

# M1801 - Two-cube Calendar

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- The answer is Yes if and only if:
  - $A[tens] = 1$  and  $B[unit] = 1$ , **OR**
  - $A[unit] = 1$  and  $B[tens] = 1$ .



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- Try dice with:
  - Both 6 and 9
  - 6 only
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# M1802 Origami Hearts

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## Area of the heart

- A correct rectangular paper is  $W * W/4$  unit square
- area of the rectangular paper =  $W^2/4$
- then area of the heart =  $W^2/4 * 5 / 8$   
(by measuring with a ruler, counting etc)

## Subtask 1 $W = H$

- Divide the square paper into four stripes
- Each one's area =  $W * W/4$ , which can be folded into a heart of area  $W * W/4 * 5 / 8$
- Guaranteed at least one heart can be made means  $T \leq W * W/4 * 5 / 8$ , i.e. we can always fold four hearts
- final answer =  $4 * W * W/4 * 5 / 8$

## Cutting paper - two situations only

First, rotate the paper so that  $W > H$

1. If  $W/4 < H$ , cut horizontally;  
area increment  $W * W/4 * 5 / 8$ ;  
repeat with  $W' = W$ ,  $H' = H - W/4$



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2. If  $W/4 > H$ , cut vertically;

area increment  $4H * H * 5 / 8$ ;

repeat with  $W' = W - 4H$ ,  $H' = H$

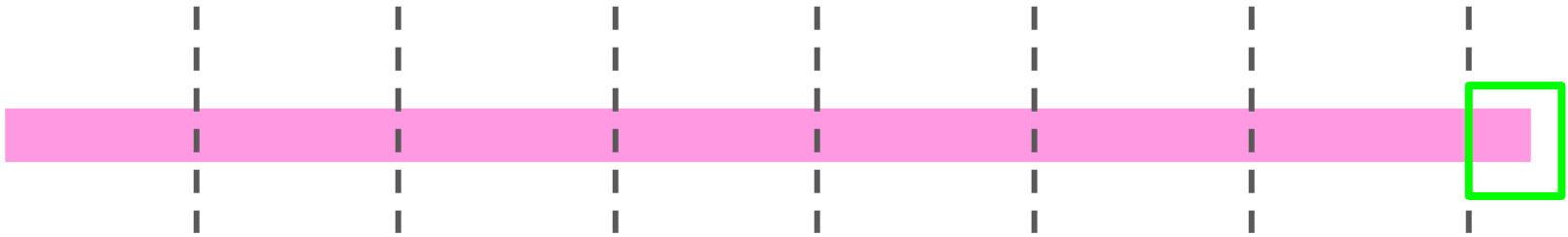


- Terminate when heart area  $< T$
- Each iteration reduces  $W$  or  $H$  a little.  
Time complexity =  $O(W + H)$  **TLE**



## Cutting paper - speed up

- For long stripes, cut a whole bunch at once



- 7 identical correct ratio papers, each with area  $4H^2$
- area increment  $7 * 4H^2 * 5 / 8$
- Repeat the process with  $W' = W \bmod 4H$ ,  $H' = H$

means remainder of  $W \div (4H)$

## Time complexity

- In each iteration, the paper area is reduced into smaller than half of its size
- $O(\log(WH))$

M1803 I love you I love you

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## Subtask 1, 2, 3

- Expected solution: repeat **string.erase** until done
- Need to carefully handle many corner cases mixed
  - "HKOI love your sister." (stick to other words)
  - "I love you very much." (beginning of sentence)
  - "Alice I love you very much." (middle of sentence)
  - "Alice I love you." (end of sentence)
  - "Alice I love I love you xd." (multiple deletion)
  - "I love you." (delete entire sentence)
  - x(

# Simplification

- This kind of string processing problems can be extremely annoying if you do not simplify the complexity
- Observation: sentences are independent with each other
- Idea: solve the problem sentence by sentence
- greatly simplified fullstop handling

# Simplification

- Organize the whole email into an **array of array of string**
- Alice I love you. Believe me. I love you.
- [ ["Alice", "I", "love", "you"]  
 , ["Believe", "me"]  
 , ["I", "love", "you"]  
 ]
- No more spaces, no more fullstops :)

# Solving a sentence

- So each sentence is just an array of string
- Time to delete "I love you"
- We need to efficiently handle a lengthy

I love I I love you love you you

- looks like... ((())) ?
- let's use stack! (learn more in Data structures (I))

# Stack

- When encountered "I", "love" or "you" that is a continuation of the top of stack, push into stack
  - continuation:
    - I -> I
    - I -> love
    - love -> I
    - love -> you
  - if top of stack is ["I", "love", "you"], pop the three words
- Otherwise, output the whole stack and clear the stack



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```
[ ]  
["I"]  
["I", "love"]  
["I", "love", "I"]  
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["I", "love", "I", "I", "love", "you"] pop!  
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["I", "love", "love"] output!  
[ ]
```

# Output

- Eventually, you get

```
[ ["Alice"]  
  , ["Believe", "me"]  
  , []           <- empty sentence  
]
```
- Simply output words separated by space and sentences separated by space and ends with fullstop. Remember to skip empty sentences.
- Alice. Believe me.

## Time complexity

- Each word is pushed into the stack once and popped once
- $O(\text{Text size})$

## Common bug

- Forgot to clear the stack at the end

# M1804 - Programmer's Dream

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e.g.  $Pr(2, 1, 2, 4) = \frac{2}{4}$ , but output should be 1 2.



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- We will discuss the general solution later.

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- Solving gives  $f(1) = \frac{L}{1-LR}$  and  $f(2) = \frac{L^2}{1-LR}$ .

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- Otherwise,

- $\gamma^K + \dots + \gamma^{N-1} = \gamma^K \left( \frac{\gamma^{N-K} - 1}{\gamma - 1} \right)$
- $1 + \gamma + \dots + \gamma^{N-1} = \frac{\gamma^N - 1}{\gamma - 1}$

and we get  $f(K) = \frac{\gamma^N - \gamma^K}{\gamma^N - 1} = \frac{L^N - L^K R^{N-K}}{L^N - R^N} = \frac{p^N - p^K (q-p)^{N-K}}{p^N - (q-p)^N}$ .

# M1805 - Heart Shaper

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# Partial Solution - Exhaustion

Simply try all possible places of the “heart-shape”

## PSEUDOCODE

```
Ans = infinity
For i = 3*x+1 .. R
  For j = 4*x+1 .. R
    If (Calc(i, j) < Ans)
      Ans = Calc(i, j)
```

Here,  $\text{Calc}(i, j)$  returns the cost (number of bits to toggle) if we place the “heart-shape” with bottom-right bit at the  $i$ -th row,  $j$ -th column



## Partial Solution - Exhaustion

You should carefully implement the function `Calc(i, j)` by analyzing the relations between coordinates of the “heart-shape” and the value **N** (or **x**)

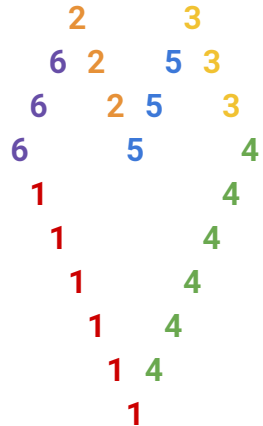
- Time Complexity :  $O(RCN^2)$  // considering the whole rectangle  
as number of bits in a rectangle  $\sim O(N^2)$
- Time Complexity :  $O(RCN)$  // considering only the heart-shape  
as number of bits in a heart-shape  $\sim O(N)$
- Expected Score : 8 ~ 18 out of 20 // based on your implementation

# Full Solution

Notice that the “heart-shape” is formed by six diagonal lines

Or six horizontal / vertical lines,

if you rotate the bitmap ~~(or your head)~~ by 45 degrees



# Full Solution

We know how to find the sum of elements in subarray with *prefix sum*

In case you do not know *prefix sum*...

For an 1-d array `arr[ ]`, we can build another 1-d array `pre[ ]`, such that

`pre[i]` is the value of `arr[1] + arr[2] + ... + arr[i]`

This can be calculated in  $O(N)$  with the formula

`pre[i] = pre[i-1] + arr[i]`

Thus we can query any subarray sum with  $O(1)$  now as

the sum from the  $x^{\text{th}}$  to  $y^{\text{th}}$  elements is `pre[y] - pre[x-1]`

## Full Solution

We can actually apply the prefix sum technique to the bitmap,  
but in diagonal directions instead of horizontal / vertical

In other words, by using the formula

$$\text{pre}[i][j] = \text{pre}[i-1][j-1] + \text{bitmap}[i][j]$$

We can find number of 1-bits of any diagonals from  $(i, j)$  to  $(x, y)$

$$\text{count} = \text{pre}[x][y] - \text{pre}[i-1][j-1] \quad // i \leq x; j \leq y; x - i = y - j$$

Apply this technique to the other direction as well

## Full Solution

Now, we can compute the number of 1-bits in “heart-shape”  
with any given positions in  $O(1)$  per query      *// and  $O(RC)$  pre-compute*

By knowing the number of 1-bits in the whole initial bitmap as well,  
we can calculate the number of bits to toggle for any given positions too

Time Complexity :  $O(RC)$       *//  $O(RC)$  pre-compute +  $O(RC)$  exhaustion*

Expected Score : 20 out of 20

