Algolympics 2023

Solution Sketches



J: Sensor Logs

- Solution 1: Keep track of the room each person is in at all times.
 - Use array.
- Each corridor they go through must connect to that room.
 - Sus if this fails!
- The new room is the other endpoint of the corridor.

J: Sensor Logs

- Solution 2: If you go through a corridor, you can only go back through the same corridor.
- So each person's log can only look like
 a a b b c c d d ...
 - Last log can be unpaired.
 - Can be empty.
- Sus *if and only if* not of this form.

K: Star Seeker's Socks

• Let t = total number of 'bad' socks.

• **Important:** each pair has *two* socks!

- Let s₁, s₂, ..., s_m be the numbers of socks of the 'good' sock types.
- If you take t + m socks, worst case you could have gotten all t bad ones and 1 of each good type. Fail!
- Thus, you need to take at least t + m + 1.



K: Star Seeker's Socks

- On the other hand, if you take t + m + 1 socks, you are forced to have a duplicate good sock of same type.
 - Pigeonhole principle.
- So the answer is t + m + 1.



K: Star Seeker's Socks

• Python solution (single case):

input() # no need for n, throw it out

c = [2*v for v in map(int, input().split())]

print(sum(c) + 1

- sum(c[i-1] - 1 for i in map(int, input().split())))

- "Just do it!"
 - Put encrypted words in a set, say E.
 - For each k = 1, 2, 3, ...
 - Shift all Wah-List words by k, then check if they're all in E.
 - Return first k that works.
 - If no k works, answer is -1.
- (you can also do it the other way around: put the Wah-List words into a set)



- Takes **O(∞)** time to finish.
- But just note that shifting by k is the same as shifting by k+26, so if none of 1, 2, ..., 26 works, none will work at all!

- Some techniques to make it easier:
 - Define a function *shift(word, k)* that shifts a word by *k*.
 Then just call this function many times.
 - Some languages have convenient syntax for manipulating sets.
 - E.g., in Python, $x \le y$ means "x is a subset of y".

- Gotcha: k = 26 is a possible solution, even though it is equivalent to doing nothing!
 - \circ k = 0 is not a **positive** integer.

M: TheBuzz

- We need to find pairing between names and labels
 - [1, 2, ..., n] such that
 - (name[i], name[j]) is an edge
 iff

(label[i], label[j]) is an edge.

- They are of the same type (if they exist).
- This check can be done in O(n²) time.

M: TheBuzz

- Since n is small (\leq 10), just try all possible pairings!
- There are n! pairings.
- 10! = 3628800, so this should pass.

M: TheBuzz

- We can simplify things a bit: turn
 - "no edge between (i, j)" into a 4th type of edge.
 - There are now 4 edge types, but the graph is complete, simplifying implementation a bit.
- Objects like this that are invented for convenience are sometimes called *dummy* or *sentinel* objects.

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

- Decompose into subproblems.
- For the no-stick-breaking version:
 - a. Given two beams w/ lengths x and y, find the optimal angle to join them.
 - b. Given the stick sizes, find the best way to reassemble them.

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

a. Given two beams w/lengths x and y, find theoptimal angle to join them.

• Area = base \cdot height / 2.



base

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

- Fix base x, then rotate y.
- We now need to maximize the height.
- So area is maximized/ when perpendicular!/
- Thus, max. area = xy/2.



H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

b. Given the stick sizes, find the best way to reassemble them.

- NP-Hard! This is essentially the subset sum problem.
- No known polynomial-time solutions.
- So let's find a solvable variant.

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

- Suppose you can break sticks at any time. What is the answer?
- You can basically build any beam sizes you want!
 More precisely: If t = total length of sticks, we can produce beams (x, y) iff x + y = t.
 - (and of course x and y must be positive)

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

- Maximize xy/2 subject to x + y = t.
- Basic optimization. The answer is a square: x = y = t/2.
 - But x and y need to be integers, so sometimes we must have |x - y| = 1.
- Thus, the optimal beams are roughly equal:
 - \circ (t/2, t/2) if t is even,
 - \circ ([t/2], [t/2] + 1) if t is odd.
- This solves the "easy" variant.

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

 Insight: You can produce roughly equal beams (t/2, t/2) or ([t/2], [t/2]+1) just by breaking one stick!



H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

- Thus, the optimal solution is the same!
- O(n)

H: Not Just an NP-Hard Problem

- **Gotcha:** The middle point may already be cut!
- If so, just cut a random stick.
 - Always possible because $x[i] \ge 2$.



- If staying is okay, then people can wait. So just find the "center" by doing a breadth-first search (BFS) from each of the k sources.
- Doesn't work since staying is not okay.

- But they can just go back and forth some edge!
- Thus, if they can reach a node at time *t*, then they can also reach it at *t*+2, *t*+4, *t*+6, ...
- So, we just need to find earliest time to reach each node in odd time, and also even time.

- Trick: Build a graph with 2*n* nodes.
- For each node *i*,
 - add two nodes (*i*, even) and (*i*, odd).
- For each edge i j,
 - Add edge (*i*, even) (*j*, odd).
 - Add edge (*i*, odd) (*j*, even).
- Then BFS starting at (*s, even*)!

- BFS'ing k times takes O(k(2n + 2m)) time.
 O(k(2n + 2m)) = O(k(n + m)).
- Then just find the node (*i*, *parity*) that has minimum max time; *i* will then be the meeting point.
- Then, just have people walk to it, and have early birds go back and forth some arbitrary edge while waiting for others.

- I: Ominous Acids
- Lots of *k*-ominoes even for small *k* !
- You can prove the number grows exponentially.
- Numbers up to k = 15:

1, 1, 2, 7, 18, 60, 196, 704, 2500, 9189, 33896, 126759, 476270, 1802312, 6849777

- Last few don't even fit in 2023×2023 area!
 - \circ $\,$ This suggests there are impossible cases.

- I: Ominous Acids
- Insight:



• $k \ge 7$ impossible!

I: Ominous Acids

- All that remains are $k \leq 6$.
- $k \leq 3$ trivial, can be done by hand.
- With more effort, maybe k = 4 too. And even k = 5.
 And even k = 6.
 - \circ Can be tedious though.

- I: Ominous Acids
- Insight 2: You have a computer. Use it!
- Backtracking to enumerate all *k*-ominoes.
- Backtracking to find valid tiling?

• Can be very hairy.

- I: Ominous Acids
- Insight 3: You have paper. Use it!
- You don't need to code everything.
- Easier to find tiling by hand once you have all distinct *k*-ominoes.

I: Ominous Acids

- Insight 4: Just make a neat tiling, e.g., by building small rectangular tiles and assembling them into one.
 - Assembly can be done manually or with code.







- I: Ominous Acids
- Other notes:
 - You can also enumerate k-ominoes by hand, but it's
 risky: easy to make mistake and miss some k-ominoes.
 - You can ignore the reflected *k*-ominoes. Just take your final grid, flip, then combine.
 - (Reduces work by \approx half)

- I: Ominous Acids
- Moral: You have brains, paper, and computer. Use all of them (in the right way) for best results!

L: Starquake!

- Clearly, the naive solution is too slow.
 o nq is large!
- Clearly, we need some data structures.

L: Starquake!

- We need to count landmasses in h[i..j] quickly.
- Assume i, i+1, ..., j are initially in separate landmasses.
- **Observation:** Every consecutive height difference of -1, 0, or +1 decreases *#* landmasses by 1.
- Thus, # landmasses in h[i..j] is:
 - \circ (j i + 1) (# of -1s, 0s, +1s in difference array.)
- We need to process range queries quickly on *difference array*
 - (h[2] h[1], h[3] h[2], ..., h[n] h[n-1]).
- We need to know effects of updates in difference array.

- FISSURE i j: changes h[i] h[i-1] and h[j+1] h[j], and nothing else.
 - Middle sections unaffected; they move together.
- EARTHQUAKE: change looks like +1, -1, +1, -1, ...

- **Insight:** Split difference array into odd and even parts.
- Then earthquake becomes
 +1, +1, +1, ... in one array, and
 -1, -1, -1, ... in the other!

- So now, we have reduced to:
- QUERY: count {-1, 0, +1} in subarray
- FISSURE: Point update
- EARTHQUAKE: Range increase or decrease by 1

- We can just use sqrt decomposition to be simple!!
 I'm not actually sure if there's a segment tree solution.
- Process \sqrt{n} commands at a time, in roughly O(n).
- If your solution needs some sorting of blocks, then it might be O((n + q) √n log n).
- It can be improved to $O((n + q) \sqrt{n})$.
 - (Hint: range updates are only +1 or -1)

G: Irreversible Events

- Only irreversible paths matter.
- i.e., we don't care about a path a → b if there's also a path b → a.
 - \circ i.e., we don't care if scc(a) = scc(b).
- So, look at SCCs

(strongly connected components).

G: Irreversible Events

- Where are divergent events?
- Paths need to come from outside SCC.
- We need a pair of such paths not sharing an edge.
- In particular, the last edges to the SCC are different!

G: Irreversible Events

 In particular, the last edges to the SCC are different:



G: Irreversible Events

- **Claim:** If 2 edges to the SCC exist, then some event is *not* in continuity.
- So let's look at graphs with at most one edge to each SCC.



G: Irreversible Events

- **Observation:** If there's at most one edge to the SCC, then all paths to it go through that edge.
- Thus, all events in it are in continuity!
- Therefore,

(graph is good) \Leftrightarrow (at most one edge to every SCC).

G: Irreversible Events

- Greedy? Take SCCs, then remove all but one edge to each SCC.
 - This gives the answer Σ max(0, indeg[C]-1) for all SCCs C.
- Is it correct? Greedy needs proof!
- **Issue:** This doesn't rule out strategies that break some SCCs apart.

G: Irreversible Events

- **Claim:** Breaking apart an SCC doesn't help.
- Need to prove: removing an edge within SCC doesn't decrease Σ max(0, indeg[C]-1), even if the SCCs change.

G: Irreversible Events

 Key: Removing edge in SCC X yields a DAG of SCCs with at most one source (and sink).



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 Thus, each old edge to X still contributes 1 to
 Σ max(0, indeg[C]-1), except possibly for one edge (to the source).



G: Irreversible Events

- Thus, $\sum \max(0, \operatorname{indeg}[C]-1)$ stays the same.
- Thus, removing an edge in an SCC doesn't help.
- Thus, the greedy solution is correct!
- Finding SCCs takes **linear** time.
 - Kosaraju's or Tarjan's algorithm.

 Insight: Teleporting via AB ↔ DC is the same as going to a "parallel universe"





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- E: Euclidean Travel with Parallel Universes
- Insight: Teleporting via $BC \leftrightarrow DA$ is the same as





Insight: Multiple teleports means travelling through multiple parallel universes in this tiling:



• **Solution:** produce the 8 neighboring parallel universes and find shortest path to each image of (x_{t}, y_{t}) .



• WRONG!

 It's possible to have lots of teleports!







- Finding the shortest path from a point to a rectangular lattice can be done in **O(1)**.
 - \circ $\,$ Only four candidates to check.

• Morals:

- Do simplifying transforms!
- Draw a lot!
- Practice geometry!

- Given (a, c), the max. # of chains in flow is clearly f = min(2a, 2(c - a)).
 - If a \leq c/2, each A-bead must be between two non-A-beads.
 - If $a \ge c/2$, each non-A-bead must be between two A-beads.
 - We can just assume $a \le c/2$ since A-beads and non-A-beads are symmetric; we can replace a := min(a, c - a).

- Thus, the number of chains "should be": choose(c-a, a).
 - (assuming $a \le c/2$)
- BUT this double counts... a lot.
 - (because of rotations and reflections)

F: Flow Maximal

- We can count the distinct chains using a powerful hammer known as **Burnside's lemma**
 - from group theory
 - (# orbits) × (# symmetries)
 - = Σ (# fixed points of symmetry S)

the sum runs across all symmetries S

- generalized by *Pólya enumeration*
- Exposition (and proof) here:

https://brilliant.org/wiki/burnsides-lemma/

- Burnside's lemma
 - (# orbits) × (# symmetries)
 - = Σ (# fixed points of symmetry S)
- # orbits = # distinct objects, i.e., what we need
- For size-n beads, there are 2n symmetries:
 - n rotations and n reflections.
 - o a.k.a., "dihedral group"
- Finding *#* fixed points is usually easy.

F: Flow Maximal

• Working it out, you get a sum of a couple of binomial coefficients (proof left to reader):

```
def choosepal(n, r):
    return choosepal(n-1, r) + choosepal(n-1, r-1) if n%2 else 0 if r%2 else choose(n//2, r//2)
def f(a, c):
    a, c = sorted((a, c - a))
    if a == 0: return 1
    g = gcd(a, c)
    ans = sum(choose(c//d, a//d) * phi(d) for d in divisors(g))
    ans += (c - c//2) * choosepal(c, a)
    ans += (c//2) * choosepal(c - 1, a - 1)
    ans += (c//2) * choosepal(c - 1, a)
    return ans//(2*c)
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- Proof left to reader. Some details:
 - \circ choosepal(n, r) = number of palindromic ways to choose.
 - First sum corresponds to # fixed points of rotations.
 - Last three summands correspond to *#* fixed points of reflections.

- choose(n, r) can be computed in O(r) time:
 (n) (n-1) (n-2) ... (n-r+1) / ((r) (r-1) (r-2) ... (1))
- Thus, the previous formula can be computed in
 O(a log log g) where g = gcd(a, c).
 - Needs the result that $\sigma(n) = O(n \log \log n)$.
 - (Grönwall's theorem)

- Now, we need to sum f(a, c) for $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ and $0 \le a \le c$.
- $b^2 = c^2 a^2 = (c a)(c + a)$.
- Thus, we want to find all factorizations of b^2 .
 - We can easily do it after prime-factorizing b (which is fast).
- But a and c can be large, so doing O(a log log g) for each (a, c) across some range may not cut it!

- So we have $b^2 = (c a)(c + a)$.
- Insight 1: $c a \le c + a$, so $c a \le \sqrt{b^2} = b$.
- Insight 2: A-beads and non-A-beads are symmetric. There are c - a non-A-beads, therefore

$$f(a, c) = f(c - a, c)!$$

- **Insight 1:** c a ≤ b
- Insight 2: f(a, c) = f(c a, c)
- Combining both insights, $c a \le b$ is small, and f(a, c) = f(c - a, c) can be computed in O((c - a) log log (c - a)) = O(b log log b) time.
 - This is now reasonable!
- Thus, the naive summing works after all!

- F: Flow Maximal
- **Gotcha:** b = 0 !!

 \circ What is the answer?

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C

- Diameter \leq 4 means radius \leq 2.
- Let C be a center. Root at C. Then height = radius ≤ 2 .
- Color C. Then the color of C cannot appear anywhere else.
 - even at 3rd level.



- The children of C must have distinct colors.
- Grandchildren of C may now use these colors.
- But sometimes they're not enough.
- We need to know how many extra colors are needed.
- There's a relatively straightforward max-flow/ matching approach
 - \circ $\,$ but of course it's too slow

- A few greedy approaches work.
 - I'll describe one such.
- Insight: Let X be the child of C with fewest children, say x. Then it's optimal to use the colors of x siblings with fewest children.
 - If not enough colors, need extra ones, then repeat!
 - (or binary search it)
- THEN use X's color under non-chosen siblings.

- Why does it work?
 - Can be intuitively true, but also tricky to rigorously prove.
- A possible proof is to reduce to *tournament score* sequences (Landau's theorem):
 - (s₁, s₂, ..., s_n) with 0 ≤ s₁ ≤ ... ≤ s_n and s₁ + ... + s_n = n(n 1)/2 is a tournament score sequence iff s₁ + ... + s_i ≥ i(i 1)/2 for all i.
 - \circ Proof details omitted. (Left to reader \simeq)

- **O(n)** with the right implementation.
- Maybe O(n log n) if you use a priority queue to find the fewest-children nodes.
 - May not pass though. Optimization may be needed

- Start with a known string matching solution: via *Fast Fourier Transform*!
- Two strings X[0..k-1] and Y[0..k-1] match iff
 - $\sum (X[i] Y[i])^2 = 0.$
- So the number of substring matches of S in T is the number of j such that
 Σ (S[i] - T[i+i])² = 0.

- ∑ (S[i] T[i+j])²
 - $= \sum S[i]^2 2 \sum S[i] T[i+j] + \sum T[i+j]^2$
- $\sum S[i]^2$ are just subarray sums in array (S[i]²).
- $\sum T[i+j]^2$ are just subarray sums in array (T[i]²).
- $\sum S[i] T[i+j]$ is a convolution of S and T.
 - Reverse S to see how it is a convolution.
- Convolution can be computed with FFT!

• Technique somewhat extensible. We just need to

find an arithmetic expression that's 0 iff it's a match.

- e.g., if S has wildcards (matches any character), then can use $\sum S[i] (S[i] T[i+j])^2$.
 - $= \sum S[i]^3 2 \sum S[i]^2 T[i+j] + \sum S[i] T[i+j]^2$
 - So this needs two convolutions.

(the latter two; the first one is just subarray sums)

- **Insight:** "Difference at most 1" has one such simple arithmetic expression:
 - $\sum ((X[i] Y[i])(X[i] Y[i] + 1)(X[i] Y[i] 1))^2$
- Expand this into a gigantic expression, and you'll end up with several FFTs, and some subarray sums.
- There may be too many FFTs? Let's try reducing.

- Trick:
 - Do the FFTs for all arrays
 (S[i]), (S[i]²), ..., (S[i]⁵), (T[i]), (T[i]²), ..., (T[i]⁵) first,
 - \circ then do the pointwise products (linear) in freq. space
 - $\circ~$ then do a single inverse FFT.
- Reduces # of FFTs from $O(d^2)$ to O(d), where
 - d = degree of expression.
 - \circ Ours has d = 6.

- **Trick 2:** Lower the degree d.
- Note that we cannot use something like
 - Σ (X[i] Y[i])(X[i] Y[i] + 1)(X[i] Y[i] 1) because it has false positives
 - e.g., "CC" is matched with "AE" this way.
- *Crucial property:* we want the summand to be nonnegative.

- But we can use something like
 Σ (X[i] Y[i])² (X[i] Y[i] + 1)(X[i] Y[i] 1).
- The summand is 0 if difference in {-1, 0, +1}, and positive otherwise.
 - \circ We used the fact that X[i] Y[i] is an integer.
- Degree is now d = 4 !

- Combining both techniques, we only need 6 FFTs (and 1 inverse FFT).
- O(7 (t + s) log (t + s)) = O((t + s) log (t + s)).

- **Gotcha:** FFT mod a prime m2^k + 1 may fail!
- We need two such primes ≈ 10⁹ to be completely sure ∑ (X[i] Y[i])² (X[i] Y[i] + 1) (X[i] Y[i] 1) is nonzero.
 - More primes may be needed for our d = 6 expression.
- Doubles the # of FFTs. Should still pass though
 - if implemented well

Thank you!



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