

2022/23

Team Formation Test

Editorial

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	Problem	Attempts	Full	Max	Mean	Std Dev	LQ	Median	UQ	Subtasks	First Solve
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School Corridor

TF23 I

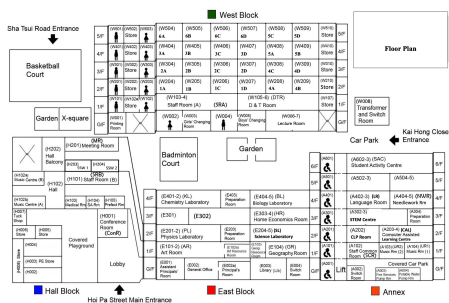
Story

Every Thursday, Daniel has to write Chinese essay during Chinese lesson, as Chinese writing is 1 hours 30 mins, but 2 lessons are only 1 hours 20 mins, so he has only 5 minutes left for the recess.

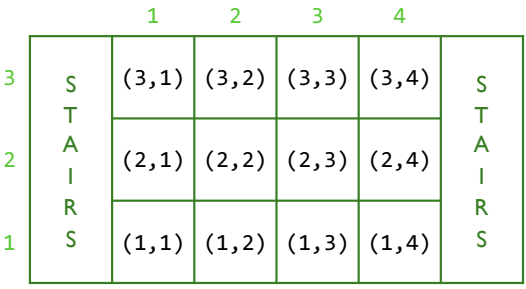
As Daniel needs going to the toilet, meeting friends, doing MC, etc., he is going to ***RUSH*** to the Biology Laboratory for the Biology lesson.

Problem Statement

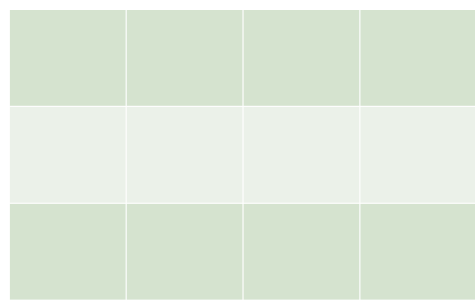
We've simplified the floor plan of the school to simplified the problem.



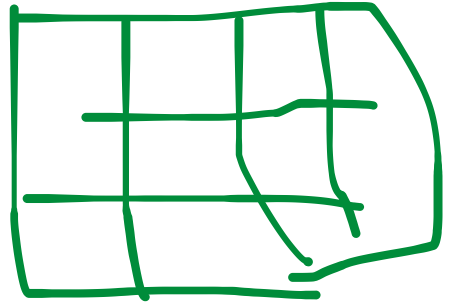
2019



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2030



2050

Problem Statement

Walking to the adjacent classroom/stair takes 1 second.

Walking up/down the stair takes 1 second.

ALL operations are 1s.

So you are going to find what is the minimum 1s you have to add to the answer.



Subtask I

$$H = 1$$

The school only has ONE floor!

How easy is this!

Just output $\text{abs}(w_c - w_b)$!

DONE!

Score: 7

Subtask 2

$$W = 2$$

The school is only TWO classroom long! (but may have many floors tho)

How easy is this!

If $h_c = h_b$, the answer is $\text{abs}(w_c - w_b)$.

Else if $w_c = w_b$, the answer is $2 + \text{abs}(h_c - h_b)$.

Else the answer is $3 + \text{abs}(h_c - h_b)$.

Score: 14 (Cumulative: 21)

Full Solution

If $h_c = h_b$, the answer is $\text{abs}(w_c - w_b)$.

Else, consider taking left and right stair respectively.

For the left stair, time taken is $\text{abs}(h_c - h_b) + w_c + w_b$.

For the right stair, time taken is $\text{abs}(h_c - h_b) + (W - w_c + 1) + (W - w_b + 1)$.

Compare the two values and output the smaller one.

DONE!

Score: 30

Ridiculous Price

TF232

Story

Daniel wants to buy *lomien*, but the pricing is **ridiculous**!



This is the opposite of ridiculous price.

Problem Statement

Given N prices,

if any of the $\frac{a_j}{j} > \frac{a_i}{i}$ for $i < j$, output Ridiculous,
otherwise output Normal.

Subtask I

$$N = 2$$

$$1 \leq a_i \leq 100$$

There are only 1 bag/2 bags of *lomien* prices!

Just test if $\frac{a_2}{2} > \frac{a_1}{1}$, output Ridiculous if true.

Otherwise output Normal.

Subtask I

Why I get “Wrong Answer”?

Remember the C++ integer division?

It takes the rounded-down value!

Oops! So you have to use double!

Score: 11

Subtask 2

$$1 \leq N \leq 10$$

$$1 \leq a_i \leq 100$$

Use a for-loop of i looping through 2 to N :

If $\frac{a_i}{i} > \frac{a_{i-1}}{i-1}$ for any i , output Ridiculous and terminates the program.

Otherwise output Normal.

Score: 14 (Cumulative: 25)

Full Solution

There will be precision error using `double`!
So we have to use a more accurate approach.

Use a for-loop of i looping through 2 to N :

If $(i - 1) \times a_i > i \times a_{i-1}$ for any i , output `Ridiculous` and terminates the program.
Otherwise output `Normal`.

Why? The proof leaves as an exercise of the readers!

Score: 30

Seating Plan

TF233

Problem Statement

Given a $N \times M$ grid and the number of student K you need to fit in.
Determine if it is possible to fit them in, if yes then output any possible layout.

Score 40% if output first line correctly.

Subtask I

$$N = 1$$

$$M = 2$$

$$K = 2$$

Trivial that it's impossible to fit 2 student in 2 seats without them to sit adjacent to each other.

Therefore, just output Impossible.

Score: 2

Subtask 2

$$K = 0$$

How to fill 0 students in a $N \times M$ grid?

How?

How...?

How.....?????

You guess.

Subtask 2

It's always possible! (*Surprise surprise!*)

But remember to print the layout also, otherwise you will just have 40% score : (

Use nested for loop to print the layout.

Score: 5

Subtask 3

$$N = M = 2$$

$$0 \leq K \leq 3$$

We can consider each case separately (as there is only 4 of them).

When $K = 0$, you already solve it in Subtask 2.

When $K = 1$, you could put the only student anywhere you want!

When $K = 2$, you have 2 possible layout, just output anyone of them:

$\begin{matrix} \# & . \\ . & \# \end{matrix}$ or $\begin{matrix} . & \# \\ \# & . \end{matrix}$

When $K = 3$, it's impossible!

Score: 8

Subtask 4

M is even

The very limited constraints are no longer here, so we cannot hardcode anymore!

Then how should we approach the subtask?

Slow down... and make some observation first.

Observation

We could observe the following patterns of maximum number of students that can be filled in:

Grid Size	4×1	4×2	4×3	4×4
Max. K	2	4	6	8

See the pattern?

Max. number of students that can be filled in is $N \times M \div 2$.

By pigeonhole principle, we can prove that it can't be greater than $N \times M \div 2$.

Subtask 4

Therefore, to determine if it is possible, we just need to check if $K \leq N \times M \div 2$.

40% score in bag!

How should we print the layout though?

Although you can make some crazy layout, it is better to make it as simple as possible.

For odd rows, we can put students in columns 1, 3, 5, 7, ...

For even rows, we can put students in columns 2, 4, 6, 8, ...

Score: 25

Full solution

Now M can be odd too!

N can be odd or even.

When N is even, the solution is just similar to that when M is even.

So we only need to consider when N and M are both odd, i.e. $N \times M$ is odd.

Full solution

We can consider the following examples:

Grid Size	3×3	5×5
Max. K	5	13
Layout	#.# .#. #.#	#.#.# .#.#. #.#.# .#.#. #.#.#

Observed pattern: For odd $N \times M$, maximum K is $(N \times M + 1) \div 2$.

Full solution

Observed pattern: For odd $N \times M$, maximum K is $(N \times M + 1) \div 2$.

Therefore, we could construct the following logic:

- When $N \times M$ is odd, it is possible when $K \leq (N \times M + 1) \div 2$.
- Else , it is possible when $K \leq (N \times M) \div 2$.

We got 40% for subtask 5!

Now, we just have to construct the layout of the grid when $N \times M$ is odd.

Full solution

To construct the layout, you could just follow the same rule as Subtask 4.

For odd rows, we can put students in columns 1, 3, 5, 7, $\dots$.

For even rows, we can put students in columns 2, 4, 6, 8, $\dots$.

Problem solved!

Score: 40

Chemcraft Time

TF234

Problem Statement

The time used for crafting the i -th particle is $T_i + \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} p_{i,j}$

What does it mean?

- Crafting ALL particles require the formation time T_i
- The crafting time is then added by the crafting time of the K_i (K_i maybe 0) particles. The K_i particles are represented as $p_{i,1}, p_{i,2}, \dots, p_{i,K_i}$

Mod 10^9+7

Although mod 10^9+7 is mentioned, it is only applicable in *subtask 4*!

Note the input constraints!

So if you don't know how to do mod $10^9 + 7$, you can still happily attempt the problem.



TFT

Mod 10^9+7

Subtask I

$K_i = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$

Just output each T_i

Expected Score: 7

Subtask 2

$$K_1 = 0, K_i = 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq N$$

$$p_{i,1} = i - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq N$$

$$1 \leq T_i \leq 1000$$

Input formed a “chain”

Partial sum!

Expected Score: 20

Subtask 3

$$1 \leq N \leq 10$$

$$1 \leq T_i \leq 5$$

All the items used to form itself is **simpler**

Therefore, just compute the formation time in order of increasing IDs (i.e. from simplest to most complicated)!

Time Complexity: $O(N)$

Expected Score: 44

Full Solution

Use the solution in Subtask 3

Remember to mod 10^9+7

Time Complexity: $O(N)$

Expected Score: 50

Problem Descriptor

TF235

Story

“What problem do you have?”

“What problem?”

“No, I ask you, what problem do you have?”

“No, what problem do you have, what problem do I have?”

“I ask you, what problem do you have?”

“Har?”



conversation

Daniel hears this legendary conversation after the Chemistry UT on bus route 42!

Story

Talking about *bus route*...

We'll think of the legendary HKOI problem – *Bus Route Category (J221)*!

So this problem is **EXTREMELY** similar to that task!

(Duncan said it was annoying)

Bus Route Category ☆

J221Time Limit: 1.000 sMemory Limit: 256 MBSubmitBlocklySubmissionsStats

Bob loves patterns! One day, he discovered that all bus route numbers in Heung Shing follow some format and patterns which sparked his interest in finding the patterns. After researching online, he learned that all bus route numbers in Heung Shing must consist of 0 or 1 uppercase letter prefix, a number between 1 and 999 (inclusive) with no leading zeros, followed by 0 or 1 uppercase letter suffix. Below are the lists of bus route categories represented by the digits and letters:

Part A		Part B	
Letter Prefix	Category A	Hundreds Digit	Category B
No Letter Prefix	Normal	No Hundreds Digit	Normal
A	Airport	1	Cross River
B	Border	2	Air-conditioned
N	Overnight	3	Holiday
Other letters	Invalid	Other numbers	Invalid

Part C		Part D	
Tens Digit	Category C	Letter Suffix	Category D
0, 1, 2 or No Tens Digit	Downtown	A, B, C or No Letter Suffix	Normal
3, 4	West District	P	Peak Hour
7	North District	S	Special
8	East District	X	Express
Other numbers	Invalid	Other letters	Invalid

Problem Statement

Read it yourself.

Subtask I

The problem ID has the prefix of X, B, A or W and is guaranteed to be valid

How easy is this!

Assume the problem ID be string `S`.

Just use an if-statement to test `S[0]` output the *problem type representation*.

Then just output `Problem S.substr(1, S.length() - 1)`.

(or you can just `cout << S[1] << S[2] << S[3];`)

DONE!

Score: 8

Subtask 2

The problem ID has the prefix of TF and is guaranteed to be valid

How easy is this!

```
First check the year using S[2] and S[3],  
int year = (S[2] - '0') * 10 + (S[3] - '0');  
If year >= 22, then output 20, else output 21;  
then, just output Team Formation Test.  
then output year.  
Then output Problem S[4].
```

DONE!

Score: 9 (Cumulative: 17)

Subtask 3

The problem ID has the prefix of TW and is guaranteed to be valid

How easy is this!

Frist output the *full school year representation*.

Then, you can use 9 if-statement or use an array to store all ordinal numbers to output the *full round number representation*.

Then, just output Operation Imaginary.

Then output Problem S[5].

DONE!

Score: 8 (Cumulative: 25)

Subtask 4

The problem ID is guaranteed to be valid

How easy is this!

Just do the TC case!

I trust you can do it!

DONE!

Score: 17 (Cumulative: 42)

Full Solution

How easy is this!

Subtask 4 solution

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Careful checking of whether the input is valid or not

DONE!

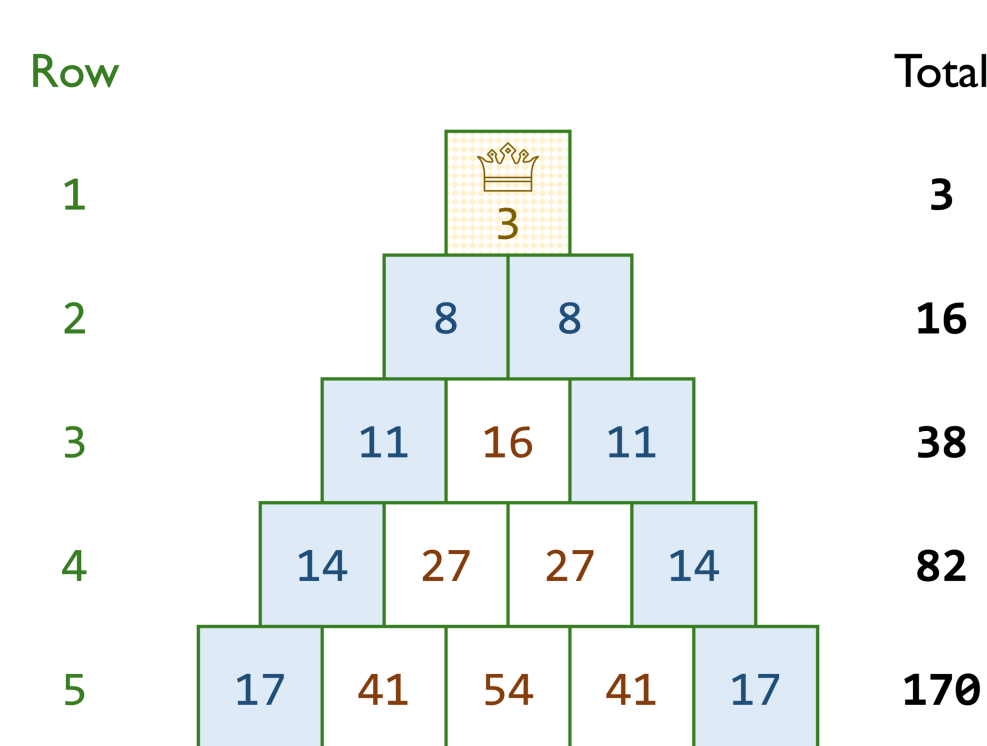
Score: 70

King's Army

TF236

Problem Statement

Given the leadership level L and the base ability of the 2nd row soldiers B , find the total fighting ability of the required level for each queries.



Subtask I-5

Just simulate it, here is a sample case:

```
1  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int main() {
5      long long a,b,c,d,g,bigmod = 1e9+7;
6      cin >> a >> b >> c >> d;
7      long long e[a][a],f[d];
8      e[0][0] = b;
9      e[1][0] = b+c;
10     e[1][1] = b+c;
11     for (int j=2;j<a;j++){
12         for (int i = 0;i<=j;i++){
13             if (i == 0){
14                 e[j][i] = e[j-1][i] + b;
15             }else if(i == j){
16                 e[j][i] = e[j-1][i-1] + b;
17             }else{
18                 e[j][i] = e[j-1][i-1] + e[j-1][i];
19             }
20         }
21     }
22     for (int i = 0;i<d;i++){
23         cin >> f[i];
24     }
25     for (int i = 0;i<d;i++){
26         g = 0;
27         for (int j=0;j<f[i];j++){
28             g += e[f[i]-1][j];
29         }
30         cout << g%bigmod << endl;
31     }
32 }
33
```

Subtask 6

$$1 \leq Q, R \leq 5000$$

Observe the pattern when $L = 0, B = 1$:

See the pattern?

For row N ($N \neq 1$),
the total fighting ability is 2^{N-1} .

Row		Total
1		0
2		2
3		4
4		8
5		16

Subtask 6

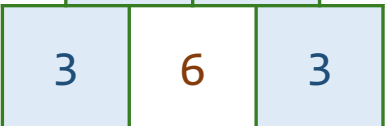
$$1 \leq Q, R \leq 5000$$

Observe the pattern when $L = 0, B = 3$:

See the pattern?

For row N ($N \neq 1$),
the total fighting ability is $2^{N-1} \times 3$.

Thus we can prove that for $L = 0$,
the total fighting ability is $2^{N-1} \times B$.

Row		Total
1		0
2		6
3		12
4		24
5		48

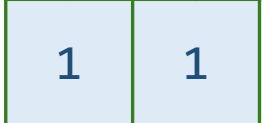
Subtask 6

$$1 \leq Q, R \leq 5000$$

Now consider $L = 1, B = 0$:

See the pattern?

For row N ($N \neq 1$),
the total fighting ability is $2^N - 2$.

Row		Total
1		1
2		2
3		6
4		14
5		30

Subtask 6

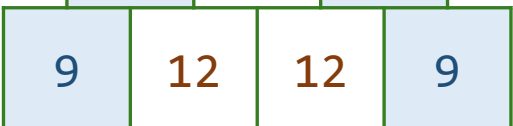
$$1 \leq Q, R \leq 5000$$

Now consider $L = 3, B = 0$:

See the pattern?

For row N ($N \neq 1$),
the total fighting ability is $(2^N - 2) \times 3$.

Thus we can prove that for $B = 0$,
the total fighting ability is $(2^N - 2) \times L$.

Row		Total
1		3
2		6
3		18
4		42
5		90

Subtask 6

$$1 \leq Q, R \leq 5000$$

When $L = 0$, total fighting ability $= 2^{N-1} \times B$.

When $B = 0$, total fighting ability $= (2^N - 2) \times L$.

Actually the total fighting ability affected L and B are independent from each other!

So the general formula is just adding them together!

We get $2^{N-1} \times B + (2^N - 2) \times L$ for row N ($N \neq 1$).

Score: 77

Subtask 7

$$1 \leq Q, R \leq 10^5$$

We can just precompute the total fighting ability of each row. When the row is queried, we can just simply output the precomputed value.

Time complexity: $O(R+Q)$

Score: 89

Full Solution

If we use Subtask 7 solution, we will get TLE as the time complexity is $O(R+Q)$, and R can be as large as 10^{18} .

Thus for each query, we can just calculate the answer using the general formula in Subtask 6: $(2^{N-1} \times B + (2^N - 2) \times L) \bmod 10^9 + 7$.

But how do we calculate the answer fast enough when N is large?

Binpow!

Time complexity: $O(Q \lg R)$

Score: 90

Dejavu, yet again!

Full Solution

$$1 \leq n \leq 10^9$$

- How to compute the power of 2 modulo a prime m efficiently?
- Yes I have put the link in the briefing session. Expect this? (Daniel omanmoli again and again!)
- I had also talk about this in the very first lesson of the OI team :)

<https://cp-algorithms.com/algebra/binary-exp.html#algorithm>

"Never Gonna Give You Up"
Daniel Hsieh
September 24, 2021

Never Gonna Give You Up

24 Sep 2021

Raising High Power of Number

Sometimes you are required to raise a number to a really big integer modulo m . For example: 1075. How can we do it efficiently? Binary exponential is a solution. We can recursively solve that for lower power, and inductively find the answer. Indeed $a^{2N} = (a^N)^2$ and $a^{2N+1} = a^N \cdot a^N \cdot a$, and these two relationships are enough to find the power of numbers (if one is familiar with recursion).

Suppose we have a chain. We can split it into almost half, and we can observe that the two parts are almost the same: therefore we need not compute the same thing repeatedly. This technique is also called divide-and-conquer. Time complexity $O(\lg n)$ for computing a^n .

This is the real dejavu!

Mod 1e9+7

When the problem requires you to find some numbers, sometimes it

• use long long to prevent overflow.

• Find the number every time you will call overflow.

• For a negative number x , $x \% M < 0$. So you need to add it by M .

• There are some strange things, but you must understand them anyway.

(Who wrote that Daniel as Bad Peking members said, and teachers read?)

• For further information, you can check <https://cp-algorithms.com/algebra/binary-exp.html>.

"HKSC 2022 Briefing Session"
Daniel Hsieh, Jack Wong
July 22, 2022



Full Solution

In fact, it is quite simple:

- function binpow(a, b, p): // calculate $a^b \bmod p$
 - if $b = 0$: return 1
 - $r = \text{binpow}(a * a \% p, b / 2, p)$
 - if b is odd: return $r * r \% p * a \% p$
 - if b is even: return $r * r \% p$

Time complexity: $O(\lg n)$
Expected Score: 100



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Blackboard Escape

TF237

Problem Statement

Initially, only 0, 1 are on the blackboard.

For each operation, you can choose two integers x, y on blackboard and write down $2y - x$.

You win when you write down N ($2 \leq N \leq 5 \times 10^8$).

Minimise the number of operations K used.

Subtask 1, 4

Subtask 1 $N = 2$

Subtask 4 $N = 5$

These cases are in the sample!

Do not be scared simply because this is Q7!

Expected Score: $2 + 5 = 7$

Side Note: You can do the Subtasks 1-5 separately as the scoring is “cumulative”

Subtask 1-5

$$2 \leq N \leq 6$$

Do you understand the problem statement?

You should get these points quite easily!

Note that $x, y, 2y - x$ is just an arithmetic sequence: $(2y - x) - y = y - x$.

Therefore, there is intuitive reason to use $2y - x$ as the function.

You can do them by hand and obtain easy 20 points!

Expected Score: 20

Subtask 6

$$2 \leq N \leq 10^5$$

Induction!

Initially, there are only 0 and 1.

In operation 1, we may choose $x = 0, y = 1$, and write down $2y - x = 2$.

In operation 2, we may choose $x = 1, y = 2$, and write down $2y - x = 3$.

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In operation $N - 1$, we may choose $x = N - 2, y = N - 1$, and write down N .

No. of operations: $N - 1$

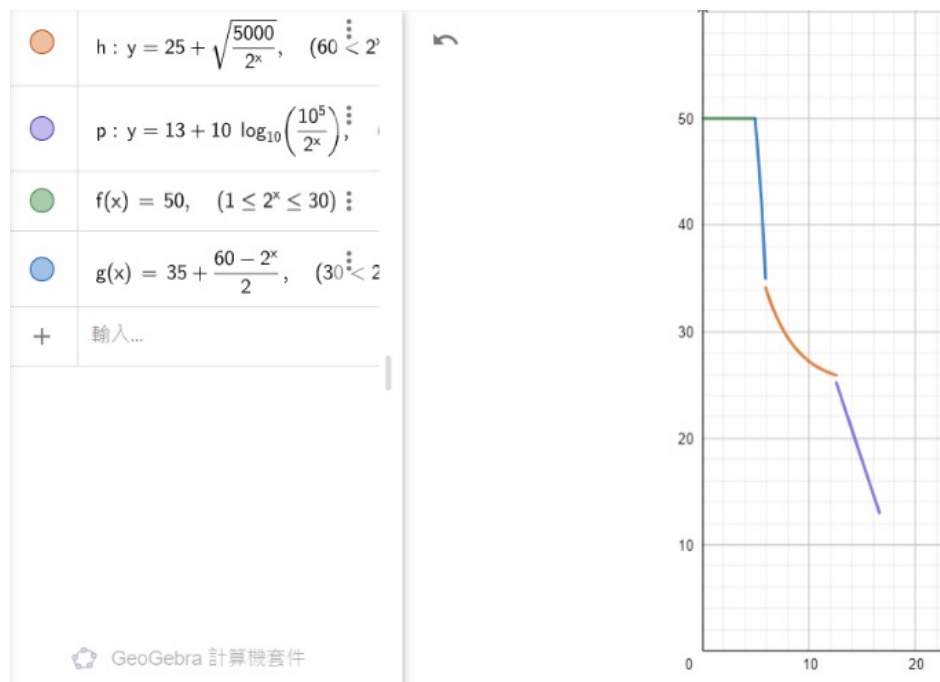
Expected Score: 40

Subtask 7

$$2 \leq N \leq 5 \times 10^8$$

Partial Scoring: the score obtained depends on the max no. of operations $K_{\max}$ over all test cases you used

$$K_{\max} \leq 30 \text{ for full score}$$



Subtask 7a

$$K_{\max} \leq 10^5$$

How to do $2 \leq N \leq 5 \times 10^8$ using just 10^5 operations?

You might notice in our solution to Subtask 6, we always choose adjacent numbers. But we can actually choose numbers farther away!

Let's say we first write down $1, 2, 3, \dots, X$ using method in Subtask 6.

Next, we choose $N \% Y, N \% Y + Y$ ($N \% Y + Y \leq X$) and again use method in Subtask 6 to write down $N \% Y + 2Y, N \% Y + 3Y, \dots, N$.

If we choose $Y \sim \sqrt{N}$, then no. of operations $\sim \sqrt{N}$.

Expected Score (lower bound): 53

Subtask 7b

$$K_{\max} \leq 6000$$

Can we further optimize our solution?

We may use multiple steps to write down N .

Instead of two steps as in Subtask 7a, we may use three steps!

Let's say we first write down $1, 2, 3, \dots, X$.

Next, we write down $\dots, Y - 2X', Y - X', Y$.

Finally we write down $\dots, N - 2Y', N - Y', N$.

X' and Y' depends on the size of X and Y .

No. of operations $\sim N^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Expected Score (lower bound): 65

Subtask 7c

$$K_{\max} \leq 60$$

How about we further generalise it?

Binary Number!

No. of operations $\sim 2 \lg N \sim 2 \times 29 \sim 60$

Expected Score: 75

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00111
00101
00011
00010
00001
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Full Solution

$$K_{\max} \leq 30$$

Note that we may use negative integers!

Claim: If there are two integer x, y such that $N \bmod (y - x) = x$, we may construct a solution.

We may repeatedly change our x and y .

Every operation, we may change (x', y') to $(x, 2y - x)$ or $(2x - y, y)$.

The difference $y' - x'$ is doubled, where $N \bmod (2y - 2x)$ is either x or $2x - y$.

No. of operations: $\lg N \sim 29$

Expected Score: 90