

Accolite based Coding Questions

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Q1. Longest Subarray with Equal 0s and 1s

Statement:

Given a binary array, find the length of the longest subarray with equal number of 0s and 1s.

Input:

N
array elements

Output:

Length of longest subarray

Example:

Input

6
0 1 0 0 1 1

Output

6

Explanation:

Whole array has 3 zeros and 3 ones → longest length = 6.

Q2. Minimum Window Substring

Statement:

Given strings s and t , find the minimum window in s which contains all characters of t .

Input:

S
T

Output:

Minimum window substring

Example:**Input**

ADOBECODEBANC
ABC

Output

BANC

Explanation:

"BANC" is the smallest substring containing A, B, and C.

Q3. Trapping Rain Water

Statement:

Given heights of bars, calculate total water trapped after raining.

Input:

N
height array

Output:

Total trapped water

Example:**Input**

6
3 0 0 2 0 4

Output

10

Explanation:

Water is trapped between bars using left-max and right-max logic.

Q4. Median of Two Sorted Arrays

Statement:

Find median of two sorted arrays without merging them.

Input:

Array1
Array2

Output:

Median value

Example:

Input

1 3
2

Output

2

Explanation:

Median of merged array [1,2,3] = 2.

Q5. Longest Palindromic Substring

Statement:

Find the longest palindromic substring in a given string.

Input:

String

Output:

Longest palindrome

Example:

Input

babad

Output

bab

Explanation:

"bab" and "aba" both valid, return any one.

Q6. Kth Largest Element in Stream

Statement:

Given a stream of integers, return kth largest element after each insertion.

Input:

k
stream elements

Output:

kth largest after each insertion

Example:

Input

3
4 5 8 2

Output

-1 -1 4 4

Explanation:

Less than k elements → output -1.

Q7. Detect Cycle in Directed Graph

Statement:

Check if a directed graph contains a cycle.

Input:

V E
Edges

Output:

YES / NO

Example:

Input

```
3 3
0 1
1 2
2 0
```

Output

YES

Explanation:

Cycle exists: $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 0$.

Q8. Maximum Product Subarray

Statement:

Find the contiguous subarray with the maximum product.

Input:

```
N
array
```

Output:

Maximum product

Example:

Input

```
4
2 3 -2 4
```

Output

6

Explanation:

Subarray [2,3] gives maximum product.

Q9. Word Break Problem

Statement:

Check if string can be segmented into dictionary words.

Input:

String
Dictionary words

Output:

YES / NO

Example:

Input

leetcode
leet code

Output

YES

Explanation:

"leet" + "code" forms the string.

Q10. Merge Intervals

Statement:

Merge all overlapping intervals.

Input:

Intervals

Output:

Merged intervals

Example:

Input

[1, 3] [2, 6] [8, 10]

Output

[1, 6] [8, 10]

Explanation:

[1,3] and [2,6] overlap → merge.

Q11. Sliding Window Maximum

Statement:

Find maximum of every subarray of size K.

Input:

N K
array

Output:

Max values

Example:

Input

8 3
1 3 -1 -3 5 3 6 7

Output

3 3 5 5 6 7

Explanation:

Use deque for O(n) solution.

Q12. Rotten Oranges

Statement:

Find minimum time to rot all oranges.

Input:

Grid

Output:

Time or -1

Example:

Output

4

Explanation:

Use BFS level-wise traversal.

Q13. Largest Rectangle in Histogram

Statement:

Find largest rectangular area in histogram.

Input:

N
heights

Output:

Max area

Explanation:

Use stack to track previous smaller elements.

Q14. Minimum Platforms Required

Statement:

Find minimum number of platforms required for trains.

Input:

Arrival times
Departure times

Output:

Minimum platforms

Explanation:

Sort arrivals and departures separately.

Q15. Alien Dictionary

Statement:

Find order of characters in alien language.

Input:

Dictionary words

Output:

Character order

Explanation:

Topological sorting on graph.

21. Maximum Subarray Sum with One Deletion

- **Problem:** Given an array of integers, find the maximum sum of a subarray where you can optionally delete at most one element.
- **Input:** `arr = [1, -2, 0, 3]`
- **Output:** 4
- **Explanation:** Maximum sum is from subarray `[1, 0, 3]` by deleting `-2`.

22. Longest Increasing Path in Matrix

- **Problem:** Given an $m \times n$ matrix, return the length of the longest increasing path. You can move in 4 directions.
- **Input:** `matrix = [[9, 9, 4], [6, 6, 8], [2, 1, 1]]`
- **Output:** 4
- **Explanation:** Longest path is `[1, 2, 6, 9]`. Use DFS + memoization.

23. Word Ladder II

- **Problem:** Find all shortest transformation sequences from `beginWord` to `endWord` given a dictionary.
- **Input:** `begin="hit", end="cog", dict=["hot", "dot", "dog", "lot", "log", "cog"]`

- **Output:** `[["hit", "hot", "dot", "dog", "cog"], ["hit", "hot", "lot", "log", "cog"]]`
- **Explanation:** BFS to find shortest paths; backtracking to generate sequences.

24. Trapping Rain Water II

- **Problem:** Given a 2D height map, calculate total trapped water after raining.
- **Input:** `heightMap = [[1, 4, 3], [3, 2, 5]]`
- **Output:** 2
- **Explanation:** Use priority queue (min-heap) to track boundary heights and trap water.

25. Palindrome Pairs

- **Problem:** Given a list of unique words, find all pairs (i, j) such that concatenation forms a palindrome.
- **Input:** `words = ["abcd", "dcba", "lls", "s", "sssl"]`
- **Output:** `[[0, 1], [1, 0], [3, 2], [2, 4]]`
- **Explanation:** Use Trie or hashmap to check prefixes/suffixes efficiently.

26. Edit Distance

- **Problem:** Find the minimum number of operations (insert, delete, replace) to convert string `word1` to `word2`.
- **Input:** `word1="horse", word2="ros"`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Dynamic Programming using 2D DP table.

27. Count of Smaller Numbers After Self

- **Problem:** Given an array, return count of smaller numbers to the right for each element.
- **Input:** `nums = [5, 2, 6, 1]`
- **Output:** `[2, 1, 1, 0]`
- **Explanation:** Use Binary Indexed Tree or modified Merge Sort.

28. Largest Rectangle in Histogram

- **Problem:** Given heights of histogram bars, find largest rectangle area.
- **Input:** `heights = [2, 1, 5, 6, 2, 3]`
- **Output:** `10`
- **Explanation:** Use stack to maintain increasing bars for $O(n)$ solution.

29. Sliding Window Maximum

- **Problem:** Given an array and window size k , find max of each sliding window.
- **Input:** `nums = [1, 3, -1, -3, 5, 3, 6, 7], k=3`
- **Output:** `[3, 3, 5, 5, 6, 7]`
- **Explanation:** Use deque to maintain candidates for window maximum.

30. Serialize and Deserialize Binary Tree

- **Problem:** Implement functions to serialize a binary tree to string and deserialize back.
- **Input:** `root = [1, 2, 3, null, null, 4, 5]`
- **Output:** Serialized:
`"1, 2, null, null, 3, 4, null, null, 5, null, null"`
- **Explanation:** Use preorder traversal + marker for null nodes.

31. Shortest Subarray with Sum at Least K

- **Problem:** Find the length of shortest contiguous subarray with sum $\geq K$.
- **Input:** `arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]`, `K=11`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use prefix sum + deque to optimize search.

32. Russian Doll Envelopes

- **Problem:** Given envelopes `[w, h]`, find max number of envelopes you can nest.
- **Input:** `envelopes = [[5, 4], [6, 4], [6, 7], [2, 3]]`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Sort by width, then find LIS on heights.

33. Max Points on a Line

- **Problem:** Given points in 2D plane, find max points that lie on same line.
- **Input:** `points = [[1, 1], [2, 2], [3, 3]]`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use slope hashmap; handle duplicate points carefully.

34. Word Search II

- **Problem:** Find all words from a given list in a board.
- **Input:** `board =`
`[["o", "a", "a", "n"], ["e", "t", "a", "e"], [`
`"i", "h", "k", "r"], ["i", "f", "l", "v"]],`
`words = ["oath", "pea", "eat", "rain"]`
- **Output:** `["eat", "oath"]`

- **Explanation:** Use Trie + DFS from each cell for optimization.

35. Count of Range Sum

- **Problem:** Count the number of range sums within `[lower, upper]` in array.
- **Input:** `nums = [-2, 5, -1], lower=-2, upper=2`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use prefix sums + modified merge sort.

36. Palindrome Partitioning II

- **Problem:** Minimum cuts needed to partition string such that every substring is palindrome.
- **Input:** `s = "aab"`
- **Output:** 1
- **Explanation:** DP solution: check palindrome substrings + min cuts.

37. Minimum Window Substring

- **Problem:** Given strings `s` and `t`, find min window in `s` containing all chars of `t`.
- **Input:** `s="ADOBECODEBANC", t="ABC"`
- **Output:** "BANC"
- **Explanation:** Sliding window + hashmap to track counts.

38. Maximum Sum Rectangle in 2D Matrix

- **Problem:** Find max sum rectangle in 2D array.
- **Input:** `matrix=[[1, 2, -1, -4, -20], [...]]`
- **Output:** ...

- **Explanation:** Reduce 2D to 1D array + Kadane's algorithm.

39. Alien Dictionary

- **Problem:** Given sorted dictionary of alien language, find order of characters.
- **Input:**
words = ["wrt", "wrf", "er", "ett", "rftt"]
- **Output:** "wertf"
- **Explanation:** Build graph + topological sort.

40. Burst Balloons

- **Problem:** Given array of balloons with points, maximize coins by bursting in optimal order.
- **Input:** nums = [3, 1, 5, 8]
- **Output:** 167
- **Explanation:** Use DP with boundaries to solve overlapping subproblems.

41. Maximum Product Subarray

- **Problem:** Find the contiguous subarray within an array which has the largest product.
- **Input:** nums = [2, 3, -2, 4]
- **Output:** 6

- **Explanation:** Subarray $[2, 3]$ gives maximum product. Track max and min products at each step due to negative numbers.

42. Sliding Window Median

- **Problem:** Find median of each sliding window of size k in an array.
- **Input:** `nums = [1, 3, -1, -3, 5, 3, 6, 7]`, $k=3$
- **Output:** `[1, -1, -1, 3, 5, 6]`
- **Explanation:** Use two heaps (max-heap and min-heap) to maintain lower and upper halves of window.

43. Minimum Path Sum

- **Problem:** Given a $m \times n$ grid filled with non-negative numbers, find a path from top-left to bottom-right which minimizes sum of all numbers along the path.
- **Input:** `grid = [[1, 3, 1], [1, 5, 1], [4, 2, 1]]`
- **Output:** 7
- **Explanation:** Use DP: $dp[i][j] = grid[i][j] + \min(dp[i-1][j], dp[i][j-1])$.

44. Decode Ways

- **Problem:** A message containing digits can be decoded as letters ($A=1, \dots, Z=26$). Count possible decodings.
- **Input:** `s = "226"`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** `"226" → "BZ", "VF", "BBF"`. Use DP to store ways up to each position.

45. Regular Expression Matching

- **Problem:** Implement regex matching with `'.'` and `'*'`.

- **Input:** `s="aab", p="c*a*b"`
- **Output:** `True`
- **Explanation:** DP table to track matches between substrings.

46. Longest Consecutive Sequence

- **Problem:** Find length of longest consecutive elements sequence in an unsorted array.
- **Input:** `nums = [100, 4, 200, 1, 3, 2]`
- **Output:** `4`
- **Explanation:** Sequence `[1, 2, 3, 4]`. Use HashSet for $O(n)$ solution.

47. Count of Distinct Islands

- **Problem:** Count distinct islands in a 2D grid. Two islands are distinct if their shapes differ.
- **Input:** `grid = [[1, 1, 0, 0], [1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1, 1]]`
- **Output:** `2`
- **Explanation:** DFS to record shape of each island; use set to count distinct shapes.

48. Maximum XOR of Two Numbers in an Array

- **Problem:** Find maximum XOR of two numbers in an array.
- **Input:** `nums = [3, 10, 5, 25, 2, 8]`
- **Output:** `28`
- **Explanation:** Use Trie of binary representations to compute max XOR efficiently.

49. Wildcard Matching

- **Problem:** Implement ? and * wildcard matching for strings.
- **Input:** `s="aa", p="*"`
- **Output:** `True`
- **Explanation:** Use DP to handle matching scenarios.

50. Reconstruct Itinerary

- **Problem:** Given tickets `[from, to]`, reconstruct itinerary in lexical order starting from "JFK".
- **Input:**
`[["MUC", "LHR"], ["JFK", "MUC"], ["SFO", "SJC"], ["LHR", "SFO"]]`
- **Output:** `["JFK", "MUC", "LHR", "SFO", "SJC"]`
- **Explanation:** Hierholzer's algorithm for Eulerian path.

51. Minimum Window Subsequence

- **Problem:** Find shortest substring of S containing all characters of T in order.
- **Input:** `S="abcdebddde", T="bde"`
- **Output:** `"bcde"`
- **Explanation:** Use two pointers + DP to track subsequences.

52. Largest Divisible Subset

- **Problem:** Find largest subset of integers where every pair (S_i, S_j) satisfies $S_i \% S_j == 0$ or $S_j \% S_i == 0$.
- **Input:** `nums = [1, 2, 3]`
- **Output:** `[1, 2]` or `[1, 3]`
- **Explanation:** Sort + DP to build divisible chains.

53. Maximum Gap

- **Problem:** Find maximum difference between successive elements in sorted form, in linear time.
- **Input:** `nums = [3, 6, 9, 1]`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use bucket sort / pigeonhole principle for $O(n)$ solution.

54. Kth Largest Element in Array

- **Problem:** Find kth largest element in an unsorted array.
- **Input:** `nums = [3, 2, 1, 5, 6, 4]`, `k=2`
- **Output:** 5
- **Explanation:** Use Quickselect or min-heap.

55. Palindromic Substrings

- **Problem:** Count all palindromic substrings in a string.
- **Input:** `s = "aaa"`
- **Output:** 6
- **Explanation:** Substrings: "a", "a", "a", "aa", "aa", "aaa". Use DP or expand-around-center.

56. Cheapest Flights Within K Stops

- **Problem:** Find cheapest flight from `src` to `dst` with $\leq K$ stops.
- **Input:** `n=3`,
`flights=[[0, 1, 100], [1, 2, 100], [0, 2, 500]]`
`, src=0, dst=2, K=1`
- **Output:** 200
- **Explanation:** Use BFS/DP to track min cost for each stop.

57. Sliding Window Maximum Sum of K Elements

- **Problem:** Find maximum sum of each subarray of size k.
- **Input:** `nums=[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]` , `k=3`
- **Output:** `[6, 9, 12]`
- **Explanation:** Use prefix sums or sliding window sum.

58. Remove Invalid Parentheses

- **Problem:** Remove minimum parentheses to make string valid and return all possible results.
- **Input:** `s = "()())()"`
- **Output:** `["()()()","(())()"]`
- **Explanation:** BFS to generate all valid strings level by level.

59. Super Egg Drop

- **Problem:** Given K eggs and N floors, find minimum attempts to determine critical floor.
- **Input:** `K=2` , `N=6`
- **Output:** `3`
- **Explanation:** DP with states `[eggs][floors]` using optimal drop formula.

60. Word Break II

- **Problem:** Given a string and dictionary, return all possible sentences formed by splitting string into dictionary words.
- **Input:** `s="catsanddog"` ,
`dict=["cat", "cats", "and", "sand", "dog"]`
- **Output:** `["cats and dog", "cat sand dog"]`
- **Explanation:** DFS + memoization to build all combinations.

61. Sliding Window Maximum Product

- **Problem:** Find the maximum product of elements in each sliding window of size k .
- **Input:** `nums = [2, 3, -2, 4], k=2`
- **Output:** `[6, -6, -8]`
- **Explanation:** Track max and min products in each window to handle negatives.

62. Number of Islands II

- **Problem:** Given a grid and a sequence of land additions, count number of islands after each addition.
- **Input:** `m=3, n=3, positions=[[0, 0], [0, 1], [1, 2]]`
- **Output:** `[1, 1, 2]`
- **Explanation:** Use Union-Find to efficiently merge adjacent lands.

63. K Closest Points to Origin

- **Problem:** Find k points closest to origin in 2D plane.
- **Input:** `points=[[1, 3], [-2, 2]], K=1`
- **Output:** `[[-2, 2]]`
- **Explanation:** Use heap or quickselect based on Euclidean distance.

64. Shortest Palindrome

- **Problem:** Add characters in front of string to make it palindrome with minimal additions.
- **Input:** `s = "aacecaaa"`
- **Output:** `"aaacecaaa"`
- **Explanation:** Use KMP preprocessing on reversed string to find overlap.

65. Trapping Rain Water

- **Problem:** Calculate how much water can be trapped after raining given bar heights.
- **Input:** `height=[0,1,0,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,2,1]`
- **Output:** 6
- **Explanation:** Use two pointers to track left and right max boundaries.

66. Longest Repeating Character Replacement

- **Problem:** Replace at most `k` characters to get longest repeating substring.
- **Input:** `s="AABABBA", k=1`
- **Output:** 4
- **Explanation:** Use sliding window and frequency count.

67. Word Ladder I

- **Problem:** Find length of shortest transformation sequence from `beginWord` to `endWord`.
- **Input:** `begin="hit", end="cog", dict=["hot","dot","dog","lot","log","cog"]`
- **Output:** 5
- **Explanation:** BFS to find minimum steps.

68. Minimum Path Sum in Triangle

- **Problem:** Given triangle array, find minimum path sum from top to bottom.
- **Input:**
triangle=[[2],[3,4],[6,5,7],[4,1,8,3]]
- **Output:** 11
- **Explanation:** DP from bottom to top.

69. Burst Balloons II

- **Problem:** Max coins obtained by bursting balloons in optimal order (variation of previous problem).
- **Input:** nums=[3,1,5,8]
- **Output:** 167
- **Explanation:** DP with boundary handling.

70. Maximum Sum of 3 Non-Overlapping Subarrays

- **Problem:** Find 3 non-overlapping subarrays of length k with max total sum.
- **Input:** nums=[1,2,1,2,6,7,5,1], k=2
- **Output:** [0,3,5]
- **Explanation:** Prefix sums + dynamic programming.

71. Find Median from Data Stream

- **Problem:** Continuously find median from data stream.
- **Input:** addNum(1), addNum(2), findMedian(), addNum(3), findMedian()
- **Output:** 1.5, 2
- **Explanation:** Use two heaps (max-heap & min-heap).

72. Decode String

- **Problem:** Decode strings like "3[a2[c]]" → "accaccacc".

- **Input:** `s="3[a2[c]]"`
- **Output:** `"accaccacc"`
- **Explanation:** Use stack to handle nested patterns.

73. Super Ugly Number

- **Problem:** Find nth super ugly number given prime factors.
- **Input:** `n=12, primes=[2, 7, 13, 19]`
- **Output:** 32
- **Explanation:** Use DP with multiple pointers.

74. Count of Range Sum II

- **Problem:** Count subarrays with sum in `[lower, upper]`.
- **Input:** `nums=[-2, 5, -1], lower=-2, upper=2`
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Prefix sums + merge sort optimization.

75. Longest Valid Parentheses

- **Problem:** Find length of longest valid parentheses substring.
- **Input:** `s="(())"`
- **Output:** 2
- **Explanation:** Use stack or DP to track valid sequences.

76. Trapping Rain Water III (2D)

- **Problem:** Given 2D heights map, find trapped water after raining.
- **Input:** `heightMap=[[1, 4, 3], [3, 2, 5]]`
- **Output:** 2
- **Explanation:** Min-heap boundary BFS.

77. Sliding Window Maximum Average

- **Problem:** Find max average of subarray of length k.
- **Input:** `nums=[1, 12, -5, -6, 50, 3]`, `k=4`
- **Output:** `12.75`
- **Explanation:** Sliding window sum.

78. Shortest Distance from All Buildings

- **Problem:** Find shortest distance from empty land to all buildings in grid.
- **Input:**
`grid=[[1, 0, 2, 0, 1], [0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1, 0, 0]]`
- **Output:** `7`
- **Explanation:** BFS from each building; accumulate distances.

79. Find K Pairs with Smallest Sums

- **Problem:** Return k pairs with smallest sums from two sorted arrays.
- **Input:** `nums1=[1, 7, 11]`, `nums2=[2, 4, 6]`, `k=3`
- **Output:** `[[1, 2], [1, 4], [1, 6]]`
- **Explanation:** Use min-heap to maintain next smallest pair.

80. Range Module

- **Problem:** Implement range module to add/remove/query intervals.
- **Input:** `addRange(10, 20)`,
`removeRange(14, 16)`, `queryRange(10, 14)`
- **Output:** `True`

- **Explanation:** Use segment tree or balanced BST to manage ranges.

81. Count of Distinct Subsequences

- **Problem:** Count distinct subsequences of string S.
- **Input:** S="rabbbit"
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use DP to count subsequences forming target string.

82. Longest Increasing Subsequence II

- **Problem:** Find length of LIS in array of integers.
- **Input:** nums=[10, 9, 2, 5, 3, 7, 101, 18]
- **Output:** 4
- **Explanation:** Use DP or binary search approach for $O(n \log n)$.

83. Remove K Digits

- **Problem:** Remove k digits from number to make it smallest.
- **Input:** num="1432219", k=3
- **Output:** "1219"
- **Explanation:** Use stack to remove digits greedily.

84. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock III

- **Problem:** Max profit with at most two transactions.
- **Input:** `prices=[3, 3, 5, 0, 0, 3, 1, 4]`
- **Output:** 6
- **Explanation:** DP with 2 transaction states.

85. Minimum Cost to Merge Stones

- **Problem:** Merge stones into one pile with minimum cost.
- **Input:** `stones=[3, 2, 4, 1]`, `K=2`
- **Output:** 20
- **Explanation:** DP with intervals.

86. Maximum Sum of Rectangle No Larger Than K

- **Problem:** Find max sum rectangle in 2D matrix $\leq k$.
- **Input:** `matrix=[[1, 0, 1], [0, -2, 3]]`, `k=2`
- **Output:** 2
- **Explanation:** Reduce 2D problem to 1D and use TreeSet for prefix sums.

87. Sliding Window Median II

- **Problem:** Find median after adding each element from stream.
- **Input:** `nums=[1, 4, 2, 3]`
- **Output:** `[1, 2.5, 2, 2.5]`
- **Explanation:** Maintain two heaps for lower and upper halves.

88. Number of Ways to Paint $N \times 3$ Grid

- **Problem:** Count ways to paint grid with no adjacent same colors.
- **Input:** `n=1`
- **Output:** 12

- **Explanation:** Use DP with color pattern states.

89. Shortest Bridge

- **Problem:** Flip 0s to connect two islands with minimum flips.
- **Input:** `grid=[[0,1],[1,0]]`
- **Output:** 1
- **Explanation:** BFS from one island to reach the other.

90. Minimum Number of Refueling Stops

- **Problem:** Minimum stops to reach target with fuel stations.
- **Input:** `target=100, startFuel=10, stations=[[10,60],[20,30],[30,30],[60,40]]`
- **Output:** 2
- **Explanation:** Max-heap to refuel at optimal stations.

91. Number of Valid Words for Each Puzzle

- **Problem:** Count valid words in a list that match each puzzle.
- **Input:** `words=["apple","pleas","please"], puzzles=["aelwxyz","aelpxyz"]`
- **Output:** `[0,1]`
- **Explanation:** Bitmask to efficiently check word containment.

92. Maximum Length of Repeated Subarray

- **Problem:** Find length of longest repeated subarray between two arrays.
- **Input:** `A=[1,2,3,2,1], B=[3,2,1,4,7]`

- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use DP or rolling hash.

93. Shortest Superstring

- **Problem:** Find shortest string containing all given strings as substring.
- **Input:** words=["alex", "loves", "leetcode"]
- **Output:** "alexlovesleetcode"
- **Explanation:** DP with bitmask to track used words.

94. Maximum Length of Pair Chain

- **Problem:** Find longest chain of pairs $[a, b]$ where $b < c$ for next pair $[c, d]$.
- **Input:** pairs=[[1, 2], [2, 3], [3, 4]]
- **Output:** 2
- **Explanation:** Sort by second element and apply greedy selection.

95. Count of Range Sum III

- **Problem:** Count subarrays sum within $[lower, upper]$.
- **Input:** nums=[-2, 5, -1], lower=-2, upper=2
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Prefix sums + merge sort optimization.

96. Number of Ways to Split Array

- **Problem:** Count ways to split array into 3 contiguous subarrays with equal sum.
- **Input:** nums=[0, 2, 1, 0]
- **Output:** 0
- **Explanation:** Prefix sum to identify splits.

97. Palindrome Partitioning III

- **Problem:** Split string into k substrings with minimum changes to make all palindromes.
- **Input:** $s = \text{"abc"} , k = 2$
- **Output:** 1
- **Explanation:** DP on substring + partition.

98. Max Sum of Rectangle with No Larger Than K II

- **Problem:** 2D matrix $\max \text{sum} \leq k$.
- **Input:** $\text{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} , k = 3$
- **Output:** 3
- **Explanation:** Use 1D reduction + BST prefix sum.

99. Minimum Cost to Cut Stick

- **Problem:** Given stick length and cut positions, find min cost to cut stick.
- **Input:** $\text{length} = 7 , \text{cuts} = [1, 3, 4, 5]$
- **Output:** 16
- **Explanation:** DP with interval splitting.

100. Cheapest Path in Weighted Grid

- **Problem:** Find min cost path from top-left to bottom-right with weighted grid.
- **Input:** $\text{grid} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- **Output:** 7
- **Explanation:** DP or Dijkstra to find min path sum.