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- We can choose pivot elements with step by  $m$  rows and then compute prefix- and suffix-OR between pivot elements to compute the answer. This part also takes  $O(n^2/w)$  time.

# Problem B: Schoolgirls

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- Rotation around zero is  $x \mapsto gx$ , polygon is  $g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}, g^n = 1$

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# Problem C: Cherry Picking

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# Cherry Picking

- You played  $n$  games of chess
- You are given the  $n$  chess ratings of your opponents
- For each game, you also know whether it was a win or a loss
- Find the maximum  $x$  such that, among the games against players with rating  $\geq x$ , there were  $k$  wins in a row

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- Instead of DSU, one can use `std::set` of pairs of integers
  - (moment of defeat, the chain of victories that it cut off)



## Problem D: Dwarfs' Bedtime

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# Dwarfs' Bedtime

- Snow White and  $n$  dwarfs live in the house
- Each dwarf is asleep for consecutive 12 hours each day (periodic), and awake also for consecutive 12 hours each day
- We have one day, from 00:00 to 23:59, to ask questions
- For each dwarf, we can interactively ask whether he is asleep or awake at most 50 times
- For each dwarf, find the exact minute when he goes to sleep
- Twist: we cannot return back in time to ask a question

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- Dwarfs are independent, let us solve the problem for one dwarf
- The constraints allow us, at each minute from 00:00 to 23:59, to check whether we have a question for each dwarf

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For every dwarf:

- First, ask at 00:00
- If the dwarf is awake, he will turn asleep and then turn awake
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- The solutions are symmetric: just compare with state at 00:00, and add 12 hours at the end if needed

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- What if we could go back in time?
- Binary search:  $12 \cdot 60 = 720$  minutes means 10 more questions

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- What are the key moments we can look for?
- 1. The dwarf changes state from 00:01 until 12:00
- 2. The dwarf changes state from 12:01 until 24:00
- But we can't ask at 24:00, so take care with the last minute
- (How: if we didn't find the answer, then the answer is 00:00)
- Idea: find the first moment approximately, then find the second moment precisely

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- If we got inside section  $k$ , it contains  $39 - k$  minutes to ask
- The total number of questions will be  $1 + 39 = 40 < 50$ , which is quite enough



# Problem E: Fake Coin and Lying Scales

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## Problem F: Whole World

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- Bonus. Solve it with  $x_i \leq 10^9$ .

## Problem G: Unusual Case

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## Unusual Case

- You are given a random undirected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges
- Find  $k$  non-intersecting Hamiltonian paths in the given graph
- $n = 10\,000$ ,  $m = 200\,000$ ,  $k = 8$

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- How to find one path?

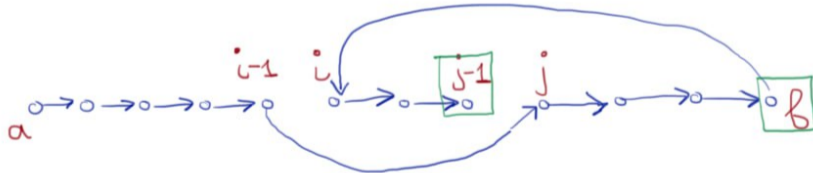


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# Problem H: Page on [vdome.com](http://vdome.com)

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Development: Anastasia Grigorieva

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# Page on vdome.com

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# Problem I: Spin & Rotate!

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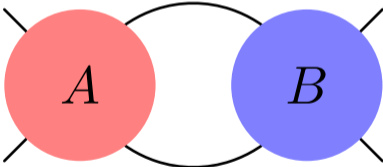
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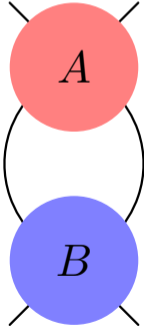
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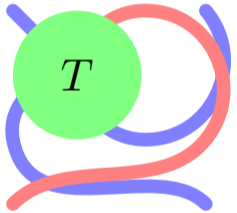
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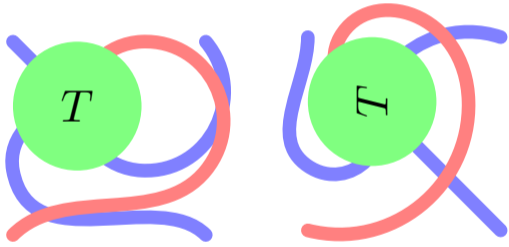
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# Problem K: Tasks And Bugs

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# Problem L: Candies

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- We may check all pairs  $x, y$ . Asymptotic is  $\mathcal{O}(a^2)$ .



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Any combinatorial meaning?

## Problem M: Toilets

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Development: Nikita Gaevoy

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# Toilets

- Consider a circular office with toilets.
- Employees move around the office in one of two possible directions, looking for an empty toilet.
- Employees ignore occupied toilets, and when they find a vacant one, they occupy it for an amount of time, individual for each employee.
- We need to determine, for each employee, which toilet they will occupy and when.
- Ties when two employees contest for a toilet are broken with the time of walking or, equivalently, by employees' indices.



# Toilets

- We want to simulate the process.
- We need to handle three possible situations:
  - 1 An employee finds a free toilet.
  - 2 A toilet becomes available.
  - 3 A new employee starts the journey.
- All our events are essentially additions and removals of toilets and employees, so we win if we can maintain the most recent future event under these queries.

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- Time complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n + m))$ .



# Problem N: (Un)labeled Graphs

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