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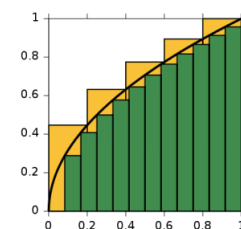
“ Find the contiguous subarray within an array (containing at least one number) which has the largest sum. For example, given the array

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[-2,1,-3,4,-1,2,1,-5,4], the contiguous subarray [4,-1,2,1] has the largest sum = 6.

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If we use $f(n)$ to store the maximum sum that ends at the n -th number in the array, then we have the following

[Dynamic Programming](#) (DP) recurrence formula:

$$f(0) = \text{num}[0]$$

$$f(n) = \max(f(n-1) + \text{num}[n], \text{num}[n])$$

So the answer would be the maximum value of $f(0)$ to $f(n-1)$

```

1 class Solution {
2 public:
3     int maxSubArray(vector<int>& nums) {
4         int n = nums.size();
5         vector<int> f(n, INT_MIN);
6         f[0] = nums[0];
7         int sum = f[0];
8         for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
9             f[i] = max(f[i - 1] + nums[i], nums[i]);
10            sum = max(sum, f[i]);
11        }
12        return sum;
13    }
14 };

```

The time complexity is $O(n)$ and the space complexity is $O(n)$. As each iteration, the DP formula depends on its previous value, so the space can be optimised to $O(1)$.

```

1 class Solution {
2 public:
3     int maxSubArray(vector<int>& nums) {
4         int n = nums.size();
5         int prev = nums[0];
6         int sum = prev;
7         for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
8             prev = max(prev + nums[i], nums[i]);
9             sum = max(sum, prev);
10        }
11        return sum;
12    }
13 };

```

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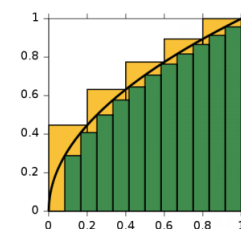
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We keep a variable to store the current sum. If the sum is below zero, then we reset it to the current number (start from current number).

```

1 class Solution {
2 public:
3     int maxSubArray(vector<int>& nums) {
4         int sum = 0;
5         int curmax = INT_MIN;
6         for (int i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++) {
7             if (sum >= 0) {
8                 sum += nums[i];
9             } else {
10                sum = nums[i];
11            }
12            curmax = max(sum, curmax);
13        }
14        return curmax;
15    }
16 };

```

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Similar to DP, this approach is $O(n)$ time with $O(1)$ space.

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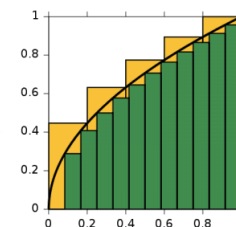
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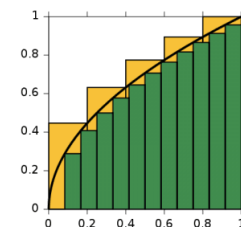
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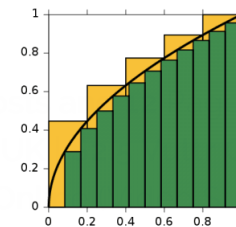
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