

Vacation - Analysis

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It is enough to compute $\max L_i$ and $\min R_i$. The overlap between these gives the maximum possible common interval.

Q Subtask 2: $K \le 1$

In this subtask, we may move one interval by 1 which can be simulated for all intervals in both directions. A naive implementation is slow, but it can be optimized with prefix/suffix sums or sets.

3: Subtask 3: $K = 10^{18}$

Since K is large enough, we can align all L_i 's to be equal. Therefore, the answer is simply the size of the smallest interval.

3 Subtask 4:
$$N \le 10^4, L_i \le 10, R_i \le 10$$

Because L and R are small, we can try all possibilities for the final interval [start, end]. For each candidate, it is straightforward to calculate the number of operations needed to make every friend available. The answer is the maximum length over all feasible intervals.

3 Subtask 5: $N \le 10^3$

We can binary search on the length of the longest possible interval. Observation: it suffices to check all L_i and R_i as endpoints (although one of the endpoints might not be among this set). This is a common observation in tasks of this kind.

It can be proven by assuming the contrary – that there is no optimal solution where the final interval [start, end] shares an endpoint with any L_i and R_i . Each interval that is moved has either $L_i > start$ (and the movement is to the left so its starting point becomes start), or $R_i < end$ (and the movement is to the right so its ending point becomes end). Let us denote their counts with c_l and c_r , respectively. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $c_l \geq c_r$ (meaning that a similar argument will hold in the other case). This means that there is at least one $L_i > start$ (c_l cannot be 0). We can start moving the final interval to the right until we hit one of the endpoints. When we move 1 to the right, the cost decreases by c_l and increases by c_r , so the change is $-c_l + c_r \leq 0$, i.e., the cost remains the same or decreases. This is a contradiction because we will have an



optimal common interval sharing an endpoint with the intervals. So we have proven the observation.

For a candidate interval [start, end], the cost is $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \max(L_i - start, 0) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \max(end - start, 0)$ $R_i, 0$). Additionally, the answer can't exceed the minimum interval length.

The complexity is $O(N^2 \log MAX)$, where MAX is the maximum possible day.



3 Subtask 6: $N \le 10^5$

We can optimize the previous solution. It's needed to check for all L_i and $R_i - len + 1$ whether they can start a valid vacation interval. To do this, have the starts as events along as the original L_i -s and R_i -s and maintain how many operations are needed for each start. Each binary search step requires sorting the events, giving a complexity of $O(N\log MAX\log N)$



Subtask 7: Full problem

We can further optimize by moving the sorting outside the binary search. If L and R are sorted initially, the check function can be implemented using a merge-like procedure. This reduces the overall complexity to $O(N \log MAX)$.