

Maximum Subarray

For this problem the task is to find the contiguous subarray with the largest sum.

Approach 1: Kadane's Algorithm ($O(n)$ Time, $O(1)$ Space):

Idea: Iterate through the array, keeping:

- current-sum: max subarray sum ending at current index
- max-sum: global max sum found so far.
- At each element:
 - $\text{current_sum} = \max(\text{nums}[i], \text{current_sum} + \text{nums}[i])$
 - $\text{max_sum} = \max(\text{max_sum}, \text{current_sum})$

Complexity: Time: $O(n)$
- Space: $O(1)$

Approach 2: Divide and Conquer ($O(n \log n)$ Time):

Idea: Split array into two halves:

Max subarray sum is either:

1. In the left half
2. In the right half
3. Crosses the middle (max left suffix + max right prefix).