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1 subset sum

- subset sum problem: does S have subset that sums exactly to T
- partition problem: partition S into two subsets such that $sum(S_1) = sum(S_2)$ (special case of subset sum where $T = \frac{1}{2} \times sum(S)$)

1.1 naive $O(2^n)$ backtracking

```
def isSubsetSum(arr, n, target):
    if target == 0:
        return True
    if n == 0 and target != 0:
        return False

    if arr[n-1] > target:
        return isSubsetSum(arr, n-1, target)

    return isSubsetSum(arr, n-1, target) or isSubsetSum(arr, n-1, target - arr[n-1])
```

1.2 dp $O(n * sum)$ time and space

```
def isSubsetSum(arr, n, target):

    # dp[i][j] = True if you can sum to j using first i elements
    dp = [[False for _ in range(target + 1)] for _ in range(n + 1)]

    # If target is 0, subset sum is True for any set (empty subset).
    for i in range(n + 1):
        dp[i][0] = True

    # Fill the subset table
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        for j in range(1, target + 1):
            if arr[i-1] > j:
                dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j]
            else:
                dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j] or dp[i-1][j - arr[i-1]]

    return dp[n][target]
```

2 Apartment (CSES)

find the number apartments (each valued a_i) assignable to tenants (desired value t_i). all tenants have a tolerance k.

input:
T: [60, 45, 80, 60]
A: [30, 60, 75]
k: 5

2.1 python

```
def assignApartments(n: int, m: int, k: int, A: list[int], T: list[int]):
  sorted_apts = sorted(A)
  sorted_tent = sorted(T)
  res = 0
  i = 0
  j = 0
```

```python
  while (i < n and j < m):
    if A[i] + k <= T[j] or A[i] - k <= T[j]: # if abs(A[i] - T[j]) <= k
      i += 1
      j += 1
      res += 1
    else:
      if A[i] + k > T[j]:
        j += 1
      else:
        i += 1
  return res
```

2.2 c++

```cpp
#include <bits/stdc++.h>

using namespace std;

const int MAX_N = 2e5;

int n, m, k, a[MAX_N], b[MAX_N], ans;

void solve() {
  cin >> n >> m >> k;
  for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) cin >> a[i];
  for (int i = 0; i < m; ++i) cin >> b[i];
  sort(a, a + n);
  sort(b, b + m);
  int i = 0, j = 0;
  while (i < n && j < m) {
    // Found a suitable apartment for the applicant
    if (abs(a[i] - b[j]) <= k) {
      ++i;
      ++j;
      ++ans;
    } else {
      // If the desired apartment size of the applicant is too big,
      // move the apartment pointer to the right to find a bigger one
      if (a[i] - b[j] > k) {
        ++j;
      }
      // If the desired apartment size is too small,
      // skip that applicant and move to the next person
      else {
        ++i;
      }
    }
  }
  cout << ans << "\n";
}

int main() {
  ios_base::sync_with_stdio(false);
  cin.tie(nullptr);
  solve();
  return 0;
}
```

3 Ferris Wheel (CSES)

find the number of gondolas required to fit all children (each weighted p_i). each gondola can fit at most 2 children and can hold at most x

input:
W: [7, 2, 3, 9]
x: 10

```python
def ferrisWheel(n: int, x: int, W: list[int]):
  sorted(W)
  res = 0
  i = 0
  j = n - 1
  in_gondola = [False] * n
  while (i < j):
    if (W[i] + W[j] <= x):
      res += 1
      in_gondola[i] = in_gondola[j] = True
      i += 1
      j -= 1
    else:
      j -= 1
  for k in range(0, n):
    if not in_gondola[k]:
      res += 1
  return res
```

4 Maximum XOR Score Subarray Queries

for each query, return the answer from the operation: for the range nums[l, r], replace nums[i] with nums[i] XOR nums[i+1] except the last element, and remove the last element in the subarray, and repeat until only one element remains in that subarray

input:
nums: [2, 8, 4, 32, 16, 1]
queries: [[0, 2], [1, 4], [0, 5]]
constraints: $1 \leq n \leq 2000$, $1 \leq q \leq 10^5$

4.1 optimise XOR score for a single query in less than $O(n^2)$

brute forcing the operation on a subarray takes $O(n^2)$ time, and there are $O(n^2)$ subarrays in the worst case in total (if l = 0 and r = n - 1), so brute force will take $O(n^4 * Q)$.

observe the pattern:
$[x_1 \quad x_2] \rightarrow x_1 \oplus x_2$
$[x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3] \rightarrow [x_1 \oplus x_2 \quad x_2 \oplus x_3] \rightarrow x_1 \oplus x_3$
$[x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4] \rightarrow [x_1 \oplus x_3 \quad x_2 \oplus x_4] \rightarrow x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4$
$[x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5] \rightarrow [x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4 \quad x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4 \oplus x_5] \rightarrow x_1 \oplus x_5$
$[x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5 \quad x_6] \rightarrow [x_1 \oplus x_5 \quad x_2 \oplus x_6] \rightarrow x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_5 \oplus x_6$
... and so on

5 Inversions

5.1 Global and Local Inversions (LC775)

global inversion = nums[i] > nums[j] for $0 \leq i < j < n$.
local inversion = nums[i] > nums[i + 1] for $0 \leq i < n - 1$.
check if no. of global inversions == no. of local inversions

input:
nums = [1, 0, 2]
constraints: $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$

```
# if all GI = LI, then we cannot find an i and j such that i + 2 <= j and A[i] > A[j]
def isIdealPermutation(self, A):
  cmax = 0
  for i in range(len(A) - 2):
    cmax = max(cmax, A[i])
    if cmax > A[i + 2]:
      return False
  return True

# solution 2
  def isIdealPermutation(self, A):
    # if any element is more than 2 places away from its correct position
    return all(abs(i - v) <= 1 for i, v in enumerate(A))
```

5.2 Min Adjacent Swaps to Sort Binary Array

input:
nums = [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1]

```
def minSwaps(A: list[int]):
  res = 0
  ones_count = 0
  for i in range(len(A)):
    if A[i] == 0:
      if ones_count > 0:
        res += ones_count
    else:
      ones_count += 1
  return res
```

5.3 Permutation Inversion (CSES)

count the number of permutations of $1..n$ that have exactly k inversions

e.g. n = 4, k = 3, answer = 6

let $dp[i][j]$ represent the number of permutations that have j inversions using the first i elements.
recurrence relation: $dp[i][j] = \sum dp[i-1][j-x]$ for $x = 0, 1, ..., i-1$ depending on where we insert the i^{th} element.
optimise to $O(k)$ space as we only need to keep track of the $(i-1)^{th}$ array when we are at i elements.

```
def count_permutations_with_inversions(n, k):
    # DP table to store the number of permutations of size n with exactly k inversions
    dp = [[0 for _ in range(k + 1)] for _ in range(n + 1)]

    # Base case: 1 permutation of size 0 with 0 inversions
    dp[0][0] = 1

    # Fill the DP table
```

```python
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        for j in range(k + 1):
            # Compute dp[i][j] by summing over dp[i-1][j-x] for x = 0 to min(j, i-1)
            dp[i][j] = sum(dp[i-1][j-x] for x in range(min(j, i-1) + 1))

    # Return the number of permutations of size n with exactly k inversions
    return dp[n][k]

def permutationWithKInversions(n: int, k: int):
  MOD = 1000000007
  dp = [0] * (k + 1)
  dp[0] = 1

  for i in range(1, n + 1):
    new_dp = [0] * (k + 1)

    for j in range(k + 1):
      new_dp[j] = dp[j] % MOD

      if j > 0:
        new_dp[j] = (new_dp[j] + new_dp[j - 1]) % MOD

      if j - i >= 0:
        new_dp[j] = (new_dp[j] - dp[j - i] + MOD) % MOD

    dp = new_dp

  return dp[k]
```

5.4 Min Adjacent Swaps to Make Palindrome

```python
def min_swaps_to_make_palindrome(s):
    def can_be_palindrome(s):
        from collections import Counter
        freq = Counter(s)
        odd_count = sum(1 for v in freq.values() if v % 2 != 0)
        return odd_count <= 1

    if not can_be_palindrome(s):
        return -1  # Impossible to rearrange into a palindrome

    s = list(s)
    left, right = 0, len(s) - 1
    swaps = 0

    while left < right:
        # If the characters match, move inward
        if s[left] == s[right]:
            left += 1
            right -= 1
        else:
            # Find the match for s[left] on the right side
            l, r = left, right
            while r > l and s[r] != s[left]:
                r -= 1

            # If we found a match for s[left]
            if r == l:
                # If the left element has no matching pair, swap it forward (for odd-length strings)
                s[l], s[l+1] = s[l+1], s[l]
                swaps += 1
            else:
                # Swap to bring s[r] to the right position
```

```
                for i in range(r, right):
                    s[i], s[i+1] = s[i+1], s[i]
                    swaps += 1
                left += 1
                right -= 1

    return swaps
```

6 Movie Festival (CSES)

given a list of movies with $[\text{start}_i, \text{end}_i]$, find the max number of movies you can attend, assuming you can move instantaneously between venues and can only be at one movie at a time

```
def maxMovies(A: list[list[int]]):
  ans = 0
  currentMovieEnd = -1
  sorted(A, key = lambda x: x[1])
  for [start, end] in A:
    if start >= currentMovieEnd:
      currentMovieEnd = start
      ans += 1
  return ans
```

7 Maximum Subarray Sum

```
def mss(A: list[int]):
  ans = 0
  sum = 0
  for i in range(len(A)):
    if sum + A[i] > 0:
      sum += A[i]
    else:
      sum = 0
    ans = max(ans, sum)
  return ans
```