

General Inspection

1. Do you Terminate before reading whole input? Do you break while reading, and test case is not fully read?
2. Correct input file / Correct input copy
3. Correctly initialize between test cases
4. Correct reading: E.g. `scanf("%d ", &cases)`; Space is correct in this Input file?
5. Tested corner cases?
6. If you take something from library that does not mean it is 100% right
7. If you take something from library, Revise its comments & prerequisites
8. Validate:
 - a. Input stopping conditions
 - b. Functions base case / Problem Logic Lines.
 - c. No TYPO
 - d. Used data types enough to avoid overflow
 - e. operators `*`, `^`, `/`, `%`
 - i. `*` `/0`, `%0`, `/EPS`, `(n)%x`, `(-n)%x`, `+/- EPS`
 - ii. `*` `^`, counting problems = Overflow
 - f. Results fit in 32bit operations, what about intermediate values?
 - g. Correct OO Value. Intial value when u maximize & minimize
 - h. `x%m` is X negative? Given Matrix A, find `(A^b)%M`, Make sure A is initialized correctly in case negatives
 - i. `if(x%2 == 1)` .. What if x negative value?
 - j. Set or Multiset?
 - k. Wrong pair comparisons: `pair1 > pair2`, does not check both elements for larger
 - l. truncate or approximate, double issues, watch out from `-0.0`, `Floor(-2.3) = -3` but `Floor(2.3) = 2`
 - m. not a number(NAN) which comes from `sqrt(-ve)`, `(0/0)` ,or `cos(1.000000000001)` or `cos(-1.000000000001)`
 - n. `lp(i, n) lp(j, i+1, n)`: is there at least 2 elements? Do you need special handling?
9. Precision problems
 - a. You should calculate the worst precision. E.g. `1 / 10^9 / 10^5`.
 - b. Avoid double operations if possible: e.g. integer floor & ceil - even with indepth replacement.
 - c. try to do double operations as local as possible
 - i. e.g. sum all vs sum part + call(nxt)
 - d. Couting the doubles changes little their value
 - e. Do binary search to 9 precision, and display `x*100`. output is only 7 precision
10. BFS with more than one start state
 - a. Make sure they are all of same depth
 - b. Make sure, In case lexi answer, that you use priority queue
 - c. Do we need to validate the intial states?

Wrong Answer

1. Pick a moderated examples, and do problem semantic tracing.
2. Sometimes your added tricky code to make programming easier is just a KILLER BUG
 - a. TRY to validate your fancy added code to avoid debugging for silly mistakes
 - b. E.g appending a 2d strings array to make it a complete 2d.
 - i. Take care, is the appended character part of input? Does it matter?
3. If u have direction array, Does order matters?
4. OVERFLOW
 - a. Read numbers $N < 2^M$ where $M = 60$

- b. Manipulating bit masks with $N \geq 32$, E.g. $1 \ll 40$
 - c. Multiplications(cross product) & powers & Base conversions.
 - d. Is whole code handled for OVERFLOW or it is a mix of int and LL ?!
 - i. $1 \ll x$ or $1LL \ll x$
 - e. Correct overflow handling
 - i. E.g use `if(a*b > OO)` or `if(a > OO/b)`
 - ii. E.g use `if(a+b > OO)` or `if(a > OO-b)`
 - f. Input is a 32 integer bit
 - i. yes, using int x; will be sufficient, but take care from Integer range
 - ii. `int x; cin >> x; x = -x;` → What if x value = -2^{31} → $-x = 2^{31}$ which is OVERFLOW
 - g. Exhaustive adding
 - h. Final answer fit in 32 bit but intermediate results don't (e.g. polynomial evaluation)
5. Wrong stopping conditions.
- a. Test ends with TestEnd and input with InputFinish. What if such words inside the main input also.
 - b. You may need to read 5 numbers if any is valid, u alert
 - i. `lp(i, 5) { cin >> x; if(!valid(x)) { ok = 0; break;} --> What about output REMINDER?`
 - ii. Read until number is less than 0, if(`n == -1`) break --> if(`n < 0`) break;
 - iii. Read until x & y & z be zero
 - iv. Read until one of x or or z is zero
 - v. Read untill Input L, U is `L = U = -1`
 - 1. Stop if(`L == -1 && U == -1`) break;
 - 2. Check if input like `L = -2, U = 3` is valid or not
 - 3. E.g Number of primes in range `[-2,3] = 2`
 - vi. Each block will be terminated by a line starting with e.
 - 1. e
 - 2. egg
 - vii. Each block will be terminated by a line containing #.
 - 1. #
 - 2. Is this tricky #?
6. Tricky text description
- a. word is "sequence of upper/lower case letters.
 - i. This means ali is 1 word, X-Ray is 2 words, ali's book is 3 words
 - b. Given 2 integers i, j, find number of primes between them, or in RANGE
 - i. Input can be 4 200 OR 200 4
 - c. Given $N \times M$ grid, Read N lines each start with M chars. E.g. 3×2
 - i. 1st line -> ab
 - ii. 2nd line -> cdEXTRA // use to depend on read N, M, as RE may happen
 - iii. 3rd line -> ef
 - d. Do not accept leading zeros numbers?
 - e. Do not accept 004, but accept 0 (special case)
7. Geometry
- a. Is there duplicate points? Does it matter? Co-linearity?
8. Graph
- a. Connected or disconnected?
 - b. Directed or Undirected?
 - c. SelfLoops?
 - d. Multiple edges & their effect (MaxFlow sum, SP min)
9. Precision
- a. Watchout -0.0
 - b. `int x = (int)(a +/- EPS)` depends on $a > 0 \mid a < 0$.

Time Limit Exceeded

1. May be bug and just infinite loop
2. Can results precomputed in table?!!!!
3. Function calls, may need reference variables.
4. % is used extensively? memset is used extensively?
5. What is blocks of code that represent order? Do we just need to optimize it?
6. Big Input file
 - a. Need scanf & printf
 - b. Optimize code operations
 - c. Switch to arrays and char[]
7. DP Problems
 - a. Do you clear each time while it is not needed?
 - b. Clear only part of memory u need, not all of memo or use boolean array
 - c. The base case order is not $O(1)$
 - i. make sure if(memo != -1) before base case
 - d. Use effective base conditions
 - i. E.g If you are sure dp(0, M) is X, do not wait untill Dp(0,0)
 - e. DP state did not change, so infinite loop
 - i. DP(i) call DP(i+s) where s [0-4]
 - f. Return result % 10^7 , So each time you do operation, you apply %
 - i. if DP is huge, change to while(ans >= 10^7) ans -= 10^7
 - ii. If mod is 2^p-1 , use bitwise
8. BackTracking
 - a. If you have different ways to do it, try to do what minimize stack depth
9. Graph problems
 - a. Generate dynamic sub-states (edges) only when necessary

Run Time Error

1. Correct input file?
2. Array index out of boundary
 - a. Make sure to have correct array size. E.g. If indexing N 1 based, arr[N+1].
 - b. Make sure no wrong indexing < 0 || $x \geq n$
 - i. Find Primes in range[-2, 3]
 - ii. Find factorial -5!
 - c. In DP, memo[X][Y], check you access dimensions correctly
 - d. In DP, if u have invalid states, make sure to filter them before checking the memo
 - e. Stack overflow from infinite recursion
 - i. Visited array not marked correctly
 - ii. DP with cyclic \ wrong recurrence
 - f. You have data structures that requires huge data
 - g. /0, %0
 - h. Extensive memory allocating until RTE
 - i. Using incorrect compare function (e.g. return that return (A, B) same answer as (B, A))
 - j. Use uninitialized data: int x; v.resize(x); cin>>x;
 - k. Watchout, if multiset contains (3 3 3 3 6 9) and u delete 3 -->will be (6, 9)
 - l. To delete one item, use iterator to find & delete it
 - m. struct T { int A[]; };