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**ADA**  
**Project 1 Report**  
Game of Beans

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## Problem Resolution

Number of piles:  $1 \leq P \leq 200$

Game depth:  $1 \leq D \leq \min(P, 10)$

Size of the  $i^{th}$  pile:  $(-100 \leq s_i \leq -1) \vee (1 \leq s_i \leq 100)$ , for every  $i = 0, 1, \dots, P-1$

$$score(i, j) = \sum_{k=i}^j (s_k)$$

This function returns the score obtainable for the sequence  $s_i \dots s_j$ .

For example, in the given sequence 2 6 -1 3, it would return  $2+6+(-1)+3=10$ .

$pieton(i, j)$  : function which calculates Pieton's choice in the given  $i, \dots, j$  sequence of piles and returns the remaining sequence after his choice in the form  $(i, j)$ .

For example, in the given sequence 2 6 -1 3, one considers 2 to correspond to index 0 and the last pile of beans, with 3 beans, corresponds to index 3. With depth 1, the result of  $pieton(0, 3)$  would be  $(0, 2)$  representing the subsequence 2 6 -1, for he chooses the rightmost pile.

$$\mathcal{J}(i, j, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & (i = j \wedge p = Pieton) \vee \text{no piles} \\ s_i & i = j \wedge p = Jaba \\ \max(\max_{0 \leq k < D} (score(i, i+k) + \mathcal{J}(i+k+1, j, Pieton)), & \\ \quad \max_{0 \leq k < D} (score(j-k, j) + \mathcal{J}(i, j-k-1, Pieton)) & j > i \wedge p = Jaba \\ \mathcal{J}(pieton(i, j), Jaba) & j > i \wedge p = Pieton \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{J}(i, j, p)$  denotes Jaba's score with the sequence  $s_i, s_{i+1}, \dots, s_{j-1}, s_j$  with  $(0 \leq i \leq P-1 \wedge i \leq j \leq P-1)$  and  $p \in \{Jaba, Pieton\}$ , representing the current player.

## Temporal Complexity

Populating scores' matrix:

Populating Pieton's matrix:

First loop (Base Case):

Second loop (General Case)\*:

$$\begin{aligned} & O(P^2) \\ & O(2 * D * P^3) \equiv O(P^3)^* \\ & \Theta(P) \\ & O(2 * D * P^2) \equiv O(P^3)^* \\ & O(P^2 + P^2 + P + P^3) \equiv O(P^3)^* \end{aligned}$$

\* For  $D \approx P$ ,  $D * P^2$  results in a worst case complexity of  $O(P^3)$ . For each iteration, we must, in the worst case, go through every pile in the sequence.

For  $D$  much smaller than  $P$  ( $D \ll P$ ), however,  $D$  can be ignored, resulting in  $O(P^2)$  complexity across the program.

## Spatial Complexity

### \* **Score**

At first one creates a  $P \times P$  matrix to save the scores, for each entry  $(i,j)$ , representing the subsequence  $s_i \dots s_j$ , one will save  $\text{score}(i,j)$ .<sup>a</sup>  
 $= \Theta(P^2)$

### \* **Pieton**

A  $P \times P \times 2$  matrix to save Pieton's choices, for each entry  $(i,j)$ , corresponding to the subsequence  $s_i \dots s_j$ , one will save  $[k,w]$  representing the subsequence  $s_k \dots s_w$  Pieton chose.<sup>b</sup>  
 $= \Theta(2P^2) \equiv \Theta(P^2)$

### \* **Jaba**

At last, one creates a  $P \times P$  matrix where each entry  $(i,j)$  keeps Jaba's score for the subsequence  $s_i \dots s_j$ .<sup>b</sup>  
 $= \Theta(P^2)$

$$= \Theta(P^2 + P^2 + P^2) \equiv \Theta(P^2)$$

<sup>a</sup>. As seen in the first line of **populateScores()**, in Code Annex (page 6).

<sup>b</sup>. Initialized in the first lines of **computeScore()**, in Code Annex (page 6).

## Conclusion

### \* **Strong Aspects:**

Repeated calculations were avoided by storing values in matrices.

### \* **Weak Aspects:**

Two of the main matrices aren't totally filled, nearly half of the slots are empty (filled with 0).

### \* **Alternatives Studied:**

Attempted mapping the diagonals onto rows, leading to complicated logic and confusing code.

Initial solution didn't store previously calculated scores, leading to unnecessary calculations, i.e. for a  $P$  sized pile,  $P \times P$  calls are required to fill the scores' matrix and the program did approximately  $10P^2$  calculations.

### \* **Improvements:**

Better use of the memory allocated for the matrices.

Improve locality of reference (avoid filling the tables diagonally).

# Code Annex

## Main.java

```
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;

public class Main {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        BufferedReader input = new BufferedReader(new
            InputStreamReader(System.in));

        int testCases = Integer.parseInt(input.readLine());

        for (int i = 0; i < testCases; i++) {
            solveTestCase(input);
        }

        input.close();
    }

    public static void solveTestCase(BufferedReader input) throws IOException {
        String[] tokens = input.readLine().split(" ");
        int nPiles = Integer.parseInt(tokens[0]);
        int gameDepth = Integer.parseInt(tokens[1]);

        String[] pileInput = input.readLine().split(" ");
        int[] pile = new int[nPiles];

        for (int i = 0; i < pileInput.length; i++) {
            pile[i] = Integer.parseInt(pileInput[i]);
        }

        String firstPlayer = input.readLine();

        GameOfBeans game = new GameOfBeans(pile, gameDepth, firstPlayer);

        System.out.println(game.computeScore());
    }
}
```

## GameOfBeans.java

```
public class GameOfBeans {

    private int gameDepth;
    private boolean isJabaFirst;
    private int[] [] scores;
    private int BEGIN;
    private int END;

    public GameOfBeans(int[] pile, int gameDepth, String firstPlayer) {
        this.gameDepth = gameDepth;
        this.isJabaFirst = firstPlayer.equals("Jaba");
        this.BEGIN = 0;
        this.END = pile.length;
        populateScores(pile);
    }

    private int[] Pieton(int i, int j) {
        int max = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
        int[] indices = new int[2];

        // Left-side
        for (int d = 0; d < this.gameDepth && i + d <= j; d++) {
            int choice = this.scores[i][i + d];
            if (choice > max) {
                indices[0] = i;
                indices[1] = i + d;
                max = choice;
            }
        }

        // Right-side
        for (int d = 0; d < this.gameDepth && i + d <= j; d++) {
            int choice = this.scores[j - d][j];
            if (choice > max) {
                indices[0] = j - d;
                indices[1] = j;
                max = choice;
            }
        }

        return indices;
    }

    private void populatePieton(int[] [] [] pieton) {
        for (int i = 0; i < this.END; i++) {
            for (int j = i; j < this.END; j++) {
                pieton[i][j] = this.Pieton(i, j);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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private int[] computeRemainingPile(int left_bound, int right_bound, int[][][]
    pieton) {

    int[] indices = pieton[left_bound][right_bound];

    // Pieton chose from the left
    if (left_bound == indices[0]) {
        if (indices[1] + 1 > right_bound) return null;
        return new int[]{indices[1] + 1, right_bound};
    }
    // Pieton chose from the right
    else {
        if (left_bound > indices[0] - 1) return null;
        return new int[]{left_bound, indices[0] - 1};
    }
}

private void populateScores(int[] pile) {
    this.scores = new int[pile.length][pile.length];

    for (int i = this.BEGIN; i < this.END; i++) {
        int score = 0;
        for (int j = i; j < this.END; j++) {
            score += pile[j];
            this.scores[i][j] = score;
        }
    }
}

public int computeScore() {

    int[][][] pieton = new int[this.END][this.END][2];
    int[][] jaba = new int[this.END][this.END];

    // Populate Pieton's matrix
    this.populatePieton(pieton);

    // If Pieton moves first we need to find his move
    if (!this.isJabaFirst) {
        int[] pietonChoice = pieton[0][this.END - 1];

        if (pietonChoice[0] == 0) {
            this.BEGIN = pietonChoice[1] + 1;
        } else {
            this.END = pietonChoice[0];
        }

        if (this.BEGIN >= this.END) {
            return 0;
        }
    }
}

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// Fill first diagonal with the pile values
for (int i = this.BEGIN; i < this.END; i++) {
    jaba[i][i] = this.scores[i][i];
}

int max;
int score;

// Run through the matrix diagonally
for (int difference = 1; difference < this.END; difference++) {
    for (int i = this.BEGIN; i < this.END - difference; i++) {
        int j = i + difference;

        max = Integer.MIN_VALUE;

        // Left-side
        for (int d = 0; d < this.gameDepth && i + d <= j; d++) {
            score = this.scores[i][i + d];

            // remainingPile is null if it's empty
            int[] remainingPile = null;
            if (i + d != j) remainingPile = this.computeRemainingPile(i +
                d + 1, j, pieton);
            score += (remainingPile == null) ? 0 :
                jaba[remainingPile[0]][remainingPile[1]];

            max = Math.max(max, score);
        }

        // Right-side
        for (int d = 0; d < this.gameDepth && i + d <= j; d++) {
            score = this.scores[j - d][j];

            // remainingPile is null if it's empty
            int[] remainingPile = null;
            if (i != j - d) remainingPile = this.computeRemainingPile(i, j
                - d - 1, pieton);

            score += (remainingPile == null) ? 0 :
                jaba[remainingPile[0]][remainingPile[1]];

            max = Math.max(max, score);
        }

        jaba[i][j] = max;
    }
}

return jaba[this.BEGIN][this.END - 1];
}
}

```