

# Generalized Specker Game: Rules

## Overview

A multiplayer game with  $p$  players and  $n$  heaps of coins. Players take turns cyclically, removing and redistributing coins under specific rules. The last player to make a valid move wins.

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## Rules

### Players and Heaps

- **Players:**  $p$  players (numbered  $0$  to  $p-1$ ).
- **Heaps:**  $n$  heaps (numbered  $0$  to  $n-1$ ) with identical coins.

### Turn Order

- Players take turns in **cyclic order**: Player  $0 \rightarrow$  Player  $1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  Player  $p-1 \rightarrow$  Player  $0$  (repeats).

### Move Mechanics

On their turn, a player must:

1. **Select two heaps:**
  - **Source heap  $i$ :** Must have  $\geq k$  coins ( $k > 0$ ).
  - **Target heap  $j$ :** Arbitrary if no coins are added ( $m = 0$ ).
2. **Actions:**
  - Remove  $k$  coins from heap  $i$ .
  - Add  $m$  coins to heap  $j$ , where  $0 \leq m < k$ .

### Special Case

- If  $m = 0$  (no coins added to  $j$ ), the choice of  $j$  is irrelevant.

### Winning Condition

- The game ends when **all heaps are empty**.
  - The **last player to make a valid move** wins.
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## Example

- **Players:** 3 ( $0, 1, 2$ ).
- **Heaps:** 2 heaps with  $[5, 5]$  coins initially.

### Turn Sequence:

1. **Player 0** removes 3 coins from heap 0, adds 2 to heap 1  $\rightarrow [2, 7]$ .
  2. **Player 1** removes 5 from heap 1, adds 0  $\rightarrow [2, 2]$ .
  3. **Player 2** removes 2 from heap 0, adds 1 to heap 1  $\rightarrow [0, 3]$ .
  4. Game continues until all heaps are empty.
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## Constraints

1. **Valid Moves:**

- `k > 0` (must remove at least 1 coin).
- `m < k` (added coins < removed coins).
- Source heap `i` must have `≥ k` coins.

2. **Termination:** Game ends **only** when all heaps are empty.

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## Implementation Notes

- Use classes like `Move`, `State`, and `Player` to model the game.
- Throw `logic_error` for invalid moves.