

# Square Root Decomposition Ideas

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## 1 Ideas

- Update Query:  $k \ v, a[k] \leftarrow v$   
Range Frequency:  $l \ r \ x$ , count Frequency of  $x$  in range  $[l, r]$

### Implementation Details:

- Preprocess the array into blocks of size  $\sqrt{n}$ .
- Maintain a frequency map for each block.
- For a query, combine results from relevant blocks.

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- Update Query:  $k \ v, a[k] \leftarrow v$   
Query:  $l \ r \ c$ , count elements in range  $[l, r]$  greater than or equal to  $c$ .

### Implementation Details:

- Preprocess the array into blocks of Ordered Multiset of size  $\sqrt{n}$ .

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- Update Query:  $0 \ a \ b$ , set power of hole  $a$  to value  $b$ .  
Jump Query:  $1 \ a$ , find the last hole visited and the total number of jumps before the ball leaves the row.

### Implementation Details:

- Preprocess the array of  $N$  holes into blocks of size  $\sqrt{N}$ .
- For each hole  $i$ , precompute a pair of values: (1) the next hole the ball lands in *outside* its current block, and (2) the number of jumps it takes to get there.
- A jump query can then be answered in  $O(\sqrt{N})$  time by chaining these pre-computed block-to-block jumps.
- An update only requires recomputing the values for the single block that was changed, also in  $O(\sqrt{N})$  time.

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1  void process() {
2      for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
3          int idx = i / SQ, r = min(n - 1, (i / SQ + 1) * SQ - 1LL);
4          if (i + arr[i] > r) {
5              jumps[i] = {i, 1};
6          } else {
7              jumps[i] = jumps[i + arr[i]];
8              jumps[i].second++;
9          }
10     }
11 }
12
13 void update(int idx, ll val) {
14     arr[idx] = val;
15     int blk_idx = idx / SQ;
16     int l = blk_idx * SQ, r = min(n - 1, (blk_idx + 1) * SQ - 1LL);
17     for (int i = r; i >= l; i--) {
18         if (i + arr[i] > r) {
19             jumps[i] = {i, 1};
20         } else {
21             jumps[i] = jumps[i + arr[i]];
22             jumps[i].second++;
23         }
24     }
25 }
26
27 pair<int, int> query(int l) {
28     pair<int, int> ans = {0, 0};
29     int idx = l;
30     while (idx < n) {
31         ans.first = jumps[idx].first;
32         ans.second += jumps[idx].second;
33         idx = jumps[idx].first + arr[jumps[idx].first];
34     }
35     return ans;
36 }

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- Range Update:  $L \ R \ X$ , add  $X$  to heights of hills in range  $[L, R]$ .

Jump Query:  $i \ k$ , find the final hill after making  $k$  jumps starting from hill  $i$ . A jump is to the nearest hill on the right that is strictly taller and within a distance of 100.

### Implementation Details:

- Divide the array into blocks of size  $\sqrt{N}$ . Use a lazy array (e.g., `lazy_add`) for efficient range updates on full blocks.
- For each hill  $i$ , precompute: the next immediate jump (`next_jump`), the final hill reached if jumping only within the block (`block_exit_node`), and the number of jumps to get there (`jumps_to_exit`).
- This preprocessing is done efficiently in  $O(\sqrt{N})$  per block by iterating backwards with a stack to find the next greater element.
- A jump query uses the precomputed data to skip across blocks and performs a small linear scan for inter-block jumps, leading to an overall  $O(\sqrt{N})$  query time.

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1  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2  using namespace std;
3  using ll = long long;
4
5  const int MAX_N = 100005, MAX_SQRT_N = 320, MAX_JUMP_DIST = 100;
6  int n, q, block_size;
7  ll heights[MAX_N], lazy_add[MAX_SQRT_N];
8  int next_jump[MAX_N], block_exit_node[MAX_N], jumps_to_exit[MAX_N];
9
10 void rebuild_block(int block_idx) {
11     int start_idx = block_idx * block_size;
12     int end_idx = min((block_idx + 1) * block_size, n);
13
14     if (lazy_add[block_idx] != 0) {
15         for (int i = start_idx; i < end_idx; ++i) heights[i] += lazy_add[block_idx];

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16         lazy_add[block_idx] = 0;
17     }
18
19     stack<int> s;
20     for (int i = end_idx - 1; i >= start_idx; --i) {
21         while (!s.empty() && (s.top() - i > MAX_JUMP_DIST || heights[s.top()] <= heights[i])) {
22             s.pop();
23         }
24
25         if (!s.empty()) {
26             next_jump[i] = s.top();
27             block_exit_node[i] = block_exit_node[next_jump[i]];
28             jumps_to_exit[i] = jumps_to_exit[next_jump[i]] + 1;
29         } else {
30             next_jump[i] = i;
31             block_exit_node[i] = i;
32             jumps_to_exit[i] = 0;
33         }
34         s.push(i);
35     }
36 }
37
38 void update_range(int l, int r, ll val) {
39     int start_block = l / block_size;
40     int end_block = r / block_size;
41
42     if (start_block == end_block) {
43         for (int i = l; i <= r; ++i) heights[i] += val;
44         rebuild_block(start_block);
45         return;
46     }
47
48     for (int i = l; i < (start_block + 1) * block_size; ++i) heights[i] += val;
49     rebuild_block(start_block);
50
51     for (int i = start_block + 1; i < end_block; ++i) lazy_add[i] += val;
52
53     for (int i = end_block * block_size; i <= r; ++i) heights[i] += val;
54     rebuild_block(end_block);
55 }
56
57 int query_jumps(int start_idx, int k) {
58     int current_hill = start_idx;
59
60     while (k > 0) {
61         // Case 1: We don't have enough jumps to take the full precomputed path
62         // We must take a single, precomputed step instead.
63         if (jumps_to_exit[current_hill] > 0 && k < jumps_to_exit[current_hill]) {
64             current_hill = next_jump[current_hill];
65             k--;
66             continue;
67         }
68
69         // Case 2: We have enough jumps to use the precomputed path.
70         if (jumps_to_exit[current_hill] > 0) {
71             k -= jumps_to_exit[current_hill];
72             current_hill = block_exit_node[current_hill];
73         }
74
75         // Case 3: We are now at a block's exit point and still have jumps left
76         // We must perform one jump by scanning manually.
77         if (k > 0) {
78             bool jumped = false;
79             ll current_true_height = heights[current_hill] + lazy_add[current_hill /
80                 block_size];
81
82             for (int j = current_hill + 1; j < min(n, current_hill + 1 + MAX_JUMP_DIST);
83                 ++j) {
84                 ll next_true_height = heights[j] + lazy_add[j / block_size];
85                 if (next_true_height > current_true_height) {
86                     current_hill = j;
87                     k--;
88                     jumped = true;
89                     break;
90                 }
91             }
92             if (!jumped) break; // No further jump possible, we are stuck.
93         }
94     }
95     return current_hill + 1;
96 }
97
98 int main() {
99     ios_base::sync_with_stdio(false), cin.tie(NULL);
100
101     cin >> n >> q;

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100     block_size = static_cast<int>(sqrt(n));
101     if (block_size == 0) block_size = 1;
102
103     for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
104         cin >> heights[i];
105     }
106
107     for (int i = (n - 1) / block_size; i >= 0; --i) {
108         rebuild_block(i);
109     }
110
111     while (q--) {
112         int type;
113         cin >> type;
114         if (type == 1) {
115             int i, k;
116             cin >> i >> k;
117             cout << query_jumps(i - 1, k) << " \n";
118         } else {
119             int l, r;
120             ll x;
121             cin >> l >> r >> x;
122             update_range(l - 1, r - 1, x);
123         }
124     }
125     return 0;
126 }

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