

# MINIMUM DAYS TO MAKE M BOUQUETS

★ In this problem, we are given an array of integers of size  $N$  which contains the date on which  $i^{\text{th}}$  flower will bloom. We are also given two integers  $m$  and  $K$  and we are supposed to return the minimum number of days it would take to make  $m$  bouquets with  $K$  adjacent flowers within them.

Eg : [ 7   7   7   7   13   11   12   7 ]

On 7<sup>th</sup> Day   ✓   ✓   ✓   ✓   ✗   ✗   ✗   ✓

On 12<sup>th</sup> Day   ✓   ✓   ✓   ✓   ✗   ✓   ✓   ✓

If  $m * K > N$ , we return  $-1$  as getting  $m$  bouquets of  $K$  flowers each is not possible.

Brute force solution is to iterate through each element from minimum to maximum, then at each step we check if we got adjacent  $K$  flowers that bloomed.

In the optimal solution, we can turn this into a binary search

Pseudocode

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possibility(arr, N, m, K, day) {
    c = 0, n = 0
    for (i = 0 → N) {
        if (arr[i] <= day) {
            c++
        } else {
            n++ = c / K
            c = 0
        }
    }
    n++ = c / K
    if (n > m) return true
    else return false
}

minimumDays(arr, N, m, K) {
    mini, maxi = 0, 0
    for (i = 0 → N) {
        if (arr[i] < mini) {
            mini = arr[i]
        }
        if (arr[i] > maxi) {
            maxi = arr[i]
        }
    }
}
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minDays = INT_MIN
while (mini <= maxi) {
    mid = (mini + maxi) / 2
    days = possibility(arr, N, M, K, mid)
    if (days == true && mid < minDays) {
        minDays = mid
        maxi = mid - 1
    } else {
        mini = mid + 1
    }
}
return minDays
}

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