

1283. Find the Smallest Divisor Given a Threshold

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Hint

Given an array of integers `nums` and an integer `threshold`, we will choose a positive integer `divisor`, divide all the array by it, and sum the division's result. Find the **smallest** `divisor` such that the result mentioned above is less than or equal to `threshold`.

Each result of the division is rounded to the nearest integer greater than or equal to that element. (For example: $7/3 = 3$ and $10/2 = 5$).

The test cases are generated so that there will be an answer.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,2,5,9]`, `threshold = 6`

Output: 5

Explanation: We can get a sum to 17 ($1+2+5+9$) if the divisor is 1. If the divisor is 4 we can get a sum of 7 ($1+1+2+3$) and if the divisor is 5 the sum will be 5 ($1+1+1+2$).

Same as
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Example 2:

Input: `nums = [44,22,33,11,1]`, `threshold = 5`

Output: 44

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 5 * 10^4$
- $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^6$
- $\text{nums.length} \leq \text{threshold} \leq 10^6$

Approach 1: Brute force

Start checking from $d = 1$ until we get our answer.

$d = 1$
`while (1)`
{

$s = \text{find sum with divisor as } d$

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        s = sum with divisor as d
        if (s ≤ threshold)
            return d
        else
            d++
    }

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Time: $O(mn)$
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 max num in given array

Approach 2: do binary search instead of linear search

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class Solution {
public:
    int check(vector<int> &nums, int d){
        int sum=0;
        for(auto i:nums)
            sum=sum+ceil((double)i/d);

        return sum;
    }
    int binarysearch(vector<int> &nums, int l, int r, int t){
        int ans=INT_MAX;

        while(l<=r){
            int m=r-(r-l)/2;
            int s=check(nums, m);
            if(s<=t){
                ans=min(ans, m);
                r=m-1;
            }
            else l=m+1;
        }
        return ans;
    }
    int smallestDivisor(vector<int>& nums, int threshold) {
        int maxnum=INT_MIN;

        for(auto i:nums) maxnum=max(maxnum, i);

        return binarysearch(nums, 1, maxnum, threshold);
    }
};

```

↳ becoz the max divisor

is the largest num

can be the largest num

$$T(n): O(n \log m)$$

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 $\max(\text{nums}[i])$