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STL APPLICATION IDEA

#1 Prices are given $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n$. There are Q queries with Budget B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n . Find out the maximum amount of items that can be bought for a given B_i and output the cost associated with it.

Example:

5 items with following prices:

$$N \rightarrow 5, 4, 2, 1, 6, 3$$

9 queries with budget b_i

$$Q \rightarrow 2, 5, 3, 10, 7$$

- $B_1 = 2$

Max ele that can be bought

either P_1 or P_2

$\text{Ans} = 1$ (since we will try to pick the lowest budget).

- $B_2 = 5$

$$\# \text{items} = (1, 2) = 1 + 2 = 3 \quad \underline{\text{Cost}}$$

- $B_3 = 3$

$$\# \text{items} = (1, 2) = 3 \quad \underline{\text{Cost}}$$

- $B_4 = 10$

$$(1, 2, 3, 4) = 10$$

- $B_5 = 7$

$$(1, 2, 3) = 6 \quad (\text{lowest hence Ans})$$

(1, 2, 4)

→ Pick items greedily with lowest prices first

$$P_i \leq B_i$$

1. Sort all the elements in P_i
2. Maintain a prefix sum, this will give us an array of sum of cost.
3. Use upper bound for each B_i

$$\text{ans} = \text{UB}(\text{prefix}, \text{prefix}+n, B_i) - \text{prefix}$$

$$\text{Cost} = \text{Prefix}[\text{Ans}] \quad \underline{\text{Sol}}$$

Time Complexity : $O(n \log n + Q \log n)$

#2 There is a running stream of numbers that is operations like add() and remove() are supported at any point. Maintain this structure to output mean.

Example:

Queries:

→ Add 1

[1], m=1

→ Add 2

[1,2], m=1.5

→ Add 3

[1,2,3] m=2

→ Return mean
→ 3

class mean of

→ Support add()

int sum = 0;

int cnt = 0;

int add(int x) {

 sum += x;
 cnt++;

}

double mean() → if (cnt != 0) to avoid 0/0
 { return (double) sum / cnt; }

→ Support remove()

The mean function will remain same, Some edge cases to think about: what if the query tells us to remove a number x which doesn't exist.

→ Support calculation of Mode().

Mode is number that occurs maximum no. of times

Use of frequency mapping:

→ Add 1

{(1,1)}

max = 1, mode = 1

→ Add 2

{(1,1)(2,1)}

max = 1, mode = 1

→ Add 2

{(1,1)(2,2)}

max = 2, mode = 2

→ if (incoming_element_freq > max)
 e →
 update the mode to e
 max = e - frequency

→ Remove 2

We have to remove 1 instance of 2.
How to restore mode value to 1?

Use of reverse mapping:

map<int, set<int>> mp;

• Add 1

freq → 1 → num

• Add 2

1 → 1, 2

Query ↓

mode return *(mp.begin() → second.begin())

- Add 2
1 → 1
2 → 2
 - Remove 2
1 → 1, 2
 - Mode
→ 1
- add/remove O(logn)



#3 LRU Cache <https://leetcode.com/problems/lru-cache/description/>

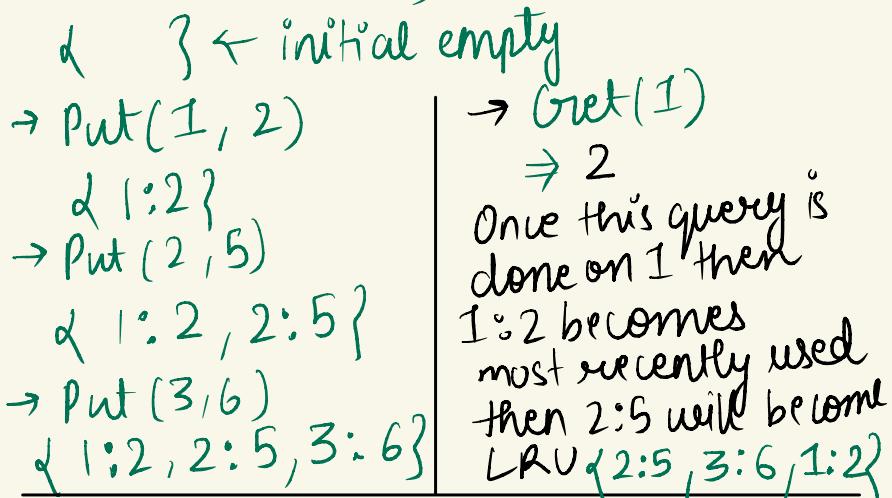
Design a data structure that follows the constraints of a **Least Recently Used (LRU) cache**.

Implement the `LRUCache` class:

- `LRUCache(int capacity)` Initialize the LRU cache with **positive size** `capacity`.
- `int get(int key)` Return the value of the `key` if the key exists, otherwise return `-1`.
- `void put(int key, int value)` Update the value of the `key` if the `key` exists. Otherwise, add the `key-value` pair to the cache. If the number of keys exceeds the `capacity` from this operation, **evict** the least recently used key.

The functions `get` and `put` must each run in $O(1)$ average time complexity.

Example:
 $\text{Capacity} = 3$ (cannot maintain more than this)



continuing the above example,

$\rightarrow \text{Put}(4, 5)$

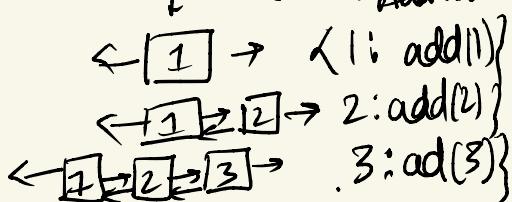
But our cache is full as it already has reached its capacity of 3.
 So the LRU element will be removed so, 2:5 will be removed first

$\{ 3: 6$
 $1: 2$
 $4: 5 \}$

We will use doubly linked list to maintain this structure.

1. Put 1:2
2. Put 2:3
3. Put 3:1
4. get 1
5. put 4:5

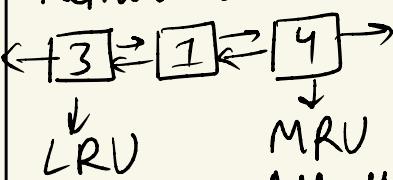
Maintain a hashmap and make a node for DLL.



$\rightarrow \text{get } 1$
 Return 2

1:2 becomes MRU
 Unlink 1 and add to last
 $\leftarrow [2] \rightarrow [3] \rightarrow [1] \rightarrow$
 This becomes LRU

$\rightarrow \text{Put}(4, 5)$
 Capacity full,
 Remove LRU



$\{ 1: 2, 3: 1, 4: 5 \}$
 $\quad \{ 1: \text{add}(1), 3: \text{add}(3), 4: \text{add}(4) \}$

Time complexity

`get()` $O(1)$

\downarrow
`map lookup`

`put()` $O(1)$
 Worst case

\rightarrow linked list removal
 \rightarrow re-doing pointers

\rightarrow if capacity is filled for `put()`



- When adding a new **key-value** pair, insert it as a **new node** at the **head** of the **doubly linked list**. This ensures that the **newly added key-value** pair is marked as the **most recently used**.
- If the key is already **present** in the **cache**, get the **corresponding node** in the doubly linked list using **hashmap**, **update** its value and move it to the **head** of the list, and **update its position** in the **hashmap** also. This operation ensures that the accessed **key-value** pair is considered the **most recently used**.
- The priority of nodes in the **doubly linked list** is based on their **distance** from the **head**. Key-value pairs closer to the head are **more recently used** and thus have **higher priority**. Also, key-value pairs closer to the **tail** are considered **less recently used** and have **lower priority**.
- When the **cache** reaches its **maximum capacity** and a **new key-value pair** needs to be added, **remove** the node from **hashmap** as well as from the **tail** in the **doubly linked list**. **Tail node** represents the **least recently used key-value pair** and is **removed** to make **space** for the **new entry**.