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- 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!


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■ 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: $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$.

