



Square Root Decomposition

Special class

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- Two queries with L in the same block are sorted as per increasing R.
- Two queries with L in different blocks are sorted as per increasing LB (L Block)

```
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# MO's Algorithm - Sorting Approach 1

- We add/remove at most  $O(B)$  elements on the left side for every query –  $O(B * Q)$ .
- For every block, we add at-most  $O(N)$  elements on the right side –  $O(N * N / B)$
- For  $B = \text{Sqrt}(N)$ , we get  $O((N + Q) * \text{Sqrt}(B))$ .

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# MO's Algorithm - Sorting Approach 2

- We can (slightly) optimize the previous approach by sorting the R in reverse order for even blocks.

```
bool cmp(Query a, Query b) {
 return (a.lb < b.lb) ||
 (a.lb == b.lb &&
 (a.lb & 1 ? a.r < b.r : a.r > b.r));
}
```

# Practice Problem - 1 (spoj DQUERY)

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  - Process the queries whose Left and Right blocks are same together.
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## MO's with updates sorting approach.

```
bool cmp(Query a, Query b) {
 return (a.lb < b.lb) || (a.lb == b.lb && a.rb < b.rb) ||
 (a.lb == b.lb && a.rb == b.rb && a.t < b.t);
}
```

## MO's with updates iteration loop.

```
for (int i = 1, T = 0, L = 1, R = 0; i <= nq; i++) {
 while (T < q[i].t) reflect_update(++T, true);
 while (T > q[i].t) reflect_update(T--, false);
 while (R < q[i].r) add_element(++R);
 while (L > q[i].l) add_element(--L);
 while (R > q[i].r) remove_element(R--);
 while (L < q[i].l) remove_element(L++);
 ans[q[i].idx] = curr_ans;
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# MO's on Trees

- <https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/43230>
- Linearize the tree using Euler Tour Traversal.
- A path in the tree reduces to a continuous range in an array
  - Elements on the path occurs once.
  - Elements not on the path occur twice.
- Use standard MOs on linearized array



# MO's with Hilbert Curves

- <https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/61203>
- Better sorting algorithm based on hilbert curves.

# Other Types of Square Root Decomposition

- <https://unacademy.com/course/course-on-data-structures-square-root-decomposition/XKRCFDJV>
- Array Square Root Decomposition
  - Divide the array into blocks of Size  $B \sim \sqrt{N}$  & maintain some information for each block.
  - Divide a query/update into two parts
    - Individual elements in blocks of L & R
    - Complete Blocks which lie between L & R
  - Perform Range Updates Lazily
- Query Square Root Decomposition
  - Divide Q queries into blocks of size  $B \sim \sqrt{Q}$
  - Process all updates at the end of each block and maintain a “hard-to-update” DS for queries.
  - Reflect contribution of B updates on a query “quickly”.
- Heavy Set / Light Set based Query Decomposition
  - Identify a property whose sum(count) is bounded and can be divided into heavy and light sets.
  - Process the heavy and light sets separately - Eg:  $O(N * \text{\#HeavySets}) + O(\text{SizeOf(LightSet)}^2)$ .

# Conclusion

- Square Root Decomposition is a powerful tool with minimal prerequisites.
- It's usually simple to code and is a great alternative to more complex data structures like Segment Trees etc.