

Problem Zalmoxis

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To score one hundred points on this problem, two steps are necessary:

- First, one must create some supersequence of S that is also a ZalSequence. To do this, use a stack Q which is initially empty. Traverse the elements of S from left to right ; when considering an element x , while the element on the top of the stack is strictly smaller than x , insert elements equal to the element on the top of Q into the sequence, considering them before x . If the top element is equal to x , remove the top element, and set x to be $x + 1$. When the stack is empty or the top element of the stack is greater than x , add x to Q . When this process finishes, the stack might not be equal to $[30]$. In this case, add elements to the end of the sequence in the following way: while the stack is not $[30]$, add the top of the stack to the end of S and also to Q and while Q has the top two elements equal, remove them and insert that value incremented by one in Q .
- Second one must make the sequence to have length $N + K$. We can do this by splitting the non-negative elements we have added in some way until this condition holds. There are many ways to do this; one way is to keep the elements of the sequence we built now in a linked list, and to keep a queue of nodes that we can split. We then continually split the elements in the queue, adding the new elements to the queue if necessary.