

Comparing Brute Force Approach & Divide & Conquer **Maximum Sub Array Problem**

Aim:

Given an array of n numbers includes mix of positive and negative numbers, the task is to calculate the maximum subarray sum. In other words, the goal is to find the largest possible sum of sequence of consecutive values in the array. To apply, implement and compare the results of brute-force and divide & conquer approach in solving maximum sub array problem.

Algorithm(s):

(a) Maximum Sub Array – Brute Force Approach

Algorithm MaxSubArray_BruteForce(A[1..n])

MSum = A[1]

MRange = (1,1)

For i ← 1 to n **do**

Sum ← 0

For j ← i to n **do**

Sum ← Sum + A[j]

If Sum > MSum **then**

MSum = Sum

MRange = (i,j)

End If

End For

End For

Return MSum, MRange

End MaxSubArray_BruteForce

(b) Maximum Sub Array – Divide & Conquer Approach

Algorithm MaxSubArray_DC(A[1..n], low, high)

//Base Case

If low = high **then**

 Return (low, high, A[low])

End If

//Recursive Case

mid $\leftarrow \lfloor (low + high) / 2 \rfloor$

(low1, high1, sum1) \leftarrow MaxSubArray_DC(A, low, mid)

(low2, high2, sum2) \leftarrow MaxSubArray_DC(A, mid+1, high)

(low3, high3, sum3) \leftarrow MidCrossingSubArray(A, low, mid, high)

//Returning the sub array with maximum sum.

If sum1 > sum2 and sum1 > sum3 **then**

Return (low1, high1, sum1)

Else If sum2 > sum3 **then**

Return (low2, high2, sum2)

Else

Return (low3, high3, sum3)

End If

End MaxSubArray_DC

Algorithm MidCrossingSubArray(A[1..n], low, mid, high)

//Finding Left Maximum Sum

LSum \leftarrow A[mid]

LMaxIndex \leftarrow mid

Sum \leftarrow A[mid]

For i \leftarrow mid-1 to low **do downwards**

 Sum \leftarrow Sum + A[i]

If Sum > LSum **then**

 LSum \leftarrow Sum

 LMaxIndex \leftarrow i

End If

End For

//Finding Right Maximum Sum

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RSum  $\leftarrow$  A[mid+1]  
RMaxIndex  $\leftarrow$  mid+1
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Sum  $\leftarrow$  A[mid+1]  
For i  $\leftarrow$  mid+2 to high do  
    Sum  $\leftarrow$  Sum + A[i]  
    If Sum > RSum then  
        RSum  $\leftarrow$  Sum  
        RMaxIndex  $\leftarrow$  i  
    End If  
End For
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//Returning the sub array with mid element and maximum sum  
Return (LMaxIndex, RMaxIndex, LSum+RSum)
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End MidCrossingSubArray
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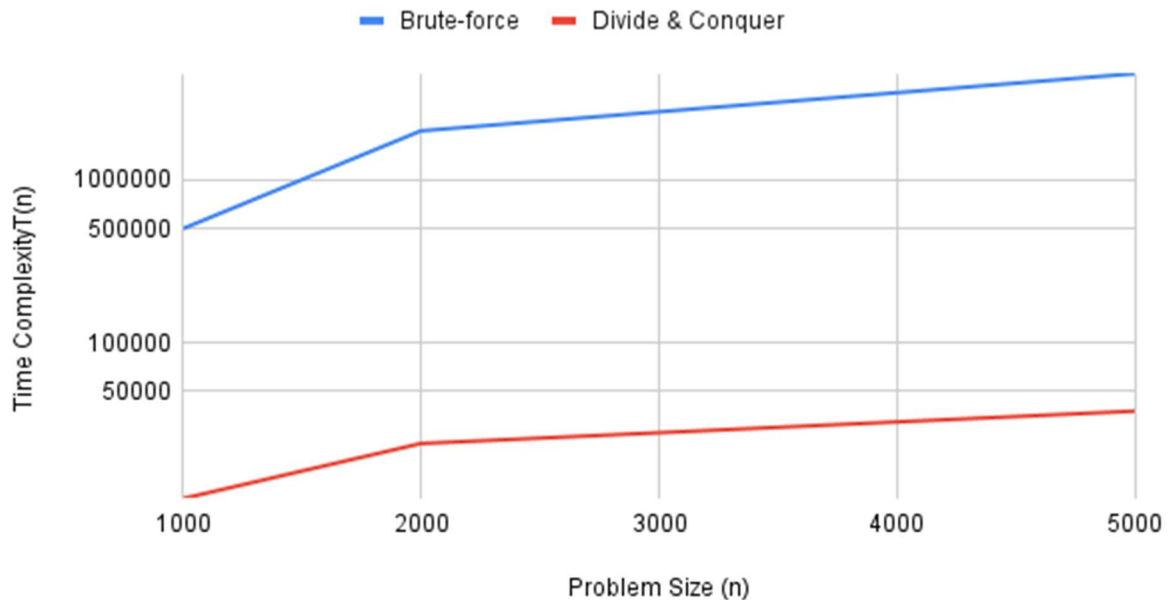
Results & Discussion:

Comparison Table

Size (n)	Number of Active Operations	
	Bruteforce Method	Divide & Conquer Approach
1000	500500	10975
2000	2001000	23951
3000	4501500	37903

Comparison Chart

Comparison of Brute-force and Divide & Conquer



Conclusion

1. For the Maximum Sub Array Problem, applied brute-force method and divide & conquer approach.
2. Irrespective of input values, divide & conquer approach provides better performance compared to brute-force method.