

Codeforces 1166E (2100)

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§1 Solution

§1.1 Explanation

Lemma 1.1

Consider two sets of natural numbers A_1 and A_2 . If A_1 is a subset of A_2 , then

$$\text{lcm}(A_1) \leq \text{lcm}(A_2)$$

Proof. Immediately follows by induction on the size of the set. □

Lemma 1.2

Suppose the set of indices of shops dora visits are

$$D_1, D_2, \dots, D_m$$

If the problem condition is true, then for any $i \neq j$ we can never have,

$$D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset$$

Proof. Suppose the set of indices of shops that swiper visits are

$$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$$

Since for any i , we have that D_i and S_i are disjoint partitions of the set of shops. Hence, if $D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset$ then $D_j \subseteq S_i$. This implies,

$$\text{lcm}(S_j) < \text{lcm}(D_j) \leq \text{lcm}(S_i) < \text{lcm}(D_i)$$

But $D_j \subseteq S_i \implies D_i \subseteq S_j \implies \text{lcm}(D_i) \leq \text{lcm}(S_j)$, contradicting the problem statement. □

¶ **Back to the Problem** Now we show that the above condition is the only sufficient condition for the problem condition to hold true. Consider m distinct primes

$$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$$

and define a_i as the product

$$a_i = \prod_{j \in D} p_j$$

where D is the set of days on which dora visits the i th store. Consider the i th day. Suppose D_i is the set of stores that dora visits and S_i is the store that swiper visits. Then we have p_i does not divide $\text{lcm}(S_i)$ because dora doesn't visit these stores on the i th day. However, for any j we will always have p_j divides $\text{lcm}(D_i)$ because $D_i \cap D_j \neq \emptyset$. Hence $\text{lcm}(D_i) > \text{lcm}(S_i)$.

§1.2 Code

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1 void solve() {
2     ll m, n;
3     std::cin >> m >> n;
4
5     // 1. inputs
6     std::vector<ll> a[m + 1];
7     for (ll i = 1; i <= m; i++) {
8         ll x;
9         std::cin >> x;
10
11         for (ll j = 1; j <= x; j++) {
12             ll y;
13             std::cin >> y;
14
15             a[i].push_back(y);
16         }
17     }
18
19     // 2. O(nm^2) algorithm to check every D_i, D_j have non-empty intersection
20     bool ans = true;
21     for (ll i = 1; i <= m; i++) {
22         for (ll j = i + 1; j <= m; j++) {
23             std::vector<ll> val(n + 1);
24
25             for (auto u: a[i]) {
26                 val[u]++;
27             }
28
29             for (auto u: a[j]) {
30                 val[u]++;
31             }
32
33             bool check = false;
34             for (ll k = 1; k <= n; k++) {
35                 if (val[k] == 2) {
36                     check = true;
37                 }
38             }
39
40             if (!check) {

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41         ans = false;
42     }
43 }
44 }
45
46 if (ans) {
47     std::cout << "possible\n";
48 } else {
49     std::cout << "impossible\n";
50 }
51 }
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