

# T191 - Distributing Cards

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# Problem

Given  $N$  cards, consist of 'F' or 'S' card

Each time you pick a 'F' card, some cards on the right of it will be deleted

Find the number of ways to pick all 'F' cards

→ No 'F' card should be deleted



# Subtask 1

$$1 \leq N \leq 10$$

- Try all pick sequence (permutation)
- Determine if a given pick sequence is valid or not
  - ◆ Naive delete =  $O(N^2)$
  - ◆ Linked list =  $O(N)$
- Time complexity =  $O(N! * N)$  or  $O(N! * N^2)$
- C++ `std::next_permutation`



## Subtask 2

# of 'F' cards  $\leq 10$

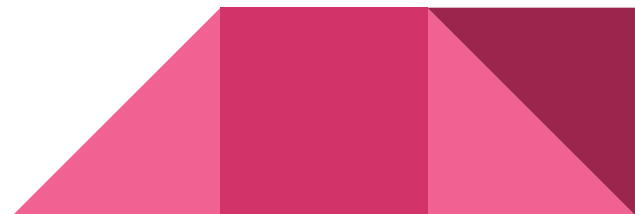
- Similar to subtask 1
- Try all 'F' cards' pick sequence (permutation)
- Determine if a given pick sequence is valid or not



## Subtask 2

Determine if a given pick sequence is valid or not

- For each 'F' card, find the closest 'F' card which is not deleted
- Calculate the number of card between them which is not deleted
  - ◆ Minus the effect brought by previous deleted 'F' card
- Compare it with  $c_i$



# Subtask 2

M = # of 'F' cards

Time complexity =  $O(M! * M^2)$

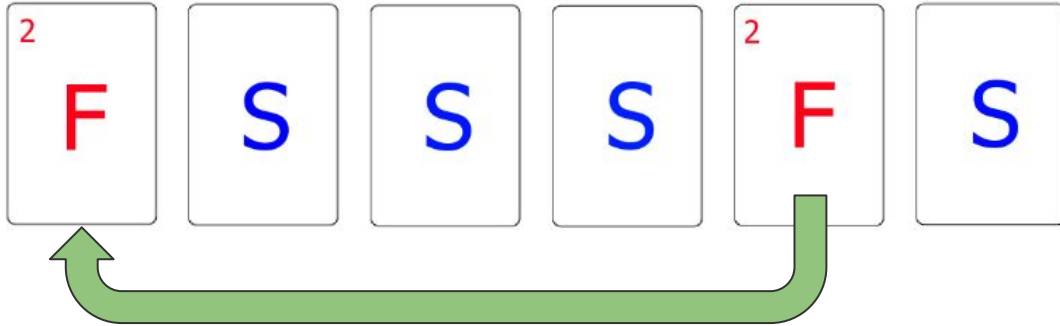


# Subtask 3

Observation : Some 'F' cards depends on other 'F' cards

→ You can only pick it after picking some other 'F' cards

Sample 1



# Subtask 3

$$0 \leq c_i \leq 1$$

$c_i = 0$  if the card in its left is a 'F' card

→ Two patterns for 'F' cards

- ◆ cost = 1 followed by zero or more cost = 0
- ◆ cost = 0

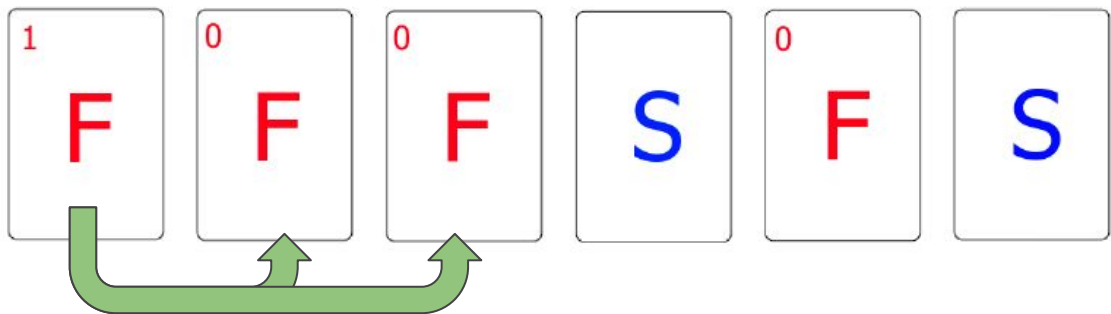




# Subtask 3

Two patterns for 'F' cards

→ Two type of dependence relationship

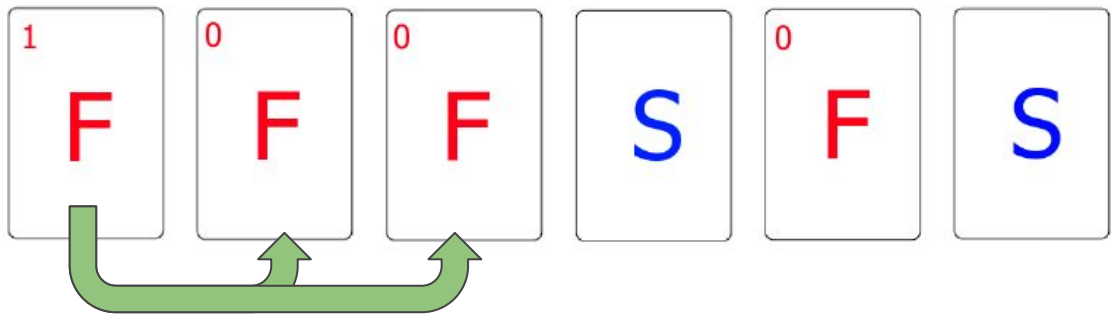


# Subtask 3

Arrangement within group // = (size - 1)!

→ First type : (# of cost = 0 'F' card)!

→ Second type : 1



# Subtask 3

Arrangement between groups

Assume there are groups of size  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m$

Ways =  $\text{ncr}(s_1, s_1) * \text{ncr}(s_1 + s_2, s_2) * \dots * \text{ncr}(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_m, s_m)$



# Subtask 3

Ans = arrangement between groups \* arrangement within group

Guarantee ways  $> 0$  (No impossible case)

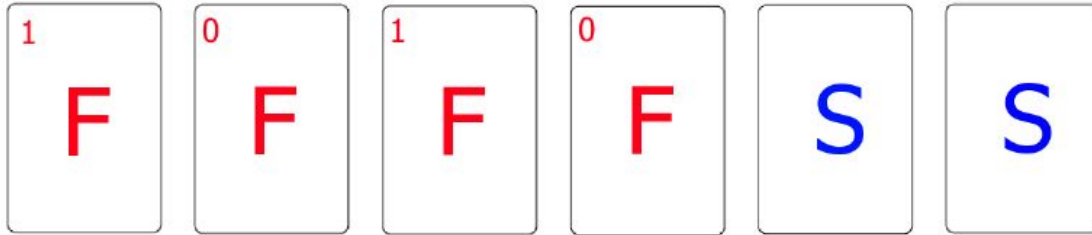
Time complexity =  $O(N)$



# Subtask 4

$$1 \leq N \leq 1000$$

Complex dependence relationship might appear

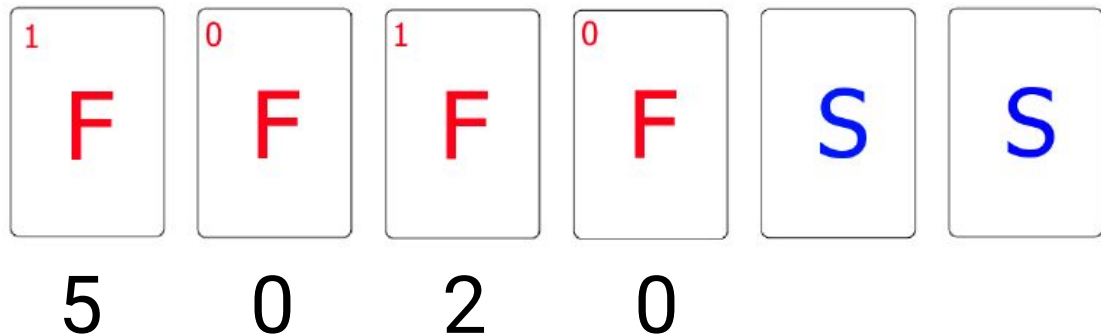


## Subtask 4

How to find the dependence relationship?

$\text{len}[i]$  = length of range s.t. you can pick  $i^{\text{th}}$  card

if all 'F' cards in  $[(i + 1) \bmod n..(i + \text{len}[i] - 1) \bmod n]$  are picked



# Subtask 4

$len[i] = c_i, lb = (i + 1) \bmod n$

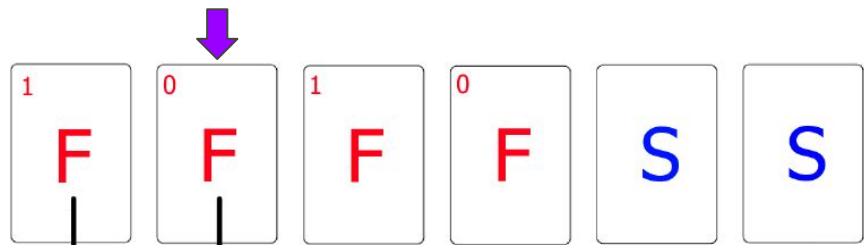
while there is a 'F' card ( $card_j = 'F'$ ) in the range  $[lb..(i + len[i] - 1) \bmod n]$

$len[i] += cost[j] + 1$

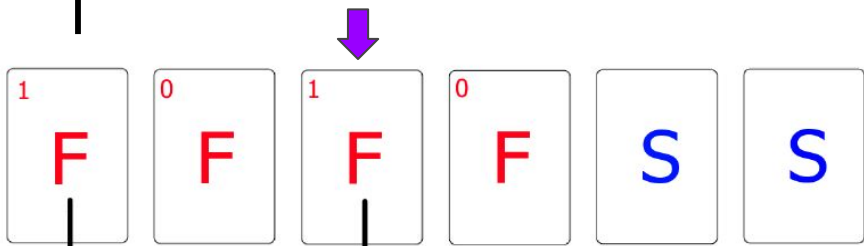
$lb = (j + 1) \% n$

→ pick a card will remove (cost of that card) + 1 cards

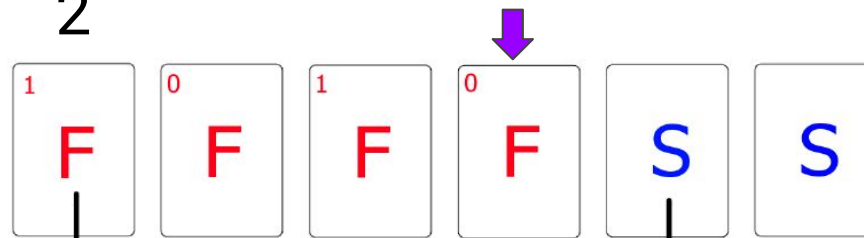




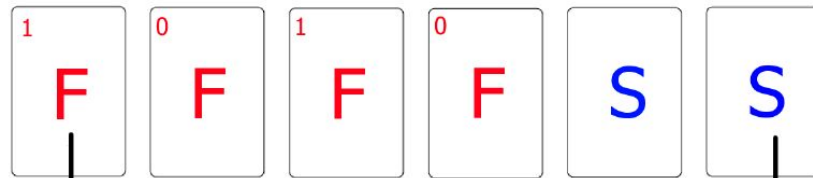
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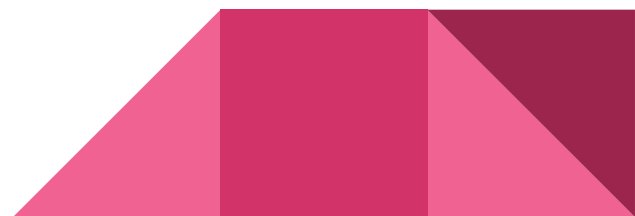
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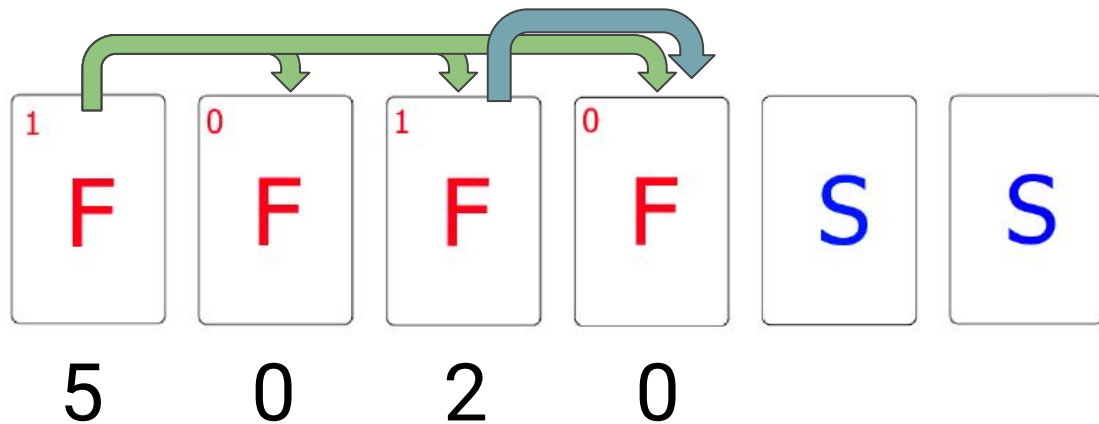
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## Subtask 4

$i^{\text{th}}$  card depends on  $j^{\text{th}}$  card if  $j$  is in  $[(i + 1) \bmod n..(i + \text{len}[i] - 1) \bmod n]$



# Subtask 4

$\text{len}[i] \geq n - 1 \Rightarrow \text{ways} = 0$  (impossible)

Find all the dependence relationship

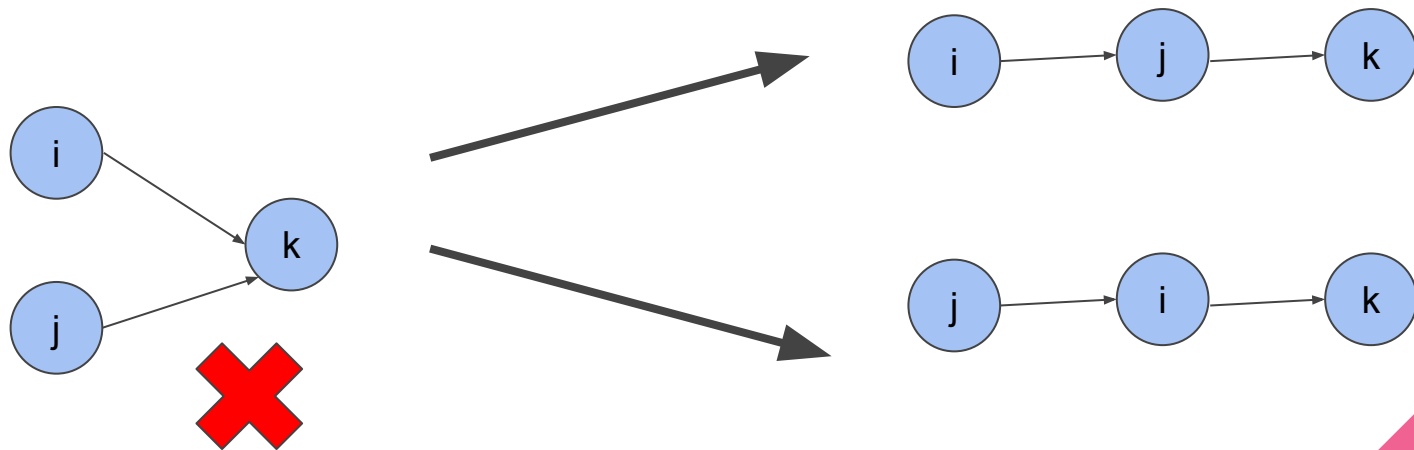
Ans = # of possible topological sort in DAG

#P-complete problem

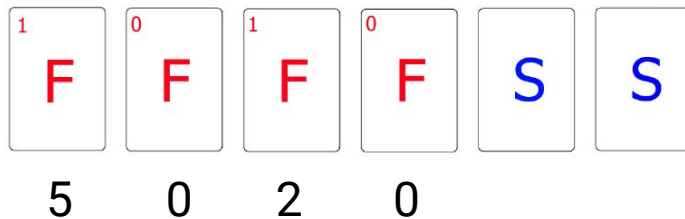


# Subtask 4

Observation : The dependence relationship can always simplify to a tree



# Subtask 4

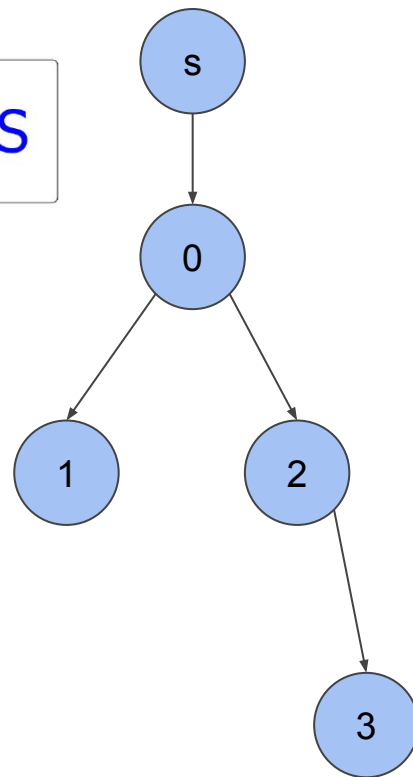


For each  $i^{\text{th}}$  card ('F' card)

Find the rightmost 'F' card on its left that "cover"  $i$

Build an edge from it to  $i$

- Can be a forest
- Add an extra node to connect all the root



# Subtask 4

How to calculate # of topological sort in a tree?

$Dp[i]$  = # of topological sort in the subtree of  $i^{\text{th}}$  node

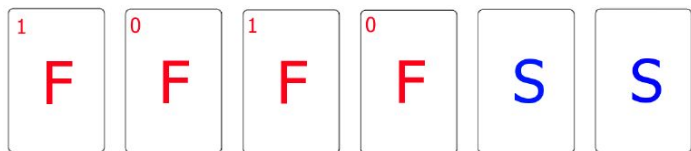
Let  $a_{i,1}, a_{i,2} \dots a_{i,m}$  be the children of  $i^{\text{th}}$  node

$Dp[i]$  = arrangement within group \* arrangement between groups

$$= (siz[i] - 1)! * dp[a_{i,1}] * \dots * dp[a_{i,m}] / (siz[a_{i,1}]! * \dots * siz[a_{i,m}]!)$$


## Subtask 4

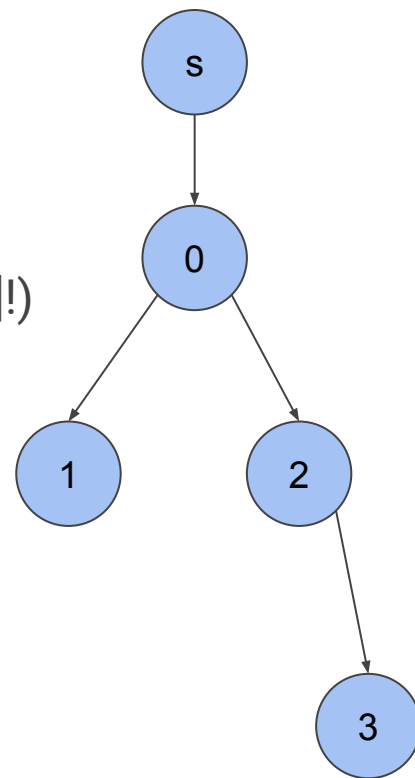
$$dp[i] = (siz[i] - 1)! * dp[a_{i,1}] * \dots * dp[a_{i,m}] / (siz[a_{i,1}]! * \dots * siz[a_{i,m}]!)$$



$$dp[0] = (siz[0] - 1)! * dp[1] * dp[2] / (siz[1]! * siz[2]!)$$

$$= 3! * 1 * 1 / (1! * 2!) = 3$$

$$\text{Ans} = dp[s]$$



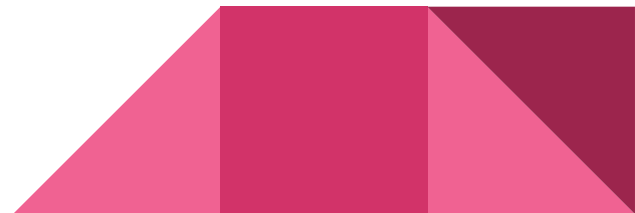
# Subtask 4

Remember to module the answer by  $10^9 + 7$

- $O(N^2)$  to calculate pascal triangle for NCR
- $O(N / N \log N)$  to calculate modular inverse
  - ◆ Math in  $O(1)$

Time complexity =  $O(N^2)$

- You need  $O(N^2)$  to build the tree



# Full solution

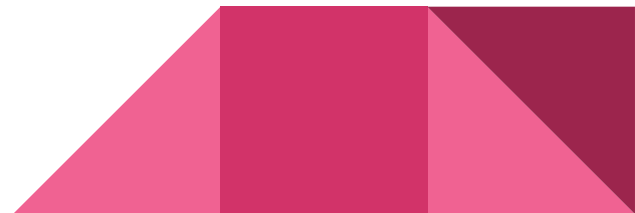
Optimize the process of building tree to  $O(N)$

while there is a 'F' card ( $\text{card}_j = \text{'F'}$ ) in the range  $[\text{lb}..(\text{i} + \text{len}[\text{i}] - 1) \bmod n]$

$\text{len}[\text{i}] += \text{len}[\text{j}] + 1$   ~~$\text{cost}[\text{j}] + 1$~~

$\text{lb} = (\text{j} + 1) \% n$

- Calculate  $\text{len}[]$  recursively! (or with stack)
- Like memorization in dp





# Full solution

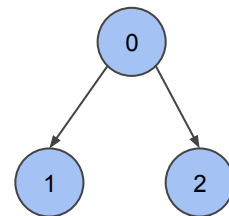
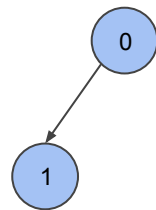
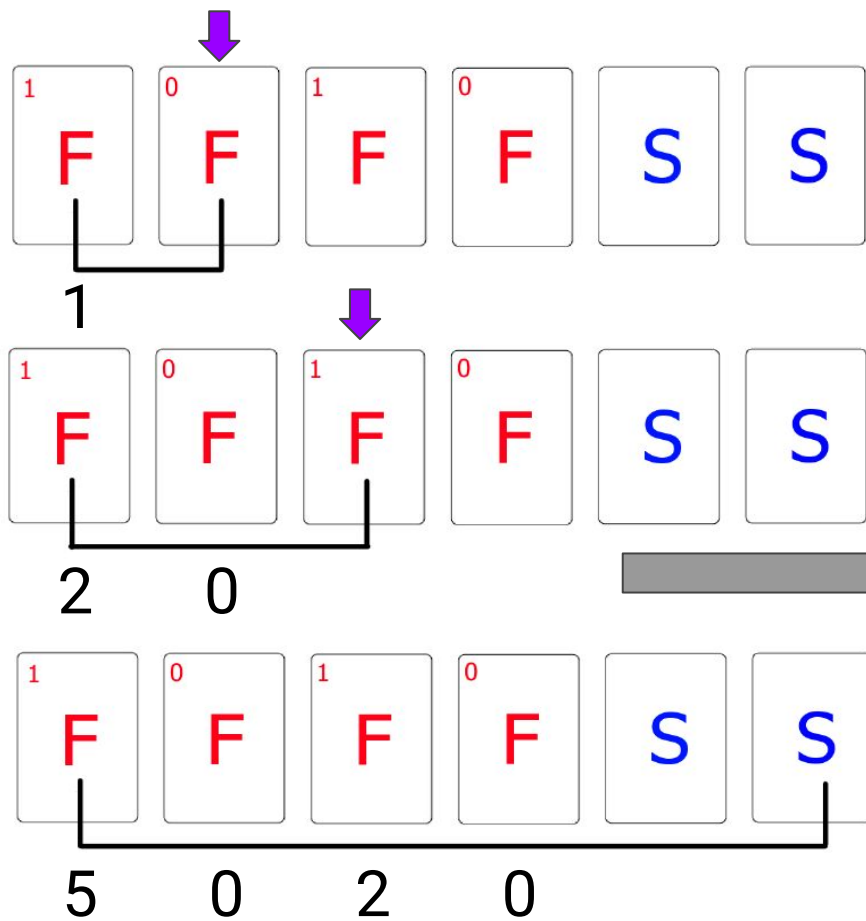
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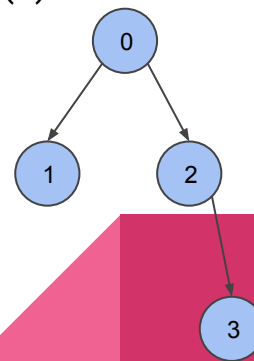
add edge from  $i$  to  $j$

$\text{lb} = (\text{j} + 1) \% n$





SOLVE(2)



# Full solution

Build tree =  $O(N)$

Calculate dp =  $O(N)$

Calculate modular inverse =  $O(N)$  or  $O(N \log N)$

Overall time complexity =  $O(N)$  or  $O(N \log N)$

