

Assignment - 7

Divide and Conquer

You are designing an analytics tool for a competitive game. In this game, players accumulate points over a series of rounds. Each round's score is recorded as an integer in an array, where:

- **Positive values** represent points gained.
- **Negative values** represent penalties.

The tool's objective is to identify the **hottest streak**—the continuous sequence of rounds where the player achieved their **highest net gain**. If multiple streaks have the same highest score, the tool should return the **shortest streak** in terms of the number of rounds.

This modification helps players identify the most efficient periods of high performance, focusing on streaks with fewer rounds but maximum gains.

Example

Input:

scores = [6, 3, -10, 3, -2, 5, -1, 4]

Output:

[6, 3] with a sum of 9.

Explanation:

- The subarray [3, -2, 5, -1, 4] has the highest net gain of 9 but spans 5 rounds.
- The subarray [6, 3] also has a sum of 9 but spans only 2 rounds, making it the **shortest hottest streak**.

Now, provide a solution using the divide and conquer approach to find the shortest hottest streak.

Submission Guidelines

- Create a directory with your 7-digit student ID as its name.
- Place all source files (.c, .h) into that directory.
- Zip the directory in the .zip format (any other format like .rar, .7z, etc. is not acceptable).
- Upload the .zip file to Moodle.