

J263 - Spot-Check Debugging

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Background

Problem idea by kctung

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Problem Restatement

- Bob needs to debug L lines of code with N buggy sections
- Each day he checks lines at offsets $t, t+S, t+2S, \dots$ (step size S)
- Once he locates a buggy line X , he correct lines $X, X-1, \dots$ until a correct line
- The starting offsets for each day are $T[1], T[2], \dots, T[P], T[1], \dots$
- Answer Q queries: for each day D , how many lines are debugged?

Subtasks

Task	Attempts	Max	Mean	Std Dev	Subtasks					
J263 - Spot-Check Debugging	73	100	15.78	18.248	10: 54	8: 25	13: 13	19: 9	22: 2	28: 1

First (and only) solved by **wy_24215** (Yang Chun Kit) at **2hr 59m 27s**

Subtask Constraints

Subtask	Points	Constraints
1	10	$L \leq 100$ $D_Q \leq 100$
2	8	$P = 1$ $U[i] = V[i]$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$
3	13	$P = 1$ $V[i] - U[i] + 1 \leq S$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$
4	19	$P = 1$
5	22	$N = 1$
6	28	No additional constraints

Subtask 1 (10%): $L \leq 100$, $D[Q] \leq 100$

Store correctness of every line and simulate

Complexity: $O(L)$ per day, $O(D[Q])$ days

Expected score: 10 (Cumulative: 10)

Subtask 2 (8%): $P = 1, U[i] = V[i]$

- Buggy sections are single lines
- Same starting offset every day
- Compute the number of lines that matches the only offset $(\text{mod } S)$
- For each query day, check if enough complete cycles have passed

Complexity: $O(N + Q)$

Expected score: 8 (Cumulative: 18)

Subtask 3 (13%): $P = 1, V[i] - U[i] + 1 \leq S$

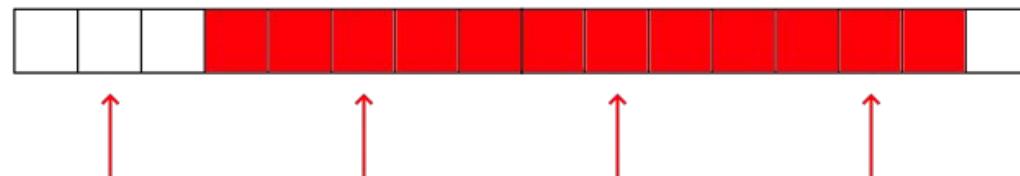
- Small buggy section size
- Same starting offset every day
- Key insight: Each section can only be debugged once
- Precompute: For every section, whether it will be hit (how?) and if so, the number of lines fixed
- Store the hit sections in an array and answer queries by indexing it

Complexity: $O(N + Q)$

Expected score: 21 (Cumulative: 31)

Subtask 4 (19%): $P = 1$

- Same starting offset
- Observation: When we fix a new section, the first day we might fix any number of lines, but from the second day onwards we only fix S lines until we can't fix any lines in the section anymore
- E.g. $S=4$, $T[1]=2$: for the red buggy section, we fix 3 lines, then 4 lines, then 4 lines, then leave this section.



Subtask 4 (19%): $P = 1$

- Fast forwarding
- Iterate on the days
- Track current section index being debugged
- To fast forward d days, simply progress through each section by the previous observation until we run out of days

Complexity: $O(N + Q)$ (won't visit the same section twice)

Expected score: 40 (Cumulative: 50)

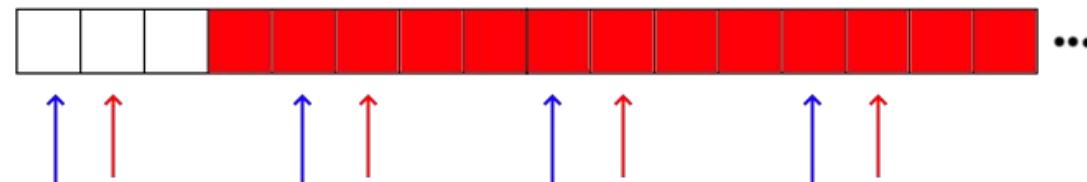
Subtask 5 (22%): $N = 1$ (single buggy section)

Stronger Observation: consider each P days as a cycle. The number of lines fixed in each cycle is constant per day in cycle, except the first one.

Furthermore, except the first cycle, the total number of lines fixed is a multiple of S .

E.g. if $D[1]=2$ (red), $D[2]=1$ (blue), $S=4$, then

- 1st cycle: R fixes 3 lines, B fixes 3 lines
- 2nd cycle: R fixes 1 line, B fixes 3 lines (total = 4 is a multiple of S)
- ...



Subtask 5 (22%): $N = 1$ (single buggy section)

- Calculate the lines fixed for the first cycle
- Do it again for the cycles from the second one onward
- Calculate the number of full cycles and handle the ending case carefully in $O(P)$

Time complexity: $O(P+Q)$

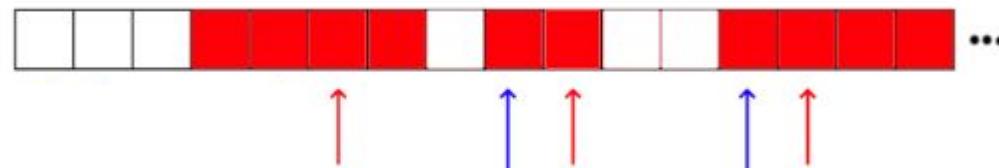
Expected score: 62 (Cumulative: 72)

Full Solution

Notation: Consider the j -th cycle (of each P days). Let the index of the section debugged on the i -th day in the cycle be $F_j[i]$.

E.g. Red = $D[1] = 2$, Blue = $D[2] = 1$:

- $F_1 = [1, 2]$
- $F_2 = [2, 3]$
- ...



Full Solution

We can do simulation.

- When we simulate day i in the j -th cycle, we set $F_j[i] := F_{j-1}[i]$ initially, and increase it until we hit a buggy section that needs debugging.

However, this is too slow. We can speed up by looking at two cases:

- We debug the same section for every day in the cycle, i.e. $F_j[1] = \dots = F_j[P]$.
→ Use subtask 5 to speed up in $O(P)$.
- We don't debug the same section. This happens at most $O(N)$ times, since the $\min(F_j)$ -th section will not be debugged anymore after the next cycle.

Full Solution

> If we don't debug the same section among all days in the cycle j , the $\min(F_j)$ -th section will not be debugged anymore after the next cycle.

Why? (Proof Sketch)

- Consider the section size of the $\min(F_j)$ -th section after the j -th cycle
- It must be $< S$
- Otherwise, we will debug the same section in cycle j (why?)

Full Solution

So for each day in query, compute the respective F array by fast forwarding + simulation.

- Fast forwarding at most $O(N+Q)$ times, each time just $O(1)$
- Simulation at most $O(N)$ times, each time amortised $O(P)$
- Overall time complexity: $O(N*P+Q)$

Expected score: 100

Implementation Note

- Since the modulo operation should be involved, it is easier to code if indices are 0-based
- So on day i :
 - starting offset = $T[i \% P]$
 - only lines j where $j \% S == T[i \% P]$ are checked