

# Contest 1

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## A. A Two Floors Dungeon

There is grid dungeon, with each cell either on the first floor or the second floor. We can move between adjacent cells (provided they are on the same floor), or press switches in the current cell that flip floors for a subset of cells. Find the shortest time to get to the exit.

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There are  $n$  balls on a rectangular table. We hit ball 1 in a given direction; the ball reflects perfectly from the table sides. Determine the first collision, or that it doesn't happen for the first 10000 units travelled.

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Complexity is  $O(nD)$ , with  $D = 10000$ .

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We have a sequence  $k_1, \dots, k_n$ . Find such integers  $A, B$  such that  $1 \leq A \leq B \leq 10^{18}$  and for all  $i$ , there are exactly  $k_i$  integers in the segment  $[A, B]$  with  $i$ -th smallest bit set to 1.

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The total complexity is  $O(n^2)$  per test case.

## D. Do Use Segment Tree

We are given a tree with weights in vertices. Process queries “assign weights on the simple path between vertices  $a$  and  $b$  to  $c$ ”, and “find the largest total weight of a consecutive subsegment of the simple path between two vertices”.

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Each simple path in the tree can be split into  $O(\log n)$  segments each completely covered by a decomposition path; process each query in  $O(\log^2 n)$  time.

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After careful reading, we need to find the smallest positive integer  $x$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i O_i x^{O_i-1} = 0.$$

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To check for equality, compute the polynomial modulo several random primes.



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$T_0 = T, T_1, \dots, T_m = T_s$  such that  $T_i$  can be constructed from  $T_{i+1}$ .

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For a tree with  $n$  edges, the complexity can be bounded as  $\sum_{d|n} d \times \#(\text{divisors of } d)$ , which is small enough.



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To reduce constant factor, precompute transitions as much as possible.

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The number of different values of  $c$  can be bounded by  $(2k)^4$ , but is actually much smaller.

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A *tree decomposition* is a structure similar to  $T$  constructed for any given graph. A lot of problems can be solved fast when each vertex of  $T$  is “responsible” for a small number of vertices of  $G$ .

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We are given  $r$  words  $s_1, \dots, s_r$  of size at most  $c$ . For each  $i$ , we need to write  $s_i$  in some of the cells of the  $i$ -th row of a  $r \times c$  grid without changing relative order of letters. Maximize the number of pairs of equal adjacent letters.

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With enough precomputation, can achieve complexity  $O(rc2^c)$ .

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There are  $n$  words in a phrase, each having a length  $l_i$ . Each word may also possibly modify another word, with modification structure forming a forest. The penalty for a modification in a particular ordering of words is the total length of words between the two words involved in modification. Determine the optimal order of words.

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The complexity is  $O(n \log n)$ .

## K. King and Pipes

There is a water pipe network, represented as a set of segments in the plane (intersecting segments are communicating). A water supply, several valves, and a repair point are located. We have to disconnect the repair point from the supply by shutting some of the valves. What is the smallest total length of pipes needed to disconnect from the supply?

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The complexity is linear in the size of the graph, which is  $O(n^2 + m)$  ( $n$  and  $m$  are the numbers of segments and valves respectively).

## L. Let's Move On Dice

We have a six-faced die with a string written on each face. There is also a grid with a start and a goal cell. We want to roll the die from the start to the goal while respecting restrictions on the rolling directions in each cell. If we concatenate all strings visible on the top face after each roll, what is the lexicographically smallest string we can obtain? It could be that there is no finite smallest string.

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To check for that, run Bellman-Ford for  $Shw$  more iterations and see any of the intermediate answers are lexicographically smaller than the provisional one.

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First, remove all cells that are not reachable from the start, or such that the goal is not reachable from them. The state of the process is described by the cell coordinates, as well as one of  $S = 6 \times 4$  possible orientations of the cube.

We now try to repeatedly improve the answer for all states (much like in Bellman-Ford algorithm). If the answer is finite, then after  $Shw$  iterations there will be no improvements in any vertex that could possibly lead to improving the final answer.

To check for that, run Bellman-Ford for  $Shw$  more iterations and see any of the intermediate answers are lexicographically smaller than the provisional one.

Since we have to compare the answers explicitly, the complexity is  $O((SHW)^2L)$ , where  $L$  is the largest length among strings of die's faces. Can get rid of  $O(L)$  factor with precomputation and two-pointers comparison.

# M. Monolith

You are given a set of glyphs as black and white pictures. There is also a picture of rectangles and glyphs, with each rectangle enclosing a phrase (possibly with more rectangles), and each glyph possibly reversed. According to transcription rules, recover the phrase.

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Finally, apply the rules to obtain a canonical sequence. Pay attention to symmetrical glyphs, glyphs that are equal to another reversed glyph, and glyphs that are actually rectangles.