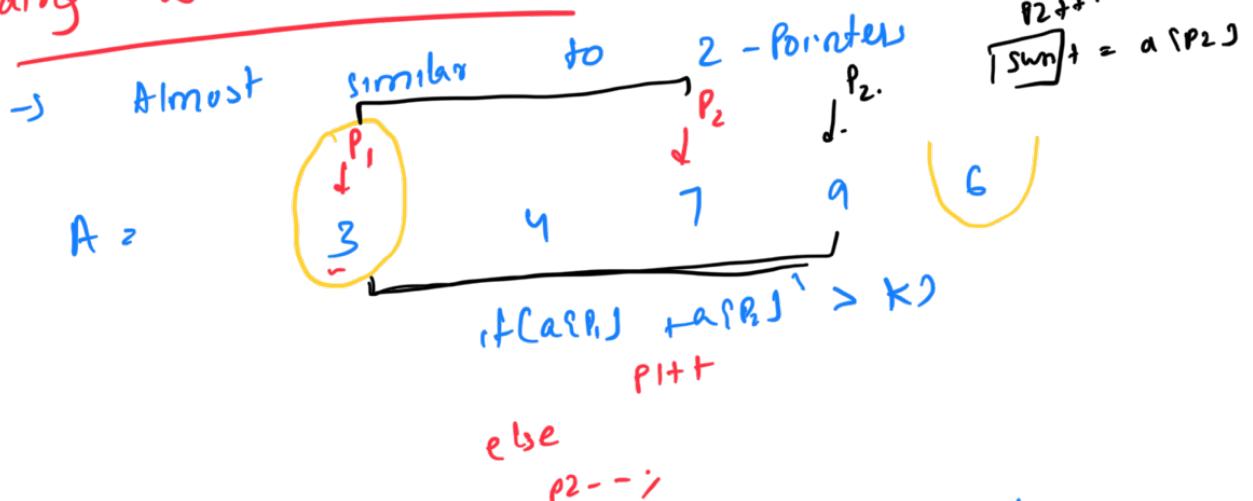


# Searching + 2 Pointers

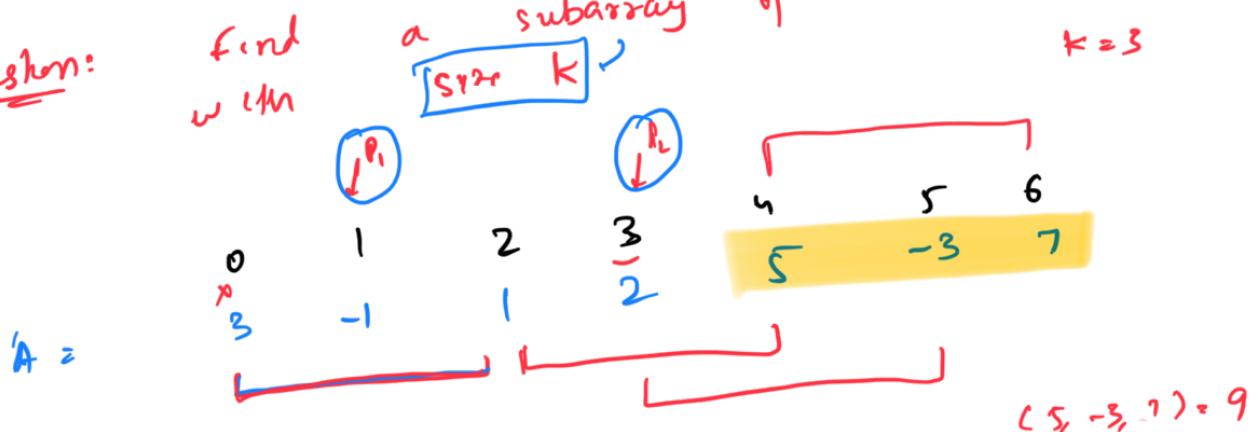
## Sliding Window Technique :



sliding window  $\Rightarrow$  consider all elements between  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .

$$\text{sum} = 14$$

Question:



$O(K)$

$\text{for } (i=0; i < K; i++)$   
 $\text{sum} += a[i];$

$$\boxed{\text{sum} = 9}$$

$\text{sum} = \text{sum} - a[p_1];$   
 $p_1++;$

$p_2++;$   
 $\text{sum}_2 = \text{sum} + a[p_2];$

$$\text{sum} = a[0, K]$$

$$\text{sum} = a[0, i]$$

$\dots \rightarrow \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{T.C.: } & O(K) + O(n^{-r}) \\ & : O(n) \\ \text{S.C.: } & O(1) \end{aligned}$$

Question: Given an array of positive integers, check if there exists a subarray with sum equal to  $K$ .  $K = 15$

$$A = 3 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 8 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 10$$

$$[1, 8, 6] = 15$$

Brute Force:

Consider all subarray, compute the update for each subarray map.

$$\# \text{ subarrays: } \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

T.C for sum of subarray  $\therefore O(n)$

$$\text{Total T.C: } O(n^3)$$

Approach 2:

prefix sum array:

$$(i, j) \Rightarrow \text{pre}[j] - \text{pre}[i-1] : O(1)$$

$$\text{T.C: } O(n^2 \times O(1)) = O(n^2)$$

$$\text{S.C: } O(n^2) \quad [2]$$

$$\begin{matrix} O(n^4) \\ O(n) \end{matrix}$$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ d \end{pmatrix}$   
 $3 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 8$   
 $0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5$   
 $\text{sum} = 10$   
 $[3] \quad [3, 2] \quad [3, 2, 5]$   
 $[2] \quad [2, 5] \quad [2, 5, 0] \dots \dots$

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=0}^i = a[i]}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{for } (i=0; i < n; i++) \{$

sum = 0;

$\text{for } (j=i; j < n; j++) \{$   
 $\text{sum} = \text{sum} + a[j];$   
 $\text{ans} = \max(\text{sum}, \text{ans});$

(Running Sum)

K = 19

$\{$   
 $\{ 5, 0, 1, 8 \}$   
 $T.C: O(n^2)$   
 $S.C: O(1)$

i

$\{$   
 $\{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 \}$   
 $\{ 3, 2, 5, 10, 10, 11, 19, 25, 27, 37 \}$   
 $\boxed{K = 15}$

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{Find } \{i, j\} \text{ in } \text{Pre}[i:j] \text{ such that }$

$\text{Find } \{i, j\} \text{ in } \text{Pre}[i:j] \text{ such that } \boxed{\text{pre}[i:j] - \text{pre}[i:j-1] = K}$   
 $\leftarrow 2\text{-Pointed}$

$\{3, 2, 5, 0, 1, 8\} \rightarrow \{19\}$

$\rightarrow$  Since all elements in array A are true, would be sorted

$T.C: O(n)$

$S.C: O(n) \rightarrow O(1) ?$

Overwrite given array with the prefix

$A[i:j] \geq 0 \forall i$

$\text{pre}[i] =$   
 $\text{pre}[i+1] =$

sum { 0.....i }

sum { 0.....i+1 }

$\rightarrow \text{pre}[i] + A[i+1]$

$\boxed{\text{Arrays-1}}$   
 $\boxed{\text{Arrays-2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pre}[i+1] &= \text{pre}[i] + A[i+1] \\ \text{pre}[i+1] - \text{pre}[i] &= A[i+1] \\ \text{pre}[i+1] &\geq \text{pre}[i] \end{aligned}$$

Issue: approach of a subarray will fail

Solution 1: Add 0 at the start of prefix array.

Solution 2: Binary search for K on the prefix array.

## Sliding Window (2 Pointers)

- 1) If a subarray has a sum greater than k, can we reduce the sum by adding more elements? { Array elements are true }  
NO!
- 2) If subarray sum by adding < k, can we increase sum by more elements?  
YES!

$A =$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	$\uparrow p_1$	$\uparrow p_2$
	3	2	5	0	1	8	6	2	10			

sum center  $[p_1, p_2]$   
 $\text{sum} = 1 + 2 + 5 + 0 + 1 = 10$

$p_2++$  case

$$\text{sum of } A[P_1 : P_2] = A[2 : 5]$$

$$\text{sum} = \text{sum} + n \cdot m$$

$$\text{sum} = \text{sum} - a[P_1];$$

*pt++;*

T.C:

$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 = 0 \\ P_2 = 0 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} n \\ n \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \{ n \text{ iterations} \\ \downarrow n \text{ iterations} \end{array} \quad (n+n)$$

$O(n)$

- 1)  $P_1$  will increase by 1
- 2)  $P_2$  will increase by 1

~~Binary~~ Search:

Median:

Middle

$A =$

element of an array

1 2 3  
7 2 5 3

sorted array

1  
median!

3

$N=5$

$A =$

1 2 3  
0 1 2 5 7  
3 4

$\text{arr}\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$

$A =$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
1 2 3 4 5 6

$N=6$

$$\text{Median} = \frac{3+4}{2} = 3$$

Even length =

$$\frac{\text{arr}\left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + \text{arr}\left[\frac{n}{2}-1\right]}{2}$$

$$\frac{\text{arr}[3] + \text{arr}[2]}{2} = \frac{4+3}{2} = 3$$

... median

Question:

$A_1 \Rightarrow$  size M

$A_2 \Rightarrow$  size N

Median      1      2

sorted ...  
↓  
(Distinct Elements)

$M+N$  is odd

$A_{12}$

0      1      2      3      n      5  
2      6      11      19      21      30 .  $N = 6$

$A_{22}$

8      9      15      29      40  
↓  
6<sup>th</sup> element

$A =$

2      6      8      9      11      15      19      21      29      30      40  
0      11      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

$(M+N) \Rightarrow$  odd

6<sup>th</sup> element ↑  
Index:  $\left(\frac{M+n}{2}\right) + 1$

$$\left(\frac{6+5}{2}\right) + 1 = 5$$

Brute Force:

→ Take a new array and throw ↓  
these 2 elements

T.C:  $O(m+n)$   
S.C:  $O(m+n)$

→ Sort this array  $O(m+n) \log(m+n)$

$A_1 = 1 2 3 4 5$   
 $A_2 = 6 7 8 9 10$

→ Return middle element  $O(1)$   
T.C:  $(m+n) \times \log(m+n)$   
S.C:  $O(m+n)$

count = 0 X 28 by 5

arr[] =

Approach 1:

$A_1[6]$

$A_2[5]$

2      6      11      19      21      30  
8      9      15      29      40  
P1      P2      P3      P4      P5  
 $P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5$   $\min(15, 19) \Rightarrow$  median

Count = 0 X 28  
by 5

$A =$

$(m+n) + 1^{\text{st}}$  element

T.C:  $O(m+n)$   
S.C:  $O(m+n)$

$n(m+n)$

$t.c: O(n)$   
 $s.c: O(1)$   
 $A_1 = 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10$   
 $m = 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5$

Efficient Approach: (Binary search)  
 median  $\Rightarrow$  belongs to  $A_1 \cup A_2$

$\rightarrow$  B.S on Answer Space  
 Answer space: [ ]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{low} &= (\min \text{ element of the array}) \\
 &= \min \text{ of both the arrays} \\
 &= \min(A_1[0], A_2[0])
 \end{aligned}$$

$\downarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{high} &= \max \text{ element of the merged array} \\
 &= \max(A_1[n-1], A_2[m-1])
 \end{aligned}$$

Search space: [  $\min(A_1[0], A_2[0]), \max(A_1[n-1], A_2[m-1])$  ]

$A_1 =$	2	6	11	19	21	$N=6$
$A_2 =$	8	9	15	29	40	$M=5$
$A =$	2	6	8	9	11	$19 \ 21 \ 29 \ 30 \ 40$

$$\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right) = \frac{6+5}{2} = 5$$

Search Space: [ 2, 40 ]

$(\text{low})_2$        $\text{high}_2$        $\text{mid}_2$   
 2                  40                  21  
 1 - mid  $\neq n$ , how do we

Question: Given an array that is a median?

if No. of elements greater than  $n$   
 No. of element smaller than  $n$   
 $n$  is the Median

1)  $\rightarrow$  No. of elements < Median =  $\frac{m+n}{2}$

2)  $\rightarrow$  No. of elements > Median =  $\frac{m+n}{2}$

3)  $\rightarrow$  Index of median =  $\frac{m+n}{2}$

low = [0, 5]



Brute Force:

```
for(i=0; i<N; i++) {
    if(A[i] < x)
        count++;
}
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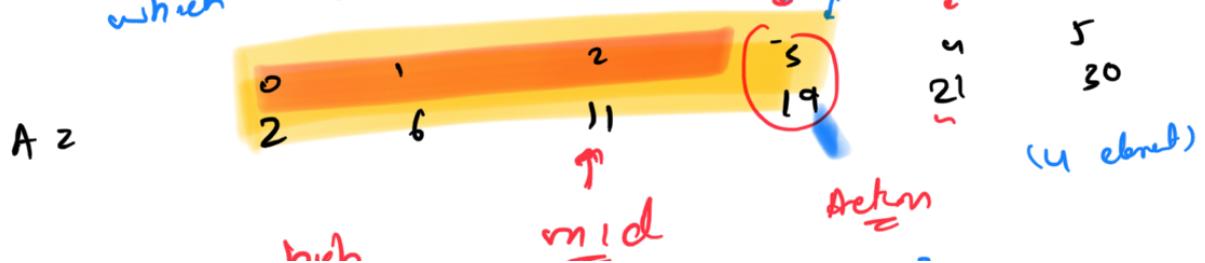
T.C:  $O(n)$

}  
return count

Binary search?

Efficient Approach:

$\rightarrow$  Find which the index less than than largest number



low	<u>=</u>	"is"	-	ans = 2
=			2	low = mid + 1
0	5		4	high = mid - 1
3	5		3	ans + 1
3	3		3	$\boxed{\text{ans} \geq 3}$ $\text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$
4	3			$\boxed{\text{STOP}}$

$\{2, 11\} < 5$	T.R.	$O(\log n)$	$N = 6, M = 5$
①	0 1 2 3 4 5		$\frac{6+5}{2} = \boxed{5}$
A1:	2 6 11		
A2:	8 9 15 29 40	$\boxed{[21, 40]}$	$(\log n + \log m)$ $(4) + 3 = \boxed{7}$
↓ Answer Spall:	$\boxed{[2, 40]}$	$\boxed{[21, 40]}$	
low	high	<u>mid</u>	Action
2	40	21	$[2, 40]$ cannot be Median $\text{high} = \text{mid} - 1$
2	20	11	$[2, 11]$ cannot be Median $\text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$
12	20	16	$[16, 20]$ cannot be Median $\text{high} = \text{mid} + 1$
12	15	13	
A1 =	2 6 11 19 21		
A2 =	8 9 15 29 40		

For : 1)  $\{2, 6, 8, 9, 11\} \Rightarrow [2-11]$  No. of elements smaller than them would be less than 5

2)  $\{19, 21, 29, 30, 40\} \Rightarrow [16, 40]$  greater than 5

3)  $\{12, 15\}$

Largest element would belong to the arr.

12	5
13	5
14	5
15	5

$low = \min(A_1[0], A_2[0])$  ;  
 $high = \max(A_1[n-1], A_2[m-1])$  ;  
 while ( $low \leq high$ ) {

$$mid = \frac{(n+m+low)}{2};$$

$count = 0$  ;  
 $count += BS(A_1, mid)$  ;  
 $count += BS(A_2, mid)$  ;  
 $if (count < \frac{n+m}{2})$  {  
 $low = mid + 1$  ;

$\log N$   
 $\log M$

}  
 $else if (count > \frac{n+m}{2})$   
 $high = mid - 1$  ;

$else$  {  
 $ans = mid$  ;  
 $low = mid + 1$  ; }  
 max element in this range  
 $(high - mid)$

$$N = 6$$

→ Update the arr.  
 → Search for better arr.

$A_1 = [2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 19, 21, 30]$   
 $A_2 = [8, 9, 11, 15, 20, 21, 29, 30, 40]$   
 $M = 5$

$A_1 = [2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 19, 21, 30]$   
 $A_2 = [8, 9, 11, 15, 20, 21, 29, 30, 40]$   
 $M = 5$

$11 \Rightarrow 4$   
 $10 \Rightarrow 4$

$12 \Rightarrow 5$   
 $13 \Rightarrow 5$   
 $14 \Rightarrow 5$   
 $15 \Rightarrow 5$

$12 \Rightarrow 5$   
 $13 \Rightarrow 5$   
 $14 \Rightarrow 5$   
 $15 \Rightarrow 5$

$[12-15]$   
 $(11+1)$   
 $[medium + 1, high] \geq 6$

[2, 11]

$12 \geq 5$

$(11+1) = 12$

(11+1)

map ch.

{12 - 15}

s: [2, 40]

[2, 11]  $\leq n$

[12, 15]

A = [2 6 8 9 11]

15

19 21 29 30 40

Intermediate element can be  
med  $\geq 6$

$\rightarrow$  one element definitely exists such that  
no. of elements less and greater than  
, if s equal to  $(\frac{m+n}{2})$

belongs to array

$(\frac{m+n}{2})$

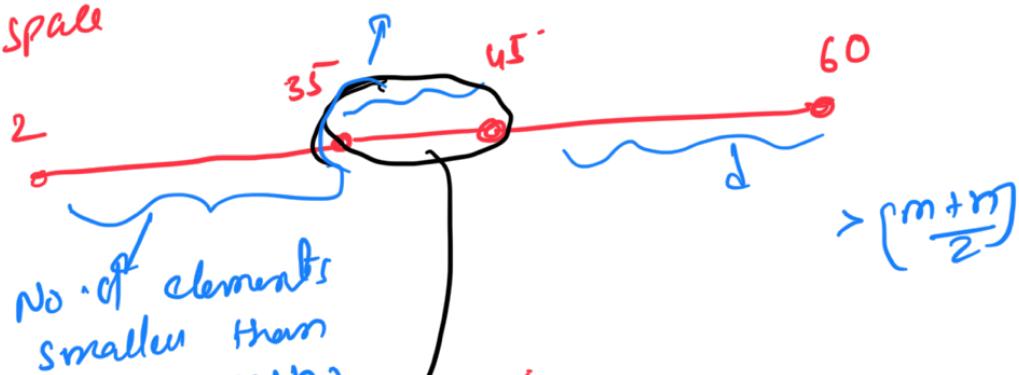
{ $a$   $a+1$   $a+2$   $\underbrace{a+3 \dots}_{\text{anywhere}} a+k$  }  
 $\overset{1}{\cancel{a}}$   $\overset{(n+h)}{\cancel{a+3 \dots a+k}}$

$\Rightarrow$  for elements less than it, the no. of elements in the range, the equal to  $(\frac{m+n}{2})$

No. of element  $< a+3 = \left[ \frac{m+n}{2} \right]$

$= \left[ \frac{m+n}{2} \right]$

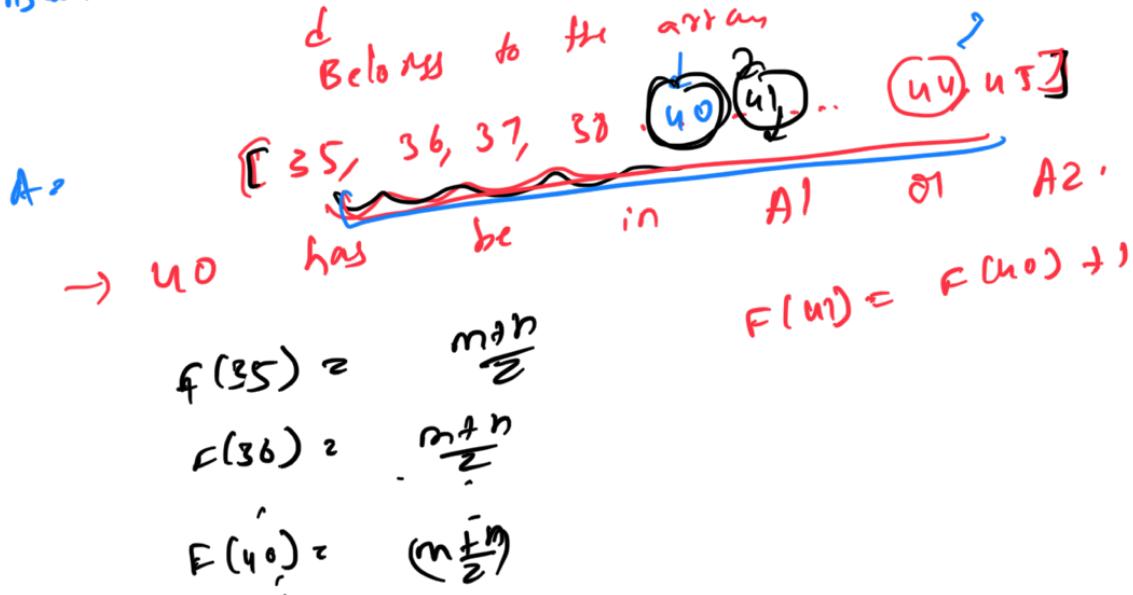
Search Space



$$t < \left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)$$

No  $t$  elements smaller than  $n+t = \left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)$   
 No  $t$  elements to be medium.

Consider



T.C:

$\log(M \text{ length of search space})$

# iterations =

$\{ \min(A), \max(A) \}$

Search space:  $\{ \min(A_{1,2}), \max(A_{1,2}) \} = \min(A_1 \cup A_2), \max(A_1 \cup A_2)$

T.C per iteration:  $\log N + \log M$

T.T.C:  $\log(\max(A_1, A_2) - \min(A_1, A_2)) \times [\log M + \log N]$

Question: Element at index  $k$  in the sorted array of size  $\left(\frac{m+n}{2}\right)$  with  $k$

Question:  $(m+n)$  can be even

$$A_1 = \begin{matrix} 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 8 \end{matrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{matrix} 11 & 12 \end{matrix}$$

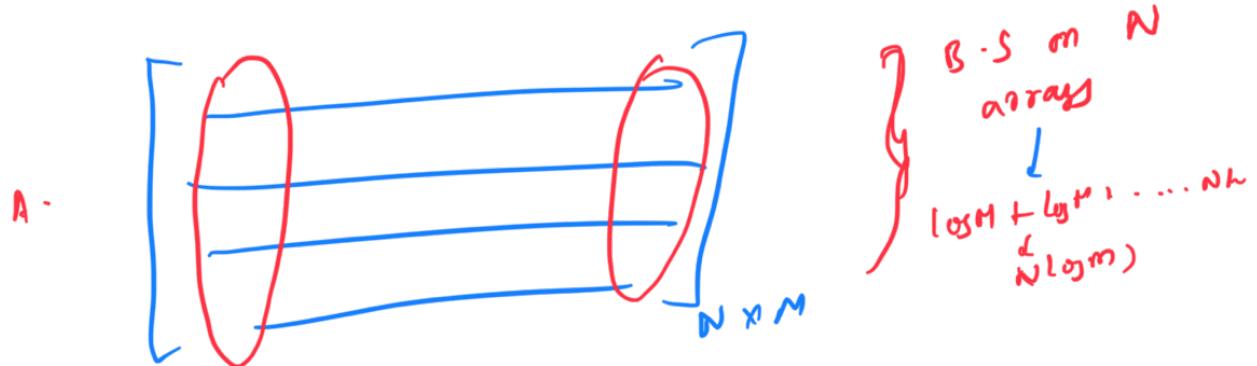
Median =  $\frac{A\left[\frac{n+m}{2}\right] + A\left[\frac{n+m-1}{2}\right]}{2}$

$$x_1 = k = \left(\frac{n+m}{2}\right)$$

$$x_2 = k = \left\lceil \frac{n+m-1}{2} \right\rceil$$

$$\boxed{\text{floor}\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}\right)}$$

Question: We have  $N$  sorted arrays of size  $M$



$$\text{low} = \min(1^{\text{st}} \text{ column})$$

$$\text{high} = \max(\text{last column})$$

while ( $\text{low} \leq \text{high}$ ) {  
 mid =  $\frac{(\text{high} + \text{low})}{2}$ ;  
 // B.S. in all  $N$  Rows to count  
 no. of elements smaller than mid.  
 if (count <  $\frac{n \cdot m}{2}$ )  
 ... low = mid + 1;  
 ... if (count >  $\frac{n \cdot m}{2}$ ) high = mid - 1  
 ... }

$$\text{Total No. of elements} = n+m$$

$$K = \frac{n+m}{2}$$

else  $low = mid + 1$   
 $high = mid$

T.C:  $\log(\max - \min) \times N \log M$

$(N+M)$  is odd  
 $\rightarrow$  we want to find  $K^{\text{th}}$  element.  
 $\rightarrow$  in the merged

$\lceil \log(\min(N, M)) \rceil$

Highest value in that row  $\geq 7$

$$\begin{cases} A_1 = \\ A_2 = \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{matrix} & 2 & 6 & 8 & 9 & 11 & 13 & 15 & 16 & 17 & 19 & 21 & 23 & 25 & 27 & 29 & 30 & 32 & 34 & 36 & 38 & 40 \\ & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 \end{matrix}$$

low

high

mid

2

40

~

No. of elements smaller than 21

Action 0

2

20

~

7

Discard [21, 40]  
 $high = mid - 1$

12

20

~

4

high = mid - 1

[12

15]

~

5

ans = 13  
 $low = mid + 1$

14

15

~

5

ans = 14  
 $low = mid + 1$

15

15

~

5

ans = 15  
 $low = mid + 1$

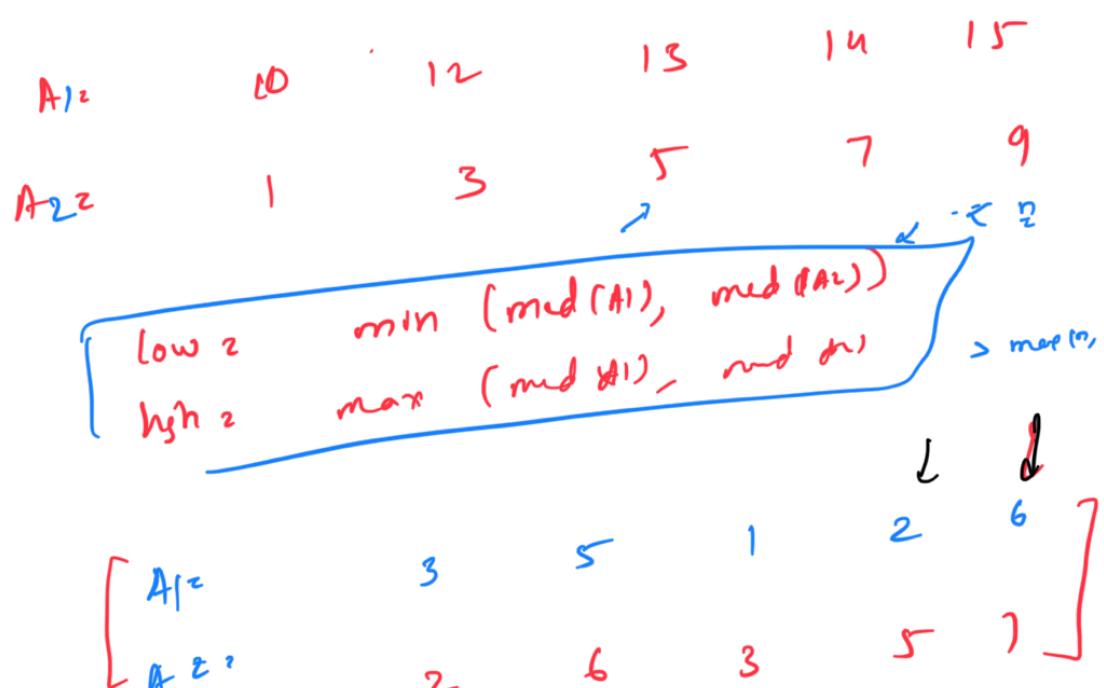
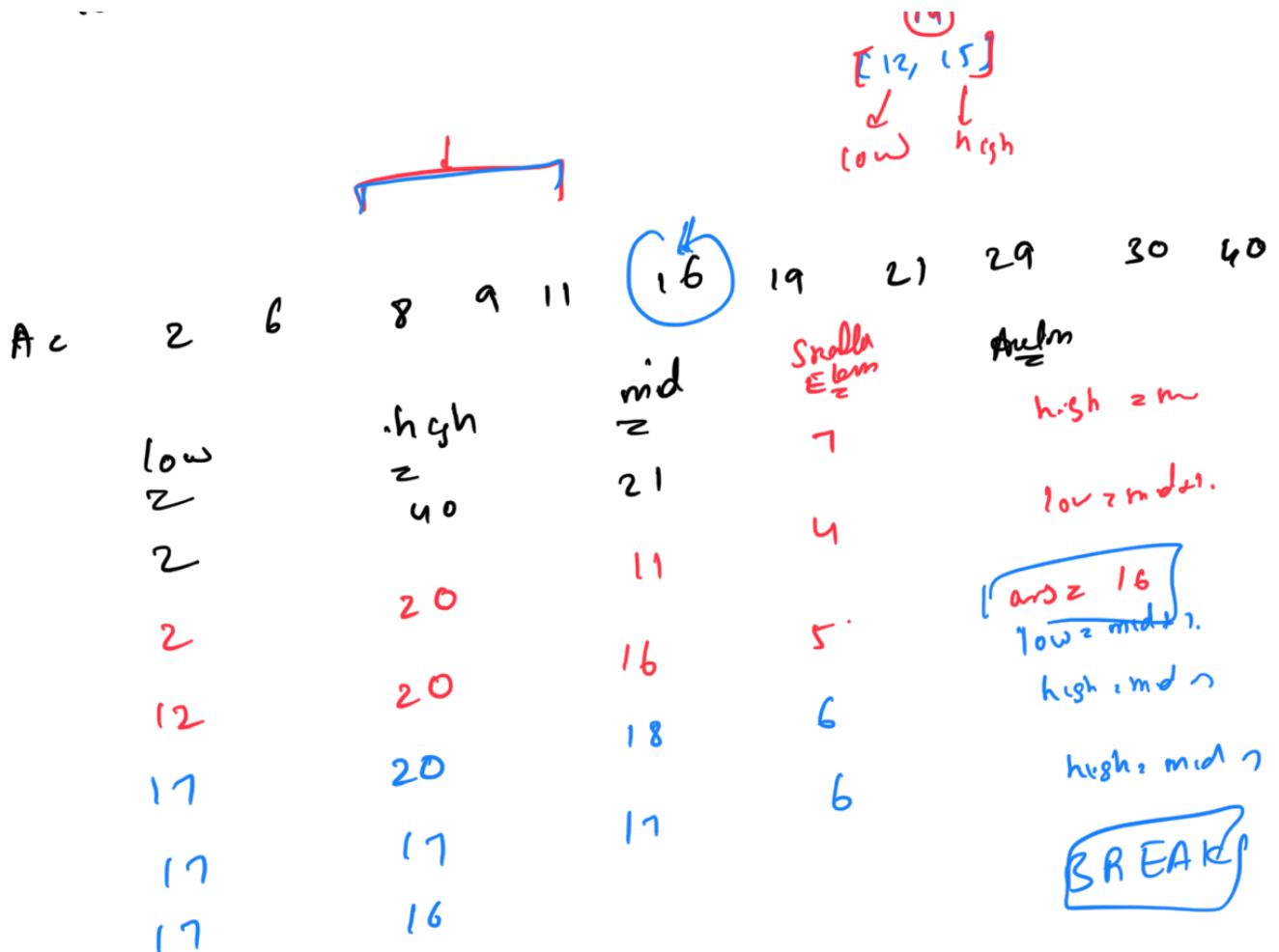
16

15

~

5

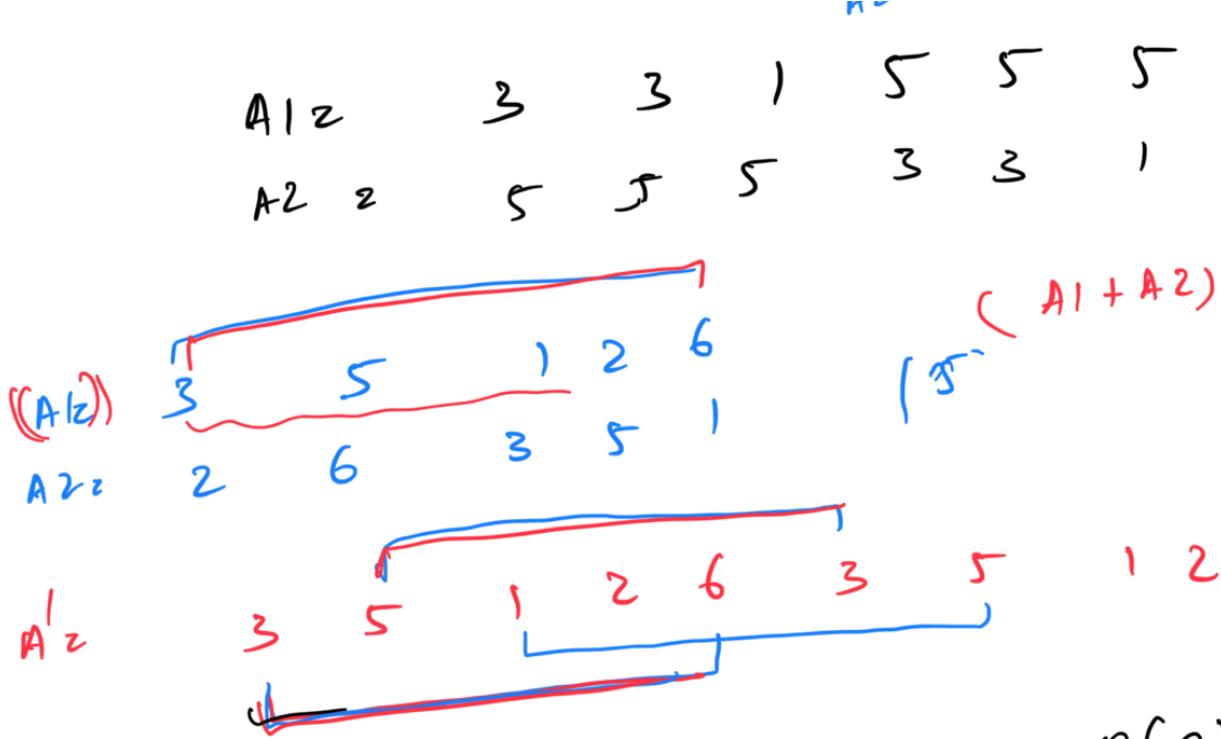
ans



$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 12 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A1_2 = \{3, 5\} \{12, 6\}$$

$$A2_2 = \{2, 6, 3, 15\}$$



prefix sum hash :

$$\boxed{\frac{z - \text{Alg0}}{z \text{Alg}}}$$

$O(n)$  t.c.

Kadane's Algorithm

$A1: 5 7 8 9 10$

$A2: 1 2 3 4 6$

low =  
high

$$\min(\text{Med1}, \text{Med2}) = \min(8, 3) = 3$$

$$\max(\text{Med1}, \text{Med2}) = \max(3, 8) = 8$$

$[3, 8]$

$$q = \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

loop 3

10<sup>m</sup>

0 1 0 1

base 3: 10, 1, 24

11  $\Rightarrow$

0 1 0 2  
3 2 1 0

$$0 \cdot 3^3 + 1 \cdot 3^2 + 0 \cdot 3^1 + 2 \cdot 3^0$$

1 0 1 1 0  
3 2 1 0

$$1 \times 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$

base 10:

3 6 7 9  
d  
[0-9]

$\Rightarrow$  smallest  $k^i$  such that 111... - -

$$11111110 = k^0 + k^1 + k^2 + \dots$$

$$P_2 = 64$$

$$P_3 = 63$$

$$P_4 = 62$$

$$k^0 + k^1 + k^2 + \dots + k^{64} = N$$

$$N = 10^{18} = 2^{64}$$

$$\text{base } 2$$

$$P = 64$$

$$\frac{\alpha(r^n - 1)}{r-1} = \frac{(k-1)}{k-1} = (N)$$

$$(k-1) \quad \dots \quad (k-1)$$

long long int  
(64)

(65)

50<sup>65</sup>

$$(50^{65} - 1) = N \cdot (k-1)$$

{ smallest value if  $k = 2$   
smallest value if  $k = N-1$   
100 }

long long int

$\backslash \text{ Unr}$        $N^2$  ·  
 $O^2$  ·  
 row.      hsh      md  
 2      99       $\boxed{50}$   
 $(N) \Rightarrow 111\ldots 1$   
 $365 =$   
 $1 \cdot (36^0)$   
 $(365)^1 + (365)^0 \cdot 36^0$

$F(\text{mid}) < N$   
 $\rightarrow \text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$   
 $F(\text{mid}) > N$   
 $\rightarrow \text{high} = \text{mid}$   
 $\dots \Rightarrow N ?$

↑

### Question: Subarray with sum equal to K [Implementation1](#)

```

subarraySum(int a[], int n, int k){
    int p1 = 0, p2 = 0;
    int sum = arr[0];

    while(p2 < n) {
        while(sum < k and p2 <= n-2) {
            p2++;
            sum += a[p2];
        }
        while(sum > k) {
            sum -= a[p1];
            p1++;
        }
        if(sum == k)
            return True;
    }
    return False;
}
    
```

**Question: Subarray with sum equal to K** [Implementation2](#)

```
subarraySum(int a[], int n, int k){  
    int p1 = 0;  
    int sum = 0;  
    for(int p2 = 0; p2 <= n-1; p2++) {  
        sum += a[p2];  
  
        while(sum > k) {  
            sum -= arr[p1];  
            p1++;  
        }  
        if(sum == k)  
            return True;  
    }  
  
    return False;  
}
```

**Question: Median of 2 sorted arrays**

```
int median(int a[], int n, int b[], int m){  
    low = min(a[0], b[0]), high = max(a[n-1], b[m-1]);  
    ans;  
    while(low <= high){  
        mid = (high + low)/2  
        x = 0;  
        x = x + countLess(a, n, mid); // Can be done using BS  
        x = x + countLess(b, m, mid);  
        k = (m+n)/2;  
        if(x < k)  
            low = mid + 1;  
        else if (x > k)  
            high = mid -1;  
        else{  
            ans = mid;  
            low = mid+1;  
        }  
    }  
}
```