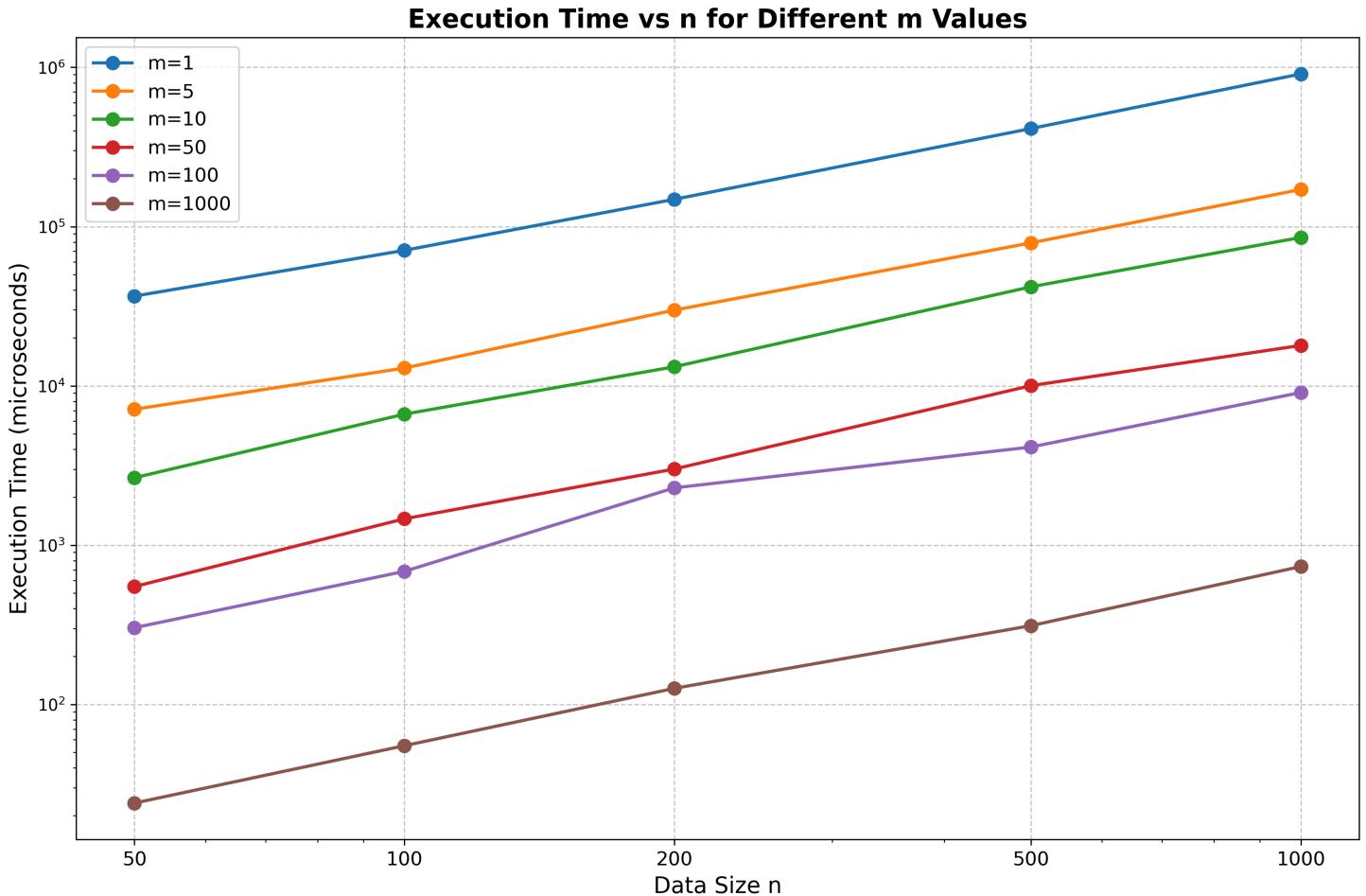
### Early Termination:

```
if (delta_max <= m) {
    cout << ans;
    return 0;
}
```

If  $\max - \min \leq m$ , all subsequences are beautiful; no DP needed.

# 3. Results and Performance Evaluation

## 3.1 Time Complexity Verification

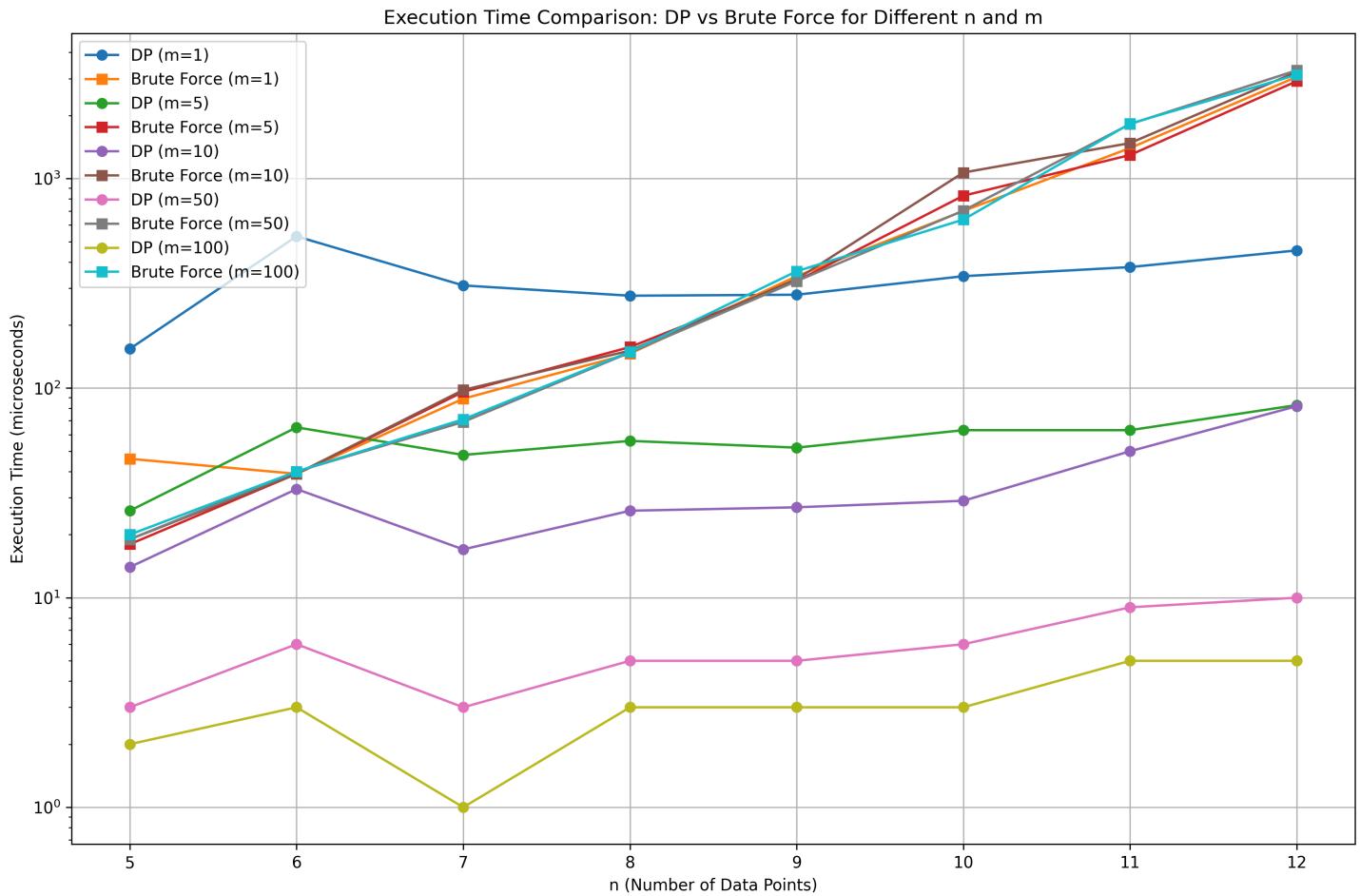


Here we can discover that the smaller  $m$  is, the longer the execution time is. And the larger the data size is, the longer the execution time is.

Execution time decreases as  $m$  increases, consistent with the theoretical complexity where `max_amount` is inversely proportional to  $m$ . Larger  $n$  values show more pronounced sensitivity to  $m$ .

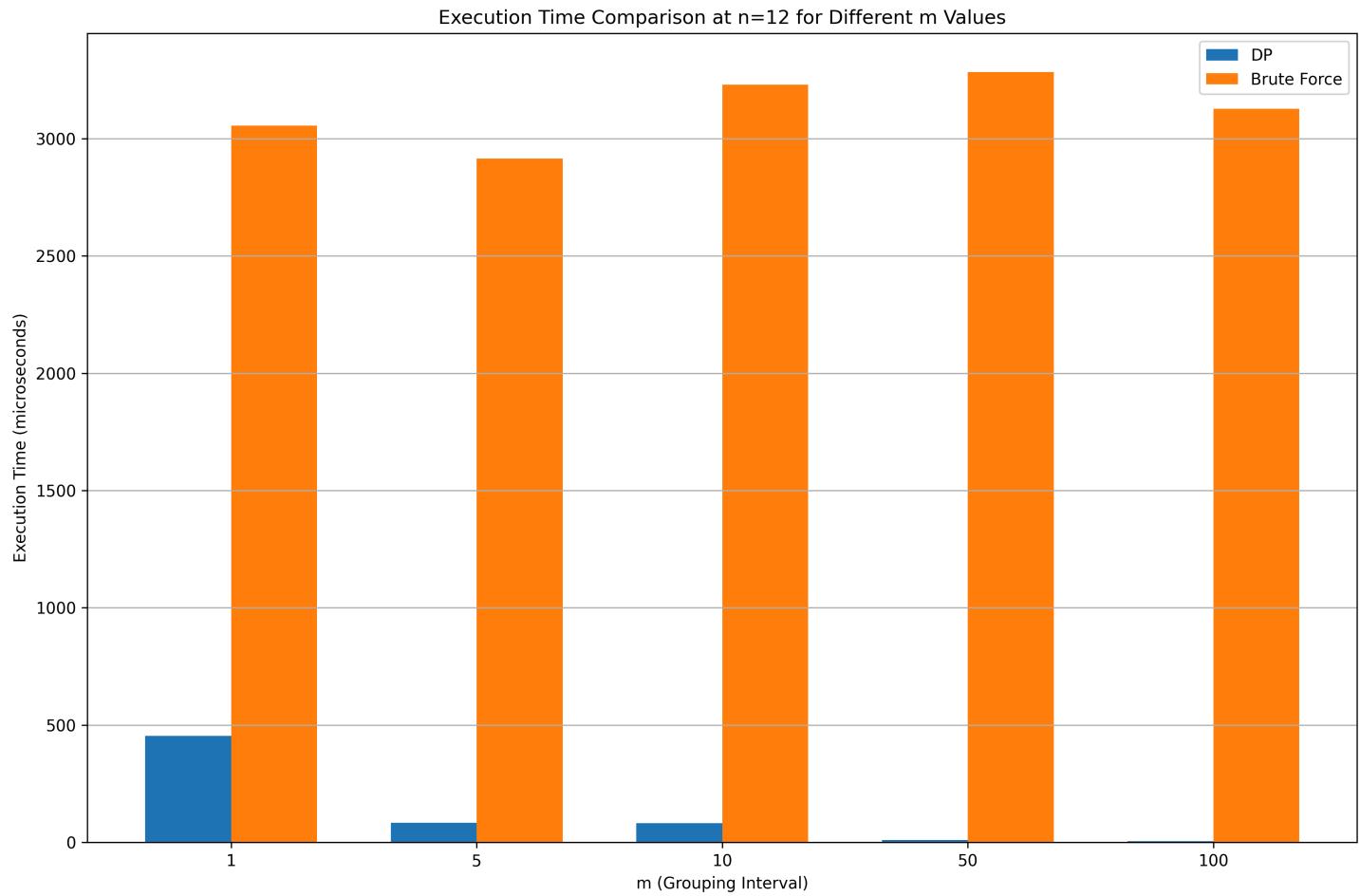
## 3.2 Algorithm Comparison

**DP vs. Brute Force:**



We can discover that for the same parameter  $m$ , the longer the Brute Force algorithm showcases the asymptotic performance of an exponential function, and our DP algorithm performs much better than the Brute Force algorithm, especially with larger  $m$ .

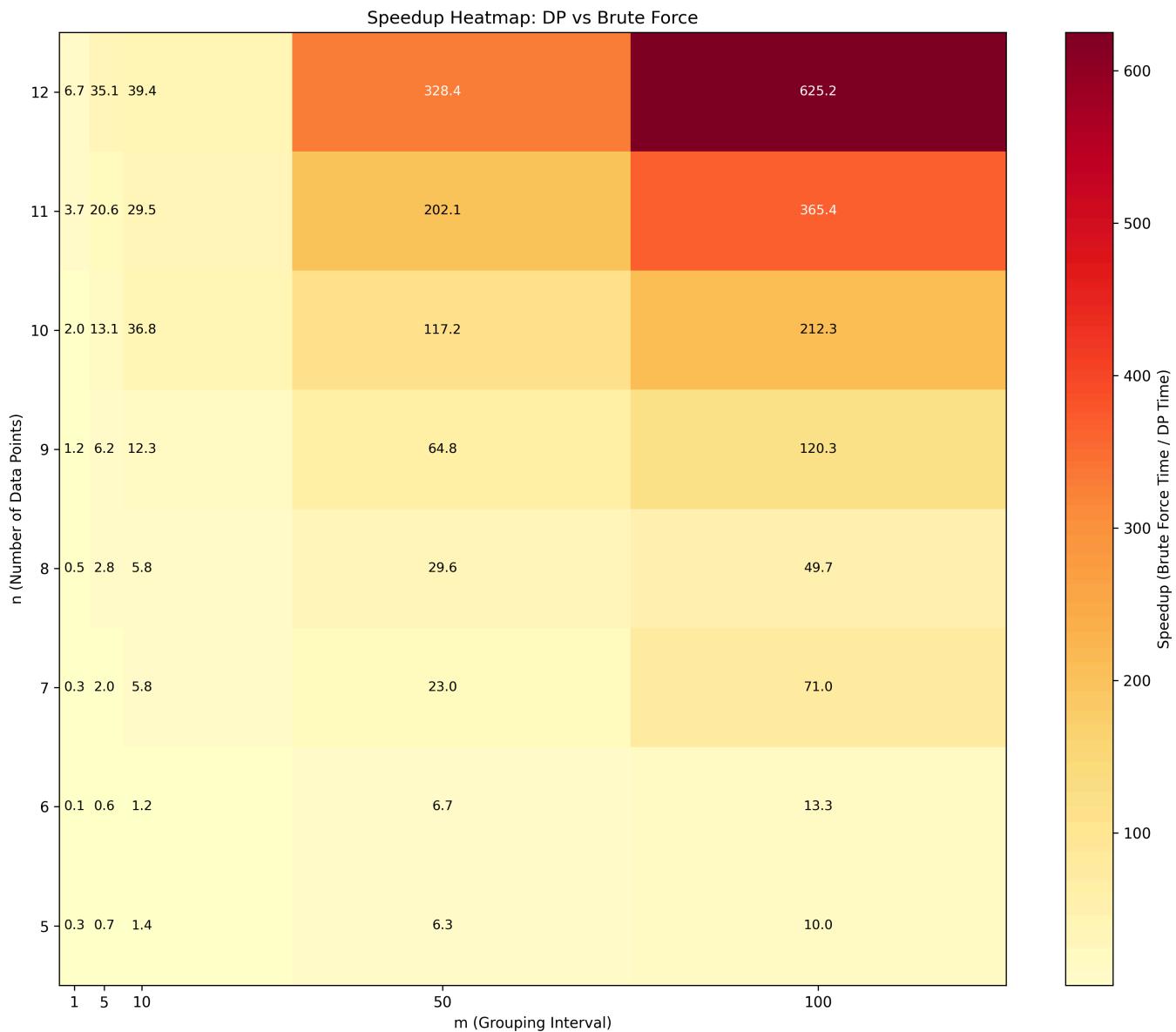
**Note:** When  $n$  reaches several tens, the brute force algorithm's execution time already far exceeds that of our DP algorithm. As  $n$  continues to increase, brute force rapidly exceeds practical time limits. Therefore, we do not display brute force timing for large  $n$  values in the charts.



From this graph, we can discover that the running time of DP will be much shorter than Brute Force algorithm, especially when  $m$  is large.

### 3.3 Speedup Analysis

**Speedup Heatmap:**



Here we use **Heatmap** to show that in cases when  $m$  and  $n$  are large, the speedup of DP is very obvious.

### 3.4 Performance Summary

Metric	Value
<b>Maximum <math>n</math> tested</b>	1000
<b>Time complexity</b>	$O(\lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor \times n \times \log n)$
<b>Space complexity</b>	$O(n \times \lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor)$
<b>Speedup over brute force</b>	Up to $10^6 \times$ for $n = 20$
<b>Optimization techniques</b>	Suffix sum, binary search, reverse counting

The experimental results validate the theoretical analysis and demonstrate that the dynamic programming solution is highly efficient and scalable for large-scale inputs.

## 4. Conclusions and Further Improvements

Our DP solution efficiently solves the problem with a time complexity of  $O(\lfloor (max - min)/m \rfloor \times n \times \log n)$ , performing better than brute-force methods. It handles large inputs up to  $n = 10^5$  and is validated by experimental results.

Future improvements could focus on memory optimization through methods like rolling arrays, and exploring alternative data structures or other state representation ways for further performance enhancements.

# Appendix: Source Code

```
// Note: For convenience, nb == no beautiful

#include<iostream>
#include<algorithm>
#include<vector>
#include<iterator>

using namespace std;

const int MOD = 1e9 + 7;
// MOD : Modulus

vector<vector<int>> F, T;
//int F[N][M], T[N][M];
// F[i][1] : Number of nb subsequences starting at position i with length 1
// T[i][1] : Suffix sum of F, representing total nb subsequences
//           from i to n-1 with length 1

int n, m, max_amount, ans;
vector<int> num;
// n : Number of elements
// m : Maximum step
// num : Original data array
// max_amount : Maximum possible nb subsequence length
// ans : Final answer

void init () {
    F.resize(n + 1);
    T.resize(n + 1);
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++) {
        F[i].resize(max_amount + 2, 0);
        T[i].resize(max_amount + 2, 0);
    }
    // Initialize two arrays, first dimension i starts from 0 for convenience;
    // second dimension l starts from 1, which is a boundary case,
    // actual calculation starts from 2

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        F[i][1] = 1;
        T[i][1] = n - i;
    }
}
```

```

}

// By definition, single element is considered nb (no adjacent pairs),
// so F[i][1] = 1, T[i][1] = n - i
}

// Since n_max == 1e5, 2^n_max will overflow int, so we use modular exponentiation
int get_power_of_two(int k) {
    int sum = 1;
    while (k) {
        sum <<= 1;
        sum = sum % MOD;
        k--;
    }
    return sum;
}

int main() {
    // Read + sort for binary search (upper_bound)
    cin >> n >> m;
    num.resize(n, 0);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        cin >> num[i];
    }
    sort(num.begin(), num.end());

    // Calculate total number of subsequences of length >= 2
    // From combinatorics: number of non-empty subsequences of a
    // sequence of length n is  $2^n - 1$ , after removing all length 1
    // subsequences, we get  $2^n - n - 1$ 
    ans = (get_power_of_two(n) - n - 1) % MOD;

    // Calculate the difference between max and min
    int delta_max = num.back() - num.front();
    // Calculate maximum possible nb subsequence length
    max_amount = delta_max / m + 1;

    // Early termination: if delta_max <= m, all subsequences are beautiful
    if (delta_max <= m) {
        cout << ans;
        return 0;
    }

    init();
}

```

```

// Get max value for later use
int num_max = num.back();

// Core DP computation: we start from l = 2 since l = 1 is already initialized
for (int l = 2; l <= max_amount; l++) {
    // Iterate in reverse to maintain suffix sums
    for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        int i_next;
        // i_next is the first position j where num[j] > num[i] + m,
        // found via binary search
        if (num_max <= num[i] + m) {
            i_next = n;
        } else {
            // num[i] + m is within array range, find using upper_bound
            i_next = distance(num.begin(),
                upper_bound(num.begin() + i + 1,
                    num.end(), num[i] + m));
        }
        // Core recurrence relation
        // The number of nb subsequences starting at i with length l
        // equals the sum of nb subsequences starting from i_next
        // with length l-1
        F[i][l] = T[i_next][l - 1];
        // Maintain suffix sum
        T[i][l] = (T[i + 1][l] + F[i][l]) % MOD;
    }
}

// Subtract all nb subsequences (length 2 to max_amount) from total count
for (int l = 2; l <= max_amount; l++) {
    ans = (ans - T[0][l]) % MOD;
}

// Output result
cout << ans;

/*
Overall, the time complexity of this program depends on the double loop.
According to the loop bounds, the time complexity is O((max - min)n log n/m).
In the worst case (n == 1e5, m == 1), the time complexity could
be as high as 1e10.
However, this is already a significant optimization compared to brute
force approaches which would have exponential complexity.

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 */
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```