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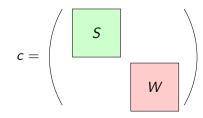


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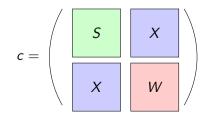
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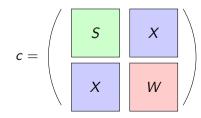
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- The score of each team is the sum of its players' row sums.
- If you take any other strong team, you can reorder the matrix c so that your chosen team is the first n/2. That does not change the row sums!







Solution: for each player compute its strength (i.e. the sum of its row). Take the n/2 strongest players for the strong team, and the others for the weak team.
Complexity: O(n<sup>2</sup>).