

General observations:

Let us have $i \geq j \Rightarrow a_i \geq a_j$ and let us make the exchange $(a_i, a_j) \rightarrow (a_i + 1, a_j - 1)$.

Then the sum is preserved and the product decreases. We will call this observation "exchange argument".

Consider

$$a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

Let us consider max in the case of an equality. Clearly $a_1 \geq 2$. Let $i \geq 2$ and $a_i \geq 2$. Repeatedly using "exchange argument" we will have $(a_1, 2, 1 \dots 1)$ at the end, so $a_1 * 2 \leq a_1 + 2 + n - 2 = a_1 + n \leq 2 * n$ and $a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \leq 2 * n$

Due to "exchange argument", if $(a_1, a_2 \dots a_n)$ is a solution, then for $(a_1', a_2' \dots a_n') = (a_1, a_2 \dots a_i, 1, 1 \dots, 1)$ is true that $a_1' * a_2' * \dots * a_n' \leq a_1' + a_2' + \dots + a_n'$

We will run a backtrack with parameters MX – constraint for $a[pos]$, pos – current position, sum – sum of already fixed a , $prod$ – product of already fixed a

Optimization:

If at some point we can limit $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$ in some interval $[low, high]$ with no multiples of the product of the already fixed a , then we can stop generating in this branch.

Idea 1:

We generate all $a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_i \leq 2 * n$ and $a_i \geq 2$ and fill the sequence with 1.

Scores 15 points.

Optimization of idea 1:

In idea 1 we have $low = sum + n - pos + 1$ and $high = sum + n - pos + 1 + (greedy\ multiplication\ to\ 2 * n\ using\ only\ MX)$ due to the "exchange argument".

Scores 15 points.

Idea 2:

a_1 is uniquely defined by the others, we will generate sequences with $a_2 * a_2 * a_3 * \dots * a_i \leq 2 * n$ and $a_i \geq 2$ and by using the already fixed a we can find a_1 .

Scores 25 points.

Optimization of idea 2:

In idea 2 we have $low = a2 + sum + n - pos + 1$ and $high = a2 + sum + n - pos + 1 + (sum + n - pos + 1)/(prod - 1)$ due to the "exchange argument".

Additionally, due to the "exchange argument" we have $ai^i \leq n - i + ai * i$, i.e. $ai \leq (n + 1)^{\frac{1}{i}} + 1$

Scores 55 points.

Idea 3:

We will generate sequences $a3 * a3 * a3 * a4 ... * ai \leq 2 * n$ and $ai \geq 2$

We reach an equation of the type $prod * a1 * a2 = sum_new + a1 + a2$

$$a2 \leq a1 = \frac{sum_new + a2}{prod * a2 - 1} \Rightarrow a2 \leq \frac{1 + (prod * sum_new + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{prod} \Rightarrow \sim O\left(\left(\frac{n}{prod}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - a3\right)$$

Scores 25 points.

Optimization 1 of idea 3:

In idea 3 we have $low = a3 + a3 + sum + n - pos + 1$ and $high = a3 + sum + n - pos + 1 + (sum + n - pos + 1 + a3)/(prod * a3 - 1)$ due to the "exchange argument".

Scores 35 points.

Optimization 2 of idea 3:

$low \leq prod * a1 * a2 = sum_new + a1 + a2 \leq high$, i.e. we can go through all $t: prod$ divides t and get a system of equations:

$$a1 * a2 = \frac{t}{Prod} = P \text{ and } a1 + a2 = t - sum_new = S \Rightarrow a1 = S - a2; (S - a2) * a2 = P \Rightarrow -a2 * a2 + S * a2 - P = 0 \Rightarrow a2 * a2 + (-S) * a2 + P = 0; D = S * S - 4 * P \Rightarrow a1, a2 = (S \pm (D)^{1/2})/2$$

$$O\left(\frac{high - low}{prod}\right) = O\left(\frac{\left(\frac{sum + n - pos + 1 + a3}{prod * a3 - 1} - a3\right)}{prod}\right) \sim O\left(\frac{n}{prod * prod * a3}\right)$$

Each time we will apply the approach that has smaller O.

Why $S * S$ can be stored in *long long*? Using estimates:

$$S \leq a3 + a1MX \leq 2 * a1MX \text{ by definition for } \max a1 + a2$$

$$a1MX = \frac{sum + n - pos + 1 + a3}{prod * a3 - 1} \sim \frac{n}{prod * a3}$$

$$O1 \geq O2 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{prod}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \left(\frac{n}{prod*prod*a3}\right) \Rightarrow n \leq (prod)^3 * a3 * a3 \leq (prod * a3)^3 \Rightarrow$$

$$a1MX \leq n^{\frac{2}{3}} \ll 10^9$$

Scores 100 points.

It is possible to score more points with more criteria for pruning in the respective ideas.