

## CS 401 - Computer algorithms, Fall 2020, CS, UIC

### Programming assignment 1

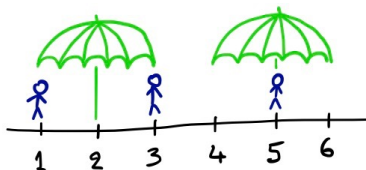
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**Problem 1: A day at the beach.** In this problem we will implement the greedy algorithm that we designed for the homework assignment.

A group of  $n$  people are lying on the beach. The beach is represented by the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  and the location of the  $i$ -th person is some integer  $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Your task is to prevent people from getting sunburned by covering them with umbrellas. Each umbrella corresponds to a closed interval  $I = [a, a + L]$  of length  $L \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the  $i$ -th person is covered by that umbrella if  $x_i \in I$ . Design a greedy algorithm for covering all people with the minimum number of umbrellas.

For example, if the input is  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 3$ ,  $x_3 = 5$ , and  $L = 2$ , then an optimum solution is the set of two umbrellas placed at positions 2 and 5, covering intervals  $[1, 3]$  and  $[4, 6]$ .



The input consists of a sequence of positive integers. The first number is  $L$ , followed by  $n$ , followed by  $n$  numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . The output of your algorithm should be the leftmost endpoints of the umbrellas, sorted in increasing order.

**Submission Details** Submit to Gradescope. Your file should be called `beach.py`. Input/Output is through console (e.g. simply using `input` and `print` functions). Print each sorted endpoint on a separate line. Please carefully follow these instructions because submissions will be automatically graded. All test cases will be valid. You don't need to implement checks for invalid inputs.

#### Example 1:

Input:

2

3

1

5

3

Output:

1

5

#### Example 2:

Input:

4

4

1

5

6

10

Output:

1

6