

# Competitive Programming

[Book - 101]

## Basic Codechef Understanding And Few Problems Understandings

→ Prime Seive

→ WA, Sgr error mean in code chef etc.



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# # Efficient Coding with Example Problems.

Q1 To print the elements in 2-D array in single loop only :-  
 $n \rightarrow \text{Array length}$

→ It's however like converting  $O(n^2)$  in  $O(n+n)$  but it's not.  
→ However not sure if its exactly  $O(n+n)$  since printing all element is however in stating  $O(n+n)$  only. we are only just making only use of single while loop.

e.g. code :-

```
int[][] arr = {{1,2,3,4}, {5,6,7,8}, {10,20,30,40}};  
int i=0;  
int j=0;  
while(i<arr.length) {  
    System.out.print(arr[i][j]);  
    if(j<arr[i].length) {  
        j++;  
    } else {  
        i++;  
        j=0;  
    }  
}
```

But this still is  
 $O(n^2)$

Output → 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 20 30 40



#2 TLE in finding pairs in array such that  
 $\boxed{\text{arr}[i] - \text{arr}[j] = k}$  for given  $k$ .

Given arr = [1, 2, 3, 4]  
key = 1  
out pairs  $\Rightarrow (2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 3)$   
Hence output = 3.

In O(n<sup>2</sup>) which got stuck in TLE.

```
static int pairs (int k, int[] arr){  
    Arrays.sort(arr);  
    int count = 0;  
    for (int i=0; i<arr.length-1; i++){  
        for (int j=i+1; j<arr.length; j++){  
            if (arr[j] - arr[i] == k) {  
                count++;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```

$\Rightarrow$  Now in O(n) using two pointer.  
~~Two pointer~~.  
 $\Rightarrow$  The following code got accepted. You may have to sort array first or may not. And first you've to sort it.

// First sort the array.  
static int pairs (int k, int[] arr){

int i=0; int j=1; int m=arr.length;  
 int count=0;

while (j < n) {

int diff = arr[j] - arr[i];

if (diff == k) {

count++;

j++;

}  
 else if (diff > k) {

i++;

}  
 else if (diff < k) {

j++;

}  
 return count;  
}

Can be done by set

better



⇒ Also there's another solution for this question.  
 $O(n)$  time complexity by Umesh using set.  
 HashSet finds element in  $O(1)$  technique used here.  
 It will work for sorted, unsorted, duplicates or not.  
 code in C++;  $O(n)$  time complexity.

```
int main() {
    vector<int> arr = [10, 15, 23, 14, 2, 15];
    int K = 13;
    int n = arr.size(), count = 0;
    set<int> s;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if (s.find(arr[i] + K) != s.end()) {
            count++;
        } else if (s.find(arr[i] - K) != s.end()) {
            count++;
        }
        s.insert(arr[i]);
    }
    cout << count;
    return 0;
}
```

Write  
behind  
concept

See next  
page

Output  
3

It's Java code  
next page see

Do  
in  
Java  
will  
do

uf 10  
 $10+13 \rightarrow$  Not in initially empty set then add it  
 in hashset  $\Rightarrow [23]$   
 count++  
 15  
 $15+13$  or  $15-13$   
 Not in initially and search if there's in initial set  
 then add it in hashset  $= [23, 27] \Rightarrow$  count++  
 23  
 $23+13$  or  $23-13$   
 $(10) \rightarrow$  Not in hashset  
 $\Rightarrow [23, 27]$

Finally  
now  
understand  
its working

OK now understand

Not understand totally  
C++ stuff.

[K=13]

[10, 15, 23, 14, 2, 15]

Not in Hashset

add in Hashset [10]

(10-13) or (10+13) Not contain in hash  
 count=0

But you might think 23 was there  
 if we already have put all  
 elements in Hashset,  
 But it will take two  
 count for (10, 23) and (23, 16)  
 so it's better we take into  
 count from 23 only and keep  
 on steadily adding.  
 So understand how  
 fully,

Set	Count	i =	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 M
{10}	0	arr[0]=10	23, 13
{10, 15}	0	arr[1]=15	2, 27
{10, 15, 23}	1	arr[2]=23	10 (present) 33
{10, 15, 23, 14}	1	arr[3]=14	24, 14
{10, 15, 23, 14, 2}	2	arr[4]=2	15 (present) 11
{10, 15, 23, 14, 15}	3	arr[5]=15	2, 27 (present)



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Simplifying in Java the previous code can be written as below:-

Ques no. 8 pairs whose difference = k :-

In Java

one pair can't be used twice

one number can be used twice if it is present twice

```

P S V M (String[] args) {
    int[] arr = {10, 15, 23, 14, 2, 15};
    int k = 13;
    Set<Integer> set = new HashSet<>();
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        if (set.contains(arr[i] + k)) {
            count++;
        } else if (set.contains(arr[i] - k)) {
            count++;
        }
        set.add(arr[i]);
    }
    System.out.println(count); // output = 3
}
  
```

i.e.

$arr[i] = 10$	$\Rightarrow 10 + 13 = 23 \Rightarrow 10$
$2 \rightarrow 10 \Rightarrow 10 - 2 = 8 \Rightarrow 10 + 13 \Rightarrow 18$	
$15 \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 15 - 13 = 2$	



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③ `BigInteger` 'OR' method to do bit wise 'OR' operation.

e.g

```
BigInteger bigInteger = new BigInteger("2300");
```

```
BigInteger val = new BigInteger("3400");
```

```
BigInteger ans = bigInteger.or(val);
```

```
System.out.println(ans); // 3580
```

Binary of 2300 = 10001111100  
Binary of 3400 = 110101001000

OR of 2300, 3400 → 11011111100 → 3580.

⇒ similarly we have

- ① `and()` method
- ② `xor()`
- ③ `not()`
- ④ `getLowestSetBit()`.

④ Application of this OR in `BigInteger` in PSS

④ Hackerrank ACM ICPC Team

Given string[] arr ⇒ input  
members : 1 2 3 4 5  
1 → 10101  
2 → 11110  
3 → 00011

Adding or ORing any two we want max possible 1's.

e.g. Members Subjects  
(1,2) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] → max topic a team can know. = 5.  
(1,3) [1, 3, 4, 5]  
(2,3) [1, 2, 3, 4]   
pair such pair = 2.  
So output 5,1

Code :-

```
static int[] acmTeam(String[] topic) {  
    BigInteger[] bi = new BigInteger[n];  
    int n = topic.length;  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        bi[i] = new BigInteger(topic[i], 2);  
    }  
    int maxTopic = 0;  
    int teamCount = 0;  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        for (int j = i + 1; j < n; j++) {  
            BigInteger iuj = bi[i].or(bi[j]);  
            int bitCount = iuj.bitCount();  
            if (bitCount > maxTopic) {  
                maxTopic = bitCount;  
                teamCount = 1;  
            } else if (bitCount == maxTopic) {  
                teamCount++;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return new int[]{maxTopic, teamCount};  
}
```



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int[] result = {maxTopic, teamCount};  
return result;

so for input :-

4 5	Output
10101	5
11100	2
11010	
00101	

Explanation :-

$$(1,2) \rightarrow 4$$

$$(1,3) \rightarrow 5$$

$$(1,4) \rightarrow 3$$

$$(2,3) \rightarrow 4$$

$$(2,4) \rightarrow 4$$

$$(3,4) \rightarrow 5$$

The 2 teams  $(1,3)$  &  $(3,4)$  know all 5 topics which is maximal.

Bud vits  
 $O(n^2)$  soln.  
check if it worked in Hackerrank.

problem of probabilistic answer  
probabilities between 0 and 1, equivalent to 0.5  
of length of between 0 and 1, meeting at 0.5  
which has an int probability with binomial  
distribution, i.e.,  $\text{Pr}(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$   
1.  $\text{int} \text{ amout sum} = 0$  : incomplete solution  
2.  $\text{sum} \neq 1$  : wrong solution  
3.  $\text{sum} < 0$  or  $> 1$  : wrong solution  
4.  $\text{sum} = 1$  : correct solution  
max sum = Max(max(current sum, max sum))  
 $\{000, 001, 001\} = \{1, 0\} \leftarrow \text{Max } \{1, 0\}$   
 $c = 1$   
return max sum  
 $001 = \text{Input}$



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## Window Sliding Technique :-

⇒ This technique shows how a nested for loop in few problems can be converted to single for loop and hence reducing the time complexity.

⇒ Problem statement :-

Given an array of integers of size 'n'.  
Our aim is to calculate the maximum sum of 'k' consecutive elements in the array.

input() arr  $\Rightarrow$  arr[] = {100, 200, 300, 400}  
 $K=2$   
Output = 700.

so it's for  
 $K$  consecutive elements  
or  $K$  subarray elements

Since consecutive elements  
of size  $k$  so  
why to start it  
first so

we don't have to do sorting  
first to apply sliding  
window technique if we  
want consecutive

⇒ using brute-force our code will be as :-

```
static int maxSum (int arr[], int n, int k) {  
    int maxSum = Integer.MIN_VALUE;  
  
    for (int i=0; i<n-k+1; i++) {  
        int currentSum = 0;  
        for (int j=i; j<k; j++) {  
            currentSum = currentSum + arr[i+j];  
        }  
        maxSum = Math.max (currentSum, maxSum);  
    }  
    return maxSum;  
}
```

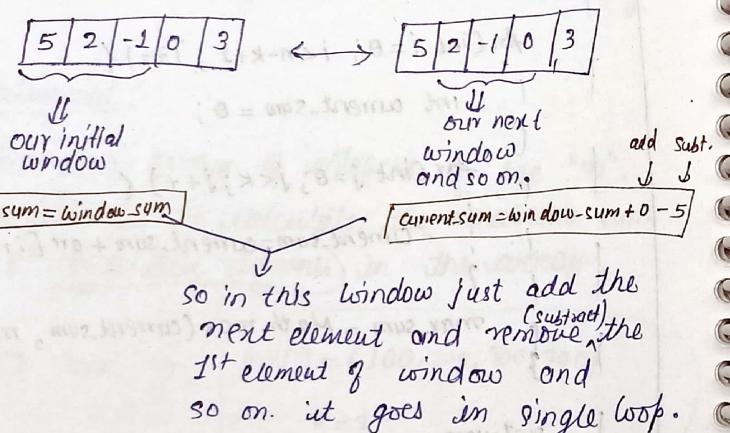
⇒ The above code time-complexity is  $O(k*n)$  as it contains 2 nested loops.



## Window Sliding Technique :-

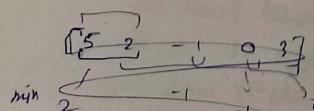
consider an array  $arr[] = \{5, 2, -1, 0, 1, 3\}$

and  $K=3$ ,  $n=6$ .



→ But first we've to create this window and then later use this window in our single for loop.

code as.



→ code as :- using static

```
static int maxsum (int arr[], int n, int k){
```

// K must be greater

```
if (n < k) {  
    cout << "Invalid";  
    return -1;  
}
```

// compute sum of first window of size K  
int max\_sum = 0;

```
for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {  
    max_sum += arr[i];  
}
```

// compute sums of remaining windows by removing first element of previous window and adding last element of current window

```
int window_sum = max_sum;
```

```
for (int i = k; i < n; i++) {
```

```
    window_sum += arr[i] - arr[i - k];
```

```
    max_sum = Math.max(max_sum, window_sum);
```

```
return max_sum;
```



→ Here Time complexity is  $O(n)$



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## Two Pointers Technique :-

(Array must be sorted)

Two pointers is an easy and effective technique which is typically used for searching pairs in a sorted array.

Problem statement:- Given a sorted array A (sorted in ascending order), having N integers, find if there exists any pair of elements  $(A[i], A[j])$  such that their sum is equal to X.

Let's see naive brute force approach. Time =  $O(n^2)$

```
static boolean isPairSum (int A[], int N, int X) {
    for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {
        for (int j=0; j<N; j++) {
            if (A[i] + A[j] == X) {
                return true;
            }
            if (A[i] + A[j] > X) {
                break; // as the arr is sorted.
            }
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

Now by two pointer. One for first element other for last element in the array. we add the values kept at both the pointer.

If their sum is smaller than X then we shift the left pointer to right (since sorted in ascending) or if their sum is greater than X then we shift the right pointer to left, in order to get closer to the sum. We keep moving the pointer until we get the sum as X. (Also this can be used to count pairs whose sum is X)

Code as:-

```
static boolean isPairSum (int A[], int N, int X) {
    int i = 0;
    int j = N-1;
    while (i < j) {
        if (A[i] + A[j] == X) {
            return true;
        }
        else if (A[i] + A[j] < X) {
            i++;
        }
        else {
            j++;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

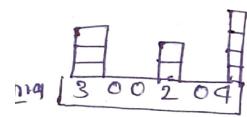
(in case we want to find pairs whose sum is X.)



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## Trapping Rain Water :- (Some optimized technique)

⇒ This tells a way to use techniques to do in  $O(n)$  rather than  $O(n^2)$ .



$$\text{Total trapped water} = 3+3+1+3=10.$$

⇒ A simple solution is to traverse every array element and find the highest bars on left and right sides. Take the smaller of two height. The difference between the smaller height and height of the current element is the amount of water that can be stored in this array element.  
Time complexity =  $O(n^2)$ .

⇒ An efficient solution is to <sup>5\*</sup> pre-compute highest bar on left and right of every bar in  $O(n)$  time. Then use these pre-computed values to find the amount of water in every array element. Time complexity =  $O(n)$ .

⇒ Code as:-

```

static int findWater(int arr[]){
    int left[] = new int[n];
    //left[i] contains the height of tallest bar to the left of
    //ith bar including itself.

    //right[i] contains height & tallest bar to the right of
    //ith bar including itself.
    int right[] = new int[n];
    int water = 0;

    //fill left array.
    left[0] = arr[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        left[i] = Math.max(left[i - 1], arr[i]);
    }

    //fill right array.
    right[n - 1] = arr[n - 1];
    for (int i = n - 2; i >= 0; i--) {
        right[i] = Math.max(right[i + 1], arr[i]);
    }

    //calculate the accumulated water element by element. consider the water amount on ith bar, the
    //amount of water accumulated on this particular bar will be equal to min(left[i], right[i]) - arr[i].
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        water += Math.min(left[i], right[i]) - arr[i];
    }
    return water;
}

```

