

how u will calculate suffix sum of array

Here's the clean CP/DSA-style explanation you want 🙌

✅ Suffix Sum of an Array — How to Calculate

Definition

Suffix sum at index i = sum of all elements from i to **end**.

Formally:

$$\text{suffix}[i] = a[i] + a[i + 1] + \dots + a[n - 1]$$

✅ Method 1 (Most Common in CP) — From Right to Left

Idea

Start from the last element and keep adding backwards.

Why from right?

Because:

$$\text{suffix}[i] = a[i] + \text{suffix}[i + 1]$$

So you already know $\text{suffix}[i+1]$ when processing $\text{suffix}[i]$.

✅ C++ Code (Minimal CP Style)

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```
vector<long long> suffix(n);
suffix[n-1] = a[n-1];

for(int i = n-2; i >= 0; i--){
    suffix[i] = a[i] + suffix[i+1];
}
```



Python Code

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```
suffix = [0]*n
suffix[-1] = a[-1]

for i in range(n-2, -1, -1):
    suffix[i] = a[i] + suffix[i+1]
```



Quick Example

Array:

```
a = [2, 5, 1, 4]
```

Suffix sums:

i	suffix[i]
3	4
2	1+4 = 5
1	5+5 = 10
0	2+10 = 12

Suffix array = [12, 10, 5, 4]



When do we use suffix sums in DSA?

- Range queries
- Prefix + suffix optimizations
- Sliding window checks
- Greedy problems
- Dynamic programming transitions
- Checking if right-side sum meets some condition

If you want, I can show **suffix max**, **suffix min**, **suffix frequency**, etc.



```
for(int i = n-1; i >= 0; i++){
    suffixsum[i] = v[i] + suffixsum[i+1];
}
this fine
```

Almost correct — **but not fully**.

There is **one big issue**:

× Problem

When `i = n-1`, you do:

```
suffixsum[n-1] = v[n-1] + suffixsum[n];
```

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But `suffixsum[n]` is **out of bounds** → undefined behavior.

✓ Correct Version

Option 1: Handle last element separately

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```
suffixsum[n-1] = v[n-1];

for(int i = n-2; i >= 0; i--){
    suffixsum[i] = v[i] + suffixsum[i+1];
}
```

Option 2: Initialize suffixsum with size n+1

(Useful in CP)

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```
vector<long long> suffixsum(n+1, 0);

for(int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--){
    suffixsum[i] = v[i] + suffixsum[i+1];
}
```

Then valid suffix is in `[0 ... n-1]` .

`suffixsum[n]` is just a zero guard.

Summary

Your loop is correct **but only if** suffixsum has size **n+1**.

If its size is **n**, then it is incorrect because `suffixsum[i+1]` goes out of range.

If you want, I can also show prefix sum + suffix sum combos or where it's used in DSA.

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now explain both suffix sum and prefixsum
in order method/ways to calculate it /syntax
common case used in cp/dsa
list common problem asked on these both concept

Here is a **clean, crisp, CP-ready explanation** of **prefix sum** and **suffix sum**, their **ways to calculate, syntax, use-cases**, and **top problems asked**.

Short, structured, and to-the-point.

1. PREFIX SUM

Definition

Prefix sum at index `i` = sum of all elements **from 0 to i**.

$$\text{pre}[i] = a[0] + a[1] + \dots + a[i]$$



How to Calculate (Right Method for CP)

Method 1 — Classic

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```
vector<long long> pre(n);  
pre[0] = a[0];  
for(int i = 1; i < n; i++)  
    pre[i] = pre[i-1] + a[i];
```

Method 2 — Using size n+1 guard

(preferable for range queries)

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```
vector<long long> pre(n+1, 0);  
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    pre[i+1] = pre[i] + a[i];
```

Range sum:

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```
sum(l, r) = pre[r+1] - pre[l];
```



Common CP Use Cases

- Fast range sum queries ($O(1)$ after building)
- Sliding window conversions
- Balancing left vs right sum
- Prefix difference tricks
- Checking if `sum(a[0..i])` meets condition
- DP transitions (Knuth, slopes, divide & conquer)
- Building prefix min/max
- Frequency prefix (for strings and arrays)
- Greedy partition problems



Common Prefix Sum Problems

- Range Sum Query
- Subarray with given sum
- Maximum subarray prefix trick (Kadane variant)
- Equilibrium index
- Subarray divisible by k (prefix mod technique)
- Count subarrays with sum < k
- Binary string prefix counts
- Circular array problems
- Difference array problems
- Minimize operations using prefix structure

2. SUFFIX SUM

✓ Definition

Suffix sum at index i = sum of elements from i to end.

$$\text{suf}[i] = a[i] + a[i + 1] + \cdots + a[n - 1]$$

⚙️ How to Calculate (Correct CP Method)

Method 1 — Size = n

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```
vector<long long> suf(n);
suf[n-1] = a[n-1];
for(int i = n-2; i >= 0; i--)
    suf[i] = a[i] + suf[i+1];
```

Method 2 — Size = n+1 guard

(best to avoid out-of-bounds)

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```
vector<long long> suf(n+1, 0);  
for(int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--)  
    suf[i] = a[i] + suf[i+1];
```

Common CP Use Cases

- Right-side range sum queries
- Partition array problems
(left part vs right part sum)
- Greedy: maximize suffix while fixing prefix
- DP states depending on future values
- Suffix min/max construction
- Reverse direction sliding window
- Find last position satisfying something
- Problems with "from i to end"

Common Suffix Sum Problems

- Find element where prefix == suffix
- Find smallest index i where suffix[i] < k
- Split array into two equal halves
- Right-side cumulative constraints
- Suffix DP (e.g., from `n-1` \rightarrow `0`)
- Next greater element prefix/suffix variants
- Maximize score from right picking

3. Prefix vs Suffix Sum: When to Use Which

Situation	Best Tool
Query on range <code>[l, r]</code>	Prefix sum
Partition array into L/R	Both
Build from right side	Suffix sum

Situation	Best Tool
DP from right → left	Suffix sum
Count number of items on left	Prefix
Count number of items on right	Suffix
Check left < right	Both

Typical Interview/Contest Problems

Based on Prefix Sum

- Subarray sum equals K
- Binary subarray with equal 0s and 1s
- Count subarrays divisible by K
- Max sum subarray of length $\geq k$

Based on Suffix Sum

- Find index i where prefix = suffix
- Maximize score picking from right
- Compute constraints from back to front

Based on Both (Very Common)

- Partition array into two good parts
- Prefix[i] + Suffix[i] comparisons
- Minimum removal so left < right

If you want, I can create:

- **A cheat sheet PDF**
- **Visual diagram of prefix/suffix**
- **5 practice problems with hints (DSA-training style)**

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