Revision Notes – Range of K Problem

Problem Statement (mere words mein)

Mujhe ek array diya gaya hai.

Mujhe ek aisa **range of K** find karna hai jisme agar main array ke har element se **k** subtract karu aur **modulus (absolute value)** le lu, to jo naye elements banenge wo **sorted (non-decreasing)** honi chahiye.

Formally:

Agar array = {a1, a2, a3, ..., an} hai,

to mujhe k aisa chahiye jisme:

$$|a1 - K| \le |a2 - K| \le |a3 - K| \le ... \le |an - K|$$

Maths Approach

Step 1: Pairwise Comparison

Har consecutive pair (ai, ai+1) ke liye condition banegi:

$$|ai - K| \le |ai + 1 - K|$$

Step 2: Squaring Trick

Absolute values ko handle karne ke liye main dono side **square** kar sakta hoon (kyunki squaring monotonic hai for non-negative numbers):

$$(ai - K)^2 \le (ai + 1 - K)^2$$

Step 3: Expanding Both Sides

$$(ai - K)^2 \le (ai + 1 - K)^2$$

 $ai^2 - 2aiK + K^2 \le ai + 1^2 - 2ai + 1K + K^2$

Cancel K2 (dono side same):

$$ai^2 - 2aiK \le ai + 1^2 - 2ai + 1K$$

Step 4: Rearranging

$$2(ai+1-ai)K \le ai+1^2-ai^2$$

Now factorize RHS:

$$2(ai+1-ai)K \le (ai+1-ai)(ai+1+ai)$$

Step 5: Cases based on (ai+1 – ai)

• Case 1: ai ≥ ai+1 (non-increasing pair)

Then
$$(ai+1-ai) \leq 0$$

Inequality flips when dividing:

$$K \ge (ai + ai + 1) / 2$$

- → Means yaha mujhe lower bound (kmin) milega.
- Case 2: ai < ai+1 (increasing pair)

Then
$$(ai+1-ai) > 0$$

$$K \le (ai + ai + 1) / 2$$

→ Yaha mujhe **upper bound (kmax)** milega.

Algorithm Summary

1. Initialize:

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kmin = -∞
kmax = +∞
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- 2. Har consecutive pair check karo:
 - Agar arr[i] ≥ arr[i+1] → update kmin
 - Agar arr[i] < arr[i+1] → update kmax
- 3. Agar kabhi kmin > kmax ho gaya → No solution
- 4. Otherwise, final interval = [ceil(kmin), kmax]

Code (final form)

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#include<iostream>
#include<climits>
#include<algorithm>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int arr[] = {5, 4, 2, 100, 150, 200, 300};
    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);

float kmin = (float)INT_MIN;
    float kmax = (float)INT_MAX;
    bool flag = true;

for(int i = 0; i < n-1; i++) {
    if(arr[i] >= arr[i+1]) {
        kmin = max(kmin, (float)((arr[i] + arr[i+1]) / 2.0));
    } else {
        kmax = min(kmax, (float)((arr[i] + arr[i+1]) / 2.0));
    }
}
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if(kmin > kmax) {
    flag = false;
    break;
}

if(!flag) {
    cout << "No limit exist!";
} else {
    cout << "[" << (int)kmin+1 << "," << kmax << "]";
}

return 0;
}</pre>
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Dry Run (for {5, 4, 2, 100, 150, 200, 300})

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• Init: kmin = -\infty, kmax = +\infty

1. Pair (5,4): dec \rightarrow kmin = max(-\infty, (5+4)/2 = 4.5) = 4.5

2. Pair (4,2): dec \rightarrow kmin = max(4.5, (4+2)/2 = 3.0) = 4.5

3. Pair (2,100): inc \rightarrow kmax = min(+\infty, (2+100)/2 = 51.0) = 51.0

4. Pair (100,150): inc \rightarrow kmax = min(51.0, (100+150)/2 = 125.0) = 51.0

5. Pair (150,200): inc \rightarrow kmax = min(51.0, (150+200)/2 = 175.0) = 51.0

6. Pair (200,300): inc \rightarrow kmax = min(51.0, (200+300)/2 = 250.0) = 51.0

• Final: kmin = 4.5, kmax = 51.0

• Range = [(int)4.5 + 1, 51] = [5, 51]
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Final Answer

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For array {5, 4, 2, 100, 150, 200, 300}, valid range of K = [5, 51]
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Revision ke liye ekdum perfect.

kya mai tujhe ek **visual graph explanation** bhi bana kar de du jisme line number line pe dikhe ki kmin aur kmax kaise adjust hote hain?