BAPC 2021 Preliminaries

Solutions presentation

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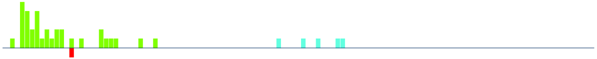

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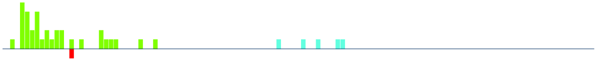

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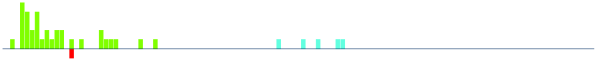

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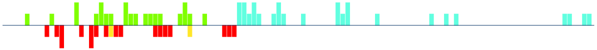

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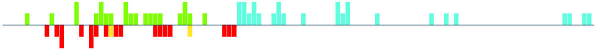

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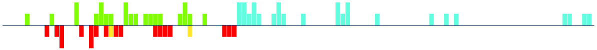

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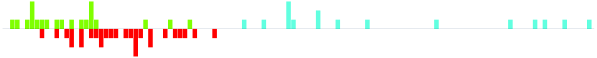

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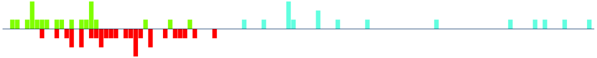

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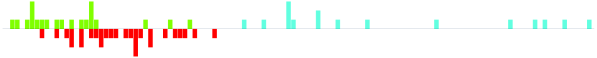

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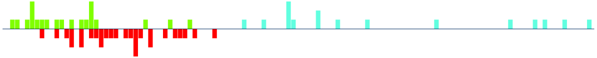

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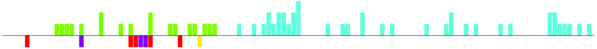

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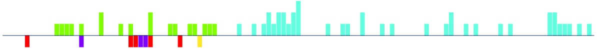

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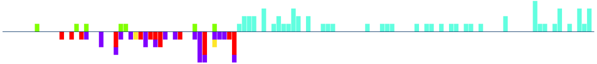

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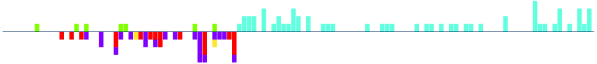

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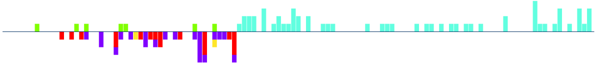

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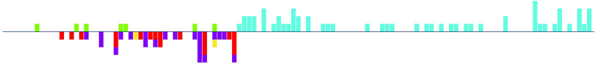

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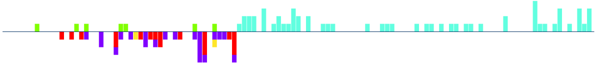

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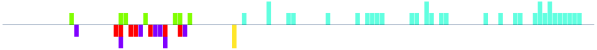

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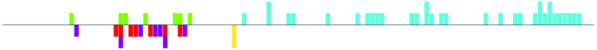

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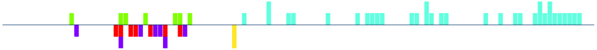

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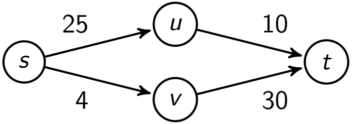

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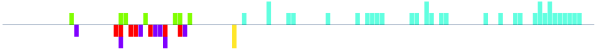

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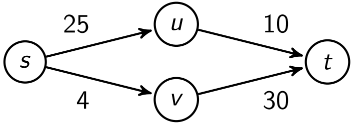

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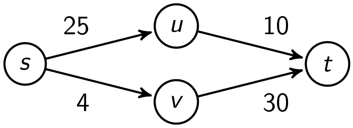

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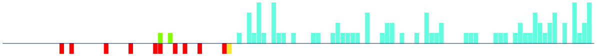

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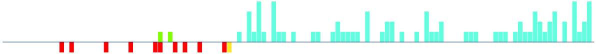

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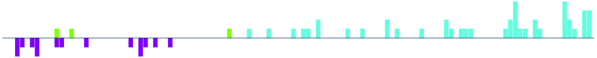

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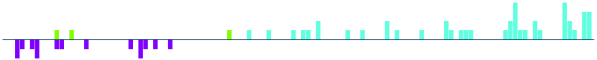

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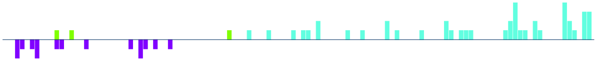

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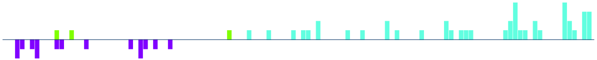

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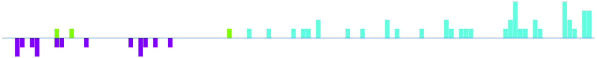

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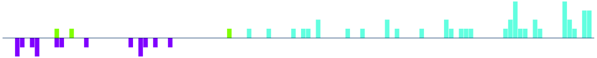

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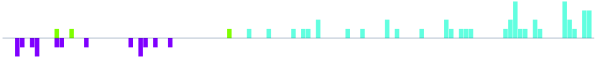

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  The expected value of the smallest integer is $s \approx a/n = 4000$, so likely below 8000.
  The probability that none of the $n = 5 \cdot 10^5$ integers is a multiple of $s \leq 8000$ is less than 10^{-27}.
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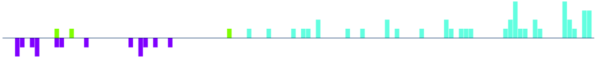

- Bonus solution: Use the birthday paradox.
  The probability that all numbers in the list are distinct is only $7 \cdot 10^{-28}$, so we can just find and print the indices of two equal numbers.

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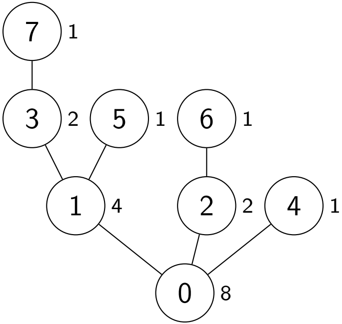

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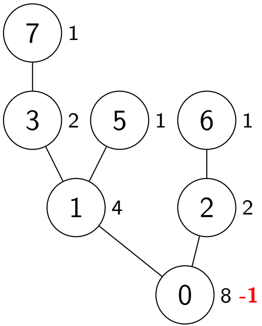

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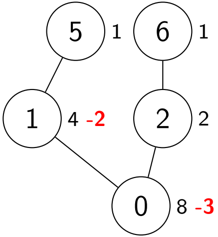

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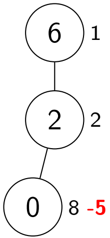

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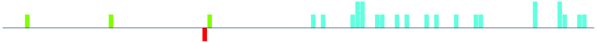

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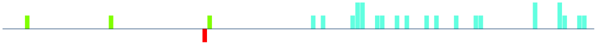

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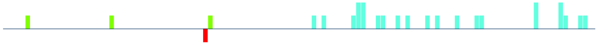

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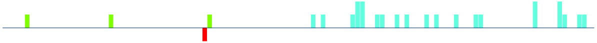

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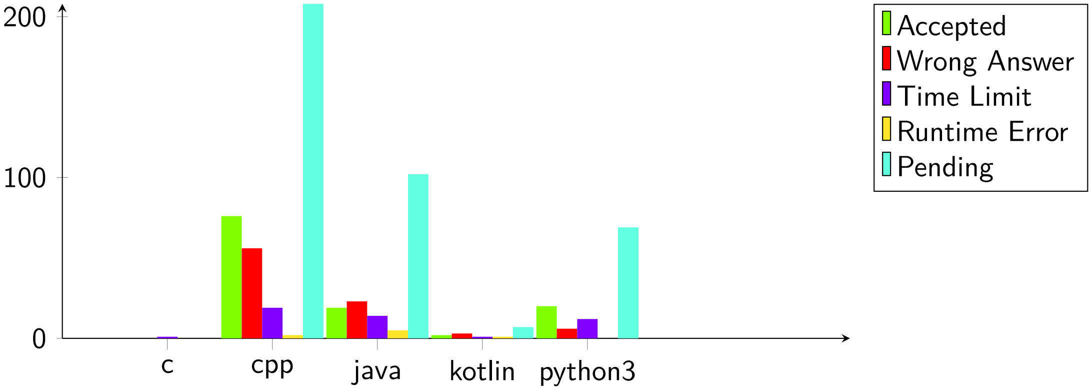

Some stats

- 347 commits (last year: 527)
- 437 secret testcases (last year: 360)
- 175 jury solutions (last year: 221)
- The minimum number of lines the jury needed to solve all problems is

$$2 + 2 + 10 + 2 + 20 + 3 + 4 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 10 = 82$$

On average 7.5 lines per problem, down from 13.9 last year

Some tips

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- When integers get large, use 64-bit!
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- Calling functions is more expensive than you might think!

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