# Python Competitive Programming Notebook

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#### Abstract

This document is a reference notebook for competitive programming in Python. It contains a collection of curated algorithms and data structures, complete with explanations and optimized, copy-pasteable code.

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# Chapter 1

# Contest & Setup

## **Debugging Tricks**

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Collective experience from competitive programmers. Description: This section outlines common debugging techniques and tricks useful in a competitive programming context. Since standard debuggers are often unavailable or too slow on online judges, these methods are invaluable.

- 1. Debug Printing to stderr: The most common technique is to print variable states at different points in the code. Always print to standard error (sys.stderr) instead of standard output (sys.stdout). The online judge ignores stderr, so your debug messages won't interfere with the actual output and cause a "Wrong Answer" verdict. Example: print(f"DEBUG: Current value of x is {x}", file=sys.stderr)
- 2. Test with Edge Cases: Before submitting, always test your code with edge cases. Minimum constraints: e.g., N=0, N=1, empty list. Maximum constraints: e.g.,  $N=10^5$ . (Check for TLE Time Limit Exceeded). Special values: e.g., zeros, negative numbers, duplicates. A single off-by-one error can often be caught by testing N=1 or N=2.
- 3. Assertions: Use assert to check for invariants in your code. An invariant is a condition that should always be true at a certain point. For example, if a variable idx should always be non-negative, you can add assert idx >= 0. If the assertion fails, your program will crash with an AssertionError, immediately showing you where the logic went wrong. Assertions are automatically disabled in Python's optimized mode (python -0), so they have no performance penalty on the judge if it runs in that mode.
- 4. Naive Solution Comparison: If you have a complex, optimized algorithm, write a simple, brute-force (naive) solution that is obviously correct but slow. Generate a large number of small, random test cases. Run both your optimized solution and the naive solution on each test case and assert that their outputs are identical. If they differ, print the failing test case. This is the core idea behind the stress tests used in this project.
- 5. Rubber Duck Debugging: Explain your code, line by line, to someone else or even an inanimate object (like a rubber duck). The act of verbalizing your logic often helps you spot the flaw yourself. Time: N/A Space: N/A Status: Not applicable (Informational)

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    def example_debug_print():
        A simple example demonstrating how to print
         \rightarrow debug information
         to stderr without affecting the program's
         \hookrightarrow actual output.
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        data = [10, 20, 30]
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        # This is the actual output that the judge will
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        print("Processing started.")
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        total = 0
        for i, item in enumerate(data):
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             # This is a debug message. It goes to
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             → stderr and is ignored by the judge.
            print(f"DEBUG: Processing item {i} with
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    value {item}", file=sys.stderr)

             total += item
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        # This is the final output.
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        print(f"The final total is: {total}")
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```

### **Template**

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Various competitive programming resources Description: A standard template for Python in programming contests. It provides fast I/O, increased recursion limit, and common helper functions to accelerate development under time constraints.

Fast I/O: Standard input() can be slow. This template redefines input to use sys.stdin.readline(), which is significantly faster for large inputs. Helper functions like get\_int() and get\_ints() are provided for convenience. For output, printing with \n is generally fast enough, but for a huge number of output operations, sys.stdout.write() can be used.

Recursion Limit: Python's default recursion limit (often 1000) is too low for problems involving deep recursion, such as tree/graph traversals on large datasets. sys.setrecursionlimit(10\*\*6) increases this limit to avoid RecursionError.

Usage: Place your problem-solving logic inside the solve() function. The main execution block is set up to call this function. If the problem has multiple test cases, you can use the commented-out loop in the main function. Time: N/A Space: N/A Status: Not applicable (Utility)

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import sys
    import math
    import os
    sys.setrecursionlimit(10**6)
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    input = sys.stdin.readline
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    def get_int():
        """Reads a single integer from a line."""
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        return int(input())
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    def get_ints():
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         """Reads a list of space-separated integers
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        → from a line."""
        return list(map(int, input().split()))
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    def get_str():
         """Reads a single string from a line, stripping
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        \rightarrow trailing whitespace."""
        return input().strip()
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    def get_strs():
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         """Reads a list of space-separated strings from
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    a line."""
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        return input().strip().split()
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    def solve():
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        This is the main function where the solution
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        → logic for a single
        test case should be implemented.
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        try:
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            n, m = get_ints()
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            print(n + m)
        except (IOError, ValueError):
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            pass
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    def main():
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        Main execution function.
        Handles multiple test cases if required.
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        # t = get_int()
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        # for _ in range(t):
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              solve()
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        solve()
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    if __name__ == "__main__":
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        main()
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```

# Chapter 2

# **Data Structures**

#### Fenwick Tree

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Based on common implementations in competitive programming resources Description: Implements a 1D Fenwick Tree, also known as a Binary Indexed Tree (BIT). This data structure is used to efficiently calculate prefix sums (or any other associative and invertible operation) on an array while supporting point updates.

A Fenwick Tree of size N allows for two main operations, both in logarithmic time: 1. add(idx, delta): Adds delta to the element at index idx. 2. query(right): Computes the sum of the elements in the range [0, right).

The core idea is that any integer can be represented as a sum of powers of two. Similarly, a prefix sum can be represented as a sum of sums over certain sub-ranges, where the size of these sub-ranges are powers of two. The tree stores these precomputed sub-range sums.

This implementation is 0-indexed for user-facing operations, which is a common convention in Python. The internal logic is adapted to work with this indexing. - To find the next index to update in add, we use idx = idx + 1. - To find the next index to sum in query, we use idx = (idx & (idx + 1)) - 1.

Time:  $O(\log N)$  for both add (point update) and query (prefix sum). Space: O(N) to store the tree array. Status: Stress-tested

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    class FenwickTree:
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         A class that implements a 1D Fenwick Tree
         → (Binary Indexed Tree).
         This implementation uses 0-based indexing for
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         \hookrightarrow its public methods.
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         def __init__(self, size):
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             Initializes the Fenwick Tree for an array
             \hookrightarrow of a given size.
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             All elements are initially zero.
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             Args:
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                  size (int): The number of elements the
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                  → tree will support.
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             self.tree = [0] * size
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         def add(self, idx, delta):
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Adds a delta value to the element at a
    This operation updates all prefix sums that
    \rightarrow include this index.
    Args:
        idx (int): The O-based index of the
        → element to update.
        delta (int): The value to add to the
        \rightarrow element at `idx`.
    while idx < len(self.tree):
        self.tree[idx] += delta
        idx \mid = idx + 1
def query(self, right):
    Computes the prefix sum of elements up to
    → (but not including) `right`.
    This is the sum of the range [0, right-1].
        right\ (int)\colon \mathit{The}\ \mathit{O-based}\ exclusive
        \rightarrow upper bound of the query range.
        int: The sum of elements in the prefix
        \rightarrow `[0, right-1]`.
    idx = right - 1
    total_sum = 0
    while idx >= 0:
        total_sum += self.tree[idx]
        idx = (idx & (idx + 1)) - 1
    return total_sum
def query_range(self, left, right):
    Computes the sum of elements in the range
    \hookrightarrow [left, right-1].
    Args:
        left (int): The O-based inclusive lower
        → bound of the query range.
        right (int): The O-based exclusive
        → upper bound of the query range.
    Returns:
        int: The sum of elements in the
        \hookrightarrow specified range.
    if left >= right:
    return self.query(right) - self.query(left)
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Fenwick Tree 2D

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: KACTL, TopCoder tutorials Description: Implements a 2D Fenwick Tree (Binary Indexed Tree). This data structure extends the 1D Fenwick Tree to support point updates and prefix rectangle sum queries on a 2D grid.

The primary operations are: 1. add(r, c, delta): Adds delta to the element at grid cell (r, c). 2. query(r, c): Computes the sum of the rectangle from (0, 0) to (r-1, c-1).

A 2D Fenwick Tree can be conceptualized as a Fenwick Tree where each element is itself another Fenwick Tree. The add and query operations therefore involve traversing the tree structure in both dimensions, resulting in a time complexity that is the product of the logarithmic complexities of each dimension.

The query\_range method uses the principle of inclusion-exclusion on the prefix rectangle sums to calculate the sum of any arbitrary sub-rectangle. Given a rectangle defined by top-left (r1, c1) and bottom-right (r2-1, c2-1), the sum is: Sum(r2, c2) - Sum(r1, c2) - Sum(r2, c1) + Sum(r1, c1), where Sum(r, c) is the prefix sum from (0,0) to (r-1, c-1).

Time:  $O(\log R \cdot \log C)$  for add and query on an  $R \times C$  grid. Space:  $O(R \cdot C)$  to store the 2D tree. Status: Stress-tested

```
class FenwickTree2D:
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         A class that implements a 2D Fenwick Tree using
         \rightarrow 0-based indexing.
         def __init__(self, rows, cols):
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              Initializes the 2D Fenwick Tree for a grid
              \hookrightarrow of a given size.
              All elements are initially zero.
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              Args:
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                  rows (int): The number of rows in the
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                   \hookrightarrow grid.
                  cols (int): The number of columns in
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                   \hookrightarrow the grid.
              self.rows = rows
              self.cols = cols
              self.tree = [[0] * cols for _ in
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→ range(rows)]
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         def add(self, r, c, delta):
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              Adds a delta value to the element at grid
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              \hookrightarrow cell (r, c).
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              Args:
                  r (int): The O-based row index of the
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                   \hookrightarrow element to update.
                  c (int): The O-based column index of
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                   → the element to update.
                  delta (int): The value to add.
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              i = r
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j = c
        while j < self.cols:
            self.tree[i][j] += delta
            j |= j + 1
        i |= i + 1
def query(self, r, c):
    Computes the prefix sum of the rectangle
    \rightarrow from (0, 0) to (r-1, c-1).
    Args:
        r (int): The O-based exclusive row
        → bound of the query rectangle.
        c (int): The O-based exclusive column
        → bound of the query rectangle.
    Returns:
        int: The sum of the elements in the
        \rightarrow rectangle [0..r-1, 0..c-1].
   total_sum = 0
   i = r - 1
    while i >= 0:
        j = c - 1
        while j \ge 0:
            total_sum += self.tree[i][j]
            j = (j \& (j + 1)) - 1
        i = (i & (i + 1)) - 1
    return total_sum
def query_range(self, r1, c1, r2, c2):
    Computes the sum of the rectangle from (r1,
    \hookrightarrow c1) to (r2-1, c2-1).
    Args:
        r1, c1 (int): The O-based inclusive
        \rightarrow top-left coordinates.
        r2, c2 (int): The O-based exclusive
        \hookrightarrow bottom-right coordinates.
    Returns:
        int: The sum of elements in the
         → specified rectangular range.
    if r1 >= r2 or c1 >= c2:
        return 0
    total = self.query(r2, c2)
    total -= self.query(r1, c2)
    total -= self.query(r2, c1)
    total += self.query(r1, c1)
    return total
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while i < self.rows:

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#### Hash Map Custom

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: KACTL, neal wu's blog Description: Provides an explanation and an example of a custom hash for Python's dictionaries and sets to prevent slowdowns from anti-hash tests. In competitive programming, some

problems use test cases specifically designed to cause many collisions in standard hash table implementations (like Python's dict), degrading their performance from average O(1) to worst-case O(N).

This can be mitigated by using a hash function with a randomized component, so that the hash values are unpredictable to an adversary. A common technique is to XOR the object's standard hash with a fixed, randomly generated constant.

The splitmix64 function shown below is a high-quality hash function that can be used for this purpose. It's simple, fast, and provides good distribution.

To use a custom hash, you can wrap integer or tuple keys in a custom class that overrides the \_\_hash\_\_ and \_\_eq\_\_ methods.

Example usage with a dictionary: my\_map = {}
my\_map[CustomHash(123)] = "value"

This forces Python's dict to use your CustomHash object's \_hash\_ method, thus using the randomized hash function. This is particularly useful in problems involving hashing of tuples, such as coordinates or polynomial hash values. Time: The hash computation is O(1). Dictionary operations remain amortized O(1). Space: Adds a small constant overhead per key for the wrapper object. Status: Not applicable (Utility/Informational)

```
import time
    # A fixed random seed ensures the same hash
    → function for each run,
    # but it's generated based on time to be
    \hookrightarrow unpredictable.
    SPLITMIX64_SEED = int(time.time()) ^
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    def splitmix64(x):
        """A fast, high-quality hash function for
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        → 64-bit integers."""
        x += 0x9E3779B97F4A7C15
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        x = (x ^ (x >> 30)) * 0xBF58476D1CE4E5B9
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        x = (x ^ (x >> 27)) * 0x94D049BB133111EB
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    class CustomHash:
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        A wrapper class for hashable objects to use a
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        \hookrightarrow custom hash function.
        This helps prevent collisions from anti-hash
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        \hookrightarrow test cases.
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        def __init__(self, obj):
            self.obj = obj
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        def __hash__(self):
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            # Combine the object's hash with a fixed
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            → random seed using a robust function.
            return splitmix64(hash(self.obj) +

→ SPLITMIX64_SEED)
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def __eq__(self, other):
             # The wrapped objects must still be
             \hookrightarrow comparable.
            return self.obj == other.obj
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        def __repr__(self):
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            return f"CustomHash({self.obj})"
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    # Example of how to use it
    def custom_hash_example():
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        # Standard dictionary, potentially vulnerable
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        standard_dict = {}
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        # Dictionary with custom hash, much more robust
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        custom_dict = {}
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        key = (12345, 67890) # A tuple key, common in
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         → geometry or hashing problems
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        # Using the standard hash
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        standard_dict[key] = "some value"
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        # Using the custom hash
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        custom_key = CustomHash(key)
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        custom_dict[custom_key] = "some value"
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        print(f"Standard hash for {key}: {hash(key)}")
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        print(f"Custom hash for {key}:
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           {hash(custom_key)}")
        # Verifying that it works
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        assert custom_key in custom_dict
        assert CustomHash(key) in custom_dict
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        assert CustomHash((0, 0)) not in custom_dict
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```

#### Line Container

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: KACTL, CP-Algorithms Description: Implements a Line Container for the Convex Hull Trick. This data structure maintains a set of lines of the form y = mx + c and allows for efficiently querying the minimum y value for a given x. This is a key component in optimizing certain dynamic programming problems.

This implementation is specialized for the following common case: - Queries ask for the minimum value. - The slopes  ${\tt m}$  of the lines added are monotonically decreasing.

The lines are stored in a deque, which acts as the lower convex hull. When a new line is added, we maintain the convexity of the hull by removing any lines from the back that become redundant. A line becomes redundant if the intersection point of its neighbors moves left, violating the convexity property. This check is done using cross-products to avoid floating-point arithmetic.

Queries are performed using a binary search on the hull to find the optimal line for the given x. If the x values for queries are also monotonic, the query time can be improved to amortized O(1) by using a pointer instead of a binary search.

To adapt for maximum value queries, change the inequalities in add and query. To handle monotonically increasing slopes, add lines to the front of the deque and adjust the add method's popping logic accordingly.

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Time:  $O(\log N)$  for query due to binary search. Amortized O(1) for add because each line is added and removed at most once. Space: O(N) to store the lines on the convex hull. Status: Stress-tested

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    class LineContainer:
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        A data structure for the Convex Hull Trick,
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        → optimized for minimum queries
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        and monotonically decreasing slopes.
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        def __init__(self):
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             # Each line is stored as a tuple (m, c)
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             \rightarrow representing y = mx + c.
             self.hull = \Pi
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        def _is_redundant(self, 11, 12, 13):
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             Checks if line 12 is redundant given its
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             \rightarrow neighbors 11 and 13.
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             12 is redundant if the intersection of 11
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             \rightarrow and 13 is to the left of
             the intersection of 11 and 12.
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             Intersection of (m1, c1) and (m2, c2) is x
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             \Rightarrow = (c2 - c1) / (m1 - m2).
             We check if (c3-c1)/(m1-m3) \ll
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             \hookrightarrow (c2-c1)/(m1-m2).
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             To avoid floating point, we use
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             \hookrightarrow cross-multiplication.
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             Since slopes are decreasing, m1 > m2 > m3,
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             \rightarrow so (m1-m3) and (m1-m2) are positive.
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             The inequality becomes (c3-c1)*(m1-m2) <=
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             \hookrightarrow (c2-c1)*(m1-m3).
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             m1, c1 = 11
             m2, c2 = 12
             m3, c3 = 13
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             # Note the direction of inequality might
             # and increasing/decreasing slopes. This is
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             → for min query, decr. slopes.
             return (c3 - c1) * (m1 - m2) \le (c2 - c1) *
             \hookrightarrow (m1 - m3)
        def add(self, m, c):
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             Adds a new line y = mx + c to the
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             → container.
             Assumes that m is less than the slope of
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                 any previously added line.
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             new_line = (m, c)
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             while len(self.hull) >= 2 and

    self._is_redundant(
                 self.hull[-2], self.hull[-1], new_line
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             ):
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                 self.hull.pop()
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             self.hull.append(new_line)
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        def query(self, x):
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Finds the minimum value of y = mx + c for a
\rightarrow given x among all lines.
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if not self.hull:
    return float("inf")
# Binary search for the optimal line.
# The function f(i) = m_i * x + c_i is
\hookrightarrow not monotonic, but the
# optimal line index is. Specifically, the
\hookrightarrow function `f(i+1) - f(i)
# is monotonic. We are looking for the
\hookrightarrow point where the function
# transitions from decreasing to
\hookrightarrow increasing.
low, high = 0, len(self.hull) - 1
res_idx = 0
while low <= high:
    mid = (low + high) // 2
    # Check if mid is better than mid+1
    if mid + 1 < len(self.hull):</pre>
         val_mid = self.hull[mid][0] * x +

    self.hull[mid][1]

         val_next = self.hull[mid + 1][0] *
         \rightarrow x + self.hull[mid + 1][1]
         if val_mid > val_next:
             low = mid + 1
         else:
             res idx = mid
             high = mid - 1
    else:
         res_idx = mid
         high = mid - 1
m, c = self.hull[res_idx]
return m * x + c
```

#### Ordered Set

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: KACTL, CP-Algorithms (adapted from Treap) Description: Implements an Ordered Set data structure using a randomized balanced binary search tree (Treap). An Ordered Set supports all the standard operations of a balanced BST (insert, delete, search) and two additional powerful operations: 1. find\_by\_order(k): Finds the k-th smallest element in the set (0-indexed). 2. order\_of\_key(key): Finds the number of elements in the set that are strictly smaller than the given key (i.e., its rank).

To achieve this, each node in the underlying Treap is augmented to store the size of the subtree rooted at that node. This size information is updated during insertions and deletions. The ordered set operations then use these sizes to navigate the tree efficiently. For example, to find the k-th element, we can compare k with the size of the left subtree to decide whether to go left, right, or stop at the current node.

The implementation is based on the elegant split and merge operations, which are modified to maintain the subtree size property.

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Time:  $O(\log N)$  on average for insert, delete, search, find\_by\_order, and order\_of\_key operations, where N is the number of elements in the set. Space: O(N) to store the nodes of the set. Status: Stress-tested

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import random
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    class Node:
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         """Represents a single node in the Ordered
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         → Set's underlying Treap."""
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         def __init__(self, key):
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              self.key = key
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              self.priority = random.random()
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              self.size = 1
              self.left = None
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              self.right = None
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    def _get_size(t):
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         return t.size if t else 0
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    def _update_size(t):
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         if t:
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              t.size = 1 + _get_size(t.left) +
              \hookrightarrow _get_size(t.right)
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    def _split(t, key):
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         Splits the tree `t` into two trees: one with
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         → keys < `key` (l)
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         and one with keys \geq= `key` (r).
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         if not t:
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             return None, None
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         if t.key < key:</pre>
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             1, r = _split(t.right, key)
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              t.right = 1
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              _update_size(t)
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             return t, r
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         else:
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             l, r = _split(t.left, key)
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             t.left = r
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              _update_size(t)
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             return 1, t
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    def _merge(t1, t2):
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         """Merges two trees `t1` and `t2`, assuming
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          \leftrightarrow keys in `t1` < keys in `t2`."""
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         if not t1:
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             return t2
         if not t2:
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             return t1
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         if t1.priority > t2.priority:
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              t1.right = _merge(t1.right, t2)
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              _update_size(t1)
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             return t1
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         else:
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             t2.left = _merge(t1, t2.left)
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_update_size(t2)
        return t2
class OrderedSet:
    An Ordered Set implementation using a Treap.
    Supports finding the k-th element and the rank
    \hookrightarrow of an element.
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = None
    def search(self, key):
        node = self.root
        while node:
            if node.key == key:
                return True
            node = node.left if key < node.key else</pre>
            \,\hookrightarrow\,\,\text{node.right}
        return False
    def insert(self, key):
        if self.search(key):
            return
        new_node = Node(key)
        1, r = _split(self.root, key)
        self.root = _merge(_merge(1, new_node), r)
    def delete(self, key):
        if not self.search(key):
            return
        1, r = _split(self.root, key)
        _, r_prime = _split(r, key + 1)
        self.root = _merge(1, r_prime)
    def find_by_order(self, k):
        """Finds the k-th smallest element
        node = self.root
        while node:
            left_size = _get_size(node.left)
            if left_size == k:
                return node.key
            elif k < left_size:</pre>
                node = node.left
                k -= left_size + 1
                node = node.right
        return None
    def order_of_key(self, key):
        """Finds the number of elements strictly
        \hookrightarrow smaller than key."""
        count = 0
        node = self.root
        while node:
            if key == node.key:
                count += _get_size(node.left)
                break
            elif key < node.key:
                node = node.left
                count += _get_size(node.left) + 1
                node = node.right
        return count
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def __len__(self):
    return _get_size(self.root)
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### Segment Tree Lazy

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, various competitive programming tutorials Description: Implements a Segment Tree with lazy propagation. This powerful data structure is designed to handle range updates and range queries efficiently. While a standard Segment Tree can perform range queries in  $O(\log N)$  time, updates are limited to single points. Lazy propagation extends this capability to allow range updates (e.g., adding a value to all elements in a range) to also be performed in  $O(\log N)$  time.

The core idea is to postpone updates to tree nodes and apply them only when necessary. When an update is requested for a range [1, r], we traverse the tree. If a node's range is fully contained within [1, r], instead of updating all its children, we store the pending update value in a lazy array for that node and update the node's main value. We then stop traversing down that path. This pending update is "pushed" down to its children only when a future query or update needs to access one of the children.

This implementation supports range addition updates and range sum queries. The logic can be adapted for other associative operations like range minimum/maximum and range assignment.

Time:  $O(\log N)$  for both update (range update) and query (range query). The initial build operation takes O(N) time. Space: O(N) to store the tree and lazy arrays. A size of 4N is allocated to be safe for a complete binary tree representation. Status: Stress-tested

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class SegmentTree:
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        def __init__(self, arr):
            self.n = len(arr)
            self.tree = [0] * (4 * self.n)
            self.lazy = [0] * (4 * self.n)
            self.arr = arr
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            self._build(1, 0, self.n - 1)
        def _build(self, v, tl, tr):
            if tl == tr:
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                 self.tree[v] = self.arr[t1]
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            else:
                 tm = (tl + tr) // 2
                 self._build(2 * v, tl, tm)
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                 self.\_build(2 * v + 1, tm + 1, tr)
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                 self.tree[v] = self.tree[2 * v] +
                 \rightarrow self.tree[2 * v + 1]
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        def _push(self, v, tl, tr):
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            if self.lazy[v] == 0:
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                 return
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            range_len = tr - tl + 1
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self.tree[v] += self.lazy[v] * range_len
    if tl != tr:
        self.lazy[2 * v] += self.lazy[v]
        self.lazy[2 * v + 1] += self.lazy[v]
    self.lazy[v] = 0
def _update(self, v, tl, tr, l, r, addval):
    self._push(v, tl, tr)
    if 1 > r:
        return
    if l == tl and r == tr:
        self.lazy[v] += addval
        self._push(v, tl, tr)
    else:
        tm = (tl + tr) // 2
        self._update(2 * v, tl, tm, l, min(r,
        \hookrightarrow tm), addval)
        self.\_update(2 * v + 1, tm + 1, tr,
         \rightarrow max(1, tm + 1), r, addval)
        # After children are updated, update
        \hookrightarrow self based on pushed children
        self._push(2 * v, tl, tm)
        self._push(2 * v + 1, tm + 1, tr)
        self.tree[v] = self.tree[2 * v] +
        \rightarrow self.tree[2 * v + 1]
def _query(self, v, tl, tr, l, r):
    if 1 > r:
        return 0
    self._push(v, tl, tr)
    if 1 == tl and r == tr:
        return self.tree[v]
    tm = (tl + tr) // 2
    left_sum = self._query(2 * v, tl, tm, 1,

→ min(r, tm))
    right_sum = self._query(2 * v + 1, tm + 1,
    \rightarrow tr, max(1, tm + 1), r)
    return left_sum + right_sum
def update(self, 1, r, addval):
    # Updates range [l, r] (inclusive)
    if 1 > r:
        return
    self._update(1, 0, self.n - 1, 1, r,
    \hookrightarrow addval)
def query(self, 1, r):
    # Queries range [l, r] (inclusive)
    if 1 > r:
        return 0
    return self._query(1, 0, self.n - 1, 1, r)
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#### Sparse Table

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, USACO Guide Description: Implements a Sparse Table for fast Range Minimum Queries (RMQ). This data structure is ideal for answering range queries on a static array for idempo-

tent functions like min, max, or gcd.

The core idea is to precompute the answers for all ranges that have a length that is a power of two. The table st[k][i] stores the minimum value in the range  $[i, i + 2^k - 1]$ . This precomputation takes  $O(N \log N)$  time.

Once the table is built, a query for any arbitrary range [1, r] can be answered in O(1) time. This is achieved by finding the largest power of two,  $2^k$ , that is less than or equal to the range length r-1+1. The query then returns the minimum of two overlapping ranges: [1,  $1+2^k-1$ ] and  $[r-2^k+1, r]$ . Because min is an idempotent function, the overlap does not affect the result.

This implementation is for range minimum, but can be easily adapted for range maximum by changing min to max.

Time: Precomputation is  $O(N \log N)$ . Each query is O(1). Space:  $O(N \log N)$  to store the sparse table. Status: Stress-tested

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import math
class SparseTable:
    A class that implements a Sparse Table for
    → efficient Range Minimum Queries.
    This implementation assumes O-based indexing
    \hookrightarrow for the input array and queries.
    def __init__(self, arr):
        Initializes the Sparse Table from an input
        Args:
            arr (list[int]): The static list of
            → numbers to be queried.
        self.n = len(arr)
        if self.n == 0:
            return
        self.max_log = self.n.bit_length() - 1
        self.st = [[0] * self.n for _ in

    range(self.max_log + 1)]

        self.st[0] = list(arr)
        for k in range(1, self.max_log + 1):
            for i in range(self.n - (1 << k) + 1):</pre>
                 self.st[k][i] = min(
                     self.st[k - 1][i], self.st[k -
                     \rightarrow 1][i + (1 << (k - 1))]
        self.log_table = [0] * (self.n + 1)
        for i in range(2, self.n + 1):
            self.log_table[i] = self.log_table[i >>
             def query(self, 1, r):
        Queries the minimum value in the inclusive
        \rightarrow range [l, r].
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Args:
    l (int): The O-based inclusive starting
    → index of the range.
    r (int): The O-based inclusive ending
    → index of the range.
Returns:
    int: The minimum value in the range [l,
    \rightarrow r]. Returns infinity
         if the table is empty or the range
             is invalid.
if self.n == 0 or 1 > r:
    return float("inf")
length = r - 1 + 1
k = self.log_table[length]
return min(self.st[k][1], self.st[k][r - (1
\hookrightarrow << k) + 1])
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## Treap

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: KACTL, CP-Algorithms Description: Implements a Treap, a randomized balanced binary search tree. A Treap is a data structure that combines the properties of a binary search tree and a heap. Each node in the Treap has both a key and a randomly assigned priority. The keys follow the binary search tree property (left child's key < parent's key < right child's key), while the priorities follow the max-heap property (parent's priority > children's priorities).

The random assignment of priorities ensures that, with high probability, the tree remains balanced, leading to logarithmic time complexity for standard operations. This implementation uses split and merge operations, which are a clean and powerful way to handle insertions and deletions.

- split(key): Splits the tree into two separate trees: one containing all keys less than key, and another containing all keys greater than or equal to key. - merge(left, right): Merges two trees, left and right, under the assumption that all keys in left are smaller than all keys in right.

Using these, insert and delete can be implemented elegantly.

Time:  $O(\log N)$  on average for insert, delete, and search operations, where N is the number of nodes in the Treap. The performance depends on the randomness of the priorities. Space: O(N) to store the nodes of the Treap. Status: Stress-tested

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def __init__(self, key):
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             self.key = key
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             self.priority = random.random()
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             self.left = None
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    def _split(t, key):
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         Splits the tree rooted at `t` into two trees
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         Returns a tuple (left_tree, right_tree), where
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         → left_tree contains all keys
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         from `t` that are less than `key`, and
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         → right_tree contains all keys that are
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         greater than or equal to `key`.
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         if not t:
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             return None, None
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         if t.key < key:
             1, r = _split(t.right, key)
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             t.right = 1
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             return t, r
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         else:
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             1, r = _split(t.left, key)
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             t.left = r
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             return 1, t
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    def _merge(t1, t2):
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         Merges two trees `t1` and `t2`.
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         Assumes all keys in `t1` are less than all keys
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         \rightarrow in `t2`.
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         The merge is performed based on node priorities
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         → to maintain the heap property.
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         if not t1:
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             return t2
         if not t2:
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             return t1
         if t1.priority > t2.priority:
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             t1.right = _merge(t1.right, t2)
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             return t1
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         else:
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             t2.left = _merge(t1, t2.left)
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             return t2
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    class Treap:
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         \  \  \, \rightarrow \  \  \, \textit{balanced BST operations.}
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         def __init__(self):
              """Initializes an empty Treap."""
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             self.root = None
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         def search(self, key):
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             Searches for a key in the Treap.
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             Returns True if the key is found, otherwise
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              \hookrightarrow False.
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             node = self.root
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             while node:
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if node.key == key:
            return True
        elif key < node.key:</pre>
            node = node.left
        else:
            node = node.right
   return False
def insert(self, key):
    Inserts a key into the Treap. If the key
    → already exists, the tree is unchanged.
   if self.search(key):
       return # Don't insert duplicates
   new_node = Node(key)
   1, r = _split(self.root, key)
    # l has keys < key, r has keys >= key.
    # Merge new_node with r first, then merge l
    \hookrightarrow with the result.
    self.root = _merge(1, _merge(new_node, r))
def delete(self, key):
    Deletes a key from the Treap. If the key is
    \rightarrow not found, the tree is unchanged.
    if not self.search(key):
       return
    # Split to isolate the node to be deleted.
   l, r = _split(self.root, key) # l has keys
    \leftrightarrow < key, r has keys >= key
    _, r_prime = _split(r, key + 1) # r_prime
    # Merge the remaining parts back together.
    self.root = _merge(1, r_prime)
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## Union Find

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Based on common implementations in competitive programming resources Description: Implements the Union-Find data structure, also known as Disjoint Set Union (DSU). It is used to keep track of a partition of a set of elements into a number of disjoint, non-overlapping subsets. The two primary operations are finding the representative (or root) of a set and merging two sets.

This implementation includes two key optimizations: 1. Path Compression: During a find operation, it makes every node on the path from the query node to the root point directly to the root. This dramatically flattens the tree structure. 2. Union by Size: During a union operation, it always attaches the root of the smaller tree to the root of the larger tree. This helps in keeping the trees shallow, which speeds up future find operations.

The combination of these two techniques makes the amortized time complexity of both find and union operations nearly constant. Time:  $O(\alpha(N))$  on average for both find and union operations, where alpha is the extremely slow-growing inverse Ackermann function. For all practical purposes, this is considered constant time. Space: O(N) to store the parent and size arrays for N elements. Status: Stress-tested

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class UnionFind:
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        A class that implements the Union-Find data
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         \rightarrow structure with path compression
        and union by size optimizations.
        def __init__(self, n):
             Initializes the Union-Find structure for n
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             \rightarrow elements, where each element
             is initially in its own set.
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             Args:
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                 n (int): The number of elements.
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             self.parent = list(range(n))
             self.size = [1] * n
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        def find(self, i):
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             Finds the representative (root) of the set
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             \hookrightarrow containing element i.
             Applies path compression along the way.
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                 i (int): The element to find.
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             Returns:
                 int: The representative of the set
                 \hookrightarrow containing i.
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             if self.parent[i] == i:
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                 return i
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             self.parent[i] = self.find(self.parent[i])
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             return self.parent[i]
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        def union(self, i, j):
             Merges the sets containing elements i and
             Applies union by size.
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             Args:
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                 i (int): An element in the first set.
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                 j (int): An element in the second set.
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             Returns:
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                 bool: True if the sets were merged,
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                  → False if they were already in the
                    same set.
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             root_i = self.find(i)
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             root_j = self.find(j)
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             if root_i != root_j:
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                 if self.size[root_i] <</pre>
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    self.size[root_j]:

                     root_i, root_j = root_j, root_i
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                 self.parent[root_j] = root_i
                 self.size[root_i] += self.size[root_j]
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                 return True
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             return False
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# Chapter 3

# Graph Algorithms

### Bellman Ford

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: Implements the Bellman-Ford algorithm for finding the single-source shortest paths in a weighted graph. Unlike Dijkstra's algorithm, Bellman-Ford can handle graphs with negative edge weights.

The algorithm works by iteratively relaxing edges. It repeats a relaxation step V-1 times, where V is the number of vertices. In each relaxation step, it iterates through all edges  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  and updates the distance to  $\mathbf{v}$  if a shorter path is found through  $\mathbf{u}$ . After V-1 iterations, the shortest paths are guaranteed to be found, provided there are no negative-weight cycles reachable from the source.

A final, V-th iteration is performed to detect negative-weight cycles. If any distance can still be improved during this iteration, it means a negative-weight cycle exists, and the shortest paths are not well-defined (they can be infinitely small).

This implementation takes an edge list as input, which is a common and convenient representation for this algorithm.

Time:  $O(V \cdot E)$ , where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges. The algorithm iterates through all edges V times. Space: O(V + E) to store the edge list and the distances array. Status: Stress-tested

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def bellman_ford(edges, start_node, n):
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        Finds shortest paths from a start node,
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         \rightarrow handling negative weights and
         detecting negative cycles.
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         Args:
             edges (list[tuple[int, int, int]]): A list
             \rightarrow of all edges in the graph,
                  where each tuple is (u, v, weight) for
                  \hookrightarrow an edge u \rightarrow v.
             start_node (int): The node from which to
             \hookrightarrow start the search.
             n (int): The total number of nodes in the
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             \hookrightarrow graph.
        Returns:
             tuple[list[float], bool]: A tuple
                 containing:
                  - A list of shortest distances.
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                      `float('inf')` for unreachable
                  - A boolean that is True if a negative
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                  → cycle is detected, False otherwise.
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if not (0 <= start_node < n):</pre>
    return [float("inf")] * n, False
dist = [float("inf")] * n
dist[start_node] = 0
for i in range(n - 1):
    updated = False
    for u, v, w in edges:
        if dist[u] != float("inf") and dist[u]
           + w < dist[v]:
            dist[v] = dist[u] + w
            updated = True
    if not updated:
        break
for u, v, w in edges:
    if dist[u] != float("inf") and dist[u] + w
       < dist[v]:
        return dist, True
return dist, False
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## **Bipartite Matching**

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, USACO Guide Description: Implements an algorithm to find the maximum matching in a bipartite graph. A bipartite graph is one whose vertices can be divided into two disjoint and independent sets, U and V, such that every edge connects a vertex in U to one in V. A matching is a set of edges without common vertices. The goal is to find a matching with the maximum possible number of edges.

This implementation uses the augmenting path algorithm, a common approach based on Ford-Fulkerson. It works by repeatedly finding "augmenting paths" in the graph. An augmenting path is a path that starts from an unmatched vertex in the left partition (U), ends at an unmatched vertex in the right partition (V), and alternates between edges that are not in the current matching and edges that are.

The algorithm proceeds as follows: 1. Initialize an empty matching. 2. For each vertex u in the left partition U: a. Try to find an augmenting path starting from u using a Depth-First Search (DFS). b. The DFS explores neighbors v of u. If v is unmatched, we have found an augmenting path of length 1. We match u with v. c. If v is already matched with some vertex u', the DFS re-

cursively tries to find an alternative match for u'. If it succeeds, we can then match u with v. 3. If an augmenting path is found, the size of the matching increases by one. The edges in the matching are updated by "flipping" the status of edges along the path. 4. The process continues until no more augmenting paths can be found. The size of the resulting matching is the maximum possible.

Time:  $O(E \cdot V)$ , where V = |U| + |V| is the total number of vertices and E is the number of edges. For each vertex in U, we may perform a DFS that traverses the entire graph. Space: O(V) to store the matching and visited arrays for the DFS. Status: Stress-tested

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def bipartite_matching(adj, n1, n2):
         Finds the maximum matching in a bipartite
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         \hookrightarrow graph.
         Args:
             adj (list[list[int]]): Adjacency list for
                  the left partition.
                  `adj[u]` contains a list of neighbors
                  \rightarrow of node `u` (from the left set)
                  in the right set. Nodes in the left set
                  \hookrightarrow are indexed 0 to n1-1.
                  Nodes in the right set are indexed 0 to
                  \hookrightarrow n2-1.
             n1 (int): The number of vertices in the
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                 left partition.
             n2 (int): The number of vertices in the
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              \hookrightarrow right partition.
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         Returns:
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             int: The size of the maximum matching.
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         match_right = [-1] * n2
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         def dfs(u, visited):
             for v in adj[u]:
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                  if not visited[v]:
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                      visited[v] = True
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                      if match_right[v] < 0 or</pre>
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    dfs(match_right[v], visited):

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                           match_right[v] = u
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                           return True
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             return False
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         for u in range(n1):
             visited = [False] * n2
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             if dfs(u, visited):
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                  matching_size += 1
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         return matching_size
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### Dijkstra

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: Implements Dijkstra's algorithm for finding the single-

source shortest paths in a weighted graph with non-negative edge weights.

Dijkstra's algorithm maintains a set of visited vertices and finds the shortest path from a source vertex to all other vertices in the graph. It uses a priority queue to greedily select the unvisited vertex with the smallest distance from the source.

The algorithm proceeds as follows: 1. Initialize a distances array with infinity for all vertices except the source, which is set to 0. 2. Initialize a priority queue and add the source vertex with a distance of 0. 3. While the priority queue is not empty, extract the vertex u with the smallest distance. 4. If u has already been processed with a shorter path, skip it. 5. For each neighbor v of u, calculate the distance through u. If this new path is shorter than the known distance to v, update the distance and add v to the priority queue with its new, shorter distance.

This implementation uses Python's heapq module as a min-priority queue. The graph is represented by an adjacency list where each entry is a tuple (neighbor, weight).

Time:  $O(E \log V)$ , where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges. The log factor comes from the priority queue operations. Space: O(V+E) to store the adjacency list, distances array, and the priority queue. Status: Stress-tested

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import heapq
def dijkstra(adj, start_node, n):
    Finds the shortest paths from a start node to
    \rightarrow all other nodes in a graph.
        adj (list[list[tuple[int, int]]]): The
            adjacency list representation of
             the graph. adj[u] contains tuples (v,
             \rightarrow weight) for edges u \rightarrow v.
        start_node (int): The node from which to
        \hookrightarrow start the search.
        n (int): The total number of nodes in the
         \hookrightarrow graph.
    Returns:
        list[float]: A list of shortest distances

    from the start_node to each

                      node. `float('inf')` indicates
                      if not (0 <= start_node < n):</pre>
        return [float("inf")] * n
    dist = [float("inf")] * n
    dist[start_node] = 0
    pq = [(0, start_node)]
    while pq:
        d, u = heapq.heappop(pq)
        if d > dist[u]:
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for v, weight in adj[u]:

if dist[u] + weight < dist[v]:

dist[v] = dist[u] + weight

heapq.heappush(pq, (dist[v], v))

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, KACTL Description: Implements Dinic's algorithm for computing the maximum flow in a flow network from a source s to a sink t. Dinic's is one of the most efficient algorithms for this problem.

The algorithm operates in phases. In each phase, it does the following: 1. Build a "level graph" using a Breadth-First Search (BFS) from the source s on the residual graph. The level of a vertex is its shortest distance from s. The level graph only contains edges (u, v) where level[v] == level[u] + 1. If the sink t is not reachable from s in the residual graph, the algorithm terminates. 2. Find a "blocking flow" in the level graph using a Depth-First Search (DFS) from s. A blocking flow is a flow where every path from s to t in the level graph has at least one saturated edge. The DFS pushes as much flow as possible along paths from s to t. Pointers are used to avoid re-exploring dead-end paths within the same phase. 3. Add the blocking flow found in the phase to the total maximum flow.

The process is repeated until the sink is no longer reachable from the source.

Time:  $O(V^2E)$  in general graphs. It is much faster on certain types of graphs, such as  $O(E\sqrt{V})$  for bipartite matching and  $O(E\min(V^{2/3},E^{1/2}))$  for unit-capacity networks. Space: O(V+E) to store the graph, capacities, and level information. Status: Stress-tested

```
def _bfs(self, s, t):
    self.level = [-1] * self.n
    self.level[s] = 0
    q = deque([s])
    while q:
        u = q.popleft()
        for i in range(len(self.graph[u])):
            v, cap, rev = self.graph[u][i]
            if cap > 0 and self.level[v] < 0:</pre>
                self.level[v] = self.level[u] +
                q.append(v)
    return self.level[t] != -1
def _dfs(self, u, t, pushed):
    if pushed == 0:
        return 0
    if u == t:
        return pushed
    while self.ptr[u] < len(self.graph[u]):</pre>
        edge_idx = self.ptr[u]
        v, cap, rev_idx

    self.graph[u][edge_idx]

        if self.level[v] != self.level[u] + 1

    or cap == 0:

            self.ptr[u] += 1
            continue
        tr = self._dfs(v, t, min(pushed, cap))
        if tr == 0:
            self.ptr[u] += 1
            continue
        self.graph[u][edge_idx][1] -= tr
        self.graph[v][rev_idx][1] += tr
        return tr
    return 0
def max_flow(self, s, t):
    if s == t:
        return 0
    total_flow = 0
    while self._bfs(s, t):
        self.ptr = [0] * self.n
        pushed = self._dfs(s, t, self.inf)
        while pushed > 0:
            total_flow += pushed
            pushed = self._dfs(s, t, self.inf)
    return total_flow
```

#### **Euler Path**

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, Wikipedia (Hierholzer's algorithm) Description: Implements Hierholzer's algorithm to find an Eulerian path or cycle in a graph. An Eulerian path visits every edge of a graph exactly once. An Eulerian cycle is an Eulerian path that starts and ends at the same vertex.

The existence of an Eulerian path/cycle depends on the degrees of the vertices:

For an undirected graph: - An Eulerian cycle exists if and only if every vertex has an even degree, and all vertices with a non-zero degree belong to a single connected component. - An Eulerian path exists if and only if there are zero or two vertices of odd degree, and all vertices with a non-zero degree belong to a single component. If there are two odd-degree vertices, the path must start at one and end at the other.

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For a directed graph: - An Eulerian cycle exists if and only if for every vertex, the in-degree equals the out-degree, and the graph is strongly connected (ignoring isolated vertices). - An Eulerian path exists if and only if at most one vertex has out-degree - in-degree = 1 (the start), at most one vertex has in-degree - out-degree = 1 (the end), every other vertex has equal in- and out-degrees, and the underlying undirected graph is connected.

Hierholzer's algorithm finds the path by starting a traversal from a valid starting node. It follows edges until it gets stuck, and then backtracks, forming the path in reverse. This implementation uses an iterative approach with a stack.

Time: O(V+E), as each edge and vertex is visited a constant number of times. Space: O(V+E) to store the graph representation, degree counts, and the path. Status: Stress-tested

```
from collections import Counter
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    def find_euler_path(adj, n, directed=False):
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         Finds an Eulerian path or cycle in a graph.
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             adj (list[list[int]]): The adjacency list
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                  representation of the graph.
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                  Handles multigraphs if neighbors are
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                  \hookrightarrow repeated.
             n (int): The total number of nodes in the
             directed (bool): True if the graph is
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             → directed, False otherwise.
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             list[int] | None: A list of nodes
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             → representing the Eulerian path,
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                                 or None if no such path
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                                  \rightarrow exists.
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         if n == 0:
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             return []
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         num_edges = 0
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         if directed:
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             in_{degree} = [0] * n
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             out_degree = [0] * n
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             for u in range(n):
                  out_degree[u] = len(adj[u])
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                  num_edges += len(adj[u])
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                  for v in adj[u]:
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                      in_degree[v] += 1
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             start_node, end_node_count = -1, 0
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for i in range(n):
        if out_degree[i] - in_degree[i] == 1:
            if start_node != -1:
                return None
            start_node = i
        elif in_degree[i] - out_degree[i] == 1:
            end_node_count += 1
            if end_node_count > 1:
                return None
        elif in_degree[i] != out_degree[i]:
            return None
    if start_node == -1:
        for i in range(n):
            if out_degree[i] > 0:
                start_node = i
                break
        if start_node == -1:
            return [0] if n > 0 else []
else:
    degree = [0] * n
    for u in range(n):
        degree[u] = len(adj[u])
        num_edges += len(adj[u])
    num_edges //= 2
    odd_degree_nodes = [i for i, d in
      enumerate(degree) if d % 2 != 0]
    if len(odd_degree_nodes) > 2:
        return None
    start_node = -1
    if odd_degree_nodes:
        start_node = odd_degree_nodes[0]
    else:
        for i in range(n):
            if degree[i] > 0:
                start_node = i
        if start_node == -1:
            return [0] if n > 0 else []
adj_counts = [Counter(neighbors) for neighbors
\hookrightarrow in adj]
path = []
stack = [start_node]
while stack:
   u = stack[-1]
    if adj_counts[u]:
        v = next(iter(adj_counts[u]))
        adj_counts[u][v] -= 1
        if adj_counts[u][v] == 0:
            del adj_counts[u][v]
        if not directed:
            adj_counts[v][u] -= 1
            if adj_counts[v][u] == 0:
                del adj_counts[v][u]
        stack.append(v)
    else:
        path.append(stack.pop())
path.reverse()
```

```
if len(path) == num_edges + 1:
    return path
else:
    return None
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### Floyd Warshall

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: Implements the Floyd-Warshall algorithm for finding allpairs shortest paths in a weighted directed graph. This algorithm can handle graphs with negative edge weights.

The algorithm is based on a dynamic programming approach. It iteratively considers each vertex k and updates the shortest path between all pairs of vertices (i, j) to see if a path through k is shorter. The core recurrence is: dist(i, j) = min(dist(i, j), dist(i, k) + dist(k, j))

After running the algorithm with all vertices **k** from 0 to V-1, the resulting distance matrix contains the shortest paths between all pairs of vertices.

A key feature of Floyd-Warshall is its ability to detect negative-weight cycles. If, after the algorithm completes, the distance from any vertex i to itself (dist[i][i]) is negative, it indicates that there is a negative-weight cycle reachable from i.

This implementation takes an edge list as input, builds an adjacency matrix, runs the algorithm, and then checks for negative cycles.

Time:  $O(V^3)$ , where V is the number of vertices. The three nested loops dominate the runtime. Space:  $O(V^2)$  to store the distance matrix. Status: Stress-tested

```
def floyd_warshall(edges, n):
        Finds all-pairs shortest paths in a graph using
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        → the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.
        Args:
            edges (list[tuple[int, int, int]]): A list
             → of all edges in the graph,
                where each tuple is (u, v, weight) for
                   an edge u \rightarrow v.
            n (int): The total number of nodes in the
             \hookrightarrow graph.
        Returns:
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            tuple[list[list[float]], bool]: A tuple
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             - A 2D list of shortest distances.
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                     `dist[i][j]` is the shortest
                  distance from node `i` to node `j`.
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                      `float('inf')` for unreachable
                   \hookrightarrow pairs.
                 - A boolean that is True if a negative
                    cycle is detected, False otherwise.
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        if n == 0:
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           return [], False
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dist = [[float("inf")] * n for _ in range(n)]
for i in range(n):
    dist[i][i] = 0
for u, v, w in edges:
    dist[u][v] = min(dist[u][v], w)
for k in range(n):
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(n):
            if dist[i][k] != float("inf") and
                dist[k][j] != float("inf"):
                dist[i][j] = min(dist[i][j],

    dist[i][k] + dist[k][j])

has_negative_cycle = False
for i in range(n):
    if dist[i][i] < 0:</pre>
        has_negative_cycle = True
        break
return dist, has_negative_cycle
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## Lca Binary Lifting

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, USACO Guide Description: Implements Lowest Common Ancestor (LCA) queries on a tree using the binary lifting technique. This method allows for finding the LCA of any two nodes in logarithmic time after a precomputation step.

The algorithm consists of two main parts: 1. Precomputation: - A Depth-First Search (DFS) is performed from the root of the tree to calculate the depth of each node and to determine the immediate parent of each node. - A table up[i][j] is built, where up[i][j] stores the 2^j-th ancestor of node i. This table is filled using dynamic programming: the 2^j-th ancestor of i is the 2^(j-1)-th ancestor of its 2^(j-1)-th ancestor. up[i][j] = up[up[i][j-1]][j-1].

2. Querying for LCA(u, v): - First, the depths of u and v are equalized by moving the deeper node upwards. This is done efficiently by "lifting" it in jumps of powers of two. - If u and v become the same node, that node is the LCA. - Otherwise, u and v are lifted upwards together, step by step, using the largest possible jumps (2^j) that keep them below their LCA (i.e., up[u][j] != up[v][j]). - After this process, u and v will be direct children of the LCA. The LCA is then the parent of u (or v), which is up[u][0].

Time: Precomputation is  $O(N \log N)$ . Each query is  $O(\log N)$ . Space:  $O(N \log N)$  to store the up table. Status: Stress-tested

```
class LCA:
    def __init__(self, n, adj, root=0):
        self.n = n
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self.adj = adj
             self.max_log = (n).bit_length()
             self.depth = [-1] * n
             self.up = [[-1] * self.max_log for _ in
             \rightarrow range(n)]
             self._dfs(root, -1, 0)
             self._precompute_ancestors()
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         def _dfs(self, u, p, d):
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             self.depth[u] = d
             self.up[u][0] = p
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             for v in self.adj[u]:
                 if v != p:
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                      self._dfs(v, u, d + 1)
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         def _precompute_ancestors(self):
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             for j in range(1, self.max_log):
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                  for i in range(self.n):
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                      if self.up[i][j - 1] != -1:
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                           self.up[i][j] =
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                              self.up[self.up[i][j -
                               1]][j - 1]
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         def query(self, u, v):
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             if self.depth[u] < self.depth[v]:</pre>
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                 u, v = v, u
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             for j in range(self.max_log - 1, -1, -1):
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                  if self.depth[u] - (1 << j) >=
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                  \hookrightarrow self.depth[v]:
                      u = self.up[u][j]
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             if u == v:
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                 return u
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             for j in range(self.max_log - 1, -1, -1):
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                  if self.up[u][j] != -1 and
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                  \hookrightarrow self.up[u][j] != self.up[v][j]:
                      u = self.up[u][j]
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                      v = self.up[v][j]
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             return self.up[u][0]
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## Prim Kruskal

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: This file implements two classic greedy algorithms for finding the Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) of an undirected, weighted graph: Kruskal's algorithm and Prim's algorithm. An MST is a subset of the edges of a connected, edge-weighted undirected graph that connects all the vertices together, without any cycles and with the minimum possible total edge weight.

Kruskal's Algorithm: This algorithm treats the graph as a forest and each node as an individual tree. It sorts all the edges by weight in nondecreasing order. Then, it iterates through the sorted edges, adding an edge to the MST if and only if it does not form a cycle with the edges already added. A Union-Find data structure is used to efficiently detect cycles. The algorithm terminates when V-1 edges have been added to the MST (for a connected graph).

Prim's Algorithm: This algorithm grows the MST from an arbitrary starting vertex. It maintains a set of vertices already in the MST. At each step, it finds the minimum-weight edge that connects a vertex in the MST to a vertex outside the MST and adds this edge and vertex to the tree. A priority queue is used to efficiently select this minimum-weight edge.

Time: - Kruskal's:  $O(E \log E)$  or  $O(E \log V)$ , dominated by sorting the edges. - Prim's:  $O(E \log V)$  using a binary heap as a priority queue. Space: - Kruskal's: O(V + E) for the edge list and Union-Find structure. - Prim's: O(V + E) for the adjacency list, priority queue, and visited array. Status: Stress-tested

```
import heapq
    import sys
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    import os
    # Add content directory to path to import the
    → solution
    sys.path.append(
        os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__),
           "../../content/data_structures")
    from union_find import UnionFind
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    def kruskal (edges, n):
        Finds the MST of a graph using Kruskal's
        \hookrightarrow algorithm.
        Args:
            edges (list[tuple[int, int, int]]): A list
             → of all edges in the graph,
                where each tuple is (u, v, weight).
            n (int): The total number of nodes in the
             \hookrightarrow graph.
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        Returns:
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            tuple[int, list[tuple[int, int, int]]]: A
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            - The total weight of the MST.
                - A list of edges (u, v, weight) that
                \rightarrow form the MST.
                Returns (inf, []) if the graph is not
                → connected and cannot form a single
                    MST.
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        if n == 0:
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            return 0, []
        sorted_edges = sorted([(w, u, v) for u, v, w in
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         → edges])
        uf = UnionFind(n)
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        mst_weight = 0
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        mst_edges = []
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        for weight, u, v in sorted_edges:
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            if uf.union(u, v):
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                mst_weight += weight
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mst_edges.append((u, v, weight))
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                  if len(mst\_edges) == n - 1:
                       break
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         if len(mst_edges) < n - 1:</pre>
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              # This indicates the graph is not
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              \hookrightarrow connected.
              # The result is a minimum spanning forest.
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              pass
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         return mst_weight, mst_edges
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    def prim(adj, n, start_node=0):
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         Finds the MST of a graph using Prim's
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         \hookrightarrow algorithm.
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         Args:
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              adj (list[list[tuple[int, int]]]): The
                  adjacency list representation of
                  the graph. adj[u] contains tuples (v,
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                   \rightarrow weight) for edges u \rightarrow v.
              n (int): The total number of nodes in the
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              \rightarrow graph.
              start_node (int): The node to start
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              \rightarrow building the MST from.
         Returns:
              tuple[int, list[tuple[int, int, int]]]: A
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                 tuple containing:
                   - The total weight of the MST.
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                   - A list of edges (u, v, weight) that
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                   \hookrightarrow form the MST.
                  Returns (inf, []) if the graph is not
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                   \hookrightarrow connected.
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         if n == 0:
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             return 0, []
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         if not (0 <= start_node < n):</pre>
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             return float("inf"), []
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         visited = [False] * n
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         pq = [(0, start\_node, -1)] # (weight,
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         \rightarrow current_node, previous_node)
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         mst_weight = 0
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         mst_edges = []
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         edges_count = 0
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         while pq and edges_count < n:</pre>
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              weight, u, prev = heapq.heappop(pq)
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              if visited[u]:
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                  continue
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              visited[u] = True
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              mst_weight += weight
              if prev != -1:
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                  mst_edges.append((prev, u, weight))
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              edges_count += 1
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              for v, w in adj[u]:
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                  if not visited[v]:
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                       heapq.heappush(pq, (w, v, u))
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         if edges_count < n:</pre>
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              # This indicates the graph is not
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              \hookrightarrow connected.
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return float("inf"), []
return mst_weight, mst_edges
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#### Scc

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Based on Tarjan's algorithm from Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: Implements Tarjan's algorithm for finding Strongly Connected Components (SCCs) in a directed graph. An SCC is a maximal subgraph where for any two vertices u and v in the subgraph, there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u.

Tarjan's algorithm performs a single Depth-First Search (DFS) from an arbitrary start node. It maintains two key values for each vertex u: 1. disc[u]: The discovery time of u, which is the time (a counter) when u is first visited. 2. low[u]: The "low-link" value of u, which is the lowest discovery time reachable from u (including itself) through its DFS subtree, possibly including one back-edge.

The algorithm also uses a stack to keep track of the nodes in the current exploration path. A node u is the root of an SCC if its discovery time is equal to its low-link value (disc[u] == low[u]). When such a node is found, all nodes in its SCC are on the top of the stack and can be popped off until u is reached. These popped nodes form one complete SCC.

Time: O(V+E), where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges, because the algorithm is based on a single DFS traversal. Space: O(V) to store the discovery times, low-link values, the stack, and the recursion depth of the DFS. Status: Stress-tested

```
def find_sccs(adj, n):
    Finds all Strongly Connected Components of a
    → directed graph using Tarjan's algorithm.
    Args:
        adj (list[list[int]]): The adjacency list
        → representation of the graph.
        n (int): The total number of nodes in the
        \hookrightarrow graph.
    Returns:
        list[list[int]]: A list of lists, where
        → each inner list contains the
                         nodes of a single Strongly
                          → Connected Component.
    if n == 0:
       return []
    disc = [-1] * n
    low = [-1] * n
    on_stack = [False] * n
    stack = []
    time = 0
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sccs = []
def tarjan_dfs(u):
    nonlocal time
    disc[u] = low[u] = time
    time += 1
    stack.append(u)
    on_stack[u] = True
    for v in adj[u]:
        if disc[v] == -1:
            tarjan_dfs(v)
            low[u] = min(low[u], low[v])
        elif on_stack[v]:
            low[u] = min(low[u], disc[v])
    if low[u] == disc[u]:
        component = []
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        while True:
            node = stack.pop()
            on_stack[node] = False
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            component.append(node)
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            if node == u:
                break
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        sccs.append(component)
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for i in range(n):
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    if disc[i] == -1:
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        tarjan_dfs(i)
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return sccs
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```

## **Topological Sort**

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Based on Kahn's Algorithm from Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: Implements Topological Sort for a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG). A topological sort or topological ordering of a DAG is a linear ordering of its vertices such that for every directed edge from vertex u to vertex v, u comes before v in the ordering.

This implementation uses Kahn's algorithm, which is BFS-based. The algorithm proceeds as follows: 1. Compute the in-degree (number of incoming edges) for each vertex. 2. Initialize a queue with all vertices that have an in-degree of 0. These are the starting points of the graph. 3. While the queue is not empty, dequeue a vertex u. Add u to the result list. 4. For each neighbor v of u, decrement its in-degree. If the in-degree of v becomes 0, it means all its prerequisites have been met, so enqueue v. 5. After the loop, if the number of vertices in the result list is equal to the total number of vertices in the graph, the list represents a valid topological sort. If the count is less, it indicates that the graph contains at least one cycle, and a topological sort is not possible. In such a case, this function returns an empty list.

Time: O(V + E), where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges. Each vertex

is enqueued and dequeued once, and every edge is processed once. Space: O(V+E) to store the adjacency list, in-degree array, and the queue. Status: Stress-tested

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from collections import deque
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    def topological_sort(adj, n):
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        Performs a topological sort on a directed
         \hookrightarrow graph.
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        Args:
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             adj (list[list[int]]): The adjacency list
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             → representation of the graph.
             n (int): The total number of nodes in the
             \hookrightarrow graph.
        Returns:
             list[int]: A list of nodes in topological
             → order. Returns an empty list
                         if the graph contains a cycle.
        if n == 0:
            return []
        in_degree = [0] * n
        for u in range(n):
             for v in adj[u]:
                 in_degree[v] += 1
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        q = deque([i for i in range(n) if in_degree[i]
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         → == 0])
        topo_order = []
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        while q:
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            u = q.popleft()
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             topo_order.append(u)
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             for v in adj[u]:
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                 in_degree[v] -= 1
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                 if in_degree[v] == 0:
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                     q.append(v)
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        if len(topo_order) == n:
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            return topo_order
        else:
             # Graph has a cycle
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            return []
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### Traversal

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: This file implements Breadth-First Search (BFS) and Depth-First Search (DFS), the two most fundamental graph traversal algorithms.

Breadth-First Search (BFS): BFS explores a graph layer by layer from a starting source node. It finds all nodes at a distance of 1 from the source, then all nodes at a distance of 2, and so on. It's

guaranteed to find the shortest path from the source to any other node in an unweighted graph. The algorithm proceeds as follows: 1. Initialize a queue and add the start\_node to it. 2. Initialize a visited array or set to keep track of visited nodes, marking the start\_node as visited. 3. While the queue is not empty, dequeue a node u. 4. For each neighbor v of u, if v has not been visited, mark v as visited and enqueue it. 5. Repeat until the queue is empty. The collection of dequeued nodes forms the traversal order.

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Depth-First Search (DFS): DFS explores a graph by traversing as far as possible along each branch before backtracking. It's commonly used for tasks like cycle detection, topological sorting, and finding connected components. The iterative algorithm is as follows: 1. Initialize a stack and push the start\_node onto it. 2. Initialize a visited array or set, marking the start\_node as visited. 3. While the stack is not empty, pop a node u. 4. For each neighbor v of u, if v has not been visited, mark v as visited and push it onto the stack. 5. Repeat until the stack is empty. The collection of popped nodes forms the traversal order.

Time: O(V+E) for both BFS and DFS, where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges. Each vertex and edge is visited exactly once. Space: O(V) in the worst case for storing the queue (BFS) or stack (DFS), and the visited array. Status: Stress-tested

```
from collections import deque
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    def bfs(adj, start_node, n):
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         Performs a Breadth-First Search on a graph.
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         Args:
             adj (list[list[int]]): The adjacency list
             → representation of the graph.
             start_node (int): The node from which to
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              \hookrightarrow start the traversal.
             n (int): The total number of nodes in the
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              \hookrightarrow graph.
         Returns:
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             list[int]: A list of nodes in the order
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              \hookrightarrow they were visited.
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         if not (0 <= start_node < n):</pre>
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             return []
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         q = deque([start_node])
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         visited = [False] * n
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         visited[start_node] = True
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         traversal_order = []
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         while q:
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             u = q.popleft()
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             traversal_order.append(u)
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             for v in adj[u]:
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                  if not visited[v]:
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                      visited[v] = True
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                      q.append(v)
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```

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return traversal_order
def dfs(adj, start_node, n):
    Performs a Depth-First Search on a graph.
         adj (list[list[int]]): The adjacency list
         → representation of the graph.
         start_node (int): The node from which to
         \hookrightarrow start the traversal.
         n (int): The total number of nodes in the
         \hookrightarrow graph.
    Returns:
         list[int]: A list of nodes in the order
         \hookrightarrow they were visited.
    if not (0 <= start_node < n):</pre>
        return []
    stack = [start_node]
    visited = [False] * n
    # Mark as visited when pushed to stack to avoid
     \hookrightarrow re-adding
    visited[start_node] = True
    traversal_order = []
    # This loop produces a traversal order
     \hookrightarrow different from the recursive one.
    # To get a more standard pre-order traversal
     \hookrightarrow iteratively, we need a slight change.
    # Reset for a more standard iterative DFS
     \hookrightarrow traversal order
    visited = [False] * n
    stack = [start_node]
    while stack:
        u = stack.pop()
         if not visited[u]:
             visited[u] = True
             traversal_order.append(u)
             # Add neighbors to the stack in reverse
             \hookrightarrow order to process them in
             \hookrightarrow lexicographical order
             for v in reversed(adj[u]):
                  if not visited[v]:
                      stack.append(v)
    return traversal_order
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### Two Sat

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, KACTL Description: Implements a solver for 2-Satisfiability (2-SAT) problems. A 2-SAT problem consists of a boolean formula in 2-Conjunctive Normal Form, which is a conjunction (AND) of clauses, where each clause is a disjunction

(OR) of two literals. The goal is to find a satisfying assignment of true/false values to the variables.

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This problem can be solved in linear time by reducing it to a graph problem. The reduction works as follows: 1. Create an "implication graph" with 2N vertices for N variables. For each variable x\_i, there are two vertices: one for x\_i and one for its negation ¬x\_i. 2. Each clause (a OR b) is equivalent to two implications:  $(\neg a \Rightarrow b)$  and  $(\neg b \Rightarrow a)$ . For each clause, add two directed edges to the graph representing these implications. 3. The original 2-SAT formula is unsatisfiable if and only if there exists a variable x\_i such that x\_i and ¬x\_i are in the same Strongly Connected Component (SCC) of the implication graph. This is because if they are in the same SCC, it means  $x_i$  implies  $\neg x_i$  and ¬x\_i implies x\_i, which is a contradiction. 4. If the formula is satisfiable, a valid assignment can be constructed from the SCCs. The SCCs form a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG). We can find a reverse topological ordering of this "condensation graph". For each variable x\_i, if the SCC containing ¬x\_i appears before the SCC containing x\_i in this ordering, we must assign x\_i to true. Otherwise, we assign it to false.

This implementation uses the find\_sccs function (Tarjan's algorithm) to solve the problem.

Time: O(V+E)=O(N+M), where N is the number of variables and M is the number of clauses. The graph has 2N vertices and 2M edges. Space: O(N+M) to store the implication graph and SCC information. Status: Stress-tested

```
import sys
                                                                  55
    import os
    # The stress test runner adds the project root to
     \hookrightarrow the path.
    # This allows importing other content modules using
     \hookrightarrow their full path.
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    from content.graph.scc import find_sccs
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    class TwoSAT:
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         def __init__(self, n):
             self.n = n
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             self.graph = [[] for _ in range(2 * n)]
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         def _map_var(self, var):
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              """Maps a 1-indexed variable to a 0-indexed
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              → graph node."""
             if var > 0:
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                  return var - 1
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             return -var - 1 + self.n
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         def add_clause(self, i, j):
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             Adds a clause (i OR j) to the formula.
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              Variables are 1-indexed. A negative value
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              \rightarrow -k denotes the negation of x_k.
              This adds two implications: (-i \Rightarrow j) and
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              \hookrightarrow (-j \Rightarrow i).
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              # Add edge for (-i \Rightarrow j)
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→ self.graph[self._map_var(-i)].append(self._map_va
    # Add edge for (-j \Rightarrow i)

→ self.graph[self._map_var(-j)].append(self._map_var)
def solve(self):
    Solves the 2-SAT problem.
    Returns:
        tuple[bool, list[bool] / None]: A tuple
         \hookrightarrow where the first element is
        True if a solution exists, False
         → otherwise. If a solution exists,
        the second element is a list of boolean
         \rightarrow values representing a
        satisfying \ assignment. \ Otherwise, \ it \ is
           None.
    sccs = find_sccs(self.graph, 2 * self.n)
    component_id = [-1] * (2 * self.n)
    for idx, comp in enumerate(sccs):
        for node in comp:
             component_id[node] = idx
    for i in range(self.n):
        if component_id[i] == component_id[i +
            self.n]:
             return False, None
    assignment = [False] * self.n
    # sccs are returned in reverse topological
    \hookrightarrow order
    for i in range(self.n):
        \# If component of x_i comes after
         \rightarrow component of not(x_i) in topo order
        \# (i.e., has a smaller index in the
         \rightarrow reversed list), then x_i must be
             true.
        if component_id[i] < component_id[i +</pre>
            self.nl:
             assignment[i] = True
    return True, assignment
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# Chapter 4

# String Algorithms

Aho Corasick

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, KACTL Description: Implements the Aho-Corasick algorithm for finding all occurrences of multiple patterns in a text simultaneously. This algorithm combines a trie (prefix tree) with failure links to achieve linear time complexity with respect to the sum of the text length and the total length of all patterns.

The algorithm works in two main stages: 1. Preprocessing (Building the Automaton): a. A trie is constructed from the set of all patterns. Each node in the trie represents a prefix of one or more patterns. b. An output list is associated with each node, storing the indices of patterns that end at that node. c. "Failure links" are computed for each node. The failure link of a node u points to the longest proper suffix of the string corresponding to u that is also a prefix of some pattern in the set. These links are computed using a Breadth-First Search (BFS) starting from the root.

2. Searching: a. The algorithm processes the text character by character, traversing the automaton. It starts at the root. b. For each character in the text, it transitions to the next state. If a direct child for the character does not exist, it follows failure links until a valid transition is found or it returns to the root. c. At each state, it collects all matches. This is done by checking the output of the current node and recursively following failure links to find all patterns that end as a suffix of the current prefix.

Time: Preprocessing is O(L), where L is the total length of all patterns. Searching is O(N+Z), where N is the length of the text and Z is the total number of matches found. Space: O(L) to store the trie and associated data. Status: Stress-tested

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   from collections import deque
   class AhoCorasick:
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       def __init__(self, patterns):
           self.patterns = patterns
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           self.trie = [{"children": {}, "output": [],
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           self._build_trie()
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           self._build_failure_links()
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        def _build_trie(self):
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           for i, pattern in enumerate(self.patterns):
                node_idx = 0
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                for char in pattern:
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                    if char not in

    self.trie[node_idx]["children"]:
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self.trie[node_idx]["children"][char]
                    = len(self.trie)
                self.trie.append({"children":

→ {}, "output": [],
                    "fail_link": 0})
            node_idx =

→ self.trie[node_idx]["children"][char]
        self.trie[node_idx]["output"].append(i)
def _build_failure_links(self):
    q = deque()
    for char, next_node_idx in

    self.trie[0]["children"].items():
        q.append(next_node_idx)
    while q:
        curr_node_idx = q.popleft()
        for char, next_node_idx in

    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["children"].items():
            fail_idx =

    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["fail_link"]

            while char not in

    self.trie[fail_idx]["children"]

               and fail_idx != 0:
                fail_idx =

    self.trie[fail_idx]["fail_link"]

            if char in
               self.trie[fail_idx]["children"]:

    self.trie[next_node_idx]["fail_link"]

                    = self.trie[fail_idx][
                     "children"
                ][char]
            else:
                    self.trie[next_node_idx]["fail_link"]
            # Append outputs from the failure
                link node
            fail_output_idx =
                self.trie[next_node_idx]["fail_link"]
                self.trie[next_node_idx]["output"].extend

→ self.trie[fail_output_idx]["output"]

            q.append(next_node_idx)
def search(self, text):
    Finds all occurrences of the patterns in
    \hookrightarrow the given text.
        text (str): The text to search within.
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Returns:
                 list[tuple[int, int]]: A list of
                 \hookrightarrow tuples, where each tuple is
                 (pattern_index, end_index_in_text).
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                 index where the pattern ends.
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            matches = []
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            curr_node_idx = 0
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            for i, char in enumerate(text):
                while (
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    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["children"]

                     \rightarrow and curr_node_idx != 0
                 ):
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                     curr_node_idx =
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    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["fail_link"]

                 if char in
                    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["children"]:
                     curr_node_idx =

    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["children"][

                 else:
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                     curr_node_idx = 0
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                 if self.trie[curr_node_idx]["output"]:
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                     for pattern_idx in

    self.trie[curr_node_idx]["output"]
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                         matches.append((pattern_idx,
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            return matches
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### Kmp

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS) Description: Implements the Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) algorithm for efficient string searching. KMP finds all occurrences of a pattern P within a text T in linear time.

The core of the KMP algorithm is the precomputation of a "prefix function" or Longest Proper Prefix Suffix (LPS) array for the pattern. The LPS array, lps, for a pattern of length M stores at each index i the length of the longest proper prefix of P[0...i] that is also a suffix of P[0...i]. A "proper" prefix is one that is not equal to the entire string.

Example: For pattern P = "ababa", the LPS array is [0, 0, 1, 2, 3]. - lps[0] is always 0. - lps[1] ("ab"): No proper prefix is a suffix. Length is 0. - lps[2] ("aba"): "a" is both a prefix and a suffix. Length is 1. - lps[3] ("abab"): "ab" is both a prefix and a suffix. Length is 2. - lps[4] ("ababa"): "aba" is both a prefix and a suffix. Length is 3.

During the search, when a mismatch occurs between the text and the pattern at text[i] and pattern[j], the LPS array tells us how many characters of the pattern we can shift without rechecking previously matched characters. Specifically, if a mismatch occurs at pattern[j], we know that the prefix pattern[0...j-1] matched

the text. The value <code>lps[j-1]</code> gives the length of the longest prefix of <code>pattern[0...j-1]</code> that is also a suffix. This means we can shift the pattern and continue the comparison from <code>pattern[lps[j-1]]</code> without losing any potential matches.

Time: O(N+M), where N is the length of the text and M is the length of the pattern. O(M) for building the LPS array and O(N) for the search. Space: O(M) to store the LPS array for the pattern. Status: Stress-tested

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def compute_lps(pattern):
    Computes the Longest Proper Prefix Suffix (LPS)
    \rightarrow array for the KMP algorithm.
    Args:
        pattern (str): The pattern string.
    Returns:
        list[int]: The LPS array for the pattern.
    m = len(pattern)
    lps = [0] * m
    length = 0
    i = 1
    while i < m:
        if pattern[i] == pattern[length]:
            length += 1
            lps[i] = length
            i += 1
        else:
            if length != 0:
                length = lps[length - 1]
                lps[i] = 0
                i += 1
    return lps
def kmp_search(text, pattern):
    Finds all occurrences of a pattern in a text
       using the KMP algorithm.
    Args:
        text (str): The text to search within.
        pattern (str): The pattern to search for.
    Returns:
        list[int]: A list of O-based starting

    indices of all occurrences

                   of the pattern in the text.
    n = len(text)
    m = len(pattern)
    if m == 0:
        return list(range(n + 1))
    if n == 0 or m > n:
        return []
    lps = compute_lps(pattern)
    occurrences = []
    i = 0
    j = 0
    while i < n:
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if pattern[j] == text[i]:
        i += 1
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        j += 1
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    if j == m:
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        occurrences.append(i - j)
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        j = lps[j - 1]
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    elif i < n and pattern[j] != text[i]:</pre>
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        if j != 0:
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             j = lps[j - 1]
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             i += 1
return occurrences
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#### Manacher

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, GeeksForGeeks Description: Implements Manacher's algorithm for finding the longest palindromic substring in a given string in linear time. Standard naive approaches take  $O(N^2)$  or  $O(N^3)$  time.

The algorithm cleverly handles both odd and even length palindromes by transforming the input string. A special character (e.g., '#') is inserted between each character and at the ends. For example, "aba" becomes "#a#b#a#" and "abba" becomes "#a#b#b#a#". In this new string, every palindrome, regardless of its original length, is of odd length and has a distinct center.

The core of the algorithm is to compute an array p, where p[i] stores the radius of the palindrome centered at index i in the transformed string. It does this efficiently by maintaining the center c and right boundary r of the palindrome that extends furthest to the right. When computing p[i], it uses the information from the mirror position i\_mirror = 2\*c - i to get an initial guess for p[i]. It then expands from this guess, avoiding redundant character comparisons. This optimization is what brings the complexity down to linear time.

After computing the p array, the maximum value in p corresponds to the radius of the longest palindromic substring. From this radius and its center, the original substring can be reconstructed.

Time: O(N), where N is the length of the string. Space: O(N) to store the transformed string and the palindrome radii array. Status: Stress-tested

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def manacher(s):

"""

Finds the longest palindromic substring in a

→ string using Manacher's algorithm.

Args:

s (str): The input string.

Returns:

str: The longest palindromic substring

→ found in `s`. If there are

multiple of the same maximum length,

→ it returns the first one found.
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if not s:
    return ""
t = "#" + "#".join(s) + "#"
n = len(t)
p = [0] * n
center, right = 0, 0
max_len, max_center = 0, 0
for i in range(n):
    mirror = 2 * center - i
    if i < right:</pre>
        p[i] = min(right - i, p[mirror])
    while (
        i - (p[i] + 1) >= 0
        and i + (p[i] + 1) < n
        and t[i - (p[i] + 1)] == t[i + (p[i] +
    ):
        p[i] += 1
    if i + p[i] > right:
        center = i
        right = i + p[i]
    if p[i] > max_len:
        max_len = p[i]
        max_center = i
start = (max_center - max_len) // 2
end = start + max_len
return s[start:end]
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### Polynomial Hashing

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, KACTL Description: Implements a string hashing class using the polynomial rolling hash technique. This allows for efficient comparison of substrings. After an initial O(N) precomputation on a string of length N, the hash of any substring can be calculated in O(1) time.

The hash of a string  $s = s_0 s_1 ... s_{k-1}$  is defined as:  $H(s) = (s_0 p^0 + s_1 p^1 + ... + s_{k-1} p^{k-1}) \mod m$  where p is a base and m is a large prime modulus.

To prevent collisions, especially against adversarial test cases, this implementation uses two key techniques: 1. Randomized Base: The base p is chosen randomly at runtime. It should be larger than the size of the character set. 2. Multiple Moduli: Hashing is performed with two different large prime moduli (m1, m2). Two substrings are considered equal only if their hash values match for both moduli. This drastically reduces the probability of collisions.

The query(1, r) method calculates the hash of the substring s[1...r-1] by using precomputed prefix hashes and powers of p.

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Time: Precomputation is O(N). Each query is O(1). Space: O(N) to store precomputed prefix hashes and powers of the base. Status: Stresstested

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import random
    class StringHasher:
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        def __init__(self, s):
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             self.s = s
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             self.n = len(s)
             self.m1 = 10**9 + 7
             self.m2 = 10**9 + 9
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             self.p = random.randint(257, self.m1 - 1)
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             self.p_powers1 = [1] * (self.n + 1)
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             self.p_powers2 = [1] * (self.n + 1)
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             for i in range(1, self.n + 1):
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                 self.p_powers1[i] = (self.p_powers1[i -
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                  \rightarrow 1] * self.p) % self.m1
                 self.p_powers2[i] = (self.p_powers2[i -
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                  \hookrightarrow 1] * self.p) % self.m2
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             self.h1 = [0] * (self.n + 1)
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             self.h2 = [0] * (self.n + 1)
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             for i in range(self.n):
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                 self.h1[i + 1] = (self.h1[i] * self.p +
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    ord(self.s[i])) % self.m1

                 self.h2[i + 1] = (self.h2[i] * self.p +

    ord(self.s[i])) % self.m2

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        def query(self, 1, r):
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             Computes the hash of the substring
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             \hookrightarrow s[l...r-1].
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                 l (int): The O-based inclusive starting
                 r (int): The O-based exclusive ending
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                 tuple[int, int]: A tuple containing the
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                  → two hash values for the substring.
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             if 1 \ge r:
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                 return 0, 0
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             len_sub = r - 1
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             hash1 = (
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                 self.h1[r] - (self.h1[l] *
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    self.p_powers1[len_sub]) % self.m1

                     + self.m1
             ) \% self.m1
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             hash2 = (
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                 self.h2[r] - (self.h2[1] *
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    self.p_powers2[len_sub]) % self.m2

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                    + self.m2
             ) \% self.m2
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             return hash1, hash2
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## **Suffix Array**

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, GeeksForGeeks Description: Implements the construction of a Suffix Array and a Longest Common Prefix (LCP) Array. A suffix array is a sorted array of all suffixes of a given string. The LCP array stores the length of the longest common prefix between adjacent suffixes in the sorted suffix array.

Suffix Array Construction  $(O(N\log^2 N))$ : The algorithm works by repeatedly sorting the suffixes based on prefixes of increasing lengths that are powers of two. 1. Initially, suffixes are sorted based on their first character. 2. In the k-th iteration, suffixes are sorted based on their first  $2^k$  characters. This is done efficiently by using the ranks from the previous iteration. Each suffix s[i:] is represented by a pair of ranks: the rank of its first  $2^{k-1}$  characters and the rank of the next  $2^{k-1}$  characters (starting at  $s[i+2^k-1]$ :]). 3. This process continues for  $\log N$  iterations, with each sort taking  $O(N\log N)$  time, leading to an overall complexity of  $O(N\log^2 N)$ .

LCP Array Construction (Kasai's Algorithm, O(N)): After the suffix array sa is built, the LCP array can be constructed in linear time using Kasai's algorithm. The algorithm utilizes the observation that the LCP of two suffixes s[i:] and s[j:] is related to the LCP of s[i-1:] and s[j-1:]. It processes the suffixes in their original order in the string, not the sorted order, which allows it to compute the LCP values efficiently.

Time:  $O(N \log^2 N)$  for building the suffix array and O(N) for the LCP array. Total time complexity is dominated by the suffix array construction. Space: O(N) to store the suffix array, LCP array, and auxiliary arrays for sorting. Status: Stresstested

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def build_suffix_array(s):
    Builds the suffix array for a string using an
    \rightarrow O(N log^2 N) sorting-based approach.
    Args:
        s (str): The input string.
    Returns:
        list[int]: The suffix array, containing

→ starting indices of suffixes in

                    lexicographically sorted order.
    n = len(s)
    sa = list(range(n))
    rank = [ord(c) for c in s]
    k = 1
    while k < n:
        sa.sort(key=lambda i: (rank[i], rank[i + k]
        \rightarrow if i + k < n else -1))
        new_rank = [0] * n
        new_rank[sa[0]] = 0
        for i in range(1, n):
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prev, curr = sa[i - 1], sa[i]
                  r_prev = (rank[prev], rank[prev + k] if
                   \rightarrow prev + k < n else -1)
                  r_curr = (rank[curr], rank[curr + k] if
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                   \hookrightarrow curr + k < n else -1)
                  if r_curr == r_prev:
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                       new_rank[curr] = new_rank[prev]
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                       new_rank[curr] = new_rank[prev] + 1
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              rank = new_rank
              if rank[sa[-1]] == n - 1:
                  break
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              k *= 2
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         return sa
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    def build_lcp_array(s, sa):
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         Builds the LCP array using Kasai's algorithm in
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          \hookrightarrow O(N) time.
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         Args:
              s (str): The input string.
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              sa (list[int]): The suffix array for the
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              \hookrightarrow string `s`.
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              list[int]: The LCP array. `lcp[i]` is the
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              \hookrightarrow LCP of suffixes `sa[i-1]` and `sa[i]`.
                           `lcp[0]` is conventionally 0.
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         n = len(s)
         if n == 0:
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             return []
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         rank = [0] * n
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         for i in range(n):
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              rank[sa[i]] = i
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         lcp = [0] * n
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         h = 0
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         for i in range(n):
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              if rank[i] == 0:
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                  continue
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              j = sa[rank[i] - 1]
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              if h > 0:
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                  h = 1
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              while i + h < n and j + h < n and s[i + h]
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              \rightarrow == s[j + h]:
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                  h += 1
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             lcp[rank[i]] = h
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         return 1cp
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#### Z Algorithm

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, USACO Guide Description: Implements the Z-algorithm, which computes the Z-array for a given string s of length N. The Z-array z is an array of length N where z[i] is the length of the longest common prefix (LCP) between the original string s and the suffix of s starting at index i. By convention, z[0] is usually set to 0 or N; here it is

set to 0.

The algorithm computes the Z-array in linear time. It does this by maintaining the bounds of the rightmost substring that is also a prefix of s. This is called the "Z-box", denoted by [1, r].

The algorithm iterates from i = 1 to N-1: 1. If i is outside the current Z-box (i > r), it computes z[i] naively by comparing characters from the start of the string and from index i. It then updates the Z-box [1, r] if a new rightmost one is found. 2. If i is inside the current Z-box  $(i \le r)$ , it can use previously computed Z-values to initialize z[i]. Let k = i - 1. z[i] can be at least  $\min(z[k], r - i + 1)$ . - If z[k] < r - i + 1, then z[i] is exactly z[k], and the Z-box does not change. - If z[k] >= r - i + 1, it means z[i] might be even longer. The algorithm then continues comparing characters from r+1 onwards to extend the match and updates the Z-box [1, r].

The Z-algorithm is very powerful for pattern matching. To find a pattern P in a text T, one can compute the Z-array for the concatenated string P + '\$' + T, where \$ is a character not in P or T. Any z[i] equal to the length of P indicates an occurrence of P in T.

Time: O(N), where N is the length of the string. Space: O(N) to store the Z-array. Status: Stresstested

```
def z_function(s):
    Computes the Z-array for a given string.
        s (str): The input string.
    Returns:
        list[int]: The Z-array for the string `s`.
    n = len(s)
    if n == 0:
        return []
    z = [0] * n
    1, r = 0, 0
    for i in range(1, n):
        if i <= r:
            z[i] = min(r - i + 1, z[i - 1])
        while i + z[i] < n and s[z[i]] == s[i +
        \hookrightarrow z[i]]:
            z[i] += 1
        if i + z[i] - 1 > r:
            1, r = i, i + z[i] - 1
    return z
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#### Chinese Remainder Theorem

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms Description: Implements a solver for a system of linear congruences using the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT). Given a system of congruences:  $x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}$   $x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}$  ...  $x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$  the algorithm finds a solution x that satisfies all of them. This implementation handles the general case where the moduli  $\mathbf{n_i}$  are not necessarily pairwise coprime.

The algorithm works by iteratively combining pairs of congruences. Given a solution for the first i-1 congruences,  $x \neq a_{res}$  (mod  $n_{res}$ ), it combines this with the i-th congruence  $x \neq a_i$  (mod  $a_i$ ).

This requires solving a linear congruence of the form  $k * n_{res} \neq i - a_{res} \pmod{n_i}$ . A solution exists if and only if  $(a_i - a_{res})$  is divisible by  $g = gcd(n_{res}, n_i)$ . If a solution exists, the two congruences are merged into a new one:  $x \neq i \pmod{n_{new}}$ , where  $n_{new} = lcm(n_{res}, n_i)$ . This process is repeated for all congruences. If at any step a solution does not exist, the entire system has no solution.

Time:  $O(K \cdot \log(\max(n_i)))$ , where K is the number of congruences. Each merge step involves extended\_gcd, which is logarithmic. Space: O(1) Status: Stress-tested

```
from content.math.modular_arithmetic import
        extended_gcd
    def chinese_remainder_theorem(remainders, moduli):
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         Solves a system of linear congruences.
          `x \equiv remainders[i] (mod moduli[i])` for
          \rightarrow all i.
         Args:
             remainders (list[int]): A list of
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              \hookrightarrow remainders (a_i).
             moduli (list[int]): A list of moduli (n_i).
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             tuple[int, int] | None: A tuple `(result,
              \rightarrow lcm) \dot{} representing the solution
              `x \setminus equiv \ result \ (mod \ lcm)`, \ or \ None \ if \ no
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              \hookrightarrow solution exists.
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         if not remainders or not moduli or
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             len(remainders) != len(moduli):
             return 0, 1
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a1 = remainders[0]
n1 = moduli[0]
for i in range(1, len(remainders)):
    a2 = remainders[i]
    n2 = moduli[i]
    g, x, _ = extended_gcd(n1, n2)
    if (a1 - a2) % g != 0:
        return None
    # Solve k * n1 \setminus equiv a2 - a1 \pmod{n2}
    \# k * (n1/g) \setminus equiv (a2 - a1)/g \pmod{n2/g}
    \# k \setminus equiv ((a2 - a1)/g) * inv(n1/g) (mod
    \hookrightarrow n2/g)
    # inv(n1/g) mod (n2/g) is x from
    \rightarrow extended_gcd(n1, n2)
    k0 = (x * ((a2 - a1) // g)) % (n2 // g)
    # New solution: x = a1 + k*n1. With k = k0
    \leftrightarrow + t*(n2/g)
    \# x = a1 + (k0 + t*(n2/g)) * n1 = (a1 + t)
    \leftrightarrow k0*n1) + t*lcm(n1, n2)
    a1 = a1 + k0 * n1
    n1 = n1 * (n2 // g) # lcm(n1, n2)
    a1 %= n1
return a1, n1
```

#### Miller Rabin

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS), Wikipedia Description: Implements the Miller-Rabin primality test, a probabilistic algorithm for determining whether a given number is prime. It is highly efficient and is the standard method for primality testing in competitive programming for numbers that are too large for a sieve.

The algorithm is based on properties of square roots of unity modulo a prime number and Fermat's Little Theorem. For a number n to be tested, we first write n-1 as  $2^s * d$ , where d is odd. The test then proceeds: 1. Pick a base a (a "witness"). 2. Compute  $x = a^d \mod n$ . 3. If x == 1 or x == n-1, n might be prime, and this test passes for this base. 4. Otherwise, for s-1 times, compute  $x = x^2 \mod n$ . If x becomes n-1, the test passes for this base. 5. If after these steps, x is not x is not x is definitely composite.

If n passes this test for multiple well-chosen bases

a, it is prime with a very high probability. For 64bit integers, a specific set of deterministic witnesses can be used to make the test 100% accurate. This implementation uses such a set, making it reliable for contest use.

Time:  $O(k \cdot (\log n)^2)$ , where k is the number of witnesses. Space: O(1) Status: Stress-tested

```
from content.math.modular_arithmetic import power
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    def is_prime(n):
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         Checks if a number is prime using the
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         \hookrightarrow Miller-Rabin primality test.
         This implementation is deterministic for all
         → integers up to 2^64.
         Args:
             n (int): The number to test for primality.
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         Returns:
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             bool: True if n is prime, False otherwise.
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         if n < 2:
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            return False
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         if n == 2 \text{ or } n == 3:
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            return True
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         if n % 2 == 0 or n % 3 == 0:
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             return False
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         d = n - 1
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         s = 0
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         while d % 2 == 0:
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             d //= 2
25
             s += 1
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         # A set of witnesses that is deterministic for
           all 64-bit integers.
         witnesses = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23,
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→ 29, 31, 37]

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         for a in witnesses:
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             if a >= n:
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                 break
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             x = power(a, d, n)
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             if x == 1 or x == n - 1:
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                  continue
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             is_composite = True
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             for _ in range(s - 1):
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                 x = power(x, 2, n)
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                 if x == n - 1:
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                      is_composite = False
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                      break
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             if is_composite:
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                  return False
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         return True
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Modular Arithmetic

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS), CP-Algorithms Description: This module provides essential functions for modular arithmetic, a cornerstone of number theory in competitive programming. It includes modular exponentiation, the Extended Euclidean Algorithm, and modular multiplicative inverse.

Modular Exponentiation: The power function computes  $(base^{exp}) \pmod{mod}$  efficiently using the binary exponentiation (also known as exponentiation by squaring) method. This avoids the massive intermediate numbers that would result from calculating  $base^{exp}$  directly. The time complexity is logarithmic in the exponent.

Extended Euclidean Algorithm: extended\_gcd function computes the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two integers a and b. In addition, it finds two integer coefficients, x and y, that satisfy Bezout's identity:  $a \cdot x + b \cdot y = \gcd(a, b)$ . This is fundamental for many number-theoretic calculations.

Modular Multiplicative Inverse: mod\_inverse function finds a number x such that  $(a \cdot x) \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . This x is the modular multiplicative inverse of a modulo m. An inverse exists if and only if a and m are coprime (i.e., gcd(a, m) = 1). This implementation uses the Extended Euclidean Algorithm. From  $a \cdot x + m \cdot y = 1$ , taking the equation modulo m gives  $a \cdot x \equiv 1$  $\pmod{m}$ . Thus, the coefficient x is the desired inverse.

```
Time: - power: O(
log(exp)) - extended_gcd: O(
log(
min(a,b)) - mod_inverse: O(
logm) Space: - All functions use O(1) extra space
for iterative versions. Status: Stress-tested
```

```
def power(base, exp, mod):
    Computes (base exp) % mod using binary
       exponentiation.
    res = 1
    base \%= mod
    while exp > 0:
        if exp % 2 == 1:
           res = (res * base) % mod
        base = (base * base) % mod
        exp //= 2
    return res
def extended_gcd(a, b):
    Returns (gcd, x, y) such that a*x + b*y =
    \rightarrow gcd(a, b).
    if a == 0:
        return b, 0, 1
    gcd, x1, y1 = extended_gcd(b % a, a)
    x = y1 - (b // a) * x1
    y = x1
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return gcd, x, y
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    def mod_inverse(a, m):
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         Computes the modular multiplicative inverse of
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          \hookrightarrow a modulo m.
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         Returns None if the inverse does not exist.
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         gcd, x, y = extended_gcd(a, m)
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         if gcd != 1:
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             return None
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         else:
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              return (x \% m + m) \% m
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### Ntt

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, KACTL Description: Implements the Number Theoretic Transform (NTT) for fast polynomial multiplication over a finite field. NTT is an adaptation of the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) for modular arithmetic, avoiding floating-point precision issues. It is commonly used in problems involving polynomial convolution, such as multiplying large numbers or finding the number of ways to form a sum.

The algorithm works by: 1. Choosing a prime modulus MOD of the form c \*  $2^k$  + 1 and a primitive root ROOT of MOD. 2. Evaluating the input polynomials at the powers of ROOT (the "roots of unity"). This is the forward NTT, which transforms the polynomials from coefficient representation to point-value representation in  $O(N \log N)$  time. 3. Multiplying the resulting point-value representations element-wise in O(N) time. 4. Interpolating the resulting polynomial back to coefficient representation using the inverse NTT in  $O(N \log N)$  time.

This implementation uses the prime MOD = 998244353, which is a standard choice in competitive programming.

Time:  $O(N \log N)$  for multiplying two polynomials of degree up to N. Space: O(N) to store the polynomials and intermediate values. Status: Stress-tested

```
from content.math.modular_arithmetic import power
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    MOD = 998244353
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    ROOT = 3
    ROOT_PW = 1 << 23
    ROOT_INV = power(ROOT, MOD - 2, MOD)
    def ntt(a, invert):
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        n = len(a)
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        j = 0
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        for i in range(1, n):
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            bit = n >> 1
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            while j & bit:
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                j ^= bit
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bit >>= 1
        j ^= bit
        if i < j:
            a[i], a[j] = a[j], a[i]
    length = 2
    while length <= n:
        wlen = power(ROOT_INV if invert else ROOT,
        \hookrightarrow (MOD - 1) // length, MOD)
        i = 0
        while i < n:
            w = 1
            for j in range(length // 2):
                 u = a[i + j]
                 v = (a[i + j + length // 2] * w) %
                 \hookrightarrow MOD
                 a[i + j] = (u + v) \% MOD
                 a[i + j + length // 2] = (u - v +
                 \hookrightarrow MOD) % MOD
                 w = (w * wlen) % MOD
            i += length
        length <<= 1
    if invert:
        n_inv = power(n, MOD - 2, MOD)
        for i in range(n):
            a[i] = (a[i] * n_inv) % MOD
def multiply(a, b):
    if not a or not b:
        return []
    res_len = len(a) + len(b) - 1
    n = 1
    while n < res_len:
        n <<= 1
    fa = a[:] + [0] * (n - len(a))
    fb = b[:] + [0] * (n - len(b))
    ntt(fa, False)
    ntt(fb, False)
    for i in range(n):
        fa[i] = (fa[i] * fb[i]) % MOD
    ntt(fa, True)
    return fa[:res_len]
```

### Pollard Rho

Author: PyCPBook Team Source: CP-Algorithms, Wikipedia Description: Implements Pollard's Rho algorithm for integer factorization, combined with Miller-Rabin primality test for a complete factorization routine. Pollard's Rho is a probabilistic algorithm to find a non-trivial factor of a composite number  $\mathbf{n}$ . It's particularly efficient at finding small factors. The algorithm uses Floyd's cycle-detection algorithm on a sequence of pseudorandom numbers modulo  $\mathbf{n}$ , defined by  $x_{i+1} = (x_i^2 + c)$ 

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modn. A factor is likely found when  $\text{text}\{\gcd\}(|\mathbf{x_j} - \mathbf{x_i}|, \mathbf{n}) > 1$ . The factorize function returns a sorted list of prime factors of a given number  $\mathbf{n}$ . It first checks for primality using Miller-Rabin. If  $\mathbf{n}$  is composite, it uses Pollard's Rho to find one factor  $\mathbf{d}$ , and then recursively factorizes  $\mathbf{d}$  and  $\mathbf{n}/\mathbf{d}$ . Time: The complexity is heuristic. Finding a factor  $\mathbf{p}$  takes roughly  $O(p^{1/2})$  with trial division, but Pollard's Rho takes about  $O(p^{1/4})$  or  $O(n^{1/4})$  on average. The overall factorization time depends on the size of the prime factors of  $\mathbf{n}$ . Space: O(logn) for recursion depth in factorization. Status: Stress-tested

```
import math
    import random
    from content.math.miller_rabin import is_prime
    def _pollard_rho_factor(n):
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         """Finds a non-trivial factor of n using
         → Pollard's Rho. n must be composite."""
         if n % 2 == 0:
             return 2
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         f = lambda val, c: (pow(val, 2, n) + c) % n
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         while True:
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             x = random.randint(1, n - 2)
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             y = x
             c = random.randint(1, n - 1)
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             d = 1
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             while d == 1:
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                 x = f(x, c)
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                 y = f(f(y, c), c)
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                 d = math.gcd(abs(x - y), n)
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             if d != n:
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                 return d
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    def factorize(n):
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         if n <= 1:
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             return []
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         factors = []
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         def get_factors(num):
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             if num <= 1:
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                 return
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             if is_prime(num):
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                 factors.append(num)
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             factor = _pollard_rho_factor(num)
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             get_factors(factor)
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             get_factors(num // factor)
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         get_factors(n)
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         factors.sort()
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         return factors
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#### Sieve

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, Wikipedia Description: Implements the Sieve of Eratosthenes, a highly efficient algorithm for finding all prime numbers up to a specified integer n.

The algorithm works by iteratively marking as composite (i.e., not prime) the multiples of each prime, starting with the first prime number, 2. 1. Create a boolean list is\_prime of size n+1, initializing all entries to True. is\_prime[0] and is\_prime[1] are set to False. 2. Iterate from p = 2 up to sqrt(n). 3. If is\_prime[p] is still True, then p is a prime number. 4. For this prime p, iterate through its multiples starting from p\*p (i.e., p\*p, p\*p + p, p\*p + 2p, ...) and mark them as not prime by setting is\_prime[multiple] to False. We can start from p\*p because any smaller multiple k\*p where k < p would have already been marked by a smaller prime factor k. 5. After the loop, the is\_prime array contains True at indices that are prime numbers and False otherwise.

This implementation returns the boolean array itself, which is often more versatile in contests than a list of primes (e.g., for quick primality checks). A list of primes can be easily generated from this array if needed.

Time:  $O(N \log \log N)$ , which is nearly linear. Space: O(N) to store the boolean sieve array. Status: Stress-tested

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def sieve(n):
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         Generates a sieve of primes up to n using the
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         → Sieve of Eratosthenes.
         Args:
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             n (int): The upper limit for the sieve
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              \hookrightarrow (inclusive).
         Returns:
             list[bool]: A boolean list of size n+1
              \ \hookrightarrow \ \textit{where is\_prime[i] is True if i}
                           is a prime number, and False
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                           \hookrightarrow otherwise.
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         if n < 2:
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             return [False] * (n + 1)
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         is_prime = [True] * (n + 1)
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         is_prime[0] = is_prime[1] = False
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         for p in range(2, int(n**0.5) + 1):
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             if is_prime[p]:
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                  for multiple in range(p * p, n + 1, p):
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                      is_prime[multiple] = False
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         return is_prime
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```

# Chapter 6

# Geometry

### Convex Hull

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms (Monotone Chain Algorithm) Description: Implements the Monotone Chain algorithm (also known as Andrew's algorithm) to find the convex hull of a set of 2D points. The convex hull is the smallest convex polygon that contains all the given points.

The algorithm works as follows: 1. Sort all points lexicographically (first by x-coordinate, then by ycoordinate). This step takes  $O(N \log N)$  time. 2. Build the lower hull of the polygon. Iterate through the sorted points and maintain a list representing the lower hull. For each point, check if adding it to the hull would create a non-left (i.e., clockwise or collinear) turn with the previous two points on the hull. If it does, pop the last point from the hull until the turn becomes counter-clockwise. This ensures the convexity of the lower hull. 3. Build the upper hull in a similar manner, but by iterating through the sorted points in reverse order. 4. Combine the lower and upper hulls to form the complete convex hull. The endpoints (the lexicographically smallest and largest points) will be included in both hulls, so they must be removed from one to avoid duplication.

This implementation relies on the Point class and orientation primitive from the content.geometry.point module. Time:  $O(N\log N)$ , dominated by the initial sorting of points. Space: O(N) to store the points and the resulting hull. Status: Stress-tested

```
from content.geometry.point import Point,
       orientation
    def convex_hull(points):
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        Computes the convex hull of a set of points
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        → using the Monotone Chain algorithm.
            points (list[Point]): A list of Point
            → objects.
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        Returns:
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            list[Point]: A list of Point objects
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            → representing the vertices of the
                          convex hull in
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                          → counter-clockwise order.
                             Returns an empty
                          list if fewer than 3 points
                          \hookrightarrow are provided.
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n = len(points)
if n <= 2:
   return points
# Sort points lexicographically
points.sort()
# Build lower hull
lower_hull = []
for p in points:
    while (
        len(lower_hull) >= 2 and

    orientation(lower_hull[-2],
        \rightarrow lower_hull[-1], p) <= 0
        lower_hull.pop()
   lower_hull.append(p)
# Build upper hull
upper_hull = []
for p in reversed(points):
    while (
        len(upper_hull) >= 2 and

    orientation(upper_hull[-2],
            upper_hull[-1], p) <= 0
        upper_hull.pop()
    upper_hull.append(p)
# Combine the hulls, removing duplicate
\hookrightarrow start/end points
return lower_hull[:-1] + upper_hull[:-1]
```

#### Line Intersection

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS), CP-Algorithms Description: Provides functions for detecting and calculating intersections between lines and line segments in 2D space. This is a fundamental component for many geometric algorithms.

The module includes:

segments\_intersect(p1, q1, p2, q2): Determines if two line segments intersect. It uses orientation tests to handle the general case where segments cross each other. If the orientations of the endpoints of one segment with respect to the other segment are different, they intersect. Special handling is required for collinear cases, where we check if the segments overlap.

line\_line\_intersection(p1, p2, p3, p4): Finds the intersection point of two infinite lines

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defined by pairs of points (p1, p2) and (p3, p4). It uses a formula based on cross products to solve the system of linear equations representing the lines. This method returns None if the lines are parallel or collinear, as there is no unique intersection point.

All functions rely the Point on from class and orientationprimitive content.geometry.point. Time: All functions are O(1). Space: All functions are O(1). Status: Stress-tested

```
from content.geometry.point import Point,
        orientation
    def on_segment(p, q, r):
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         Given three collinear points p, q, r, the
         \hookrightarrow function checks if point q
         lies on line segment 'pr'.
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         return (
             q.x \le max(p.x, r.x)
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             and q.x >= min(p.x, r.x)
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             and q.y \le max(p.y, r.y)
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             and q.y >= min(p.y, r.y)
         )
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    def segments_intersect(p1, q1, p2, q2):
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         Checks if line segment 'p1q1' and 'p2q2'
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         \hookrightarrow intersect.
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         o1 = orientation(p1, q1, p2)
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         o2 = orientation(p1, q1, q2)
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         o3 = orientation(p2, q2, p1)
24
         o4 = orientation(p2, q2, q1)
25
         if o1 != 0 and o2 != 0 and o3 != 0 and o4 != 0:
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             if o1 != o2 and o3 != o4:
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                 return True
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             return False
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         if o1 == 0 and on_segment(p1, p2, q1):
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             return True
         if o2 == 0 and on_segment(p1, q2, q1):
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             return True
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         if o3 == 0 and on_segment(p2, p1, q2):
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             return True
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         if o4 == 0 and on_segment(p2, q1, q2):
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             return True
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         return False
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    def line_line_intersection(p1, p2, p3, p4):
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         Finds the intersection point of two infinite
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         \hookrightarrow lines defined by (p1, p2) and (p3, p4).
         Returns the intersection point as a Point
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         → object with float coordinates,
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         or None if the lines are parallel or collinear.
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         v1 = p2 - p1
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v2 = p4 - p3
denominator = v1.cross(v2)

if abs(denominator) < 1e-9:
    return None

t = (p3 - p1).cross(v2) / denominator
return p1 + v1 * t</pre>
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#### **Point**

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Author: PyCPBook Community Source: KACTL, CP-Algorithms, standard geometry texts Description: Implements a foundational Point class for 2D geometry problems. The class supports standard vector operations through overloaded operators, making geometric calculations intuitive and clean. It can handle both integer and floating-point coordinates.

Operations supported: - Addition/Subtraction: p1 + p2, p1 - p2 - Scalar Multiplication/Division: p \* scalar, p / scalar - Dot Product: p1.dot(p2) - Cross Product: p1.cross(p2) (returns the 2D magnitude) - Squared Euclidean Distance: p1.dist\_sq(p2) - Comparison: p1 == p2, p1 < p2 (lexicographical)

A standalone orientation function is also provided to determine the orientation of three ordered points (collinear, clockwise, or counter-clockwise), which is a fundamental primitive for many geometric algorithms. Time: All Point methods and the orientation function are O(1). Space: O(1) per Point object. Status: Stress-tested

```
import math
class Point:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def __repr__(self):
        return f"Point({self.x}, {self.y})"
    def __eq__(self, other):
        return self.x == other.x and self.y ==
        \hookrightarrow other.y
    def __lt__(self, other):
        if self.x != other.x:
            return self.x < other.x
        return self.y < other.y
    def __add__(self, other):
        return Point(self.x + other.x, self.y +
        → other.y)
    def __sub__(self, other):
        return Point(self.x - other.x, self.y -
        → other.y)
```

```
def __mul__(self, scalar):
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             return Point(self.x * scalar, self.y *

    scalar)

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        def __truediv__(self, scalar):
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             return Point(self.x / scalar, self.y /
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         def dot(self, other):
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             return self.x * other.x + self.y * other.y
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        def cross(self, other):
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             return self.x * other.y - self.y * other.x
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        def dist_sq(self, other):
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                                                               20
             dx = self.x - other.x
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             dy = self.y - other.y
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             return dx * dx + dy * dy
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    def orientation(p, q, r):
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        Determines the orientation of the ordered
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         \rightarrow triplet (p, q, r).
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        Returns:
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             int: > 0 for counter-clockwise, < 0 for</pre>
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             → clockwise, 0 for collinear.
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         val = (q.x - p.x) * (r.y - q.y) - (q.y - p.y) *
         \hookrightarrow (r.x - q.x)
        if val == 0:
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             return 0
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        return 1 if val > 0 else -1
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# Polygon Area

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Wikipedia (Shoelace formula), CP-Algorithms Description: Implements functions to calculate the area and centroid of a simple (non-self-intersecting) polygon. The area is calculated using the Shoelace formula, which computes the signed area based on the cross products of adjacent vertices. The absolute value of this result gives the geometric The centroid calculation uses a related formula derived from the shoelace principle. Both functions assume the polygon vertices are provided in a consistent order (either clockwise or counterclockwise). Time: O(N) for both area and centroid calculation, where N is the number of vertices. Space: O(1) Status: Stress-tested

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   from content.geometry.point import Point
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   def polygon_area(vertices):
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        Calculates the area of a simple polygon using
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    the Shoelace formula.

        Args:
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vertices (list[Point]): A list of Point
         \hookrightarrow objects representing the
                                   vertices of the
                                   \hookrightarrow polygon in
                                      order.
        float: The area of the polygon.
    n = len(vertices)
    if n < 3:
        return 0.0
    area = 0.0
    for i in range(n):
        p1 = vertices[i]
        p2 = vertices[(i + 1) \% n]
        area += p1.cross(p2)
    return abs(area) / 2.0
def polygon_centroid(vertices):
    Calculates the centroid of a simple polygon.
        vertices (list[Point]): A list of Point
         \hookrightarrow objects representing the
                                   vertices of the
                                   \hookrightarrow polygon in
                                      order.
    Returns:
        Point | None: A Point object representing
         \hookrightarrow the centroid, or None if the
                        polygon's area is zero.
    n = len(vertices)
    if n < 3:
        return None
    signed_area = 0.0
    centroid_x = 0.0
    centroid_y = 0.0
    for i in range(n):
        p1 = vertices[i]
        p2 = vertices[(i + 1) % n]
        cross_product = p1.cross(p2)
        signed_area += cross_product
        centroid_x += (p1.x + p2.x) * cross_product
        centroid_y += (p1.y + p2.y) * cross_product
    if abs(signed_area) < 1e-9:</pre>
        return None
    area = signed_area / 2.0
    centroid_x /= 6.0 * area
    centroid_y /= 6.0 * area
    return Point(centroid_x, centroid_y)
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# Chapter 7

# **Dynamic Programming**

#### Common Patterns

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: Introduction to Algorithms (CLRS), CP-Algorithms Description: This file provides implementations for three classic dynamic programming patterns that are foundational in competitive programming: Longest Increasing Subsequence (LIS), Longest Common Subsequence (LCS), and the 0/1 Knapsack problem.

Longest Increasing Subsequence (LIS): Given a sequence of numbers, the goal is to find the length of the longest subsequence that is strictly increasing. The standard DP approach takes  $O(N^2)$  time. This file implements a more efficient  $O(N\log N)$  solution. The algorithm maintains an auxiliary array (e.g., tails) where tails[i] stores the smallest tail of all increasing subsequences of length i+1. When processing a new number x, we find the smallest tail that is greater than or equal to x. If x is larger than all tails, it extends the LIS. Otherwise, it replaces the tail it was compared against, potentially allowing for a better solution later. This search and replacement is done using binary search.

Longest Common Subsequence (LCS): Given two sequences, the goal is to find the length of the longest subsequence present in both of them. The standard DP solution uses a 2D table dp[i][j] which stores the length of the LCS of the prefixes s1[0...i-1] and s2[0...j-1]. The recurrence relation is: - If s1[i-1] == s2[j-1], then dp[i][j] = 1 + dp[i-1][j-1]. - Otherwise, dp[i][j] = max(dp[i-1][j], dp[i][j-1]).

0/1 Knapsack Problem: Given a set of items, each with a weight and a value, determine the number of each item to include in a collection so that the total weight is less than or equal to a given limit and the total value is as large as possible. In the 0/1 version, you can either take an item or leave it. The standard solution uses a DP table dp[i][w] representing the maximum value using items up to i with a weight limit of w. This can be optimized in space to a 1D array where dp[w] is the maximum value for a capacity of w.

Time: - LIS:  $O(N\log N)$  - LCS:  $O(N\cdot M)$  where N and M are the lengths of the sequences. - 0/1 Knapsack:  $O(N\cdot W)$  where N is number of items, W is capacity. Space: - LIS: O(N) - LCS:  $O(N\cdot M)$  - 0/1 Knapsack: O(W) (space-optimized) Status: Stress-tested

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    def longest_increasing_subsequence(arr):
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        Finds the length of the longest increasing
         \rightarrow subsequence in O(N log N).
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        if not arr:
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            return 0
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        tails = []
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        for num in arr:
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             idx = bisect.bisect_left(tails, num)
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             if idx == len(tails):
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                 tails.append(num)
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                 tails[idx] = num
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        return len(tails)
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    def longest_common_subsequence(s1, s2):
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        Finds the length of the longest common
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         \rightarrow subsequence in O(N*M).
        n, m = len(s1), len(s2)
        dp = [[0] * (m + 1) for _ in range(n + 1)]
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        for i in range(1, n + 1):
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             for j in range(1, m + 1):
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                 if s1[i - 1] == s2[j - 1]:
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                     dp[i][j] = 1 + dp[i - 1][j - 1]
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                      dp[i][j] = max(dp[i - 1][j],
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                      \rightarrow dp[i][j - 1])
        return dp[n][m]
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    def knapsack_01(weights, values, capacity):
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        Solves the O/1 Knapsack problem with space
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         → optimization.
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        n = len(weights)
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        dp = [0] * (capacity + 1)
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        for i in range(n):
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            for w in range(capacity, weights[i] - 1,
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→ -1):
                 dp[w] = max(dp[w], values[i] + dp[w -
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    weights[i]])

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        return dp[capacity]
```

Dp Optimizations

Author: PyCPBook Community Source: CP-Algorithms, USACO Guide Description: This file explains and demonstrates several advanced dynamic programming optimizations. The primary focus is the Convex Hull Trick, with conceptual explanations for Knuth-Yao Speedup and Divide and Conquer Optimization.

Convex Hull Trick (CHT): This optimization applies to DP recurrences of the form:  $dp[i] = min_{j<i} (dp[j] + b[j] * a[i])$  (or similar). For a fixed i, each j defines a line y = m\*x + c, where m = b[j], x = a[i], and c = dp[j]. The problem then becomes finding the minimum value among a set of lines for a given x-coordinate a[i]. A LineContainer data structure is used to maintain the lower envelope (convex hull) of these lines, allowing for efficient queries. The example below solves a problem with the recurrence dp[i] = C + min\_{j<i} (dp[j] + (p[i] - p[j])^2), which can be rearranged into the required line form. This works efficiently if the slopes of the lines being added are monotonic.

Knuth-Yao Speedup: This optimization applies to recurrences of the form  $dp[i][j] = C[i][j] + min_{i<=k<j} (dp[i][k] + dp[k+1][j])$ , such as in the optimal binary search tree problem. It can be used if the cost function C satisfies the quadrangle inequality (C[a][c] + C[b][d] <= C[a][d] + C[b][c] for a <= b <= c <= d). The key insight is that the optimal splitting point k for dp[i][j], denoted dp[i][j], is monotonic: dp[i][j-1] <= dp[i][j] <= dp[i+1][j]. This property allows us to reduce the search space for k from dp[i][i] to dp[i+1][i] - dp[i][i-1], improving the total time complexity from dp[i] to dp[i].

Divide and Conquer Optimization: This technique applies to recurrences of the form dp[i][j] =  $min_{0 \le k \le j} (dp[i-1][k] + C[k][j])$ . naive computation would take  $O(N^2)$  for each i, leading to  $O(K * N^2)$  total time for K states. The optimization is based on the observation that if the cost function C has certain properties (often related to the quadrangle inequality), the optimal choice of k for dp[i][j] is monotonic with j. We can compute all dp[i][j] values for a fixed i and j in a range [1, r] by first finding the optimal k for the midpoint mid = (1+r)/2. Then, recursively, the optimal k for the left half [1, mid-1] must be in a smaller range, and similarly for the right half. This divide and conquer approach computes all dp[i][j] for a fixed i in  $O(N \log N)$  time.

Time: Varies by optimization. CHT:  $O(N \log N)$  or O(N) amortized. Space: Varies. Status: Conceptual (Knuth-Yao, D&C), Stress-tested (CHT example).

```
import sys
import os

The stress test runner adds the project root to

the path.
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sys.path.append(os.path.abspath(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(

→ "../../")))
    from content.data_structures.line_container import
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    def convex_hull_trick_example(p, C):
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         Solves an example problem using the Convex Hull
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         \hookrightarrow Trick.
        Problem: Given n points on a line with
         \rightarrow increasing coordinates p[0]...p[n-1],
         find the minimum cost to travel from point 0 to
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         \rightarrow point n-1. The cost of
         jumping from point i to point j is (p[j] -
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         \hookrightarrow p[i])^2 + C.
         DP recurrence: dp[i] = min_{j< i} (dp[j] + (p[i])
         \rightarrow - p[j])^2 + C)
        This can be rewritten as:
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         dp[i] = p[i]^2 + C + min_{j< i} (-2*p[j]*p[i] +
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         \rightarrow dp[j] + p[j]^2
         This fits the form y = mx + c, where:
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         -x = p[i]
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         - m_{j} = -2 * p[j]
         -c_{j} = dp[j] + p[j]^{2}
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         Since p is increasing, the slopes m_j are
         \hookrightarrow decreasing, matching the
         `LineContainer`'s requirement.
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         Args:
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             p (list[int]): A list of increasing integer
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             \hookrightarrow coordinates.
             C (int): A constant cost for each jump.
         Returns:
             int: The minimum cost to reach the last
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             \hookrightarrow point.
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         n = len(p)
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         if n <= 1:
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             return 0
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         dp = [0] * n
         lc = LineContainer()
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         # Base case: dp[0] = 0. Add the first line to
         \hookrightarrow the container.
         \# m_0 = -2*p[0], c_0 = dp[0] + p[0]^2 = p[0]^2
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         lc.add(-2 * p[0], p[0] ** 2)
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         for i in range(1, n):
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             # Query for the minimum value at x = p[i]
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             min_val = lc.query(p[i])
46
             dp[i] = p[i] ** 2 + C + min_val
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             \# Add the new line corresponding to state i
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             → to the container
             \# m_i = -2*p[i], c_i = dp[i] + p[i]^2
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             lc.add(-2 * p[i], dp[i] + p[i] ** 2)
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         return dp[n - 1]
```