



Equal Stacks 2

Problem

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You have three stacks of cylinders where each cylinder has the same diameter, but they may vary in height. You can change the height of a stack by removing and discarding its topmost (starting from index 0) cylinder any number of times. Find the maximum possible height of the stacks such that all of the stacks are exactly the same height. This means you must remove zero or more cylinders from the top of zero or more of the three stacks until they are all the same height, then return the height.

Example:

$h1 = [1, 2, 1, 1]$

$h2 = [1, 1, 2]$

$h3 = [1, 1]$

There are 4, 3 and 2 cylinders in the three stacks, with their heights in the three arrays. Remove the top 2 cylinders from $h1$ (heights = $[1, 2]$) and from $h2$ (heights = $[1, 1]$) so that the three stacks all are 2 units tall. Return it as the answer. Note: An empty stack is still a stack.

Function Description

`int equalStacks(int h1_count, int* h1, int h2_count, int* h2, int h3_count, int* h3);`

Strictly use the above function prototype.

Input Format

The first line contains three space-separated integers, $n1$, $n2$, and $n3$, the numbers of cylinders in stacks 1, 2 and 3. The subsequent lines describe the respective heights of each cylinder in a stack from top to bottom:

The second line contains $n1$ space-separated integers, the cylinder heights in stack. The first element is the top cylinder of the stack.

The third line contains $n2$ space-separated integers, the cylinder heights in stack. The first element is the top cylinder of the stack.

The fourth line contains $n3$ space-separated integers, the cylinder heights in stack. The first element is the top cylinder of the stack.

Constraints

$0 < n1, n2, n3 \leq 105$

$0 < \text{height of any cylinder} \leq 100$

Output Format

int: the height of the stacks when they are equalized

Sample Input 0

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5 3 4
3 2 1 1 1
4 3 2
1 1 4 1
```

Sample Output 0

5



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Difficulty: Medium

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1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3 #include <math.h>
4 #include <stdlib.h>
5
6 #define MAX_STACK_SIZE 200
7
8 typedef struct {
9     int buffer[MAX_STACK_SIZE];
10    int top;
11 } STACK;
12
13 int equalStacks(STACK *s1, STACK *s2, STACK *s3);
14 void push(int e, STACK *s);
15 int pop(int *e, STACK *s);
16 void peek(int *e, STACK *s);
17 void reverse(STACK *s);
18 int count(STACK *s);
19
20 int main() {
21     int n1, n2, n3;
22     scanf("%d %d %d", &n1, &n2, &n3);
23
24     STACK s1, s2, s3;
25     s1.top = 0;
26     s2.top = 0;
27     s3.top = 0;
28     int e;
29
30     for (int i=0; i<n1; i++) {
31         scanf("%d", &e);
32         push(e, &s1);
33     }
34     reverse(&s1);
35
36     for (int i=0; i<n2; i++) {
37         scanf("%d", &e);
38         push(e, &s2);
39     }
40     reverse(&s2);
41
42     for (int i=0; i<n3; i++) {
43         scanf("%d", &e);
44         push(e, &s3);
45     }
46     reverse(&s3);
47
48     int result = equalStacks(&s1, &s2, &s3);
49     printf("%d", result);
50
51     return 0;
52 }
53
54 void push(int e, STACK *s) {
55     if (s->top == MAX_STACK_SIZE)
56         return;
57
58     s->buffer[s->top] = e;
59     s->top++;
60 }
61
62 int pop(int *e, STACK *s) {
63     if (s->top == 0)
64         return 1;
65 }
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66  *e = s->buffer[s->top-1];
67  s->top--;
68  return 0;
69  }
70
71  void peek(int *e, STACK *s) {
72  *e = s->buffer[s->top-1];
73  }
74
75  void reverse(STACK *s) {
76  STACK t1, t2;
77  t1.top = 0;
78  t2.top = 0;
79  int e;
80
81  while (pop(&e, s) == 0)
82      push(e, &t1);
83
84  while (pop(&e, &t1) == 0)
85      push(e, &t2);
86
87  while (pop(&e, &t2) == 0)
88      push(e, s);
89  }
90
91  int count(STACK *s) {
92  int height = 0;
93
94  STACK temp;
95  temp.top = 0;
96  int e;
97
98  while (pop(&e, s) == 0) {
99      height += e;
100     push(e, &temp);
101 }
102
103 while (pop(&e, &temp) == 0)
104     push(e, s);
105
106 return height;
107 }
108
109 int equalStacks(STACK *s1, STACK *s2, STACK *s3) {
110 int h1 = count(s1);
111 int h2 = count(s2);
112 int h3 = count(s3);
113
114 while (h1 != h2 || h1 != h3 || h2 != h3) {
115     int e1, e2, e3;
116
117     peek(&e1, s1);
118     peek(&e2, s2);
119     peek(&e3, s3);
120
121     if (h1 >= h2 && h2 >= h3) {
122         pop(&e1, s1);
123     }
124     else if (h2 >= h1 && h2 >= h3) {
125         pop(&e2, s2);
126     }
127     else {
128         pop(&e3, s3);
129     }
130
131     h1 = count(s1);
132     h2 = count(s2);
133     h3 = count(s3);
134 }
135
136 return count(s1);
137 }
138
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