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Tuesday, January 21st, 2014

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More than 1800 coders participated in SRM 605 , a problem set by **Witaliy**. A match with interesting ad hoc and dynamic programming problems. In division 1, the coders were greeted by a problem that required coders to be crafty in implementation or spend too much time coding. **semiexp** found a way to code some not-so simple code in just few minutes and got the fastest score. The second problem was the interesting dynamic programming one that required care and analysis to be implemented correctly. **yeputons** got the best score in mere 13 minutes. The hard problem was mostly about decomposing a problem into simple properties and was solved by only 6 coders of which, **semiexp**, got the best score (that's two speed records in a single match). Not content with dominating the problem scores, **semiexp** also got 50 challenge points to magnify the lead over second place: **Nerevar**. Also breaking the 1000 points barrier: **VARtem** got the third place.

The Problems
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Used as: Division One - Level Two:

| | |
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| Value | 450 |
| Submission Rate | 119 / 662 (17.98%) |
| Success Rate | 84 / 119 (70.59%) |
| High Score | yeputons for 376.51 points (13 mins 5 secs) |
| Average Score | 242.78 (for 84 correct submissions) |

The [Division 2 version of the problem](#) is very similar to this one. The only difference is that the division 2 version asks for the difference between $A[i]$ and $B[i]$ to be at most K , whilst the division 1 version wants the difference to be at least K .

This difference makes the problem slightly more complicated, but nothing big.

Good integers

Assume we add integers in decreasing order from $n = 2N$ to $n = 1$. So for $N = 4$, $K = 2$ we start with $n = 8$. Consider that the sets are sorted, there are two options: we can add n to the right-most position of A or B , pick to add n to A

A=???8
B=????

Now we should add $n = 7$. Since $K = 2$, we cannot add n to B , because the difference between 7 and 8 is not enough. So we are forced to add it to A :

A=??78
B=????

We are finally able to add $n = 6$ to B , or we can add it to A if we like.

The same optimizations that were used in the division 2 version come into play. The symmetry makes it so that we can always assume that the set with *unmatched* integers is \hat{A} and we should ignore all integers that were already matched.

So it is all about the unmatched set \hat{A} . This set will have many elements. This time it can have integers greater than $n + K$. The important observation is, however, that we do not really need to differentiate between those integers that are *at least* $n + K$. Once an integer becomes at least $n + K$, that is all we need to know about it. In other words:

A=5678
B=??34

And:

A=4578
B=??36

Should have the same result, because the remaining numbers to add are $n = 1$ and $n = 2$, 4, 5 and 6 are all greater than or equal to 4.

From this, we can represent the set of unmatched integers \hat{A} with two parameters:

- g : The number of *good* integers. Integers that are free to match. Integers that are at least $n + K$.
- s : The set of integers between $n + 1$ and $n + K - 1$ that are in \hat{A} .

There are at most 2^{K-1} possible values for s and $O(N)$ values for g . This means that there are $O(2^{K-1} \cdot N^2)$ states. The rest is to simply implement dynamic programming using the same strategy as in the division 2 version.

Code

Using bit masks in c++. This time we should make sure that whenever the new set contains $n + K - 1$, that element should be removed from the set and g incremented.

```

static const int MOD = 1000000007, MAX_N = 50, MAX_K = 10;
int K;

int dp[2*MAX_N + 1][2*MAX_N + 1][ 1 << (MAX_K-1) ];

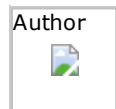
long rec(int n, int g, int mask)
{
    long res = dp[n][g][mask];
    if (res == -1) {
        res = 0;
        if (n == 0) {
            res = ( (g == 0) && (mask == 0) ) ? 1 : 0 ;
        } else if ( (mask == 0) && (g == 0) ) {
            // can put n in either of the sets.
            if (K == 1) {
                // In this case, even this element is going to be "good"
                res = 2 * rec(n - 1, 1, 0);
            } else {
                // Add to the set, it will be element 0
                res = 2 * rec(n - 1, 0, 1);
            }
        } else {
            if (g > 0) {
                // match with a good one
                int nmask = (mask << 1); //shift right
                int ng = g - 1;
                if (nmask & (1 << (K-1) ) ) {
                    // The (K-1)-th element becomes a good one
                    nmask ^= (1 << (K-1) );
                    ng ++;
                }
                res = rec(n - 1, ng, nmask );
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Alternative solutions and additional comments.

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Next problem: [AlienAndPermutation](#)



By **vexorian**

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Posted by vexorian at [Jan 23, 2014 00:29](#) | [Reply To This](#)

AlienAndSetDiv1: "Once a integer..." should be "Once an integer...".

 Posted by johnathan79717 at [Jan 23, 2014 01:20](#) | [Reply To This](#)


int the problem AlienAndSetDiv2
 int the c++ solution(use map)
 is "indent" means nothing(it seems you didnt use it)?
 thx~

 Posted by ray007great at [Jan 23, 2014 12:59](#) | [Reply To This](#)

It was used for debugging and forgot to remove it.

 Posted by vexorian at [Jan 23, 2014 14:29](#) | [Reply To This](#)

For Division Two - Level One (AlienAndPassword), how can qzpm5n, #1 on this level, complete everything in (0 mins 8 secs)? 8 seconds is not enough for me even to complete reading the question statement. Any magic?

 Posted by bjiang78 at [Jan 23, 2014 13:42](#) | [Reply To This](#)

One possibility is the use of multiple accounts. Using one account read the problem and get the solution. Using another account compile and submit it.

 Posted by sushilpandey at [Jan 29, 2014 02:01](#) | [Reply To This](#)

nice solution explaintion!

 Posted by ray007great at [Jan 23, 2014 23:03](#) | [Reply To This](#)

```
One liner in c++
int getNumber(string S) {
return std::unique(S.begin(), S.end()) - S.begin();
}
```

 Posted by jitendra_theta at [Jan 24, 2014 01:57](#) | [Reply To This](#)


please explain it also + the complexity ...

 Posted by kavish_mnnit at [Jan 26, 2014 10:01](#) | [Reply To This](#)

AlienAndSetDiv1

can be solved as $C(2N, N) - \text{AlienAndSetDiv2}(K-1)$



 Posted by vlad_d at [Jan 24, 2014 13:35](#) | [Reply To This](#)

AlienAndSetDiv2

You say that "The set for n contains numbers from n+1 to n+K , inclusive.", That's not

true right?

Because in your own example, 6 is not present in the set which contains 7 and 8?!

 Posted by vishwasrao at [Jan 24, 2014 15:25](#) | [Reply To This](#)

Interpret as: May contain only numbers from $n+1$ to $n+K$.

 Posted by vexorian at [Jan 24, 2014 15:31](#) | [Reply To This](#)

AlienAndGame - $O(W*H)$ Solution

```
int getNumber(vector <string> board)
{
    int res = 0, dp[2][64][64];
    for (int i = 0; i < board.size(); i++)
        for (int j = 0; j < board[i].size(); j++)
            dp[0][i][j] = dp[1][i][j] = 0;
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < board.size(); i++)
        if (i == 0)
        {
            for (int j = 0; j < board[i].size(); j++)
```

Unknown macro: { if (board[i][j] == 'W') dp[0][i][j] = 1; else dp[0][i][j] = 0; dp[1][i][j] = !dp[0][i][j]; }

```
    }
    else
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < board[i].size(); j++)
        {
            for (int k1 = 0; k1 < 2; k1++)
            {
                int a = j==0?0:dp[k1][i-1][j-1],
                    b = dp[k1][i-1][j],
                    c = j==0?0:dp[0][i][j-1],
                    c2 = j==0?0:dp[1][i][j-1];
                if (board[i][j] == 'W')
```

Unknown macro: { dp[0][i][j] = 1 + min(a, min(b, c)); dp[1][i][j] = 0; }

else

Unknown macro: { dp[0][i][j] = 0; dp[1][i][j] = 1 + min(a, min(b, c2)); }

```
    }
    }
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < board.size(); i++)
    for (int j = 0; j < board[i].size(); j++)
        res = max(res, max(dp[0][i][j], dp[1][i][j]));
return res*res;
}
```

 Posted by thebvog at [Jan 27, 2014 04:08](#) | [Reply To This](#)

Hi , I was trying to code AlienAndGame which passed on sample test cases but failed on system test cases. please let me know if i have a done a logical mistake.

I will call GetMaxSquare(r,c) in the main function

```

int GetMaxSquare(int i,int j,vector<string> &board)
{
    if(i == 0 || j == 0)
        return 1;

    if((board[i][j] == board[i][j-1]) && (board[i-1][j-1] == board[i-1][j]))

    Unknown macro: { int size = GetMaxSquare(i,j-1,board); size=
    min(min(size,GetMaxSquare(i-1,j,board)),GetMaxSquare(i-1,j-1,board)); maximum
    =max(maximum,size+1); return size+1; }

    else
        return 1;
    }
    finally return maximum * maximum ;

```

 Posted by fusionreborn at [Jan 28, 2014 14:59](#) | [Reply To This](#)

awesome editorial..first time, I read editorial on topcoder. I learned a lot of things.
thanks man 😊

 Posted by anup1pma at [Jan 29, 2014 12:20](#) | [Reply To This](#)

o(wh) solution

```

public : int getNumber(vector<string>b)
{
    int m=b.size();
    int n=b[0].size();
    int a[m][n];
    for(int i=0;i<m;i++) a[i][0]=1;
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++) a[0][i]=1;
    int ans=1;
    for(int i=1;i<m;i++)
    {
        for(int j=1;j<n;j++)
        {
            if(b[i][j]==b[i][j-1] && b[i-1][j]==b[i-1][j-1])

            Unknown macro: { int temp; if(a[i][j-1]==a[i-1][j]&& a[i][j-1]==a[i-1][j-1])temp=sqrt(a[i][j-1])+1;
            else temp=sqrt(min(a[i][j-1],min(a[i-1][j-1],a[i-1][j])))+1; a[i][j]=temp*temp; }

            else a[i][j]=1;
            if(a[i][j]>=ans) ans=a[i][j];
            // cout<<i<<"\t"<<j<<"\t"<<a[i][j]<<endl;
        }
    }
    return ans;
}

```

 Posted by taree.earth at [Jan 30, 2014 02:38](#) | [Reply To This](#)

I got a $O(K^2 * N)$ solution: in C++

```

typedef long long ll;

using namespace std;

```

```

template<ll mod = 1000000007, ll maxn = 100>
struct NCM
{
private:
ll fac[maxn + 1];
ll inv[maxn + 1];
ll nCm[(maxn + 1) * (maxn + 1)];
public:
NCM()
{
fac[0] = inv[0] = 1LL;
for (int i = 1; i < maxn; ++i)

Unknown macro: { fac[i] = fac[i - 1] * i % mod; inv[i] = powMod(fac[i], mod - 2); }

for(int i = 1; i <= maxn; ++i)
{
for(int j = 0; j <= maxn; ++j)

Unknown macro: { nCm[i * (maxn + 1) + j] = fac[i] * inv[j] % mod * inv[i - j] % mod; }

}
}

ll operator()(int n, int m)

Unknown macro: { return nCm[n * (maxn + 1) + m]; }

private:
ll powMod(ll a, ll b)
{
ll ret = 1LL;
while (b > 0)

Unknown macro: { if ((b & 1) > 0) ret = ret * a % mod; a = a * a % mod; b >>= 1; }

return ret;
}
};

template<ll mode = 1000000007>
struct Multi
{
public:
ll operator()(ll a, ll b)
{
int ret=0;
for(a%=mode,b%=mode; b > 0; a =(a<<1)%mode,b>>=1)
{
if (b&1)

Unknown macro: { ret = (ret + a)%mode; }

}
return ret;
}
};

class AlienAndSetDiv2
{
public:
int getNumber(int N, int K)
{

```

```

static Multi<> multi;
static NCM<> nCm;

int C[51][51] =

Unknown macro: {0}

; // C[N][K], Counting permutation with |Ai - Bi| equals K (== only, < excluded).
int S[51][51] =

; // S[N][K] = C[N][1] + C[N][2] + ... + C[N][K]
memset(C, 0, 51 * 51 * sizeof(int));
memset(S, 0, 51 * 51 * sizeof(int));

// Think about S[N][K] (N = 1, 2, ... ) with N == K, the permutations with |Ai - Bi| <=
K will be either of the below two forms:
// 1 a2 a3 ... N , 1 < a2 < a3 < ... < N
// b1 b2 b3 ... bn , b1 < b2 < ... < bN
// or
// 1 a2 a3 ... an, 1 < a2 < a3 < an
// b1 b2 b3 ... N, b1 < b2 < b3 < bn.
// and please note the set A and B could be switched to each other,
// so there's a formula to calculate the total number of permutations with |Ai - Bi| <=
K
// S[N][N] = 2 * (nCm(2 * N - 2, N - 1) + nCm(2 * N - 2, N)).

for(int n = 1; n <= N; ++n)
{
    if(n == 1)

Unknown macro: { S[n][n] = 2; }

else

Unknown macro: { S[n][n] = 2 * nCm(2 * n - 2, n - 1) + 2 * nCm(2 * n - 2, n); }

}

for(int n = 1; n <= N; ++n)
{
    for(int k = 1; k <= n && k <= K; ++k)
    {
        // if k == n, calculate C[n][n] using S[n][n] computed above.
        // C[n][n] = S[n][n] - S[n][n - 1]

        if(k == n)

Unknown macro: { C[n][k] = S[n][n] - S[n][n - 1]; }

        else // C[n][k] = C[1][1] * C[n - 1][k] + C[2][2] * C[n - 2][k] + ... + C[k][k] *
sum(C[n - k][1], C[n - k][2], ..., C[n - k][k])
        {
            for(int i = 1; i <= k; ++i)

Unknown macro: { C[n][k] += multi(C[i][i], (i < k ? C[n - i][k] )

S[n][k] = S[n][k - 1] + C[n][k];
}
}
}

return S[N][K];
}

```



```
};
```



Posted by wadewu at [Feb 04, 2014 15:39](#) | [Reply To This](#)



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