

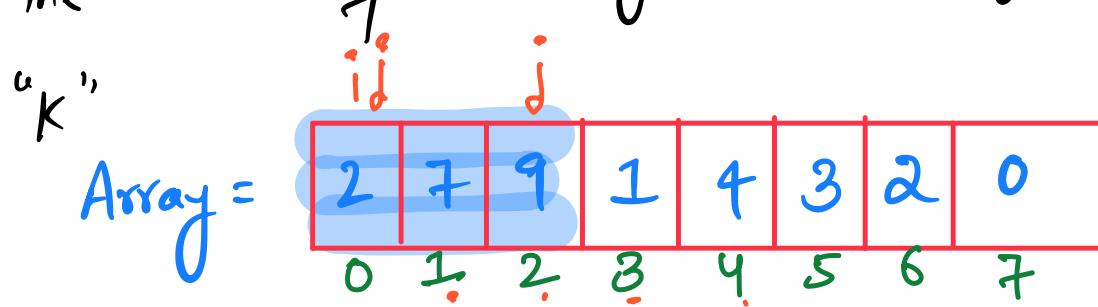
Sliding Window

Sliding Window's ★★★

- 1) fixed Size Sliding window ✓
- 2) Dynamic Size Sliding window

Example

Give an array of length "N" find
the Sum of every Subarray of length
"K"



Length = 8

K = 3

ds = []

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for (int i=0 ; i<=n-k ; i++) {  
    int sum=0;  
    for (int j=i ; j<=i+k ; j++) {  
        sum+=A[j];  
    }  
    ds.push(sum);  
}
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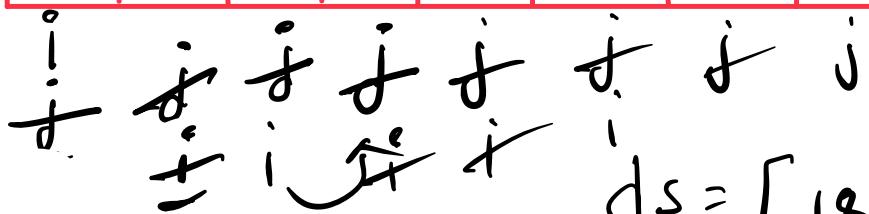
Time Complexity
 $O(n \times k)$

$$1 \leq n \leq 10^5 \\ 1 \leq k \leq 10^5 \rightarrow O(n*k) \rightarrow O(10^5 * 10^5) \\ = O(10^{10}) \text{ TLE}$$

Idea 2

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	7	9	1	4	3	2	0

$$k=3$$



$$ds = [18, 17, 14, 8]$$

$$\text{Sum} = \cancel{2} + \cancel{7} + \cancel{9} + \cancel{18} + \cancel{17} + \cancel{14} + \cancel{5} + \cancel{8} + \cancel{7} + \cancel{9} + \cancel{5} + \cancel{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Size} &= j - i + 1 = 1 - 0 + 1 \\ &= 2 \\ &= 2 - 0 + 1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$O(n)$

int $i=0, j=0$
 If find first k sized window Sum
 Loop ($i \rightarrow 0$ to k)
 $\text{Sum} += A[i] \Leftarrow$

Useful for array / string based problems with a constant Subarray Size

When to use?

⇒ Calculating Some Information for every **fixed length** Subarray in an array

⇒ Use of two Pointers

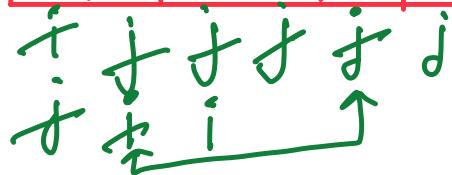
⇒ Very Useful for Interviews too

problem 1

find the Subarray of Size k which has maximum Sum in an array

I/p $A = \{1, 4, 2, 10, 23, 3, 1, 0, 20\}$
k = 4

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	4	2	10	23	3	1	0	20



$$\max_sum = \frac{17}{39}$$

$$\text{Sum} = 17 + 16 + 39 \\ \cancel{25} + \cancel{38} = \underline{\underline{39}}$$

Time :- $O(n)$
Space: $O(1)$

Problem 2

Find the Subarray of Size "K" which has maximum distinct elements in an array

I/p : arr = {1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2}

$$k = 4$$

O/p : 3 $\Rightarrow \{1, 3, 2, 1\}$ hash map

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Keys	values
1	1	2	1	3	2	7	7	2	2	X X X 2

erase

$$\max_Dist = \emptyset \neq 3 \neq 4$$

3

7

X 2

Time Complexity :-

$$O(n) * O(\log_2(k))$$

↑
Why "k"

Why not "n"

Problem 3

find the Subarray of Size k which has maximum Sum and all distinct elements

I/p $A = \{1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2\}$ $k=3$

O/p : 6

- ① All distinct
- ② max Sum



Window max

nums = $\{ \frac{1}{\cancel{-1}}, -1, \cancel{-3}, \cancel{-5}, 3, 6, 7 \} \quad k=3$

(-3, 3) (~~-1, 2~~) (1, 2)

① ②

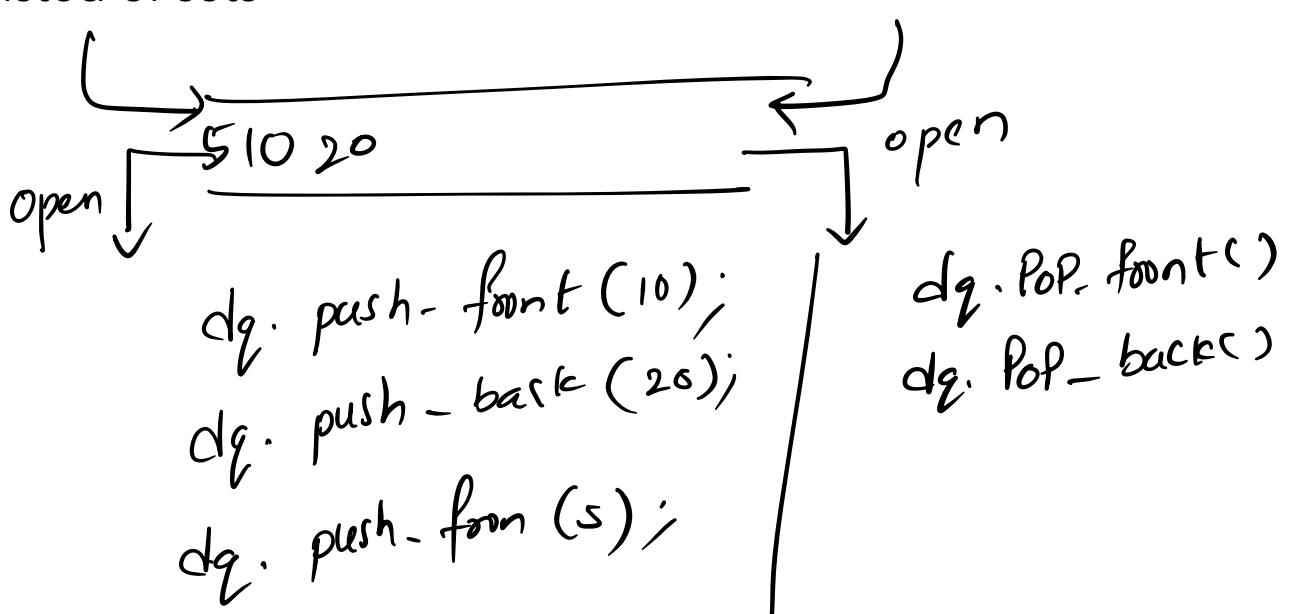
Time :-

O(n) $\neq O(\log_2(k))$

* Best Solution

Queue / deque.

the elements which are added first in the window will be removed first , so some times we can optimize our codes by using queue / deque instead of sets



$\text{nums} = \{1, 3, -1, 3, 5, 3, 6, 7\}$
 $k=3$

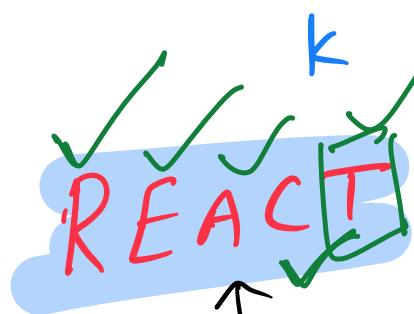
~~1 2 3 4 5 6 7~~

① Level the prev
 ② or delete if
 find max the
 prev

① ① -1 6 6 7

Q first negative in Every window of Size K

$\text{arr}[] = \{ 12, -1, -7, 8, -15, 30, 16, 28 \}$



Sliding window + Queue

~~Q~~, *

$\text{ans} = [-1, -1, -7, -15, -15]$

Time : $O(n)$

Space : $O(K)$
element in Q =

Maximum MEX from all subarrays of length K

Given an array arr[] consisting of N distinct integers and an integer K, the task is to find the maximum MEX from all subarrays of length K.

Input: arr[] = {3, 2, 1, 4}, K = 2

Output: 3

Explanation:

All subarrays having length 2 are {3, 2}, {2, 1}, {1, 4}.

In subarray {3, 2}, the smallest positive integer which is not present is 1.

In subarray {2, 1}, the smallest positive integer which is not present is 3.

In subarray {1, 4}, the smallest positive integer which is not present is 2.

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow ?$$
$$\{0, 1, 4, 5, 2\} \rightarrow ?$$

Input: arr[] = {6, 1, 3, 2, 4}, K = 3

Output: 4

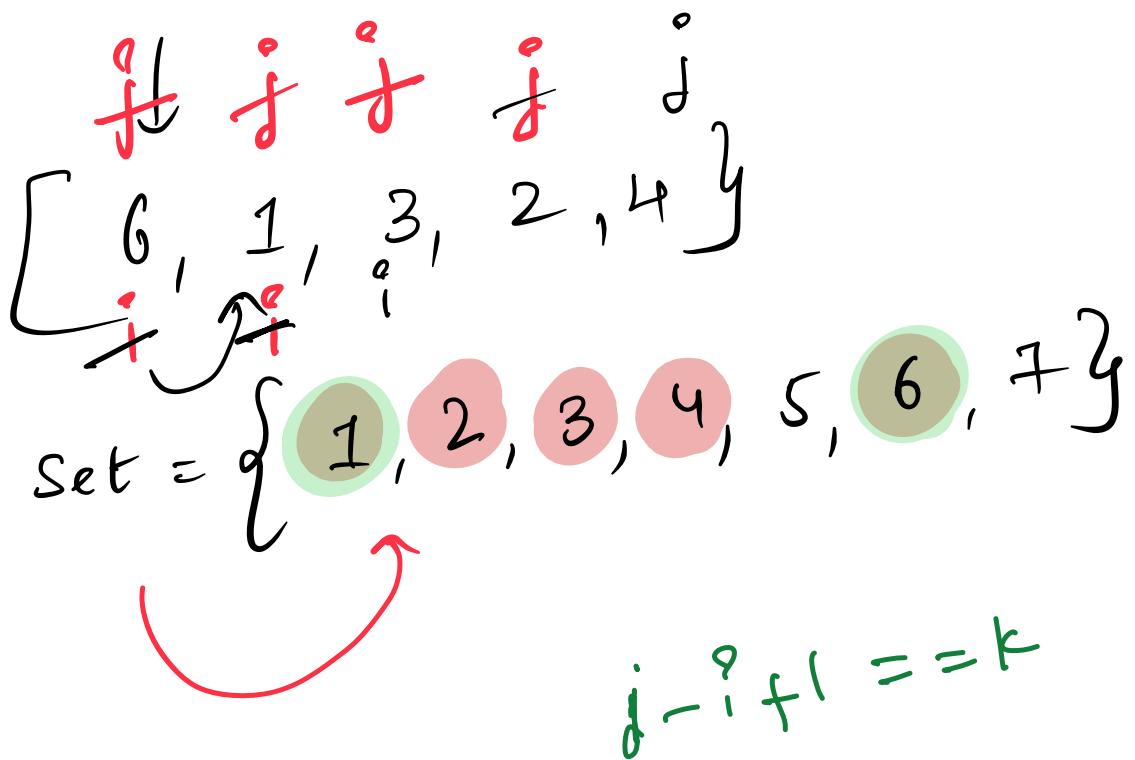
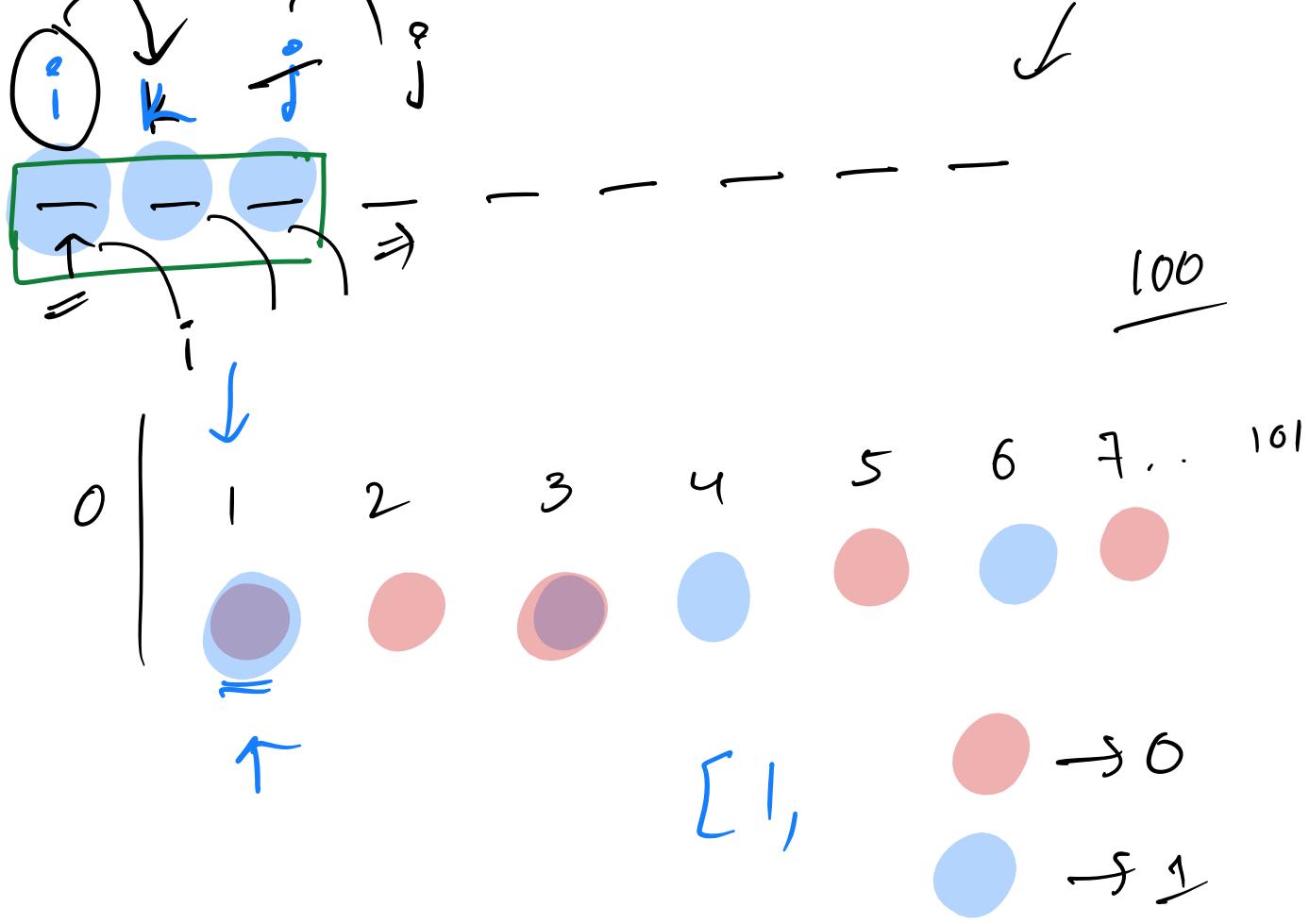
Explanation:

All subarrays having length 3 are {6, 1, 3}, {1, 3, 2}, {3, 2, 4}

In subarray {6, 1, 3}, the smallest positive integer which is not present is 2.

In subarray {1, 3, 2}, the smallest positive integer which is not present is 4.

In subarray {3, 2, 4}, the smallest positive integer which is not present is 1.



$\max_m \text{Ex} = \phi / 2$

\Rightarrow Problems \rightarrow Sliding window
 where k was not given

