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Wednesday

* Merge K sorted Arrays - Difficulty level: Moderate

I/P - arr[][] = { { 1, 3, 5 }, { 2, 4, 6 }, { 0, 7, 8, 9 } } ;
K = 3

O/P - [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

Approach -

= Create a min-heap with first element of all K arrays. Because smallest element yhi K arrays ke first element me se koi ek hogा.

= While the min heap is not empty, fetch the top element of min heap.

= Pop it.

= Push that element in final ans.

= Push the element next to top element in min heap if there's it is.

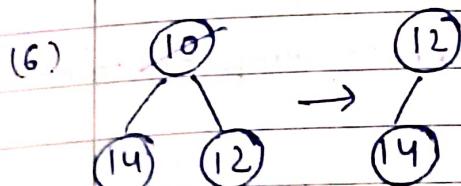
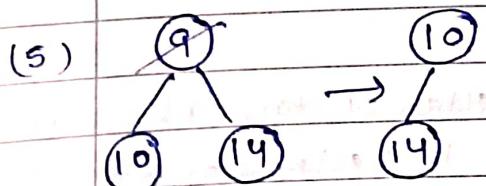
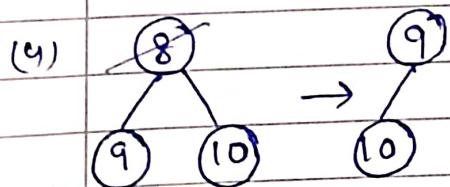
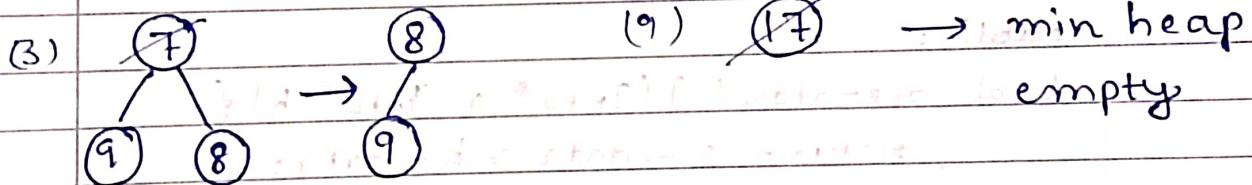
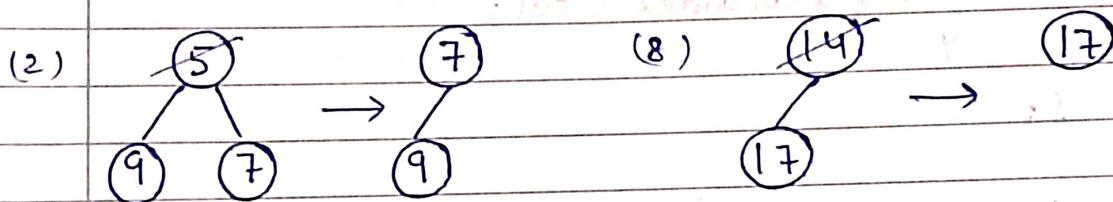
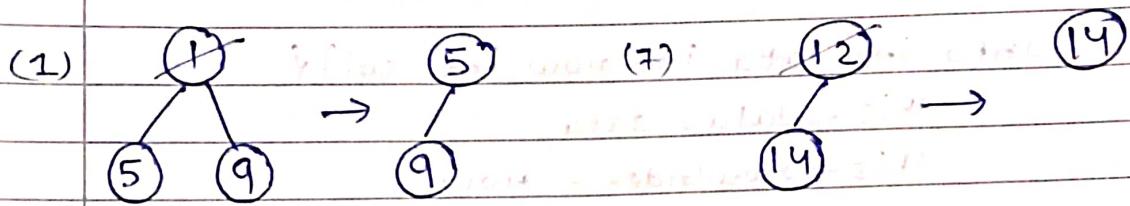
Note -

Jis array me seek element min heap se pop out hua hai, usi array ke next element ko min heap mei daalna hai.

Uske liye, hume just element ka row and column index pta hona caahiye. That's why hum khud ka custom data type create krenge.

	0	1	2
Let - 0	9	12	17
1	1	7	10
2	5	8	14

O/P - [1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17]



Code -

```
class Info {
```

```
public:
```

```
int data;
```

```
int rowIndex;
```

```
int colIndex;
```

```
Info(int data, int row, int col) {
```

```
    this->data = data;
```

```
    this->rowIndex = row;
```

```
    this->colIndex = col;
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

```
class compare {
```

```
public:
```

```
bool operator()(Info* a, Info* b) {
```

```
    return a->data > b->data;
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

```
class Solution {
```

```
public:
```

```
Info mergeKSortedArrays(vector<vector<int>>& arr,
```

```
int k, vector<int>& ans)
```

```
{
```

```
priority_queue<Info*, vector<Info*>, compare> minHeap;
```

// Push first k elements in min heap

```
for (int row=0; row<k; row++) {  
    int element = arr[row][0];  
    Info* temp = new Info(element, row, 0);  
    minHeap.push(temp);  
}
```

// Process rest of the elements

```
while (!minHeap.empty()) {  
    Info* temp = minHeap.top();  
    minHeap.pop();
```

```
    int topData = temp->data;  
    int topRow = temp->RowIndex;  
    int topCol = temp->ColIndex;
```

```
    ans.push_back(topData);
```

```
    if (topCol + 1 < arr[topRow].size()) {
```

```
        Info* next = new Info(arr[topRow][topCol + 1],  
                               topRow, topCol + 1);
```

```
        minHeap.push(next);
```

```
}
```

```
vector<int> mergeKArrays (vector<vector<int>>arr, int k)
```

```
{
```

```
    vector<int> ans;
```

```
    mergeKSortedArrays (arr, k, ans);
```

```
    return ans;
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

* Comparator

for min Heap -

```
class compare{  
public:
```

```
    bool operator()(T a, T b){  
        return a > b;  
    }  
};
```

for max Heap -

```
class compare{  
public:
```

```
    bool operator()(T a, T b){  
        if(a < b) return a < b; if(a == b)  
            if(a > b) return a > b; else  
                return a < b;  
    }  
};
```

Here, T is the data type.

= We need custom comparator here in priority queue so that we can compare custom data types by writing our own comparator.

* Merge K sorted lists

Given an array of k linked lists, each linked list is sorted in ascending order.

Merge all the linked lists into one sorted linked list and return it.

I/P - lists = [[1, 4, 5], [1, 3, 4], [2, 6]]

O/P - [1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6]

Here, lists vector contains head of every linked list.

Approach -

= Process first K elements i.e. first element of given k linked lists. Insert them in min heap. Push karte time check kr lema khi linked list empty to nhi.

= create new linked list for output.

= while the min heap is not empty, fetch top element of min heap.

Pop it. If it is first node of output linked list, then
head = topNode; tail = topNode;

If it is any node other than first, then -

tail → next = topNode; tail = topNode;

Agr us particular LL mei tail → next non-null hai
to use heap mei push kro.

= Return head of output linked list.

Note - Jis LL mei se element pop hua hai, usi LL ke next element ko insert karna hai. Uske liye hume vo element or uska address pta hona caahiye or LL ki har node ye dono data store kerti hai. That's why koi custom data type bnaane ki need nahi hai.

Code -

```
class compare {
public:
    bool operator()(listNode* a, listNode* b) {
        return a->val > b->val;
    }
};
```

```
class Solution {
public:
```

```
listNode* mergeklists (vector<listNode*> &lists) {
    priority_queue<listNode*, vector<listNode*>, compare> minHeap;
    // Push first k elements in min heap
    for (int i = 0; i < lists.size(); i++) {
        listNode* listHead = lists[i];
        if (listHead) minHeap.push (listHead);
    }
    // creating new LL
    listNode* head = NULL;
    listNode* tail = NULL;
    // Process rest of the elements
    while (!minHeap.empty ()) {
        listNode* topNode = minHeap.top ();
        minHeap.pop ();
        if (tail == NULL)
            head = tail = topNode;
        else
            tail->next = topNode;
        tail = topNode;
    }
}
```

```
if (!head) {  
    head = topNode;  
    tail = topNode;  
}  
else {  
    tail->next = topNode;  
    tail = topNode;  
}  
if (tail->next) minHeap.push(tail->next);  
}  
return head;  
};
```

- * Smallest range covering elements from k lists -

You have k lists of sorted integers in non-decreasing order. Find the smallest range that includes at least one number from each of the k lists.

I/P - nums = $[[4, 10, 15, 24, 26], [0, 9, 12, 20], [5, 18, 22, 30]]$

O/P - $[20, 24]$

Approach -

= Push first K elements i.e. first element of k lists in min heap. Track minimum and maximum.

= Process rest of the elements. While min heap is not empty, fetch the top. Pop it.

Check kisi kya nyi range chotti hai pehle wali range se. If yes, then update kardo. Now, push the rest of elements if they are in bound.

- Push karte time check kr lena kisi maximum element to update ni hoga. If yes, then update it.

Note - Agr k lists me se koi ek bhi lists khtm ho jaye, then loop se bahr aa jao because range me har list ka atleast one element hona caahiye.

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$$\text{nums} = 4, 10, 15, 24, 26 \rightarrow L1$$

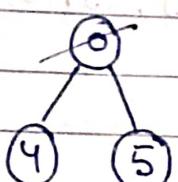
$$0, 9, 12, 20 \rightarrow L2$$

$$5, 18, 22, 30 \rightarrow L3$$

Possible Different ranges $(L, R) = (0, 5); (4, 9); (5, 10);$
 $(9, 18); (10, 18); (12, 18);$
 $(15, 20); (18, 24); (20, 24)$

Smallest Range = [20, 24]

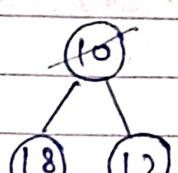
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$$L = 0$$

$$R = 5$$

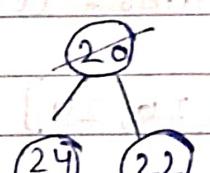
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$$L = 10$$

$$R = 18$$

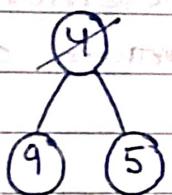
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$$L = 20$$

$$R = 24$$

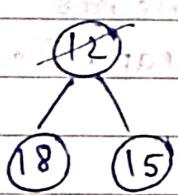
(2)



$$L = 4$$

$$R = 9$$

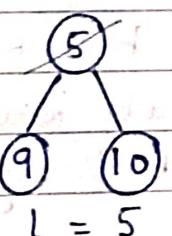
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$$L = 12$$

$$R = 18$$

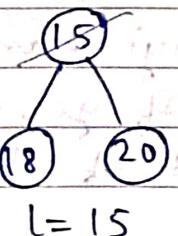
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$$L = 5$$

$$R = 10$$

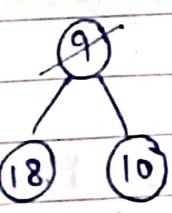
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$$L = 15$$

$$R = 20$$

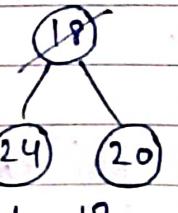
(4)



$$L = 9$$

$$R = 18$$

(8)



$$L = 18$$

$$R = 24$$

Code - class Info{

public:

int data;

int rowIndex;

int colIndex;

Info(int data, int row, int col){

this->data = data;

this->rowIndex = row;

this->colIndex = col;

}

};

class compare{

public:

bool operator()(Info*a, Info*b){

return a->data > b->data;

}

};

class Solution{

public:

vector<int>smallestRange(vector<vector<int>> &nums)

{

priority_queue<Info*, vector<Info*>, compare> minHeap;

int mini = INT_MAX;

int maxi = INT_MIN;

```
// process first k elements
for (int i=0; i<nums.size(); i++){
    int element = nums[i][0];
    Info* temp = new Info(element, i, 0);
    minHeap.push(temp);
    mini = min(mini, element);
    maxi = max(maxi, element);
}
```

```
// store first range
```

```
int ansStart = mini;
int ansEnd = maxi;
```

```
while (!minHeap.empty()){
    Info* topNode = minHeap.top();
    minHeap.pop();
    int topData = topNode->data;
    int topRow = topNode->rowIndex;
    int topCol = topNode->colIndex;

    mini = topNode->data;
```

```
// check kyo kya new range chotti hai purani
```

```
// wali range se
```

```
if ((maxi-mini) < (ansEnd - ansStart)){
    // update kendo range ko
    ansStart = mini;
    ansEnd = maxi;
}
```

```
if (topCol + 1 < nums[topRow].size()) {
    int newElement = nums[topRow][topCol + 1];
    // maxi ko update kardo
    maxi = max(maxi, newElement);
    Info *newInfo = new Info(newElement, topRow,
                             topCol + 1);
    minHeap.push(newInfo);
}
else {
    break;
}

// store final range of ans and return it
vector<int> ans;
ans.push_back(ansStart);
ans.push_back(ansEnd);
return ans;
};
```