

## PREFIX SUM ARRAY

In this approach, we will try to optimize approach 1. We will use the prefix sum array to reduce the time complexity.

**Following is the algorithm for this approach:**

1. We will create a '*section*' array where '*section[i]*' represents the number of painters that could paint the i-th section.
2. We will create two arrays '*singlePainter*' and '*doublePainter*' where-
  1. '*singlePainter[i]*' represents the number of sections from starting till the i-th section that could be painted by only one painter.
  2. '*doublePainter[i]*' represents the number of sections from starting till the i-th section that could be painted by only two painters.
3. We will have '*total*' as the number of sections that can be painted by all painters together.
4. Consider each pair of painters using two for loops.
5. We will maintain '*currAns*' which will be storing the number of sections that can be painted by painters after removing i-th and j-th painter.
6. '*currAns*' can be calculated in constant time.
  1. '*currAns*' is '**total**' - (sections that can be only painted by the painter 'i') - (sections that can be only painted by the painter 'j').
  2. Let the common range between [*li*, *ri*] and [*lj*, *rj*] be [*l*, *r*].
  3. Now we will add (*singlePainter* [*r*] - *singlePainter* [*l*-1]) in '*currAns*'.
    1. This is because we considered this section [*l*, *r*] twice during subtraction.
  4. Then, subtract (*doublePainter* [*r*] - *doublePainter* [*l*-1]) from '*currAns*'.
    1. This is because the section [*l*, *r*] that could be painted by only two painters will become unpainted after removing '*i*' and '*j*' painters.

We will be maintaining the maximum of '*currAns*' in '*maxPainted*'.

## Time Complexity

$O(N + Q * Q)$ , where *Q* is the number of painters.

We are taking linear time for computing the prefix sum arrays and since we are iterating over each pair of painters, the time complexity will be  $O(N + Q * Q)$ .

## Space Complexity

$O(N)$ , where *N* is the length of the fence.

The  $O(N)$  space complexity will be due to '*section*', '*singlePainter*' and '*doublePainter*' arrays.