

## Neuroverse 2023 Editorial

### Problem 1: Welcome to Neuroverse 2023!

In this problem, the task was to check whether the word *neuroverse* was contained in the given string or not. This can be done by iterating over all characters in the string, and check if the current character is the potential starting character for the word *neuroverse*. If we encounter such a character, then we print “YES” along with the index of that character in the string. Otherwise, if we do not find such a character even after scanning the entire string, then we print “NO”.

The solution could be implemented either by manually writing the code for matching the substring starting from the current character, or by using various built in libraries in different programming languages.

C code:

```
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdbool.h>

int min(int x,int y){
    if(x < y) return x;
    return y;
}

bool check(char str[], int idx){
    bool done = true;
    char nv[] = "neuroverse";
    for(int i = idx; i < min(idx+10,strlen(str)); i++){
        if(nv[i-idx] != str[i]){
            done = false;
            break;
        }
    }
    if(strlen(str)-idx < 10) done = false;
    return done;
}

int main() {
    char str[50];
```

```

scanf("%s",str);
for(int i = 0; i < strlen(str); i++){
    if(check(str,i)){
        printf("YES\n%d\n",i);
        return 0;
    }
}
printf("NO\n");
return 0;
}

```

## Problem 2: Tambi's Bicycle

The solution is just the difference between  $d$  and  $c$ .

C code:

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int c,d;
    scanf("%d%d",&c,&d);
    printf("%d\n",d-c);
    return 0;
}

```

## Problem 3: Array Sum

The problem basically asks for the number of unordered pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $a + b = S$ .

The solution is basically iterating over all numbers in  $a$ , and for each number  $p$ , to count the number of elements  $q$  in the array such that  $p + q = S$ .

The naïve way to implement the solution was to simply iterate over all  $a_i$  and then for each  $a_i$  to again iterate over all  $a_j$  and count all such  $a_j$  such that  $a_i + a_j = S$ . This solution has a complexity of  $O(n^2)$  and was allowed to pass some (around 50%) of the test cases.

However, the intended solution is a bit optimized than the naïve one.

Firstly, we observe that the order of the elements in  $a$  is not significant, thus we can sort  $a$  in non-decreasing order. Then, we iterate over all the elements of  $a$ . For each  $a_i$ , instead of re-iterating over  $a$  and finding all suitable pairs, we perform binary search to find the lower and upper bounds of  $S - a_i$  in  $a$  and update our answer accordingly. In this fashion, instead of spending  $O(n)$  time trying to find the suitable pairs for  $a_i$ , we can do the same operation in  $O(\log_2 n)$  time, thus optimizing the final solution from  $O(n^2)$  to  $O(n \log_2 n)$ .

An alternate solution is by maintaining the count of all elements of  $a$  in a data-structure like a map in C++/Java or dictionary in Python/Pypy, which allows inserting and accessing data in

at most  $O(\log_2 n)$  time, and for all  $a_i$ , to check the count of  $S - a_i$  in the map, and updating our answer accordingly.

Python 3 code:

```
n,s = map(int,input().split())
arr = list(map(int,input().split()))
mp = {}
for e in arr:
    mp[e] = mp.get(e,0)+1
ans = 0
for e in arr:
    ans += mp.get(s-e,0)
print(ans//2)
```

## Problem 4: Somewhere Door

This problem asks that given two numbers  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , and an array of integers  $s$ , we need to find  $\max(s_i)$  such that  $s_i \leq t_1$  and  $\min(s_j)$  such that  $s_j \geq t_2$  and print  $s_j - s_i + 1$ .

We can solve this problem by simply sorting the array  $s$ , and then finding  $\max(s_i)$  such that  $s_i \leq t_1$  and  $\min(s_j)$  such that  $s_j \geq t_2$  and print  $s_j - s_i + 1$  in linear time.

Alternately, we can also not sort the array and just find optimal  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  values by comparing current  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  values with other elements of  $s$  and updating them accordingly.

PyPy3 code:

```
t1,t2 = map(int,input().split())
n = int(input())
arr = list(map(int,input().split()))
arr.sort()
a1,a2 = -1,-1
for e in arr:
    if e <= t1: a1 = e
    elif e >= t2:
        a2 = e
        break
print(a2-a1+1)
```