



# **Delay Tolerant Linear Partition**

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# Team Introduction



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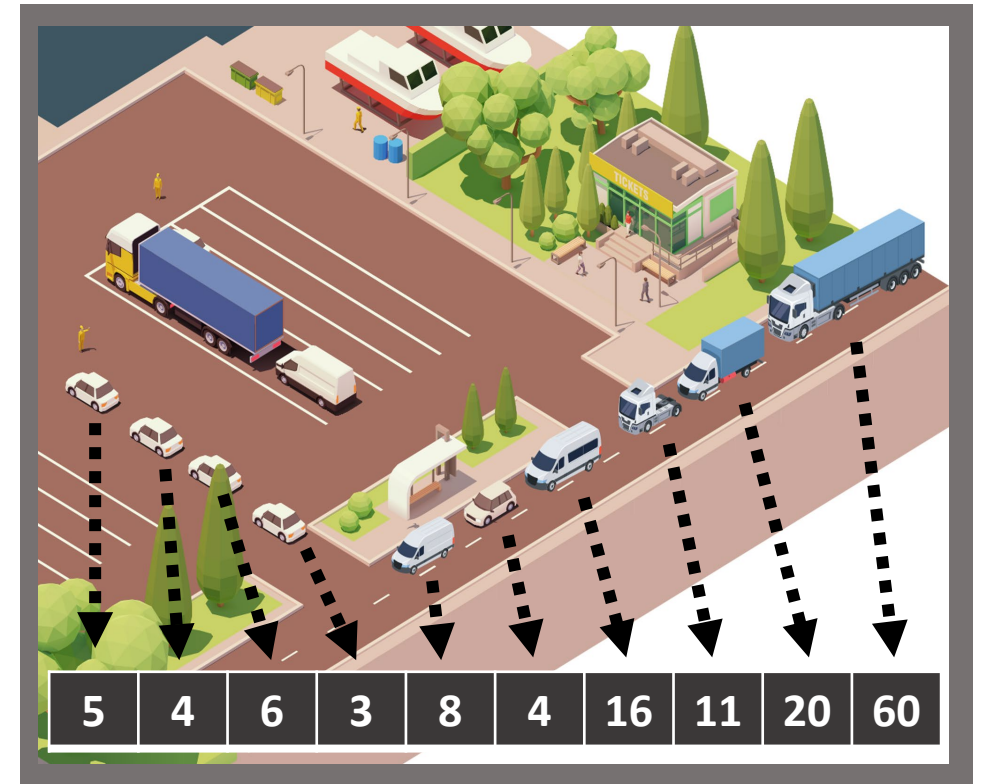


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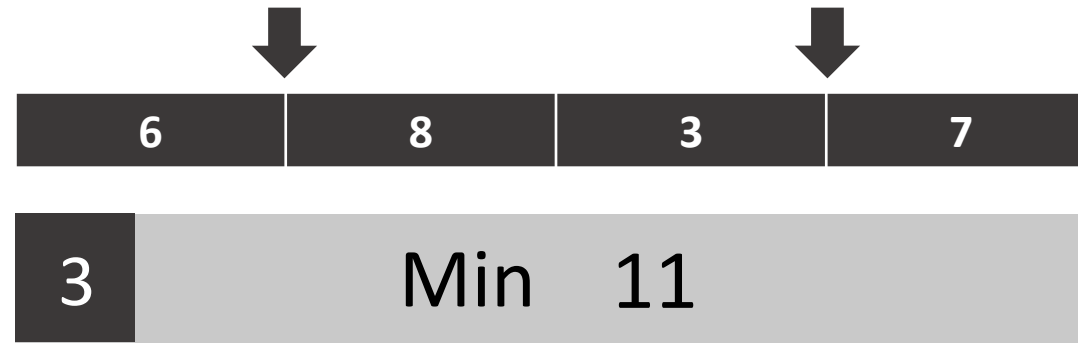
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# Problem Introduction



# Problem Definition: Overview



- K contiguous subdivisions
- n numbers of various sizes
- Find minimum subdivision weight that can fit all objects in sequence



# Formal Problem Definition

Let  $A[1:n]$  be a real array, and let  $k$  be an integer,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

## A *linear $k$ -partition* of $A$

a sequence of subarrays of the form

$[1:x_1], [x_1+1:x_2], [x_2+1:x_3], \dots, [x_{k-1}+1:n]$ , for some  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{k-1}$ .

From this, we calculate the sums of each of  $k$  subarrays.

The ***weight*** of this linear  $k$ -partition is the maximum of those sums

Goal: minimize the weight of the linear  $k$ -partition of the given array in  $O(nk)$ .



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# Problem Importance

- Finds minimum container capacity given known weights
- Has similarities to the bin packing problem
- Examples
  - Loading trucks with weight capacity constraints <sup>1</sup>
  - Video-on-demand <sup>2</sup>
  - Multiprocessor scheduling <sup>3</sup>
  - Job scheduling <sup>4</sup>
  - Cloud computing <sup>5</sup>



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# Solution: Overview

- Use Dynamic Programming
- Populate array with the minimum weights for each number of partitions and array lengths.
- Reuse those minimum weights of  $k-1$  partitions to calculate partition  $k$ 's weights
- The last item calculated is the result of interest.



# Solution: Recursive Definition

- Let  $S[i,j]$  represent the minimum weight of the linear  $i$ -partition of array[1:j]
- $S[i,j] = \min_{\text{for all } x \text{ from } 1 \text{ to } j} ( \max( S[i-1,x] , \text{sum}(\text{array}[x+1:j]) ) )$

# Solution: Base Case and Next Case

## Base Case

- $S[1,j] = \text{sum}(\text{array}[1:j])$

## Next Case

- Let  $S[i-1,j]$  = minimum weight of the linear (i-1) partition of  $\text{array}[1:j]$
- Increase i from 2 to k
- $S[i,j] = \min_{\text{for all } x \text{ from } 1 \text{ to } j} ( \overset{\text{Stored in } S[n,k] \text{ array}}{\max( S[i-1,x] , \text{sum}(\text{array}[x+1:j]) )}$
- $S[k,n]$  is solution



# Solution Optimality

Optimal substructure

- Weights are computed by finding the min of all relevant possibilities.
- If for any index,
  - a weight smaller than the one selected exists
  - it would have been selected instead
- Array  $S[i,j]$  contains the optimal weights, for  $i$  partitions and length  $j$





# **Solution: Sample Execution**



5	9	3	2	8	4	6	11
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2	Min 43						
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5							
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9	3	2	8	4	6	11
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2	Min 34						
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		5	9				
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		3	2	8	4	6	11
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2	Min 31						
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5 9 3							
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		2	8	4	6	11		
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5	9	3	2	8	4	6	11
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2	Min 29						
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5 9 3 2				19
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8 4 6 11				29
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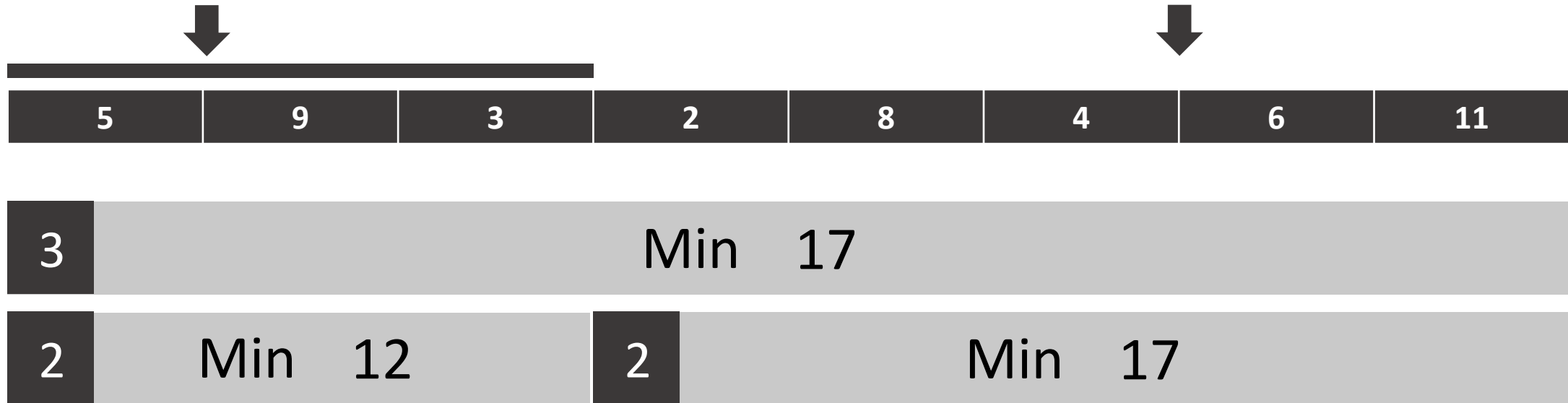
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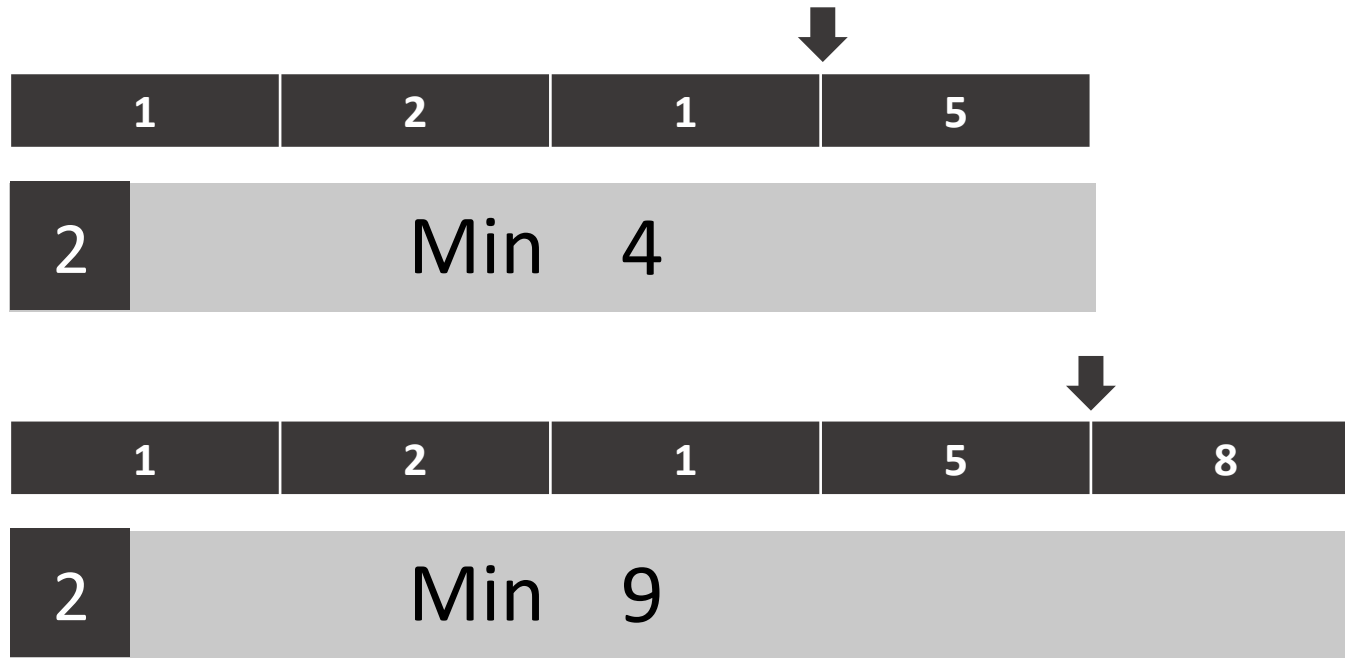


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- Min weight of  $(k-1)$  partitions useful for min weight of  $k$  partitions

## Solution: Insights (2 of 3)

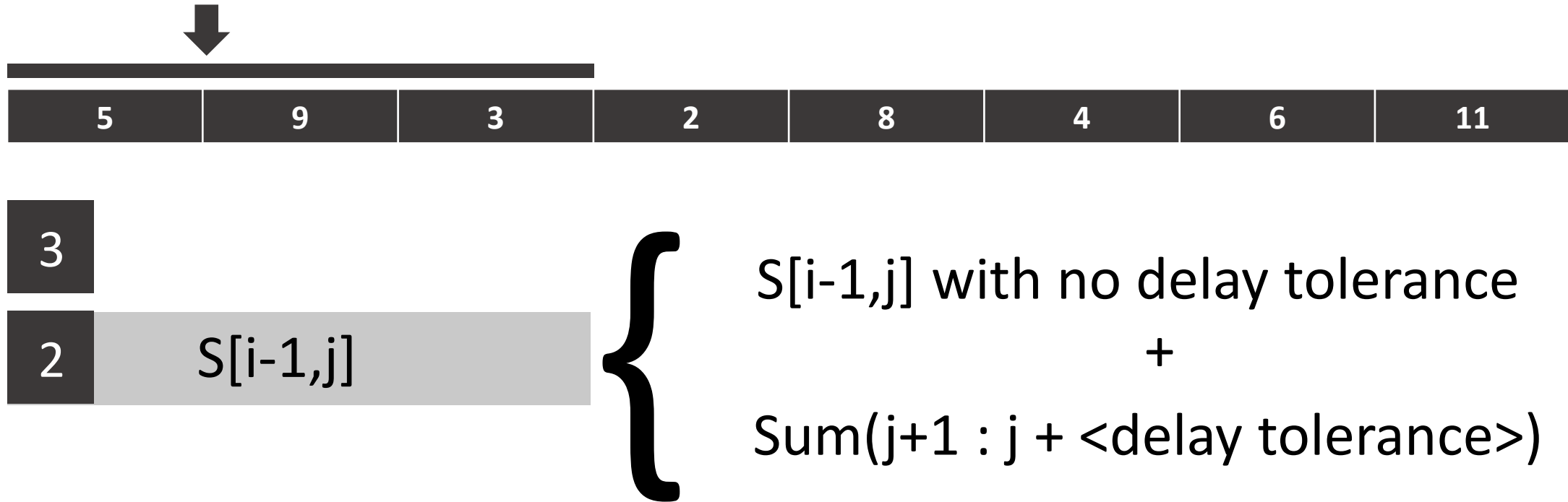


if (increasing partition lengths from left)  
and (left component < right component)



boundary will  
not move left

## Solution: Insights (3 of 3)



For a delay tolerant solution, add the next  $b$  items to the calculated weight of any portion of the array.



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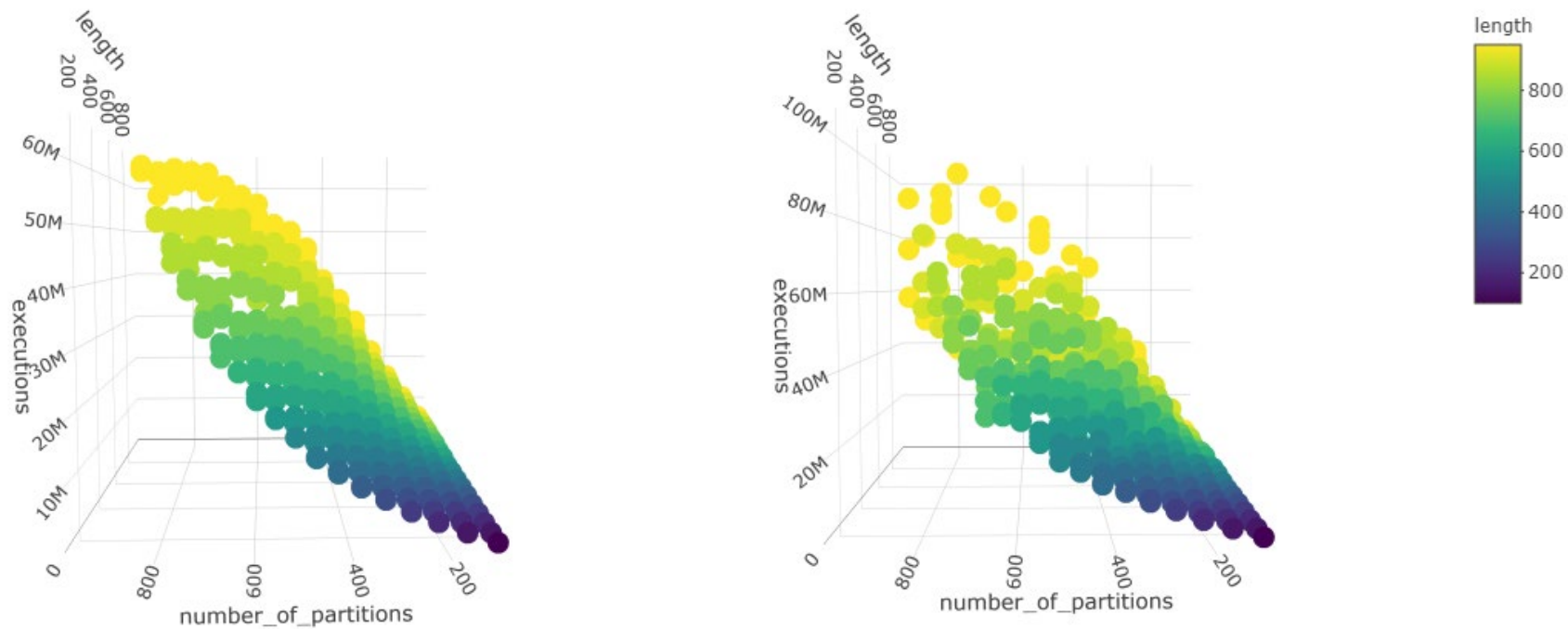
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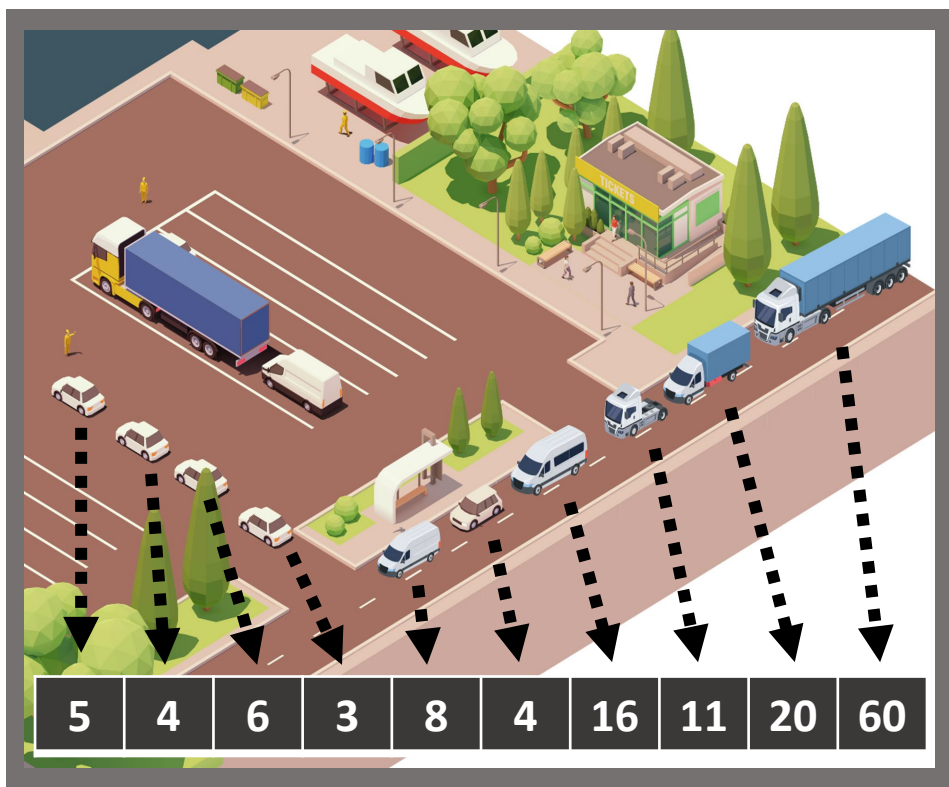


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# Thanks for listening!

- Questions?



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num_partition_index: 2 array_length_index: 7 sfl[array_length_index]: 91 ow[num_partition_index-1][array_length_index-1]: 26
new min is 26.
left window 0 to 6 right window 7 to 7 comparison: 26 vs 11
left window 0 to 5 right window 6 to 7 comparison: 15 vs 27
skipping index where left window ends at: 4
skipping index where left window ends at: 3
skipping index where left window ends at: 2
skipping index where left window ends at: 1
num_partition_index: 2 array_length_index: 8 sfl[array_length_index]: 80 ow[num_partition_index-1][array_length_index-1]: 30
new min is 80. now skipping indices less than 7
left window 0 to 7 right window 8 to 8 comparison: 30 vs 80
skipping index where left window ends at: 6
skipping index where left window ends at: 5
skipping index where left window ends at: 4
skipping index where left window ends at: 3
skipping index where left window ends at: 2
skipping index where left window ends at: 1
num_partition_index: 2 array_length_index: 9 sfl[array_length_index]: 60 ow[num_partition_index-1][array_length_index-1]: 80
new min is 80.
left window 0 to 8 right window 9 to 9 comparison: 80 vs 60
new min is 80. now skipping indices less than 7
left window 0 to 7 right window 8 to 9 comparison: 30 vs 80
skipping index where left window ends at: 6
skipping index where left window ends at: 5
skipping index where left window ends at: 4
skipping index where left window ends at: 3
skipping index where left window ends at: 2
skipping index where left window ends at: 1
executions: 45 indices_skipped: 36
final optimal_weights
[[5, 9, 15, 18, 26, 30, 46, 57, 77, 137], [0, 5, 9, 9, 15, 15, 26, 30, 80, 77], [0, 0, 6, 9, 9, 12, 16, 26, 80, 80]]
optimal weight of input array: 80
partitionAndEvaluate results: arr.length: 10, number_of_partitions: 3, optimal_weight: 80, executions: 45, indices_skipped: 36
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Minimum weight capacity is 80