

# Problem 2966: Divide Array Into Arrays With Max Difference

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given an integer array

nums

of size

n

where

n

is a multiple of 3 and a positive integer

k

.

Divide the array

nums

into

$n / 3$

arrays of size

3

satisfying the following condition:

The difference between

any

two elements in one array is

less than or equal

to

k

.

Return a

2D

array containing the arrays. If it is impossible to satisfy the conditions, return an empty array.  
And if there are multiple answers, return

any

of them.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [1,3,4,8,7,9,3,5,1], k = 2

Output:

$[[1,1,3],[3,4,5],[7,8,9]]$

Explanation:

The difference between any two elements in each array is less than or equal to 2.

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [2,4,2,2,5,2], k = 2

Output:

[]

Explanation:

Different ways to divide

nums

into 2 arrays of size 3 are:

$[[2,2,2],[2,4,5]]$  (and its permutations)

$[[2,2,4],[2,2,5]]$  (and its permutations)

Because there are four 2s there will be an array with the elements 2 and 5 no matter how we divide it. since

$$5 - 2 = 3 > k$$

, the condition is not satisfied and so there is no valid division.

Example 3:

Input:

nums = [4,2,9,8,2,12,7,12,10,5,8,5,5,7,9,2,5,11], k = 14

Output:

[[2,2,2],[4,5,5],[5,5,7],[7,8,8],[9,9,10],[11,12,12]]

Explanation:

The difference between any two elements in each array is less than or equal to 14.

Constraints:

n == nums.length

1 <= n <= 10

5

n

is a multiple of 3

1 <= nums[i] <= 10

5

1 <= k <= 10

5

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<vector<int>> divideArray(vector<int>& nums, int k) {
```

```
    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
public int[][] divideArray(int[] nums, int k) {

}
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
def divideArray(self, nums: List[int], k: int) -> List[List[int]]:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):
def divideArray(self, nums, k):
"""
:type nums: List[int]
:type k: int
:rtype: List[List[int]]
"""


```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} nums
 * @param {number} k
 * @return {number[][]}
 */
var divideArray = function(nums, k) {

};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function divideArray(nums: number[], k: number): number[][] {  
};
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {  
    public int[][] DivideArray(int[] nums, int k) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**C:**

```
/**  
 * Return an array of arrays of size *returnSize.  
 * The sizes of the arrays are returned as *returnColumnSizes array.  
 * Note: Both returned array and *columnSizes array must be malloced, assume  
 caller calls free().  
 */  
int** divideArray(int* nums, int numsSize, int k, int* returnSize, int**  
returnColumnSizes) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func divideArray(nums []int, k int) [][]int {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun divideArray(nums: IntArray, k: Int): Array<IntArray> {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func divideArray(_ nums: [Int], _ k: Int) -> [[Int]] {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn divide_array(nums: Vec<i32>, k: i32) -> Vec<Vec<i32>> {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {Integer[]} nums  
# @param {Integer} k  
# @return {Integer[][]}  
def divide_array(nums, k)  
  
end
```

**PHP:**

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $nums  
     * @param Integer $k  
     * @return Integer[][]  
     */  
    function divideArray($nums, $k) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Dart:**

```
class Solution {  
    List<List<int>> divideArray(List<int> nums, int k) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Scala:**

```
object Solution {  
    def divideArray(nums: Array[Int], k: Int): Array[Array[Int]] = {
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec divide_array(nums :: [integer], k :: integer) :: [[integer]]
  def divide_array(nums, k) do
    end
  end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec divide_array(Nums :: [integer()], K :: integer()) -> [[integer()]].
divide_array(Nums, K) ->
  .
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (divide-array nums k)
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer? (listof (listof exact-integer?)))
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*
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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, greedy, sort
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
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class Solution {
```

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public:  
vector<vector<int>> divideArray(vector<int>& nums, int k) {  
  
}  
};
```

### Java Solution:

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*/  
  
class Solution {  
public int[][] divideArray(int[] nums, int k) {  
  
}  
}
```

### Python3 Solution:

```
"""  
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"""  
  
class Solution:  
def divideArray(self, nums: List[int], k: int) -> List[List[int]]:  
# TODO: Implement optimized solution  
pass
```

### Python Solution:

```
class Solution(object):
    def divideArray(self, nums, k):
        """
        :type nums: List[int]
        :type k: int
        :rtype: List[List[int]]
        """

```

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 * @return {number[][]}
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```

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function divideArray(nums: number[], k: number): number[][] {  
};
```

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 */  
  
public class Solution {  
    public int[][] DivideArray(int[] nums, int k) {  
        // Implementation  
    }  
}
```

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returnColumnSizes) {  
}  
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### Go Solution:

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    }  
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// Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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impl Solution {
    pub fn divide_array(nums: Vec<i32>, k: i32) -> Vec<Vec<i32>> {
        }

    }
}
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### Ruby Solution:

```
# @param {Integer[]} nums
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def divide_array(nums, k)

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### PHP Solution:

```
class Solution {

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