

approach

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Monday

Median of two sorted arrays

$$array_1 = [1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12]$$

$$array_2 = [2, 3, 6, 15]$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{OF } array_1 \\ \hline 1 & 3 & 4 & 7 & | & 10 & [12] \\ \hline \text{OF } array_2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 15 \end{array}$$

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First here we taken 4 elements from array 1 and 1 element from array 2 and checking conditions

Here max is 7 and in right side

low/min is 3 so it does not

form

so condition not true

Now take 3 elements from arr1 and
2 elements from arr2

1 3 4		7 10 12
2 3		6 15

Now we check conditions
max in left side is 4 and min
in right side is 6 so it is in
sorted order

Now take 2 elements from arr1 and
3 elements from arr2

1 3		7 10 12
2 3 6		5

Now we check conditions
max in left is 6 and min in right
max in left is 6 and min in right
side is 4 so it is not in sorted
order.

Now to calculate median

l ₁		τ_1
1 3 4		7 10 12
l ₂		τ_2 6 15

We take $\frac{\max(l_1, l_2) + \min(\tau_1, \tau_2)}{2}$

if $n_1 + n_2 \% 2 = 0$ even

otherwise

only $\max(l_1, l_2)$

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1	3	4	7	l_1	9	10	12
2	6	l_2	9	10	12	15	16

$$l_1 > r_2$$

$$\text{high} = \text{mid} - 1$$

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1	3	l_1	6	4	7	10	12
2	3	l_2	6	2	15	14	13

$$l_2 > r_1$$

$$\text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$$

if ($l_1 \leq r_2$ & $l_2 \leq r_1$)

Valid

1	3	4	7	10	12
2	3	6	15	14	13

we do in binary search

I will take smaller array bcz
for max I can put smaller elements
at one side so when compared
to bigger array time complexity
is small

$$\text{arr1}[] = [7 \ 12 \ 14 \ 15]$$

$$\text{arr2}[] = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 9 \ 11]$$

0
low

mid

2

4
high

so. left over are $5-2=3$ mid₂=3

$$+ \quad 12 \mid 14 \ 15$$

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \mid 4 \ 9 \ 11$$

$\ell_1 > \ell_2$ condition fails, mean $12 < 4$ - False

so ~~low~~ high = mid-1

low mid high center
0 0 1

left over are 5

0 are these

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \ell_1 & 7, 12 & 14 & 15 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 9 \mid \ell_2 & 11 & \ell_2 \end{array}$$

So we assume
Integers, min value

so here $\ell_2 > \ell_1$

so we move right side

$$\text{low} = \text{mid} + 1 \quad \text{mid}_1 = 1$$

and leftover case $5-1$
 $\text{mid}_2 = 4$

low mid high mid₁
1 1 1 mid₁

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \ell_1 & 12 & 14 & 15 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \mid \ell_2 & 9 & 11 \\ \ell_2 & & & & & \text{mid}_2 \end{array}$$

Here $\ell_1 < \ell_2$ and $\ell_2 < \ell_1$

so valid

so now based on total length

we find median

if length is even we find

$$\frac{\max(\ell_1, \ell_2) + \min(\ell_1, \ell_2)}{2}$$

else we take $\max(l_1, l_2)$

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public int solve(int[] a, int[] b) {
    int n1 = a.length;
    int n2 = b.length;
    if (n1 > n2)
        return solve(b, a);
}

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int low = 0

int high = a.length; \rightarrow int left = $\frac{(n_1+n_2+1)}{2}$;
 \rightarrow int n = n1 + n2;
 while (low <= high)

{

int mid1 = low + (high - low) / 2;

int mid2 = left - mid1;

int l1 = Integer.MIN_VALUE;

int l2 = " ";

int r1 = Integer.MAX_VALUE;

int r2 = " ";

if (mid1 < n1) r1 = a[mid1];

if (mid2 < n2) r2 = b[mid2];

if (mid1 - 1 >= 0) l1 = a[mid1 - 1];

if (mid2 - 1 >= 0) l2 = b[mid2 - 1];

if ($l_1 \leq r_2 \text{ and } l_2 \leq r_1$) {

if ($n \% 2 == 1$) return

$\text{Math.max}(l_1, l_2)$;

return (double)($\text{Math.max}(l_1, l_2) + \text{Math.min}(r_1, r_2)$) / 2;

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else if (l1 > r2)
{
    high = mid1 - 1;
}
else
{
    low = mid1 + 1;
}
return 0;
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