

# Assignment #5

## 1. Burst Balloons

Given  $n$  balloons, indexed from 0 to  $n-1$ . Each balloon is painted with a number on it represented by array `nums`. You are asked to burst all the balloons. If the you burst balloon  $i$  you will get `nums[left] * nums[i] * nums[right]` coins.

Here left and right are adjacent indices of  $i$ . After the burst, the left and right then becomes adjacent.

Find the maximum coins you can collect by bursting the balloons wisely.

Note:

(1) You may imagine `nums[-1] = nums[n] = 1`. They are not real therefore you can not burst them.

(2)  $0 \leq n \leq 500$ ,  $0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 100$

Example:

Given [3, 1, 5, 8]

Return 167

`nums = [3,1,5,8] --> [3,5,8] --> [3,8] --> [8] --> []`

`coins = 3*1*5 + 3*5*8 + 1*3*8 + 1*8*1 = 167`

## 2. Count of Smaller Numbers After Self

You are given an integer array `nums` and you have to return a new counts array. The counts array has the property where `counts[i]` is the number of smaller elements to the right of `nums[i]`.

Example:

Given `nums = [5, 2, 6, 1]`

To the right of 5 there are 2 smaller elements (2 and 1).

To the right of 2 there is only 1 smaller element (1).

To the right of 6 there is 1 smaller element (1).

To the right of 1 there is 0 smaller element.

Return the array [2, 1, 1, 0].

### 3. Count of Range Sum

Given an integer array `nums`, return the number of range sums that lie in `[lower, upper]` inclusive.

Range sum  $S(i, j)$  is defined as the sum of the elements in `nums` between indices `i` and `j` ( $i \leq j$ ), inclusive.

Note:

A naive algorithm of  $O(n^2)$  is trivial. You MUST do better than that.

Example:

Given `nums = [-2, 5, -1]`, `lower = -2`, `upper = 2`,

Return 3.

The three ranges are : `[0, 0]`, `[2, 2]`, `[0, 2]` and their respective sums are -2, -1, 2