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## Pseudocode: List example, top students

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    thirdmax = secondmax
    secondmax = X.Subj
  }
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- For each subject, check if the marks are within the top three
- If so, append to the list for that subject

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    if (X.Mathematics >= cutoffMaths) {
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    }
    if (X.Physics >= cutoffPhys) {
        physList = physList ++ [X.SeqNo]
    }
    if (X.Chemistry >= cutoffChem) {
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- Then match these toppers with toppers in Chemistry

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foreach x in mathsPhysList {  
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        if (x == y) {  
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