**Project 1. Problem Description:** you are given an input array A[1, ..., N]. A grouping of the array A is described by an array G[1, ..., M], where the array A is partitioned into M groups, the 1<sup>st</sup> group consists of the first G[1] elements of array A, the 2<sup>nd</sup> group consists of the next G[2] elements, and so forth. Define array B[1, ..., M] such that B[j] is the summation of the elements in the j-th group of array A. Use a dynamic programming algorithm to find a grouping of array A with M groups such that we maximize the minimum elements of array B.

Part 1. Pseudo codes of your dynamic programming algorithm:

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Max_Min_Grouping(A, N, M){
  create dp
  for i ← 0 to n do
    dp[i][1] ← prefix[i] of A
  for j ← 1 to N do
    for k ← 1 to M do
        for r ← k - 1 to j do
            dp[j][k] ← max(dp[j][k], min(dp[r][k - 1], s[j] - s[r]))
  grouping g ← backtraking(dp)
  return g
}
```

Part 2. Analysis of the running time asymptotically:

The maximum of the minimum value of the respective sum of the prefix [0, i] divided into k segments is dp[j][k], and the maximum of the minimum value of the respective sum of the prefix [0, j] (j < i) divided into k - 1 segments is dp[j][k - 1]. Every parition relies on the previous partition using k to loop 1 parts to M parts. Enumerating all possible k will give the maximum value. Thus we can get:

Time Complexity:  $\Theta(N^2M)$ 

Part 3. Grouping results of several input examples including the one that  $A = \{3,9,7,8,2,6,5,10,1,7,6,4\}$  and M = 3:

## Grouping resluts:

Max Min = 19.

## Part 4. Source codes:

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#include<bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
const int N = 5000;
const int M = 5000;
int dp[N][M];
vector<vector<int>> Max Min Grouping(vector<int> a, int n, int m) {
   vector<int> s, u;
   s.push_back(0);
   u.push_back(a[0]);
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
       s.push_back(s[i] + a[i]);
       u.push_back(min(u[i], a[i]));
   for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
       dp[i][1] = s[i];
   for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
       for (int j = 2; j <= m; j++) {
           if (i < j) break;
           if (i == j) dp[i][j] = u[i];
           else {
               for (int k = j - 1; k < i; k++) {
                   int tu = min(dp[k][j - 1], s[i] - s[k]);
                   dp[i][j] = max(dp[i][j], tu);
   int jq = dp[n][m]; // the Max_Min final result.
   vector<vector<int>>G;
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int qj = 0;
   vector<int>lr;
   for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
       qj += a[i];
       lr.push_back(a[i]);
       if (qj >= jq) {
           G.push_back(lr);
           lr.clear();
           qj = 0;
           if (G.size() == m) {
               i++;
               for (; i < n; ++i)
                   qj += a[i], lr.push_back(a[i]);
               break;
   if (qj) { // Backtracking.
       if (G.size() < m)
           G.push_back(lr);
       else
           G[G.size() - 1] .insert(G[G.size() - 1].end(), lr.begin(),
lr.end());
   }
   return G;
int main() {
   int n, m;
   cin >> n; // Input the size of array A.
   vector<int>r;
   vector<vector<int>> q;
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { // Input A[n] elements.
       int x;
       cin >> x;
       r.push_back(x);
   cin >> m; // Input the grouping number m.
   q = Max_Min_Grouping(r, n, m);
   for (auto i : q) { // Print the grouping result.
       for (auto j : i){4}
           cout << j << " ";
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}
  cout << endl; // Each group is a line of the output.
}
return 0;
}</pre>
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