

# **Specialist Programmer-2024**

## **SAMPLE QUESTIONS**



## Sample-1: Easy

You are given a binary string **S**.

You can perform the following operations on **S** any number of times (possibly zero):

- Select an index **i** such that **S[i]** is **equal to 1** and **S[i+1]** is **equal to 0** for  $0 \leq i < \text{len}(S) - 1$ .
- Remove exactly one of the character from **S**.

Find the **smallest string S** that you can get after performing operations on **S**.

### Note:

- If there are multiple smallest strings possible then return the string which is lexicographically smallest.

### Constraints

- $1 \leq \text{len}(s) \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq A[i] \leq 10^5$

### Sample Input 1

0000111111

### Sample output 1

0000111111

### Explanation-1

Here,  $S = "0000111111"$  We cannot perform any operation on  $S$  so it remains unchanged

### Sample Input 2

1111111

### Sample output 2

1111111

### Explanation 2

Here,  $S = "11111111"$  There exists no 0 in  $S$  so we can not perform any operation on  $S$ . Hence,  $S$  is equal to "1111111".

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### Sample Input 3

110

### Sample output 3

0

### Explanation 3

Here,  $S = "110"$  We can perform two operations on  $S$  as :- 1. Select the index 1 and 2 and remove the character at index 1. Then  $S$  becomes "10". 2. Select the index 0 and 1 and remove the character at index 0. Then  $S$  becomes "0". Hence,  $S$  after performing operations is equal to "0"



## Sample 2: Medium

You are given a tree consisting of **N** nodes.

You are also given two arrays **A** and **P** of size **N** each, where the value **A[i]** denotes the value written on the **i<sup>th</sup>** node and the value **P[i]** denotes that there is an edge between the node **i** and **P[i]**.

We say that an edge is considered **good**, if after deleting this edge (this will result in formation of 2 trees), the values in each of the nodes of the trees are distinct.

Find the **total number of good edges present in tree**.

### Input Format

1. The first line contains an integer, **N**, denoting the number of elements in **A**.
2. Each line **i** of the **N** subsequent lines (where  $0 \leq i < N$ ) contains an integer describing **A[i]**.
3. Each line **i** of the **N** subsequent lines (where  $0 \leq i < N$ ) contains an integer describing **P[i]**.

### Constraints

- $1 \leq N \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq A[i] \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq P[i] \leq 10^5$

### Sample Input-1:

2 1 1 0 1

### Sample output-1:

1

### Explanation-1:

Given  $N = 2$ ,  $A = [1, 1]$ ,  $P = [0, 1]$  The only edge between the node  $1 - 2$  is good. Hence, the answer is equal to 1.

### Sample Input-2:

4 1 2 3 4 0 1 2 3

### Sample output-2:

3

### Explanation-2:

Given  $N = 4$ ,  $A = [1, 2, 3, 4]$ ,  $P = [0, 1, 2, 3]$  All of edges  $1 - 2$ ,  $3 - 2$ ,  $3 - 4$  are good edges. Hence, the answer is equal to 3.

### Sample Input-3:

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

### Sample output-3:

0

### Explanation-3:

Given  $N = 6$ ,  $A = [1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3]$ ,  $P = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$  None of the edges are good. Hence, the answer is equal to 0.



## Sample 3 : Hard

You are given 2 arrays A and B, each of size N.

You are now standing at index N and want to move to index 1 by performing the following operation one or more times until you reach index 1:

Let's say that the element you are currently standing on is i.

Choose index j such that  $1 \leq j < i$ .

For each element between i and j, the cost of passing through it will be  $B[j]$  and the cost of standing at index j will be  $A[j]$ .

Find the minimum cost to move from index N to index 1. Since, the answer can be very large return it modulo  $10^9 + 7$ .

### Input Format

1. The first line contains an integer, N, denoting the number of elements in A and B.
2. Each line  $i$  of the N subsequent lines (where  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ) contains an integer describing  $A[i]$ .
3. Each line  $i$  of the N subsequent lines (where  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ) contains an integer describing  $B[i]$ .

### Constraints

- $2 \leq N \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq A[i] \leq 10^9$
- $1 \leq B[i] \leq 10^9$

### Sample Input-1:

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5
5
5
1
4
2
5
4
1
5
1
```

### Sample output-1:

13

### Sample Explanation - 1:

Given  $N = 5$ ,  $A = [5, 5, 1, 4, 2]$ ,  $B = [5, 4, 1, 5, 1]$ . We can perform the following operations as: 1. In first move we can move from index 5 to index 2 with cost 3. 2. In second move we can move from index 2 to index 1 with cost 10. Hence, total cost is equal to  $3 + 10 = 13$

### Sample input-2:

```
6
5
4
2
4
4
1
1
1
4
3
3
4
```

### Sample output-2:

10

### Sample Explanation - 2:

Given  $N = 6$ ,  $A = [5, 4, 2, 4, 4, 1]$ ,  $B = [1, 1, 4, 3, 3, 4]$ . By performing only one move we can directly move from index 6 to index 1 with a minimum cost of 10. Hence, the minimum cost is equal to 10.

### Sample Input-3:

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2
1
1
1
1
```

### Sample output-3:

2

### Sample Explanation - 3:

Given  $N = 2$ ,  $A = [1, 1]$ ,  $B = [1, 1]$ . We can perform the following operations as: 1. In first move we can move from index 2 to index 1 with a cost of 2. Hence, the minimum cost is equal to 2.

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