

Lecture ÷ Binary search on answers

Agenda

- Painter partition problem.
- Aggressive cows.

Lecture starts at 7:05AM

Painter Partition problem.

Q.: We have to paint n boards of length $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$.

There are k painters available and each takes 1 unit of time to paint 1 unit of board. find min time to get the job done.

constraint: 1 painter will paint only continuous section of boards.

Example:

$A = \{ \underbrace{10}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{10 \quad 10 \quad 10}_{p_2} \}$ $k=2$
 $\rightarrow 30 \text{ units}$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{p_2} \rightarrow \boxed{20 \text{ units}}$ Ans

$\underbrace{\quad}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{p_2} \rightarrow 30 \text{ units}$

Ex2:

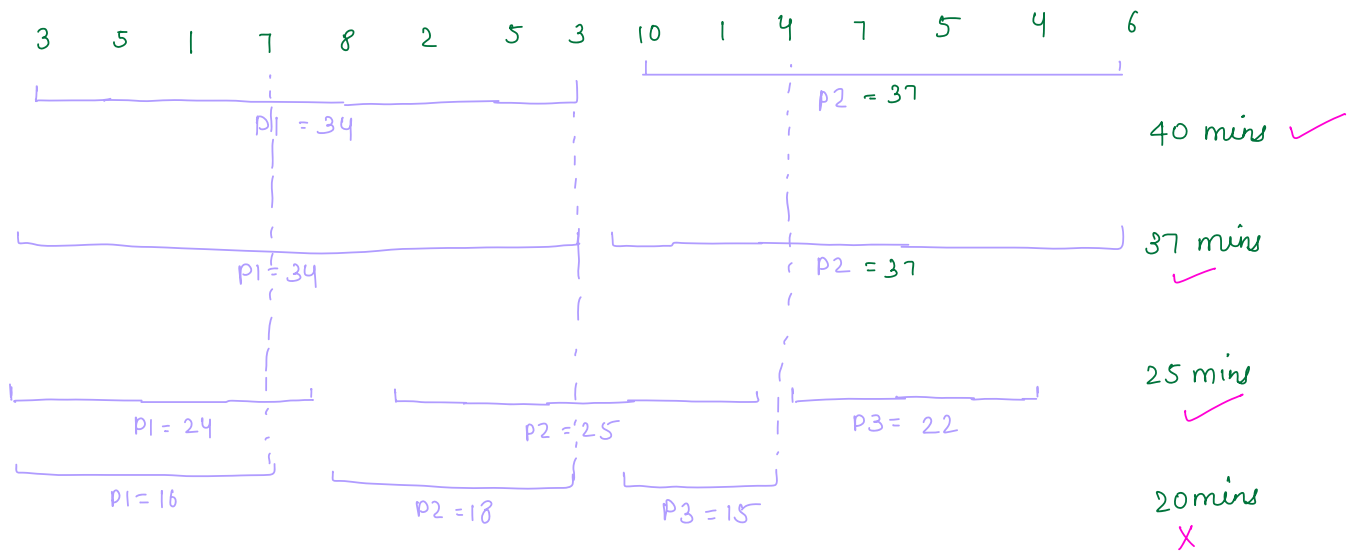
$A = [\underbrace{10}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{20 \quad 30 \quad 40}_{p_2}]$ $k=2$
 $\rightarrow 90 \text{ units}$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{p_2} \rightarrow 70 \text{ units}$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{p_2} \rightarrow \boxed{60 \text{ units}}$ Ans

Ex3:

$k=3$



17 18 19 20mins 37mins 38 39 40 50
 X X X X ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Approach1: [Wrong Approach]

Example: $A = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7]$
 $k=3$

$$\text{total work} = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 7 = 28$$

$$1 \text{ painter} = \frac{28}{3} = 9 \text{ units}$$

Approach 2:

$A = [3 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 3 \quad 10 \quad 1 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 6]$

$k = 4.$

Target = min time to get the boards painted.

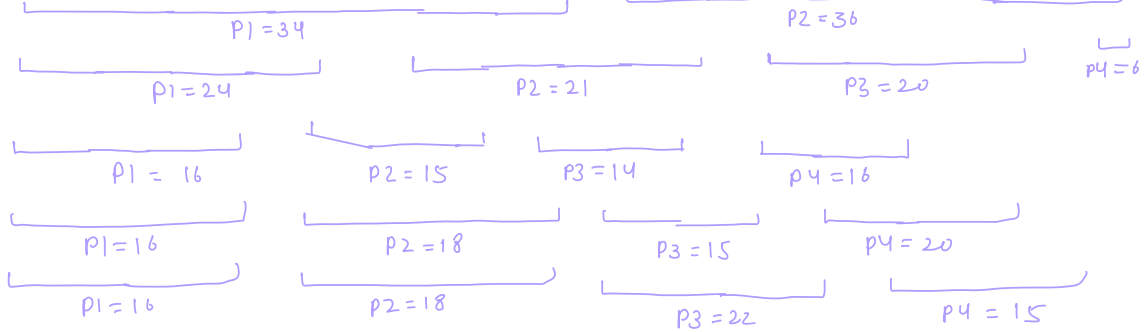
Search space: min and max possible time

$\left[\begin{array}{l} s: \text{arr: } [\underbrace{1}_{p_1} \quad \underbrace{2}_{p_2} \quad \underbrace{3}_{p_3} \quad \underbrace{4}_{p_4}] \quad k = 4, \dots, \infty \\ \quad \quad \quad \max(arr) \\ e: \text{arr: } [\underbrace{1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4}_{p_1 = 10}] \quad k = 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{sum}(arr) \end{array} \right.$

Condition and dry run

$A = [3, 5, 1, 7, 8, 2, 5, 3, 10, 1, 4, 7, 5, 4, 6]$

$K = 4$



s	e	mid	
10 [max]	71 (sum)	40 (yes)	ans = 40, $e = mid - 1$
10	39	24 (yes)	ans = 24, $e = mid - 1$
10	23	16 (no)	$s = mid + 1$
17	23	20 (no)	$s = mid + 1$
21	23	22 (yes)	ans = 22, $e = mid - 1$
21	21	21 (no)	$s = mid + 1$
22	21	→ break	

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int workers(int[] arr, int k) {
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    int n = arr.length;
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$O(n)$ —

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int s = getMax(arr);
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$O(n)$ —

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int e = getSum(arr);
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    ans = 0;
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    while( s <= e ) {
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        mid = s +  $\left(\frac{e-s}{2}\right)$ ;
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$\log_2 (\text{sum} - \text{max})$

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        if ( isPossible( mid, arr, k ) ) { —  $O(n)$ 
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            ans = mid;
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            e = mid - 1;
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        } else {
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            s = mid + 1;
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        }
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    return ans;
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}
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leading
↑

TC: $O(n) + O(n) + O(\log_2 (\text{sum} - \text{max})) * O(n)$

TC: $O(n) * \log_2 (\text{sum} - \text{max})$
SC: $O(1)$

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boolean isPossible( int time, int[] arr, int k ) {
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    sum = 0; cnt = 1;
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    for( int el: arr ) {
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        sum += el;
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        if ( sum > time ) {
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            cnt += 1;
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            sum = el;
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            if ( cnt > k ) {
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                return false;
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            }
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        }
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    } return true;
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Aggressive cows

Q Given n cows and m stalls. All m stalls are on x axis at different locations, place all n cows such a way that min distance b/w 2 cows is maximised.

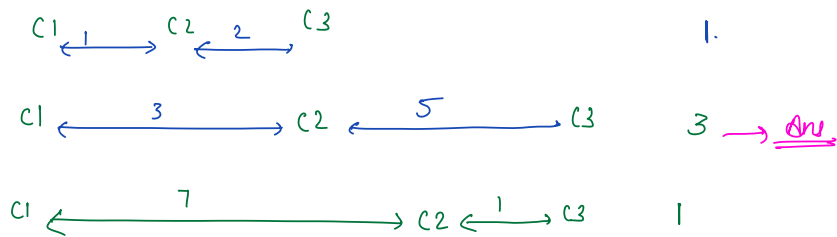
constraint: 1) In a stall only one cow can be present

2) All cows have to be placed.

Ex1 arr: [1 2 4 8 9]

stalls = 5

cows = 3

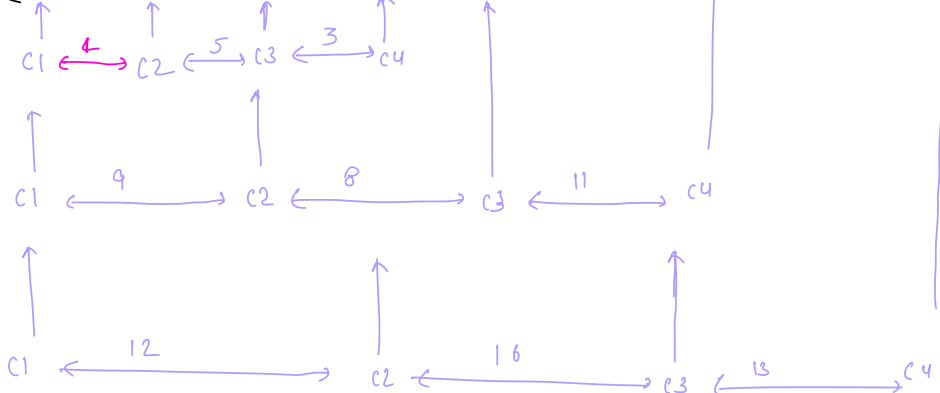


Ex2:

stalls = 9

cows = 4

arr: [2 6 11 14 19 25 30 39 43]



Target = maximise dist b/w any 2 cows

Search space:

S \rightarrow min distance b/w any 2 cows

arr: [²
1 3 8 12] \Rightarrow min b/w any 2 adjacent els
c1 c2 c3 c4
cows = 4

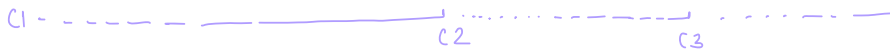
e \rightarrow max distance b/w any 2 cows

arr: [1 3 8 12] \rightarrow max(arr) - min(arr)
cows = 2 \uparrow \uparrow
c1 c2
11

condition and dry run.

cows = 4

[2 6 11 14 19 25 30 39 43]



8

e

mid

3

41

22 [Any two cows not possible
Dix > 22]

e = mid - 1

3

21

12 and = 12, s = mid + 1

13

21

17 not possible, e = mid - 1

13

16

14 not possible, e = mid - 1

13

13

13 e = mid - 1

13

12

break

Code: int moo(int[] dist, int n, int cows) {

$O(n)$ — $s = \min$ ^{sorted} dist b/w any 2 adjacent els

$O(n)$ — $e = \max(arr) - \min(arr);$ // $dist[n-1] - dist[0];$

ans = 0;

while($s \leq e$) {

mid = $s + \frac{e-s}{2};$

if(isPossible(mid, dist, cows)) { — $O(n)$

ans = mid;

$s = mid + 1;$

} else {

$e = mid - 1;$

TC: $O(n * \log_2(s-e))$

SC: $O(1)$

}
return ans;

}

boolean isPossible(int mid, int[] dist, int cows) {

int last-placed-cow = dist[0];

int cnt = 1;

for(i = 1; i < dist.length; i++) {

if($dist[i] - \text{last-placed-cow} \geq \text{mid}$) {

cnt += 1;

last-placed-cow = dist[i];

if(cnt == cows) {

return true;

}

}

} return false;

Thankyou 😊

Doubts:

rows = 2

mid = 12

