

Lesson 02 Demo 02

Maximum Subarray Sum

Objective: To find the highest sum from any length subarray, including zero, in an array of integers with both negative and positive values

Tools required: Visual Studio Code (VS Code) and JavaScript

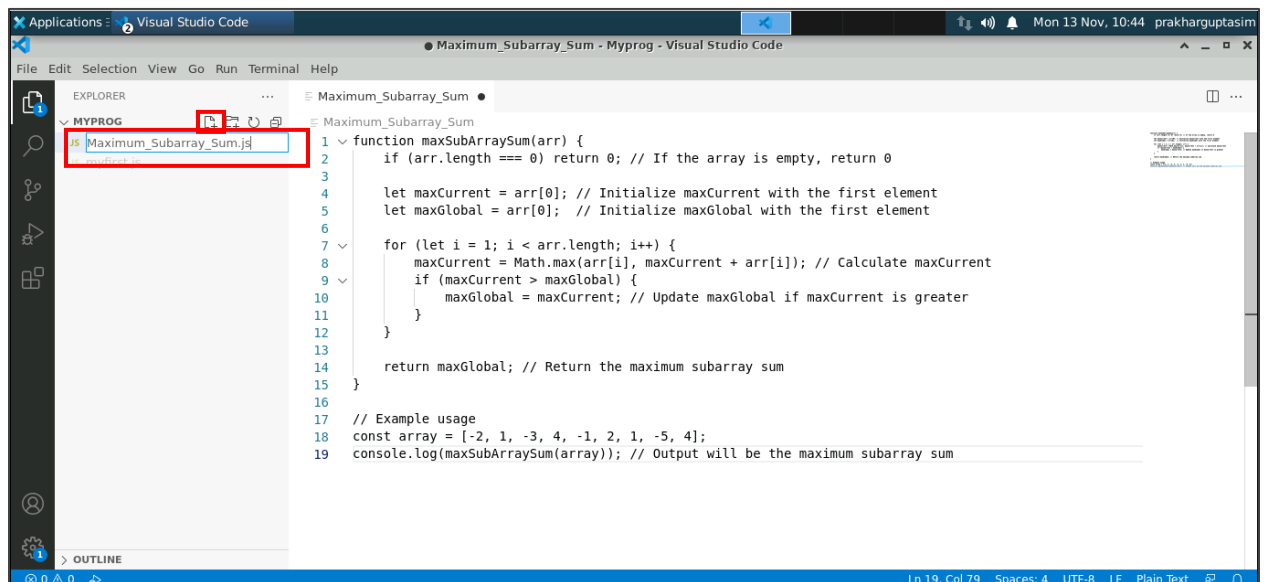
Prerequisites: Perform demo 01 of lesson 02

Steps to be followed:

1. Create and execute the JS file

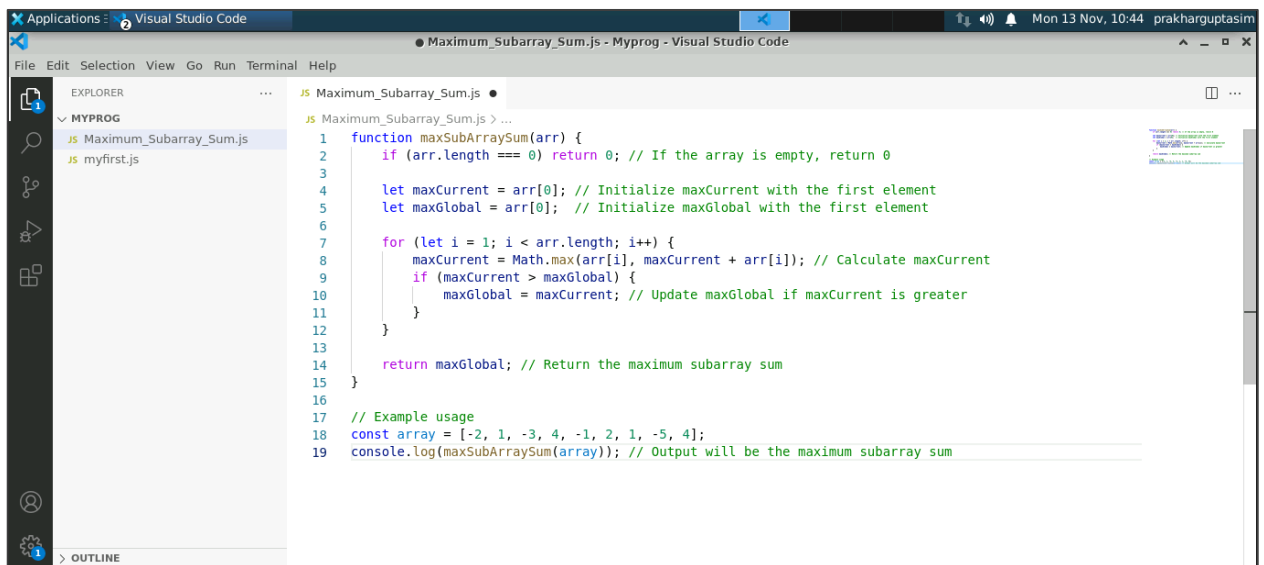
Step 1: Create and execute the JS file

- 1.1 Create a JavaScript file named **Maximum_Subarray_Sum.js** by clicking on the **New File** icon as shown below:

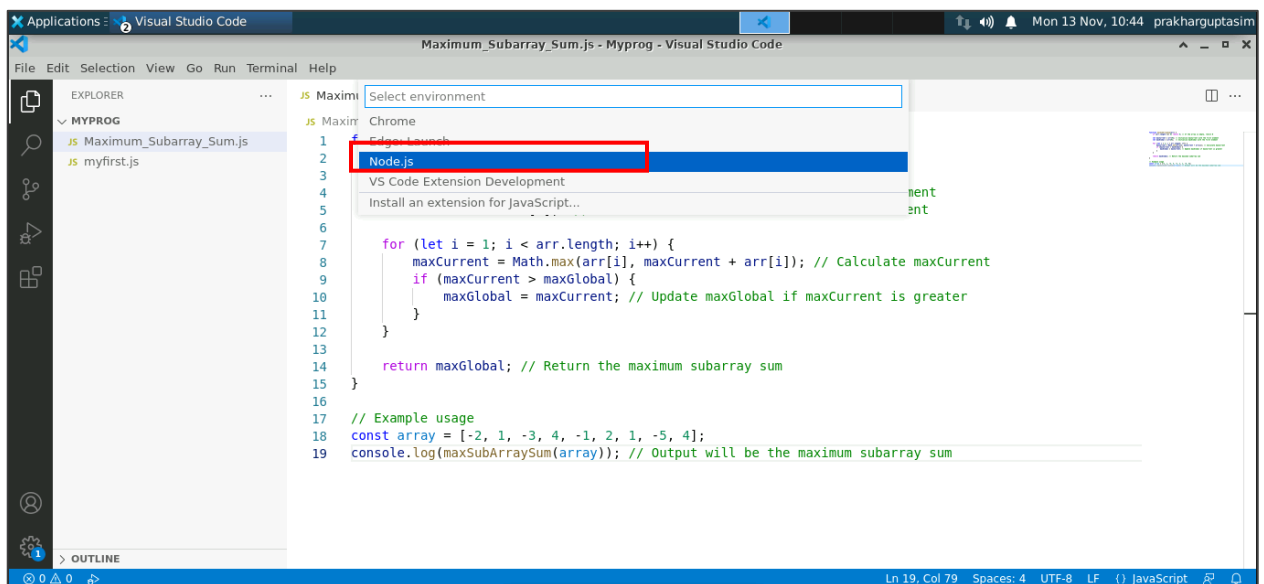
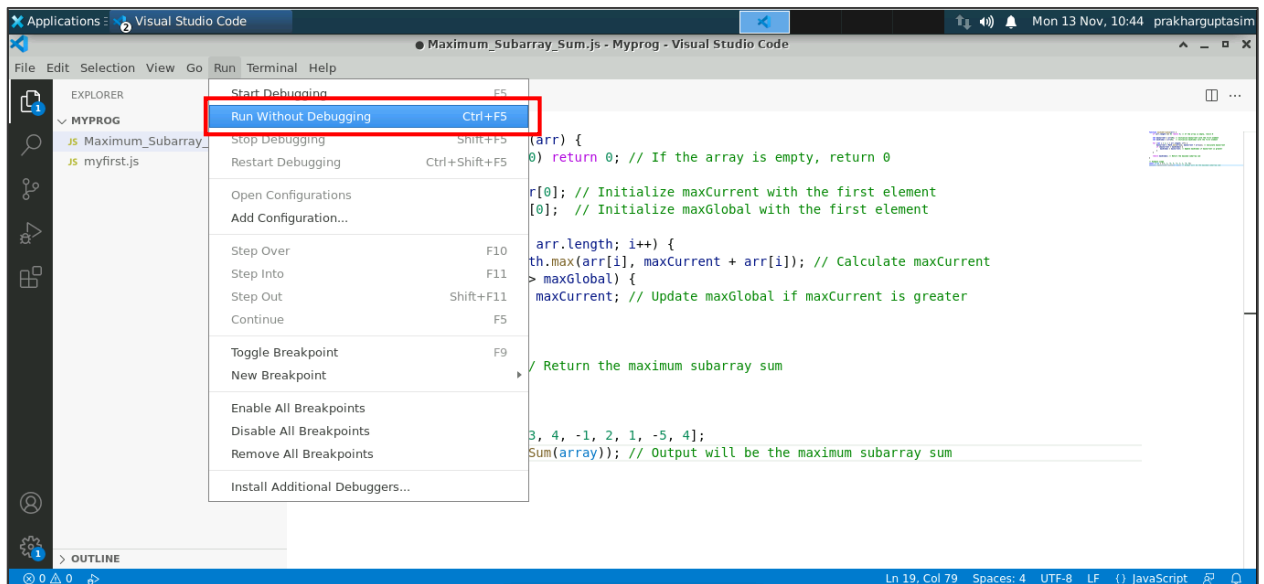


1.2 Write the code given below in the file created in step 1.1:

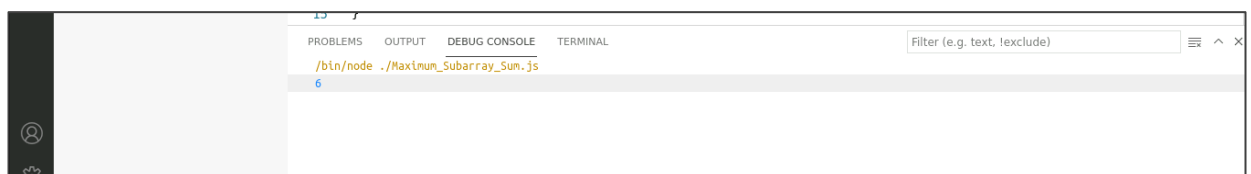
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function maxSubArraySum(arr) {  
  if (arr.length === 0) return 0; // If the array is empty, return 0  
  let maxCurrent = arr[0]; // Initialize maxCurrent with the first element  
  let maxGlobal = arr[0]; // Initialize maxGlobal with the first element  
  
  for (let i = 1; i < arr.length; i++) {  
    maxCurrent = Math.max(arr[i], maxCurrent + arr[i]); // Calculate maxCurrent  
    if (maxCurrent > maxGlobal) {  
      maxGlobal = maxCurrent; // Update maxGlobal if maxCurrent is greater  
    }  
  }  
  return maxGlobal; // Return the maximum subarray sum  
}  
  
// Example usage  
const array = [-2, 1, -3, 4, -1, 2, 1, -5, 4];  
console.log(maxSubArraySum(array)); // Output will be the maximum subarray sum
```

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The top bar shows 'Applications' and 'Visual Studio Code'. The title bar indicates the file is 'Maximum_Subarray_Sum.js - Myprog - Visual Studio Code'. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a project named 'MYPROG' with two files: 'Maximum_Subarray_Sum.js' and 'myfirst.js'. The main editor area displays the code for 'Maximum_Subarray_Sum.js', which is the same code as shown in the previous block. The code is syntax-highlighted with colors: blue for function names, green for comments, and various colors for keywords and variables. The status bar at the bottom shows 'OUTLINE'.

1.3 Save the code and click on **Run->Run Without Debugging->Node.js** to check the output in the debug console



- Now you see the output in the debug console as shown below:



Explanation:

1. `maxCurrent`: Tracks the highest sum of the subarray ending at the current index
2. `maxGlobal`: Tracks the highest sum found overall
3. The loop begins from the second element (index 1) as the first element is already accounted for in both `maxCurrent` and `maxGlobal`.
4. At each element, a decision is made to extend the current subarray (`maxCurrent + arr[i]`) or begin a new subarray from this element (`arr[i]`), choosing the larger option using `Math.max(arr[i], maxCurrent + arr[i])`.
5. If `maxCurrent` surpasses `maxGlobal`, `maxGlobal` is updated.
6. Following the loop, `maxGlobal` contains the highest sum of any contiguous subarray.

Conclusion:

By following the above steps, you have successfully found the subarray having the maximum sum.