

# Lecture 25

## Dynamic programming I

FIT 1008&2085  
Introduction to Computer Science



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# Dynamic Programming

Maximum subsequence sum (part I)

Knapsack (part II)

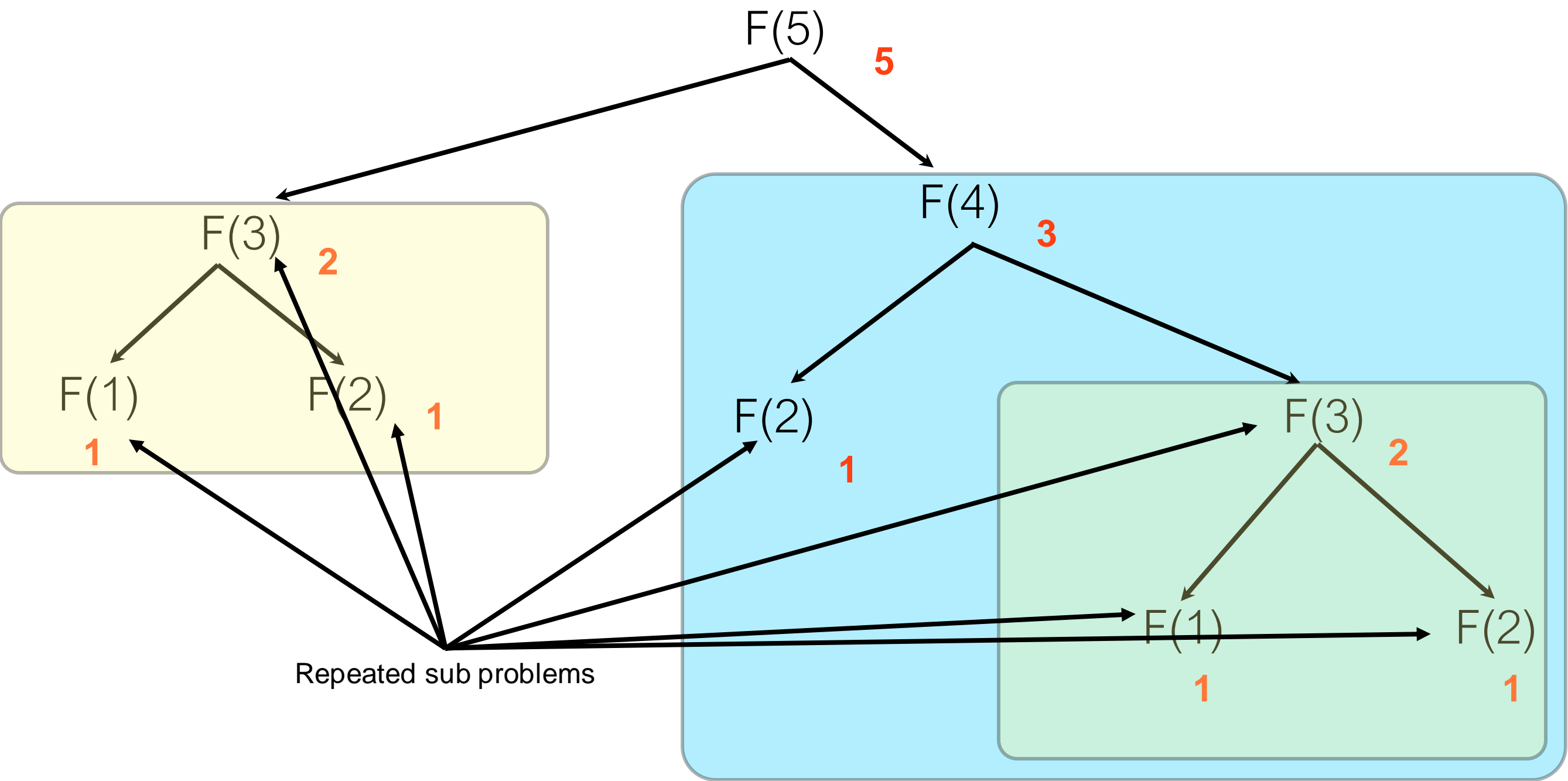
For the Fibonacci sequence, if we wanted to compute  $\text{fib}(5)$ , how many times do we encounter  $\text{fib}(1)$  and  $\text{fib}(2)$ ?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) None of the above



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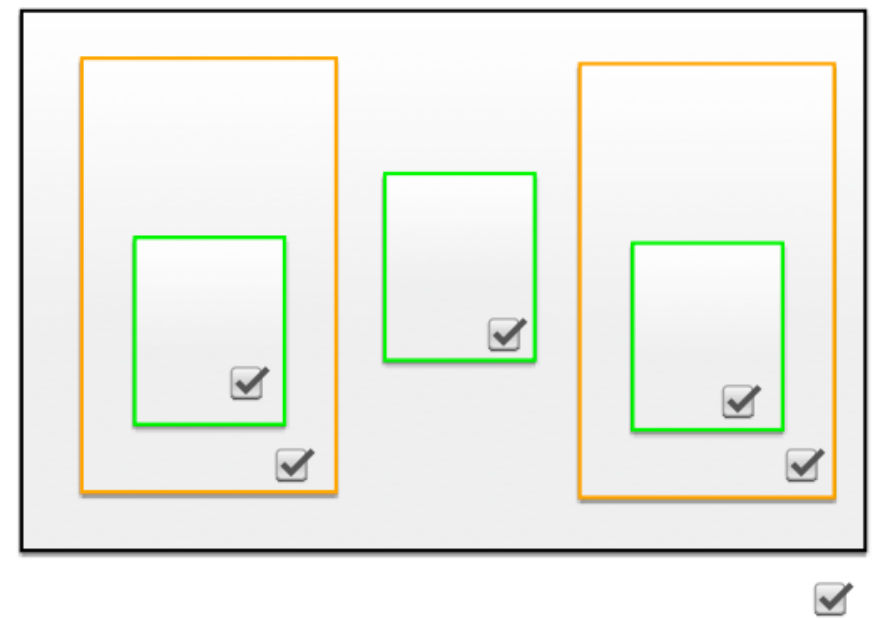
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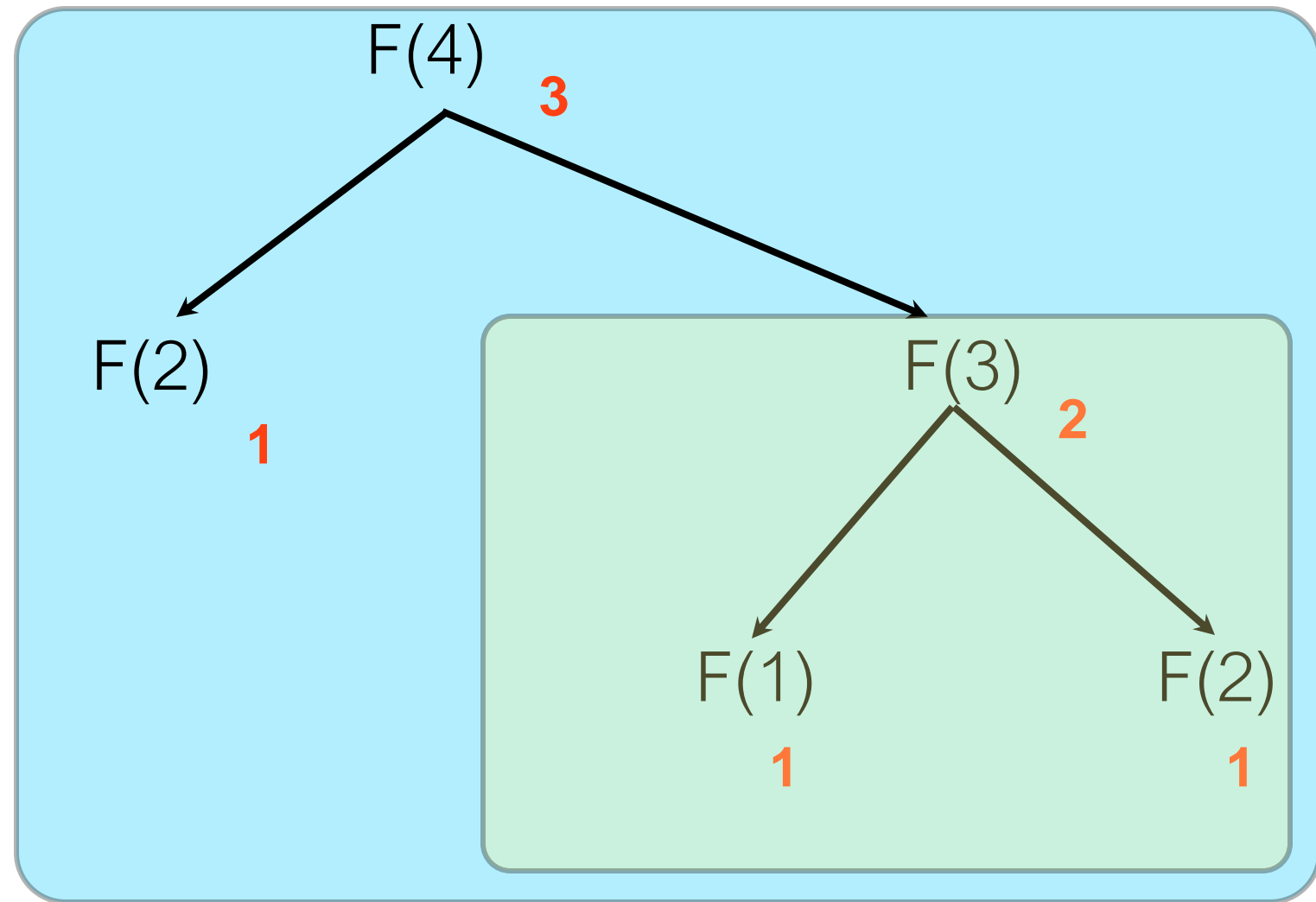
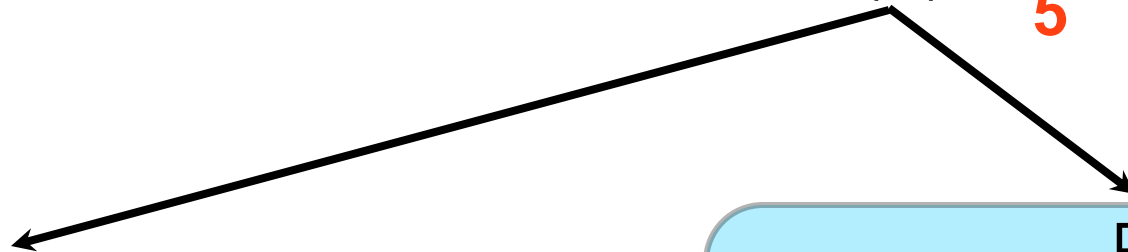
D) None of the above

# Dynamic Programming

- Optimisation problems.
- Solves problems by **solving subproblems**.
- Subproblems may **overlap**.
- Each subproblem is solved only once, storing relevant information.



$F(5)$  5



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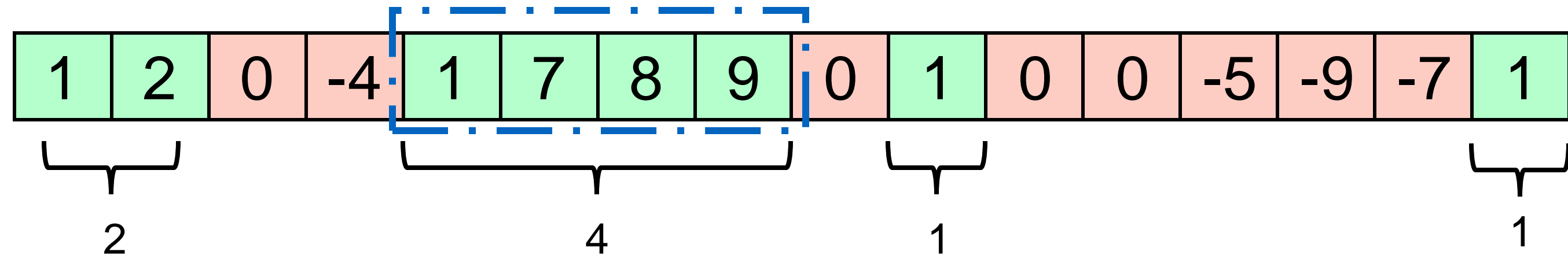
Dynamic Programming

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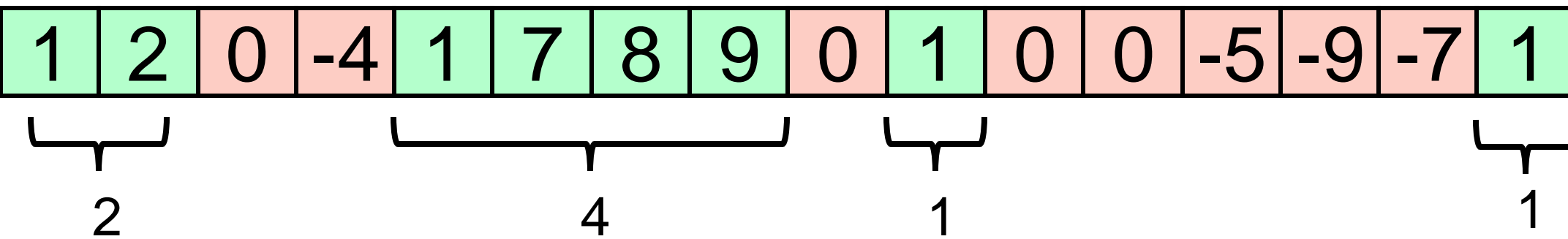
Knapsack (part II)



# Longest sequence of positive numbers



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*Naïve approach*

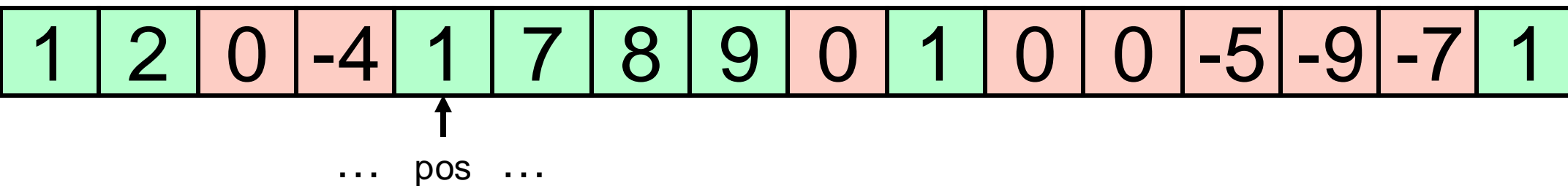
$O(n)$

```
def longPosSeq(the_list):
    bestStart = None
    bestLength = 0
    pos = 0
    start = None
    currentLen = 0
    while pos < len(the_list):
        if the_list[pos]>0:
            currentLen+=1
            if currentLen==1:
                start = pos
            if currentLen>bestLength:
                bestStart = start
                bestLength = currentLen
        else:
            currentLen = 0
            start = None
        pos+=1
    return [bestStart,bestLength]
```

Dynamic Programming?

Keep track of start and length of current best

# Longest sequence of positive numbers



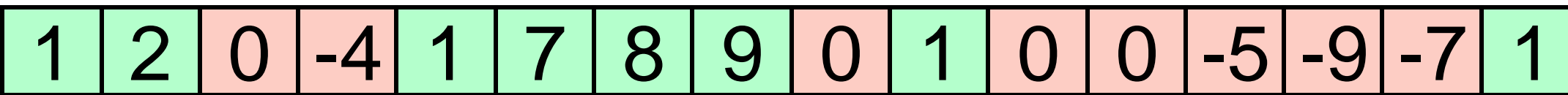
Key insights:

- 1) It must form a sequence (if we find a non-positive element, we are starting a new sequence)
- 2) Any positive element is either the start of a sequence or a continuation of the sequence to the left of it

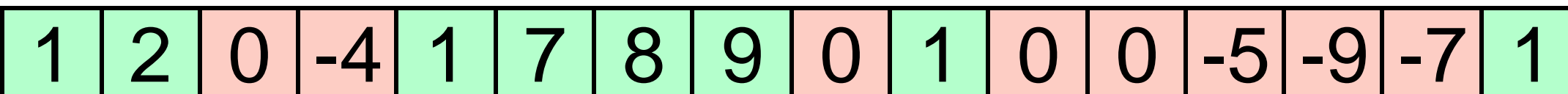
Crux of the DP solution

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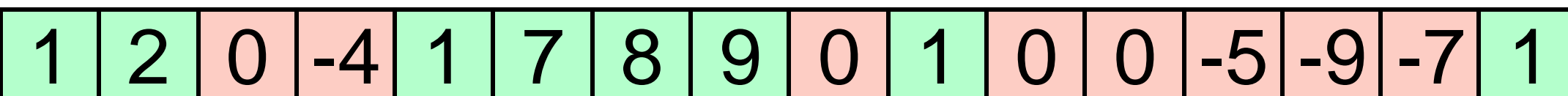
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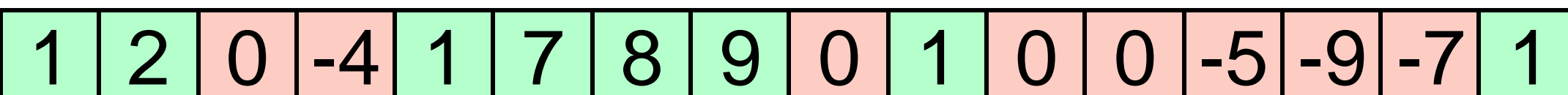


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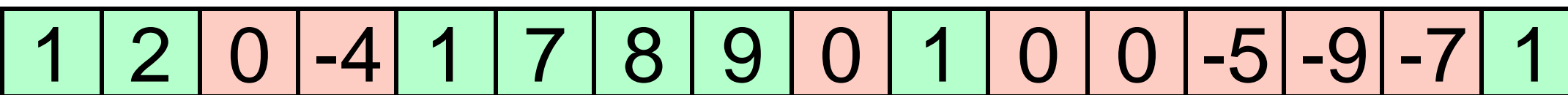


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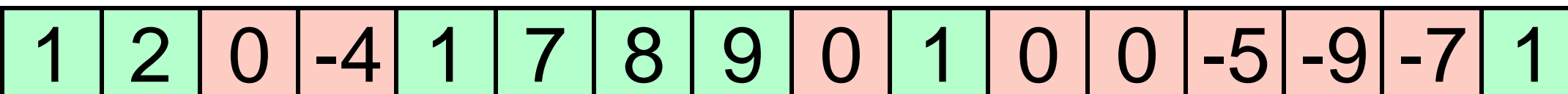
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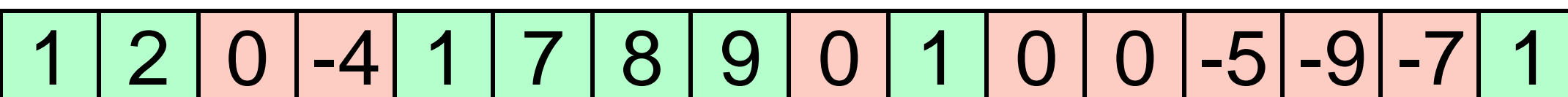
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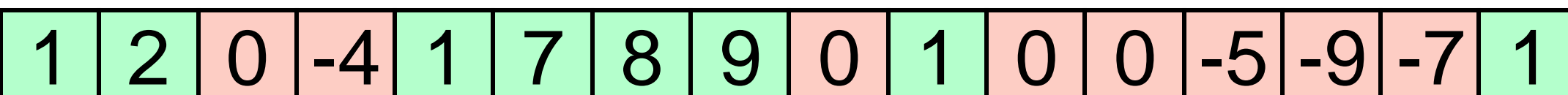


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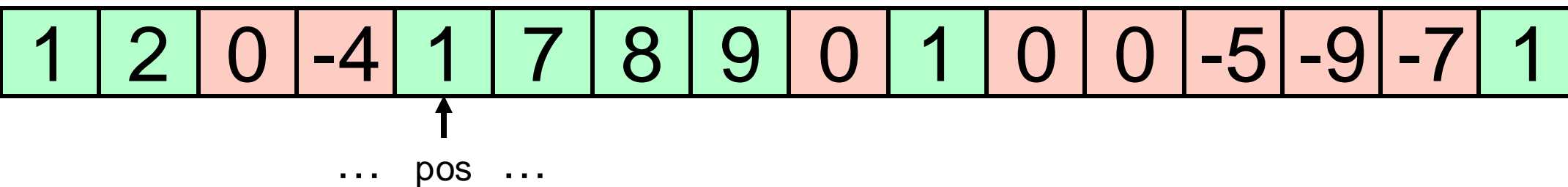


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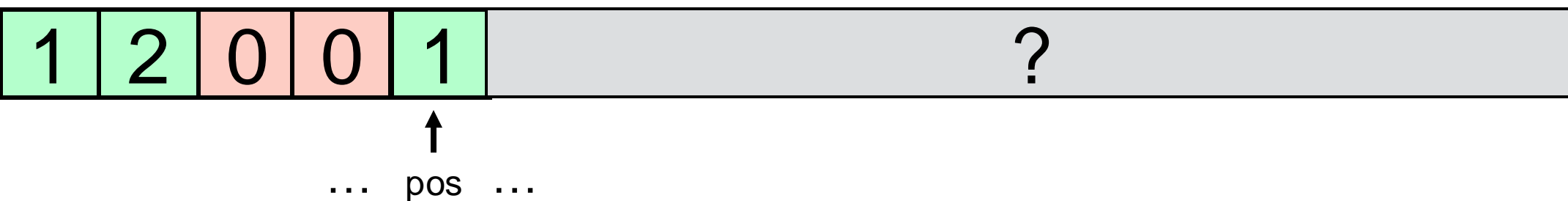
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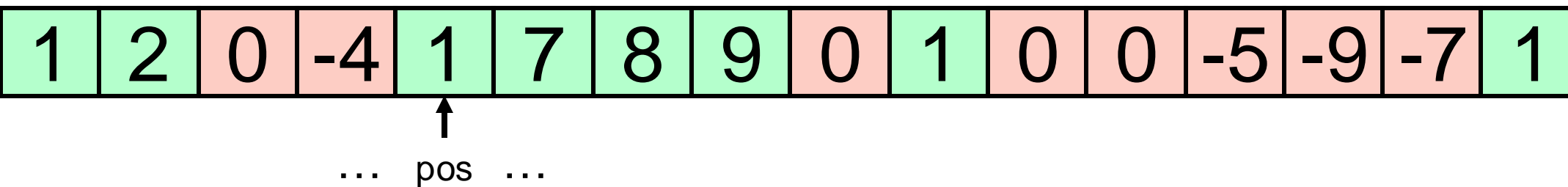


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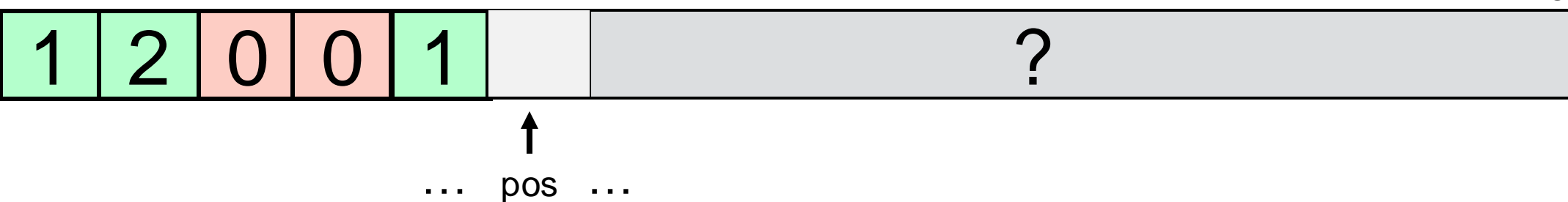


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$$L[pos] = \begin{cases} 1 + L[pos-1], \\ 0, \end{cases}$$

where the\_list[pos] > 0

where the\_list[pos] ≤ 0

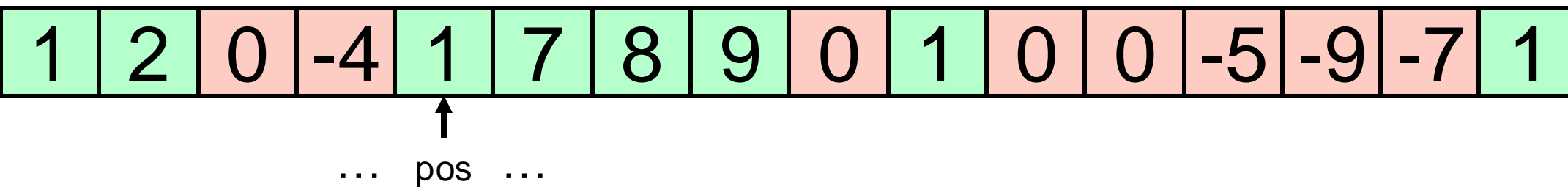
Dynamic programming relation

This relation works for all of L?

A) Yes

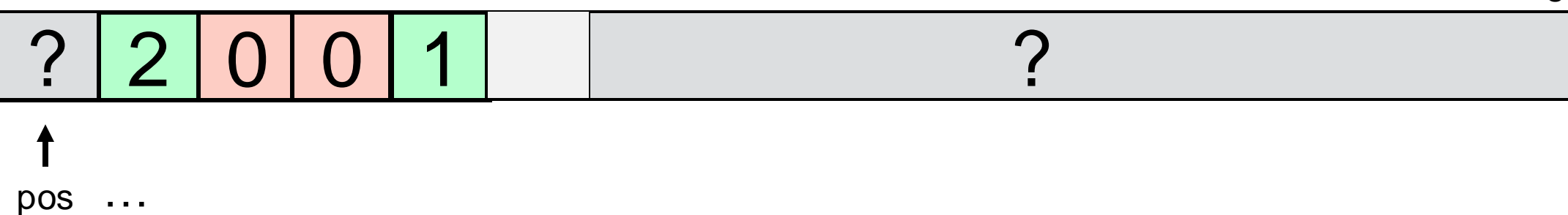
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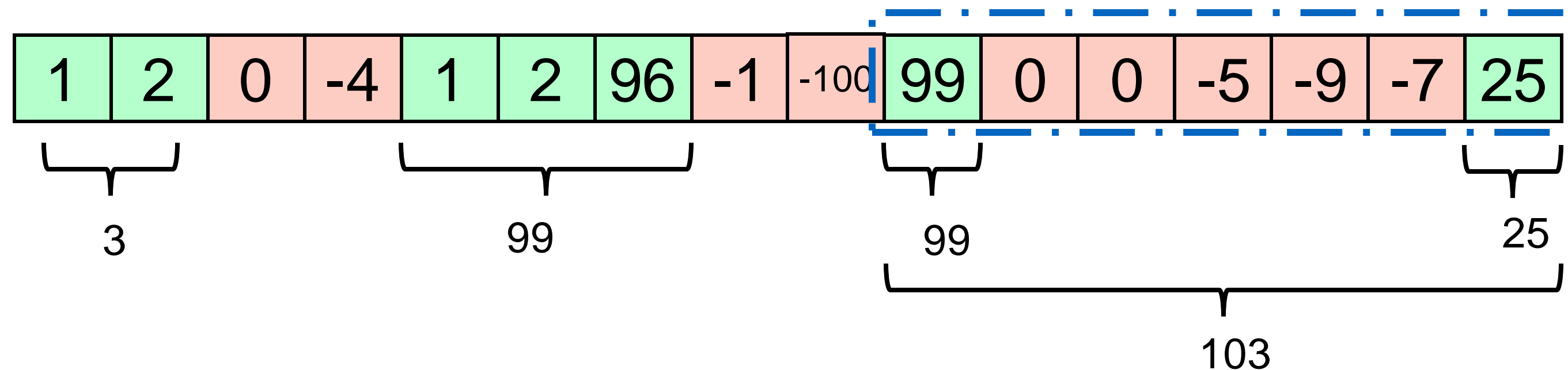
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*$O(n)$  to create L and  $O(n)$  to find the best sequence afterwards*

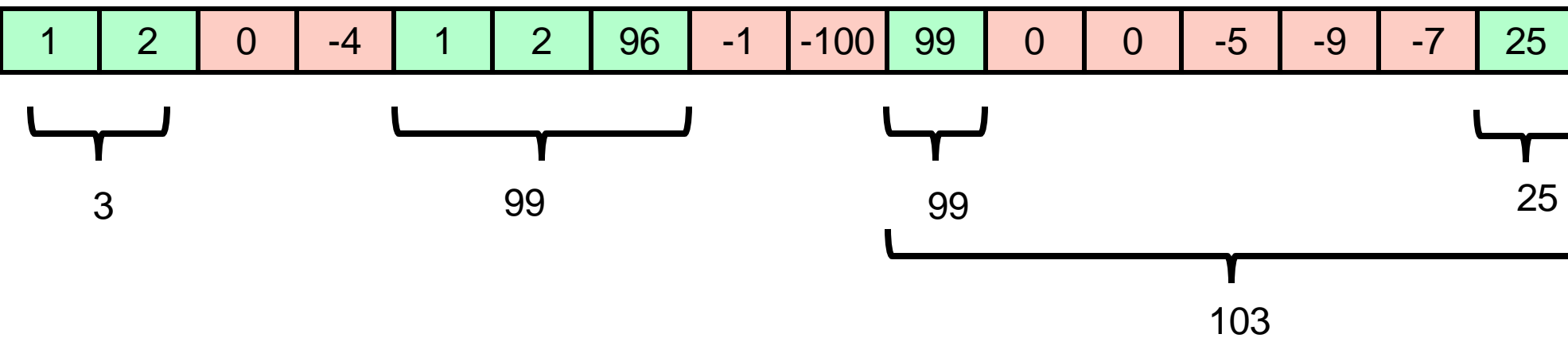
What if the values themselves had some meaning?

# Maximum subsequence sum



Find a sequence the sequence of numbers within a list which is of maximal sum  
(typically we ignore trailing zeroes for this)

# Maximum subsequence sum



Naïve approach

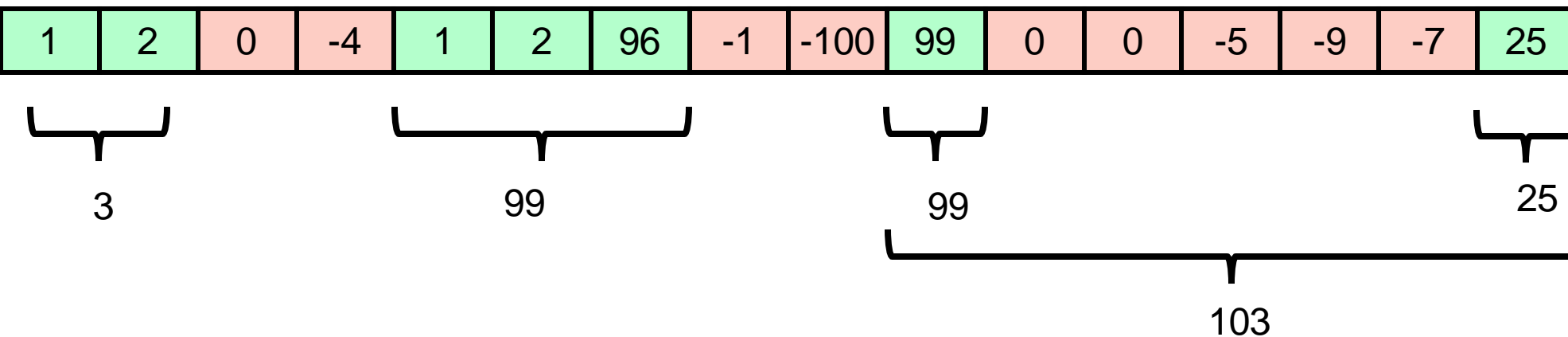
$O(n^3)$

```
def maxSum(the_list):  
    bestStart = None  
    bestEnd = None  
    bestSum = None  
    for start in range(len(the_list)):  
        for end in range(start, len(the_list)):  
            sum = 0  
            for item in range(start, end+1):  
                sum += the_list[item]  
            if bestSum is None or sum > bestSum:  
                bestSum = sum  
                bestStart = start  
                bestEnd = end  
    return [bestSum, bestStart, bestEnd]
```

Dynamic Programming?

*Can be optimised to  $O(n^2)$*

# Maximum subsequence sum

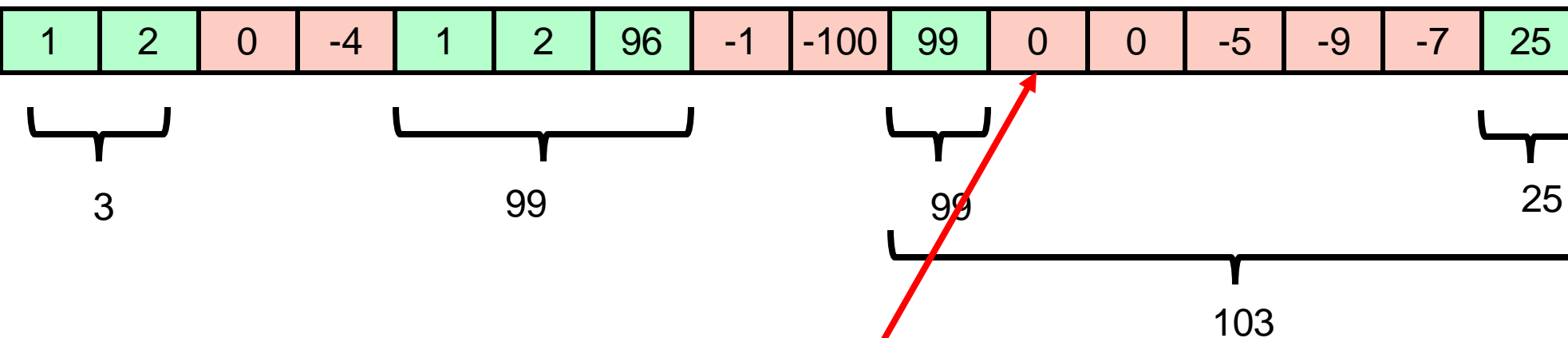


Key insights?

**Which of the following are true about this problem?**

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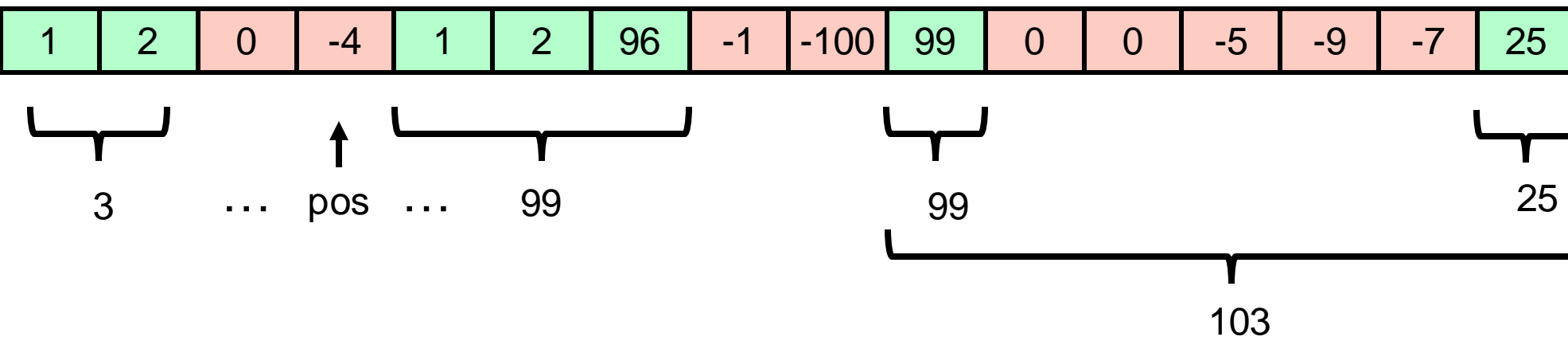
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# Maximum subsequence sum



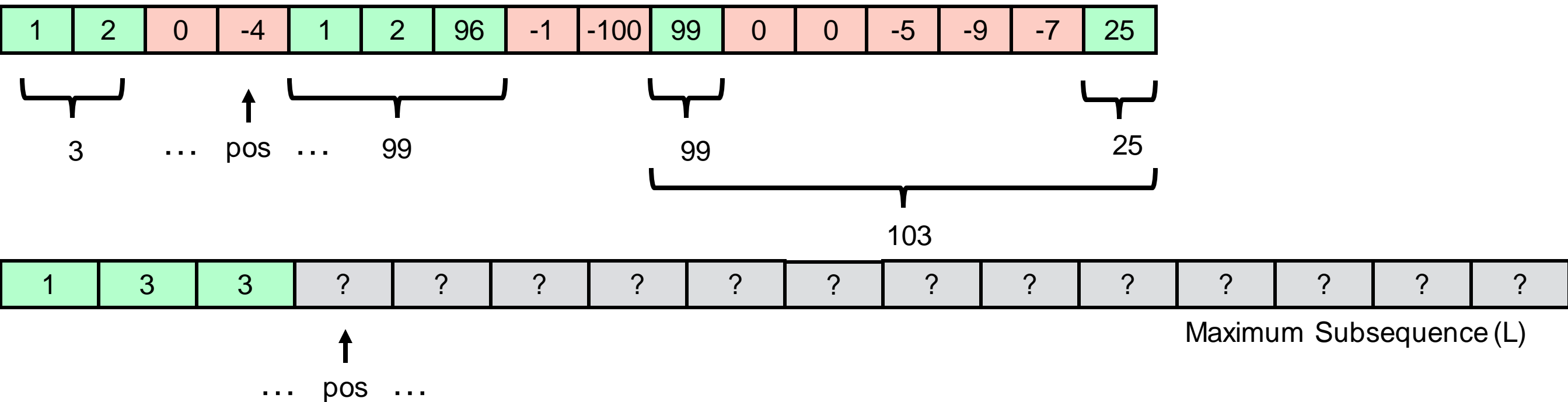
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- It must form a sequence
- Any element is either the start of a sequence or a continuation of the sequence to the left of it
- If a sequence's sum is non-negative, it is always better to try to extend it

## Crux of DP approach

- If we ended the list as pos, what would be the sum of the best sequence involving the\_list[pos]?

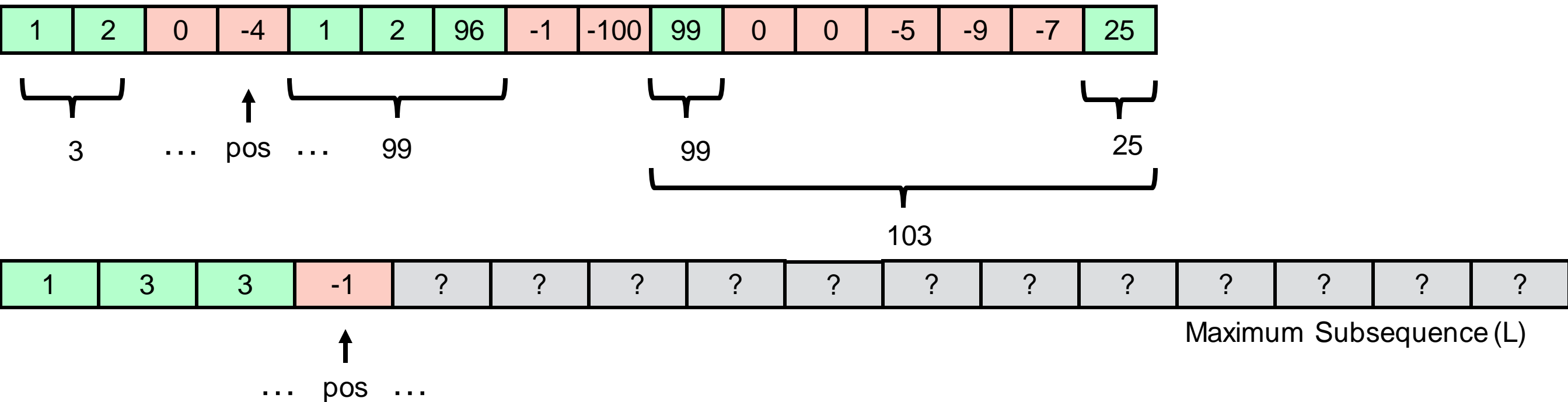
# Maximum subsequence sum



What is the maximum sum of a sequence ending at pos?

- A. 0
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. -1
- E. Cannot be determined

# Maximum subsequence sum



What is the **maximum** sum a sequence **ending at pos**?

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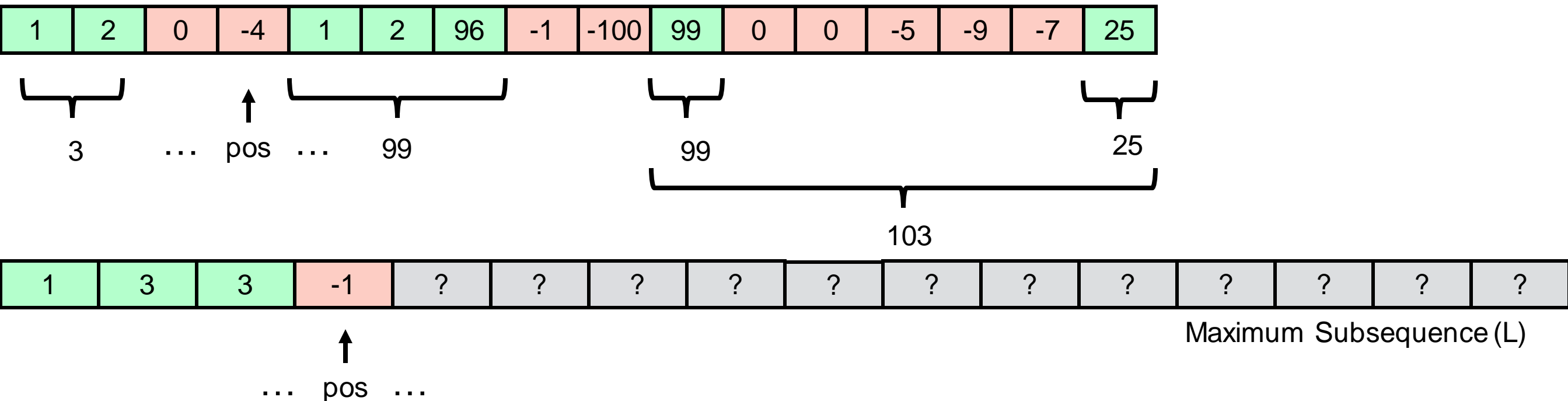
C. 4

D. -1

$$1+2+0-4 = -1$$

E. Cannot be determined

# Maximum subsequence sum



$$L[pos] = \begin{cases} L[pos-1] + \text{the\_list}[pos], & \text{Extend existing sequence} \\ \text{the\_list}[pos], & \text{Start a new sequence} \end{cases}$$

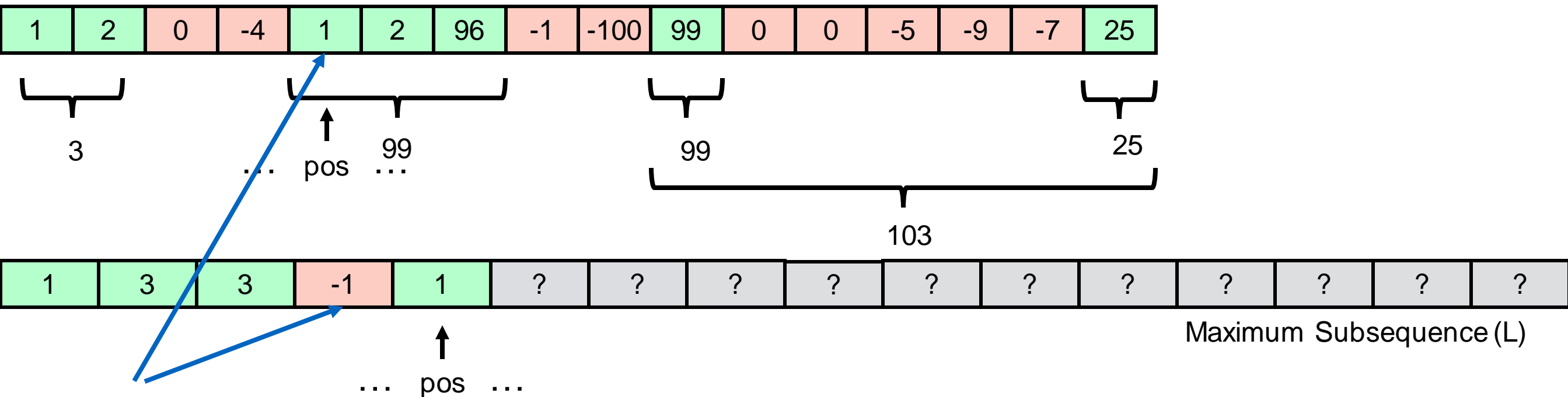
where exceeds the\_list[pos]  
otherwise

Dynamic programming relation

## Key insights

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# Maximum subsequence sum



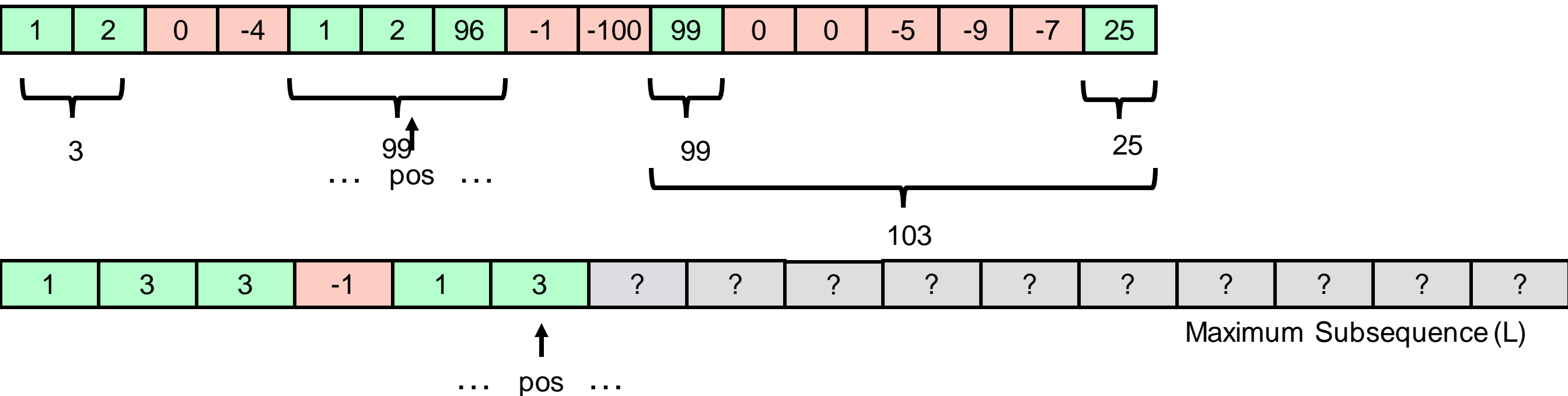
Do we extend  $(-1+1)$ ?  
Or start again  $(1)$ ?

$1 > (1+-1)$  so we start again

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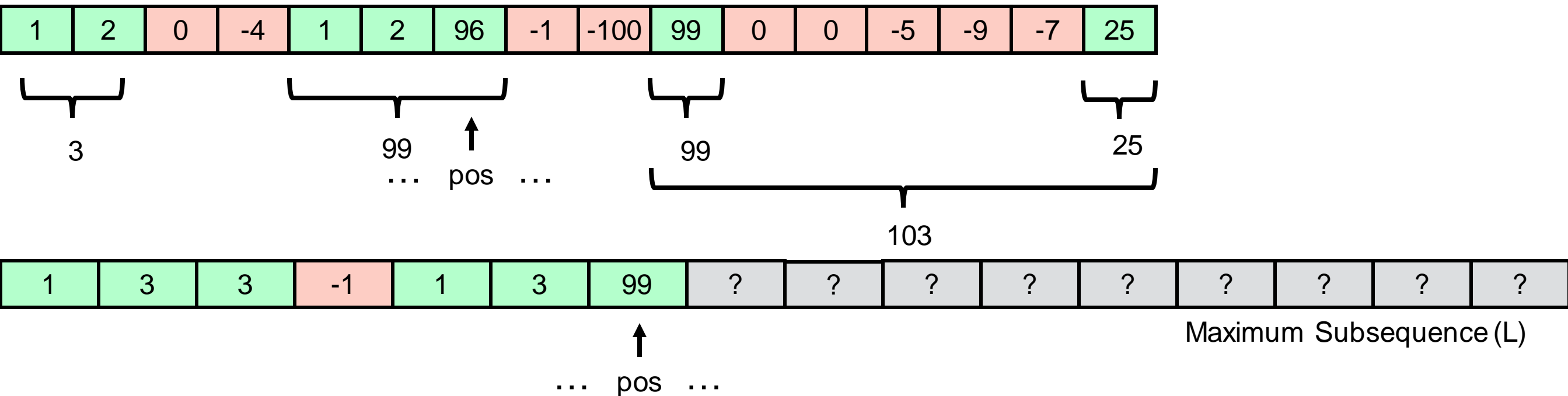
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$2 < (2+1)$  therefore better to extend

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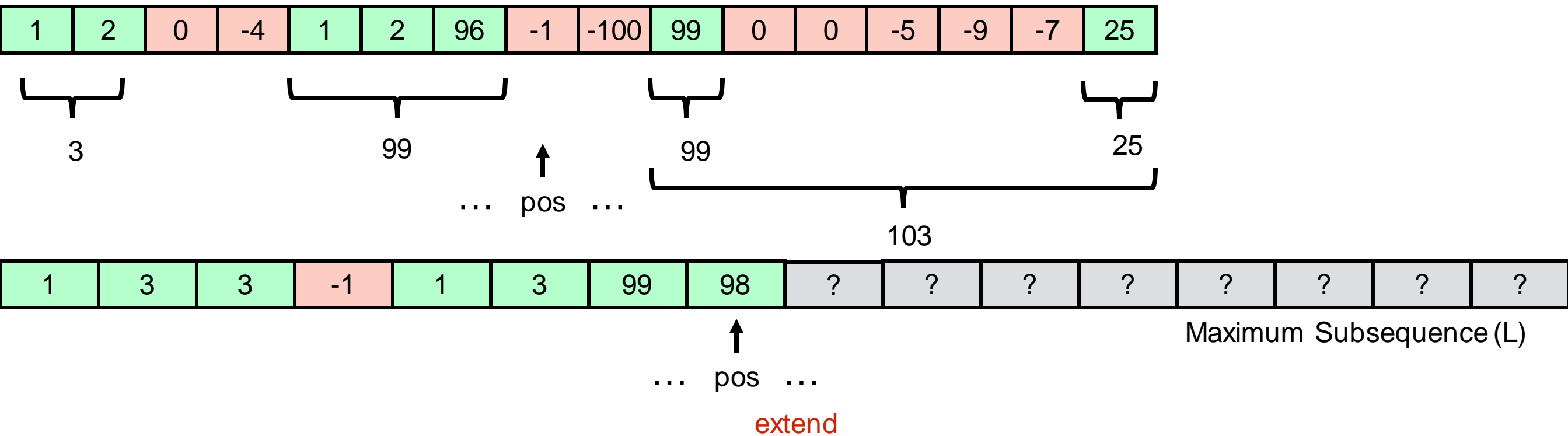
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96 < (96+3) so again we extend

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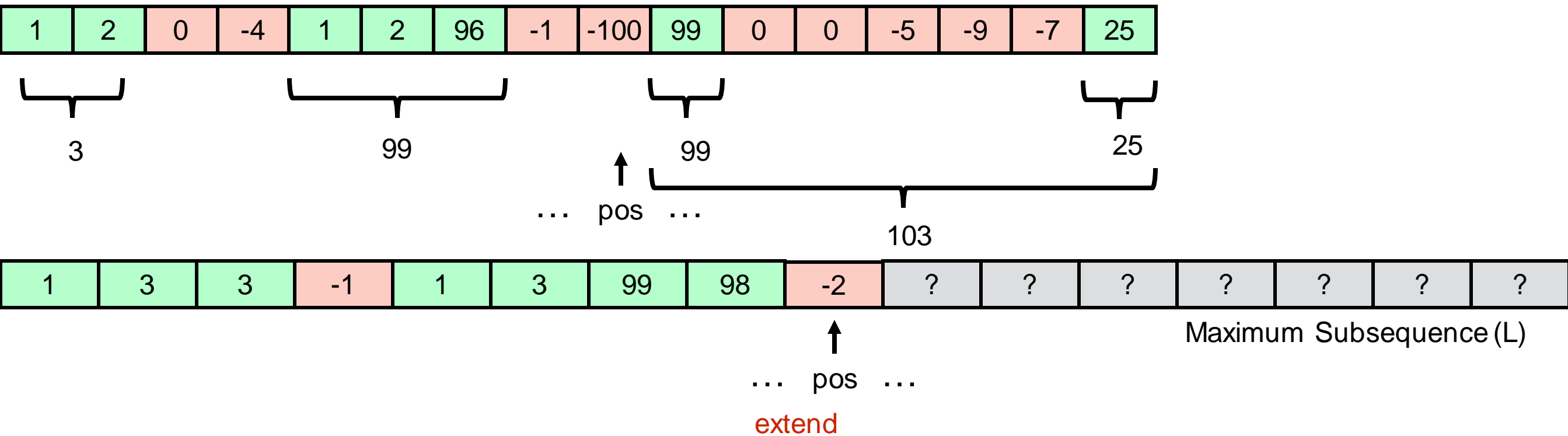
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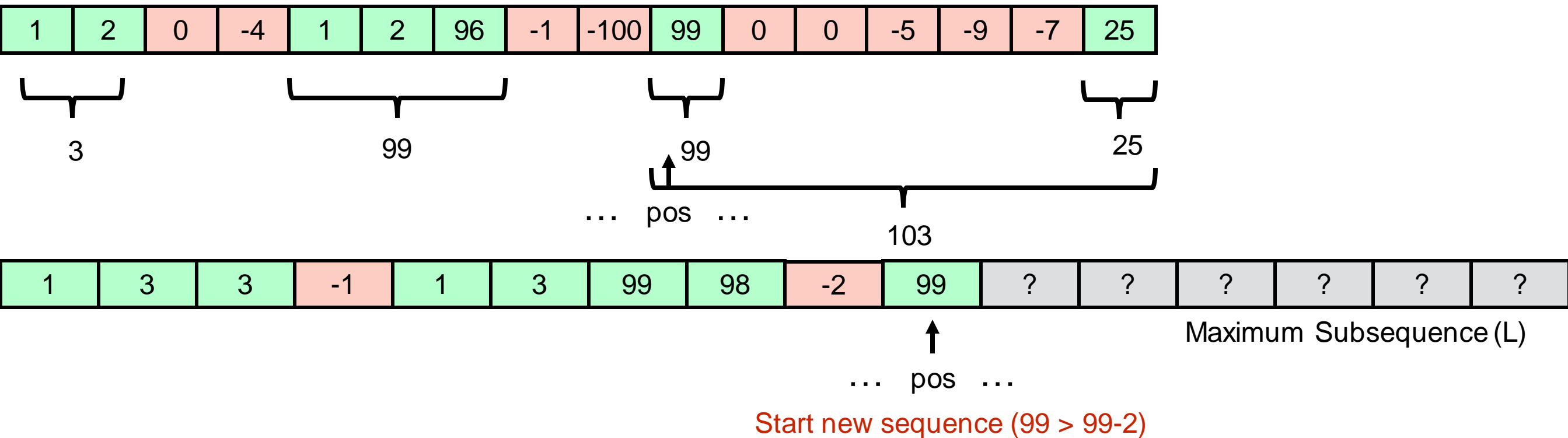


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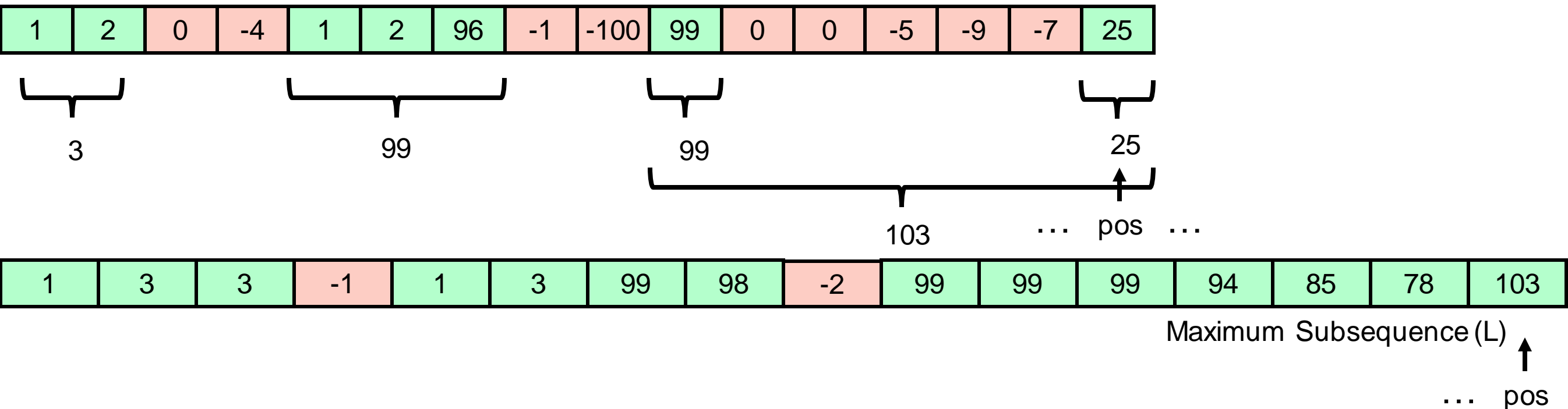
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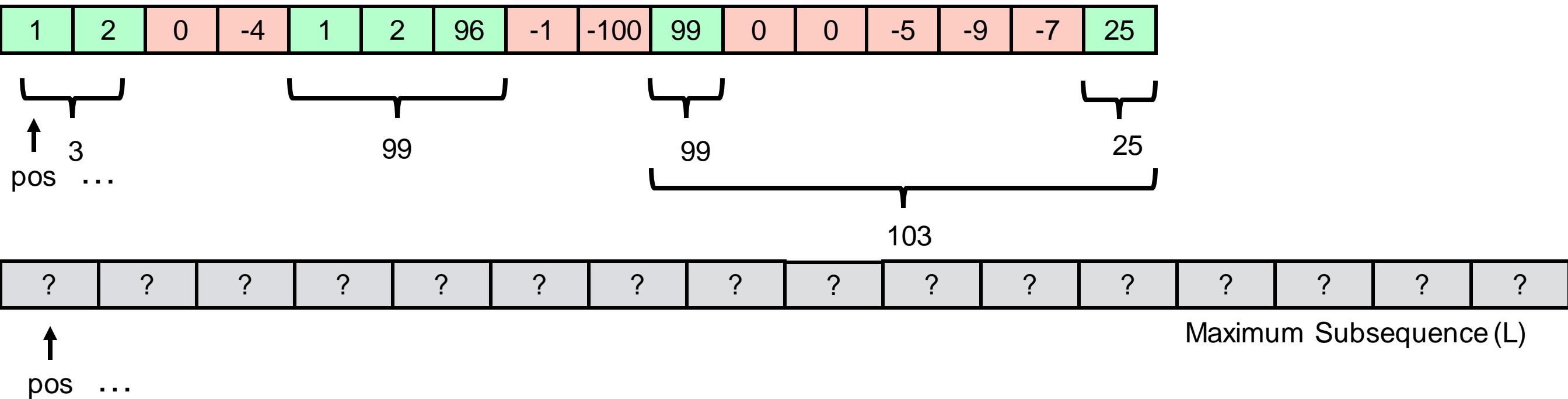


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What about the initial condition?

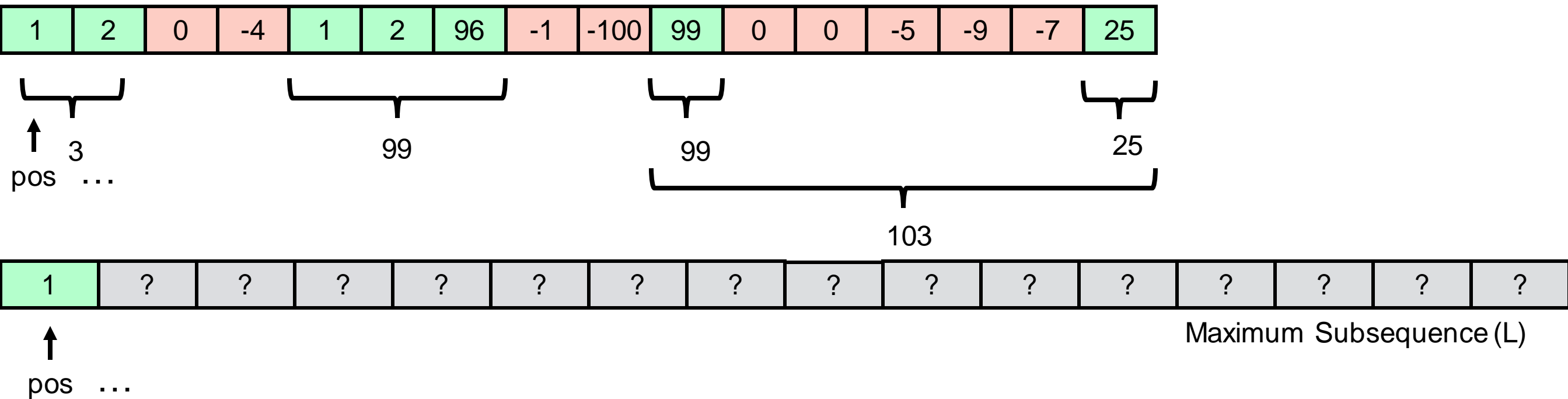
# Maximum subsequence sum



What is the maximum sum for a sequence ending at pos?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 103
- E. Cannot be determined

# Maximum subsequence sum



What is the maximum sum for a sequence ending at pos?

A. 0

**B. 1**

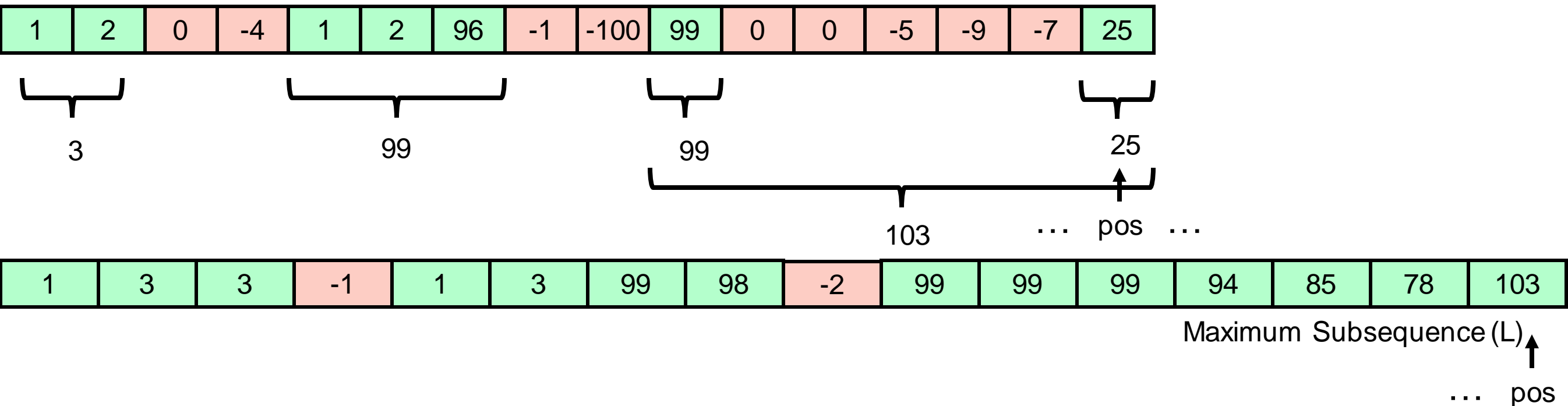
*Begins and ends at position 0*

C. 3

D. 103

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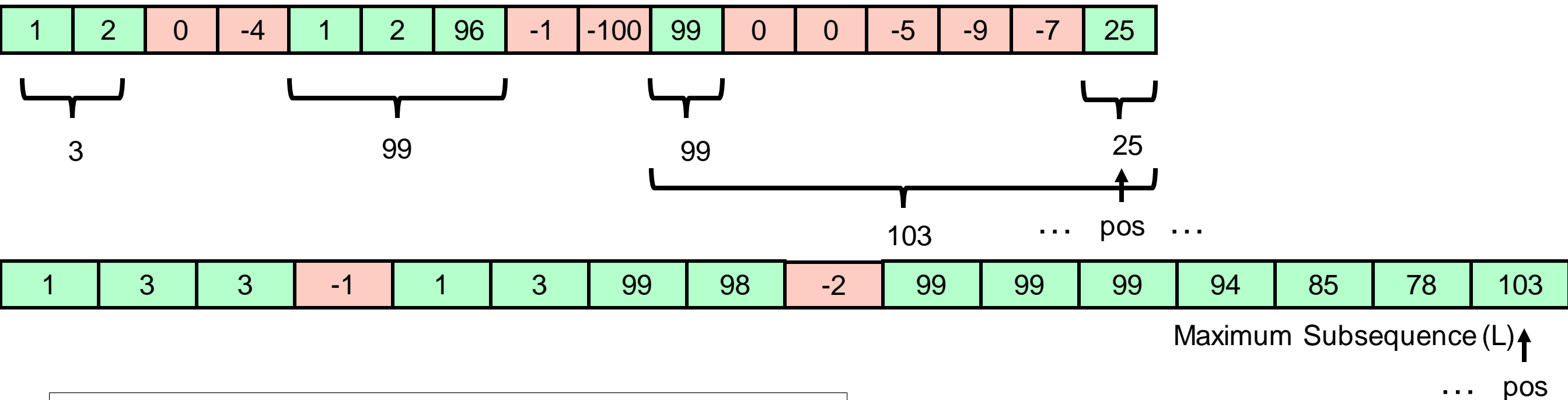
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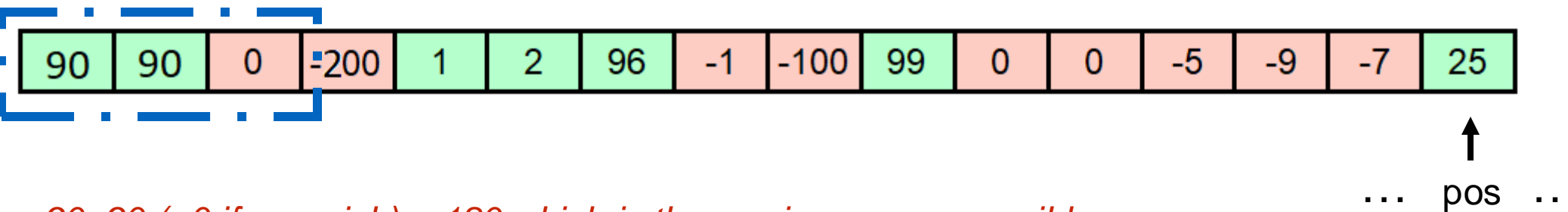
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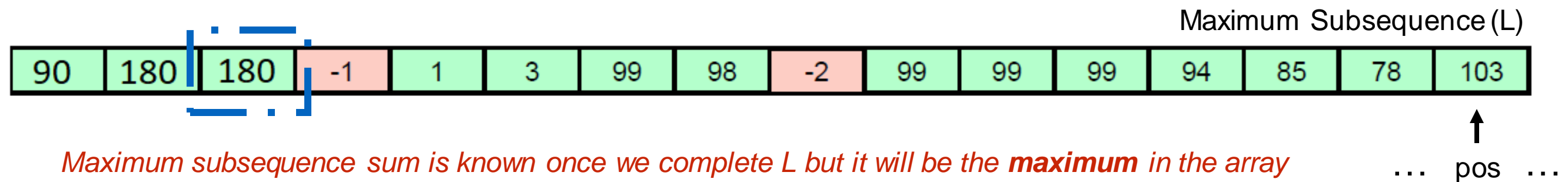
A) Yes

B) No

# Maximum subsequence sum



*90+90 (+0 if you wish) = 180 which is the maximum sum possible*



*Maximum subsequence sum is known once we complete L but it will be the **maximum** in the array*

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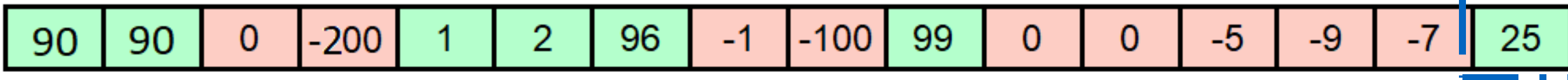
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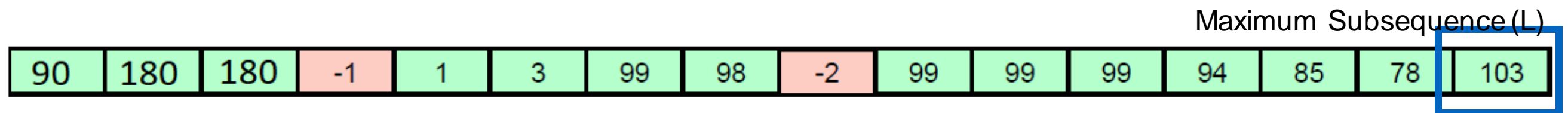
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# Maximum subsequence sum



*Dash-dot blue box = best sum so far*

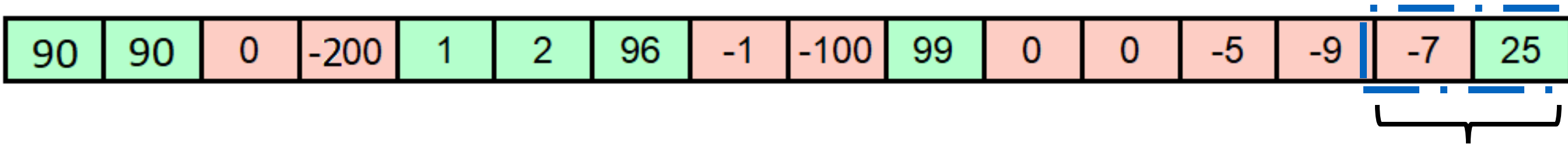


*Solid blue box = position considered*

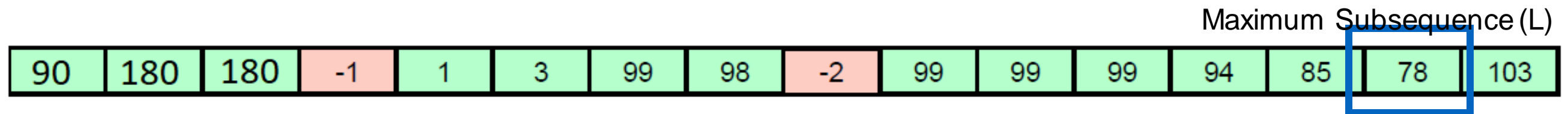
Last element in L is positive so the end of a decent sequence sum

How do we find the maximum subsequence sum from L?

# Maximum subsequence sum



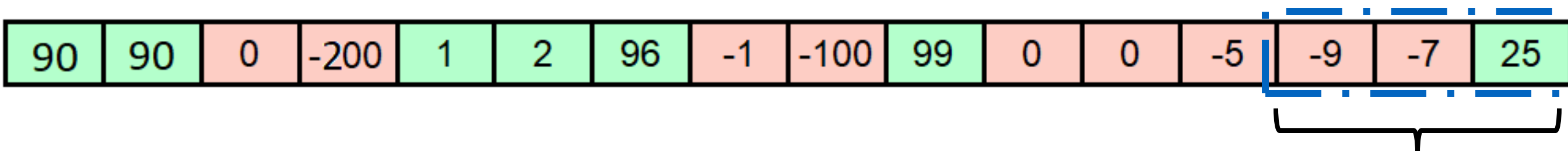
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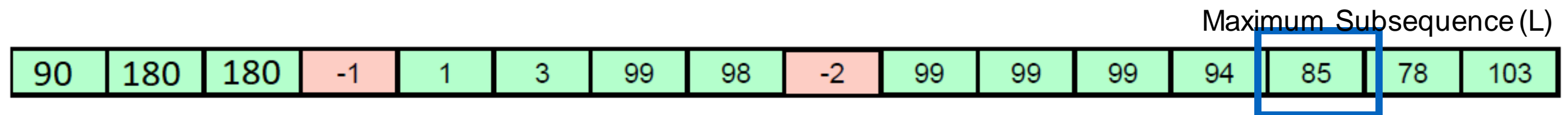
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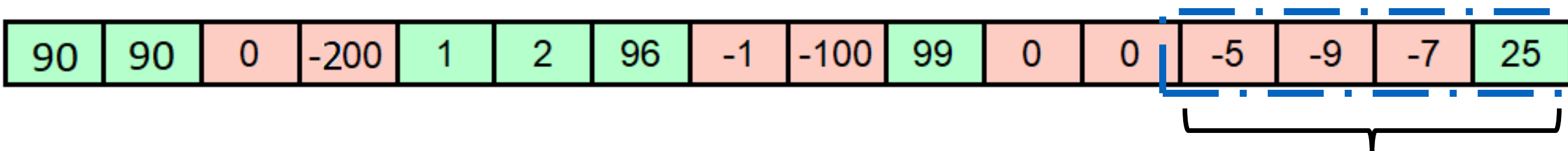
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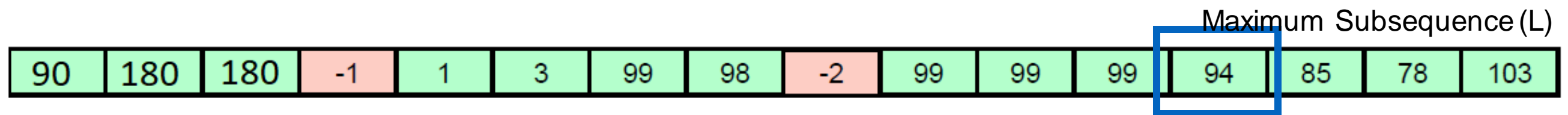
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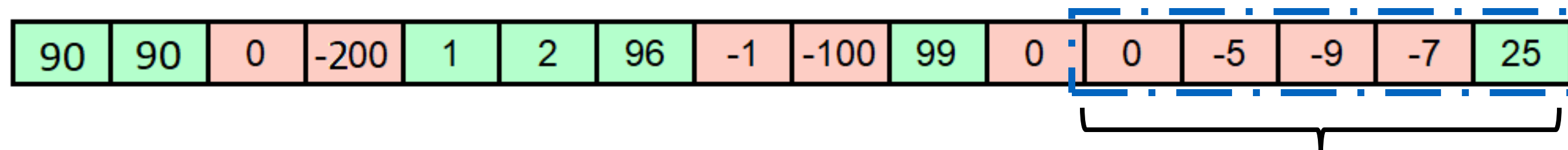
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$L[pos] > 0$  and under 103  
Shift the start of the sequence back

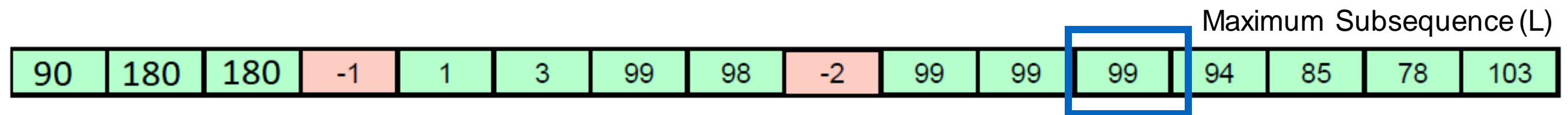
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$103 - X$

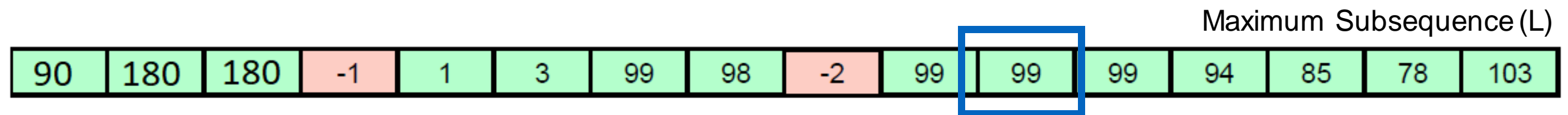
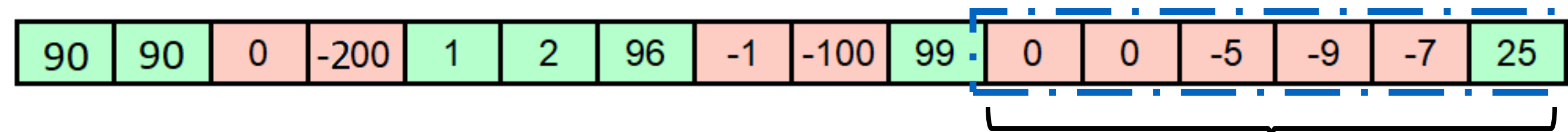


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Shift the start of the sequence back

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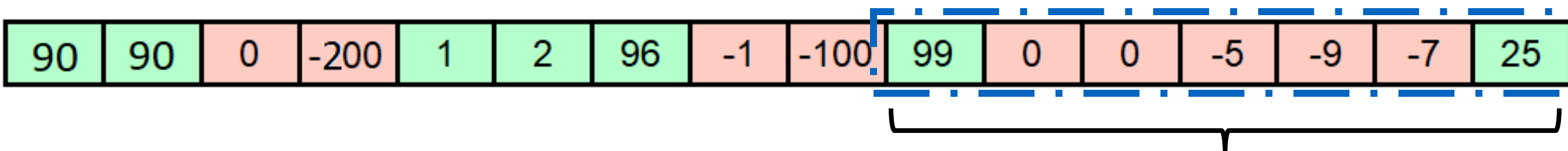
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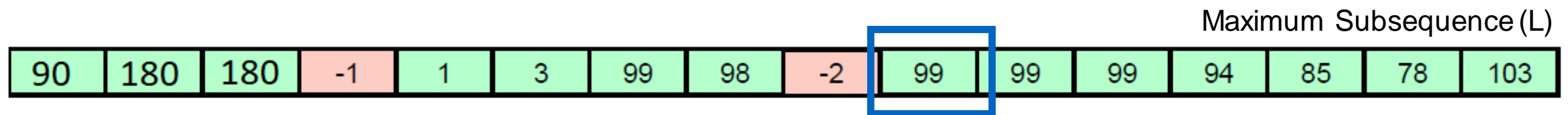
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 $103 - X$

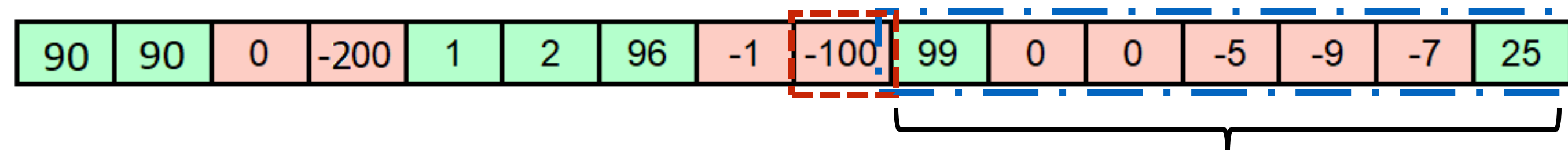


Maximum Subsequence (L)

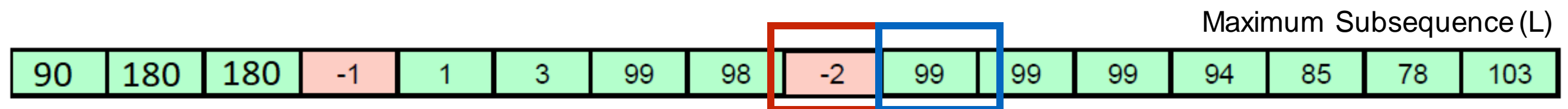
$L[pos] > 0$  and under 103  
 Shift the start of the sequence back

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# Maximum subsequence sum



*dashed red box = sequence of lower sum than best so far*



Maximum Subsequence (L)

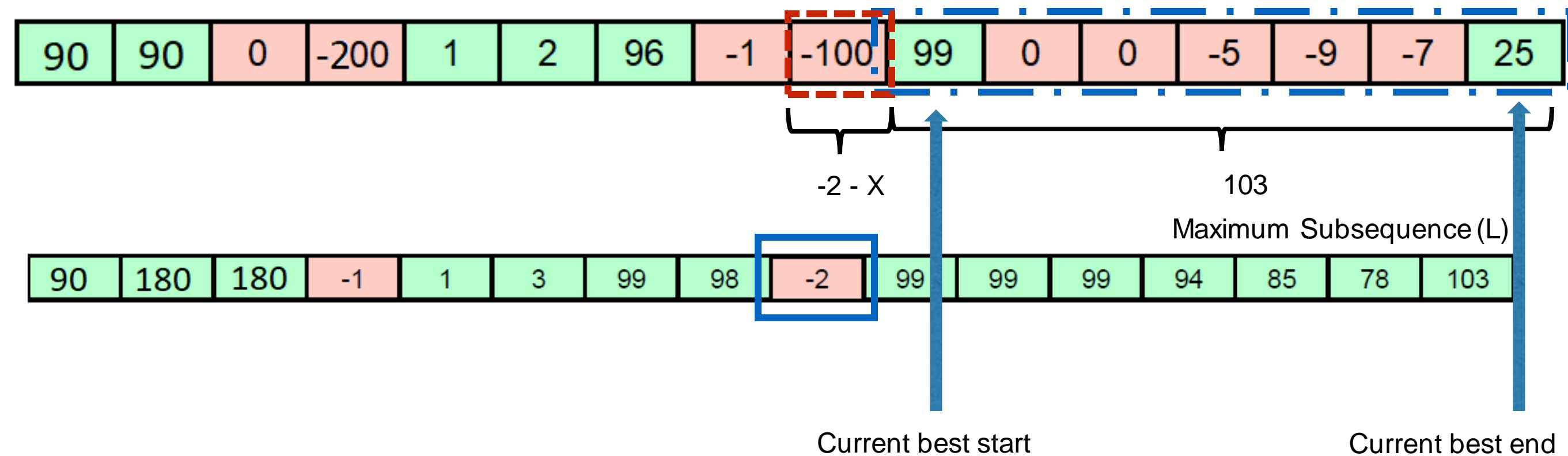
$L[pos] = -2$

As  $L[pos] \leq 0$  sequence ended

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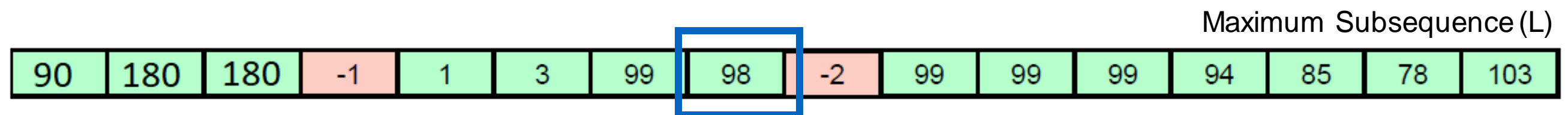
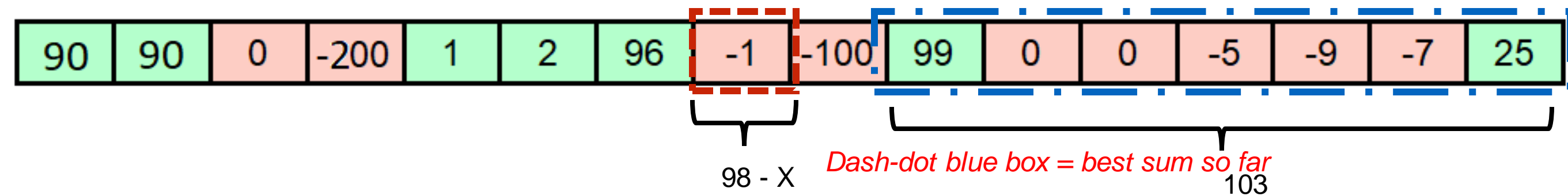


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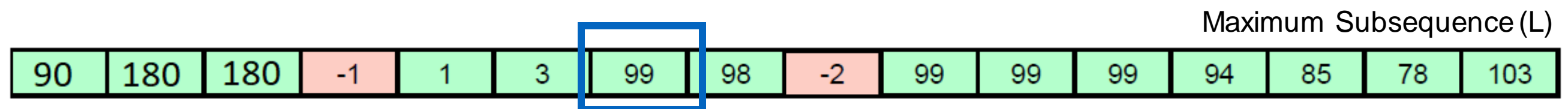
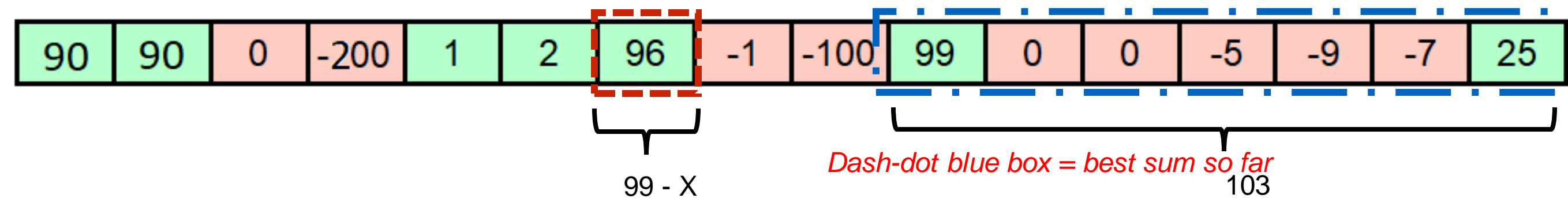
# Maximum subsequence sum



$L[pos] = 98$   
 As  $L[pos] > 0$  and  $L[pos] > -2$   
 better sequence sum than -2 ends here

How do we find the maximum subsequence sum from L?

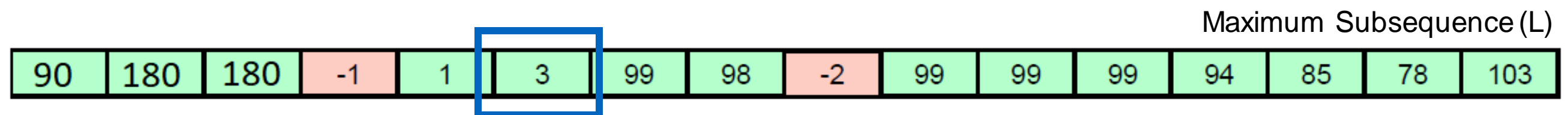
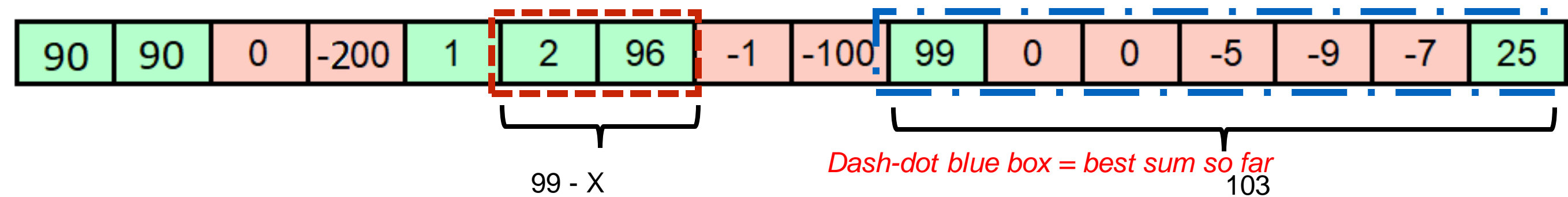
# Maximum subsequence sum



$L[pos] = 99$   
 As  $L[pos] > 0$  and  $L[pos] > 98$   
 better sequence sum than 98 ends here

How do we find the maximum subsequence sum from L?

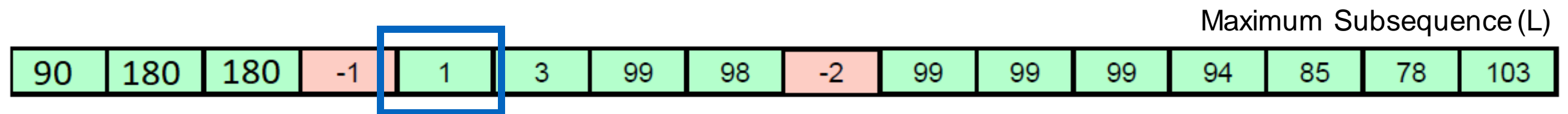
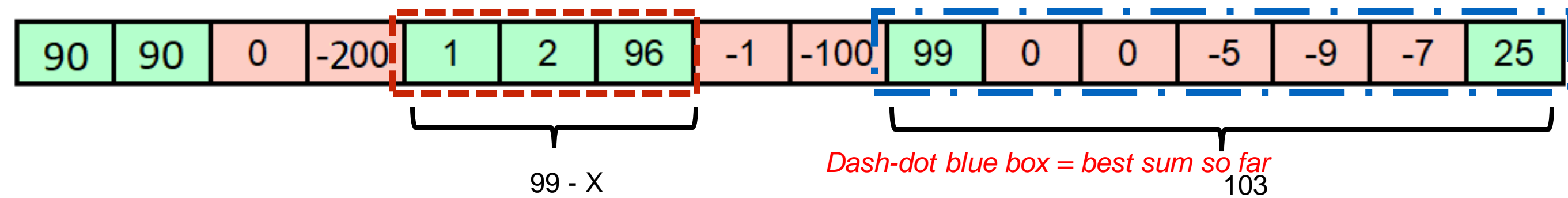
# Maximum subsequence sum



$L[\text{pos}] = 3$   
 $L[\text{pos}] > 0$  but  $L[\text{pos}] < 99$   
 Extends the 99 sequence sum

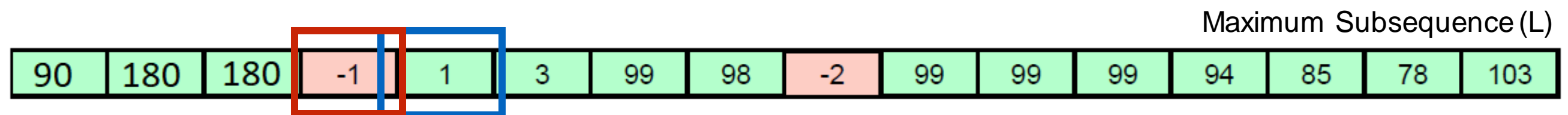
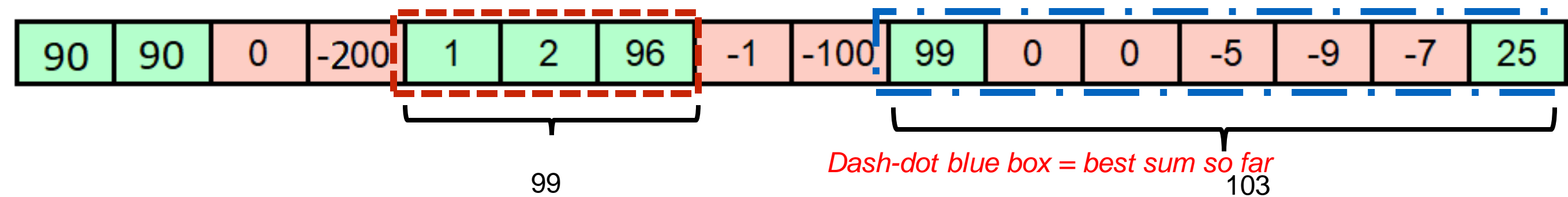
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# Maximum subsequence sum



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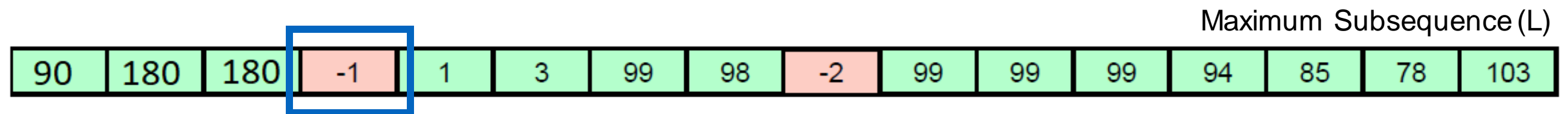
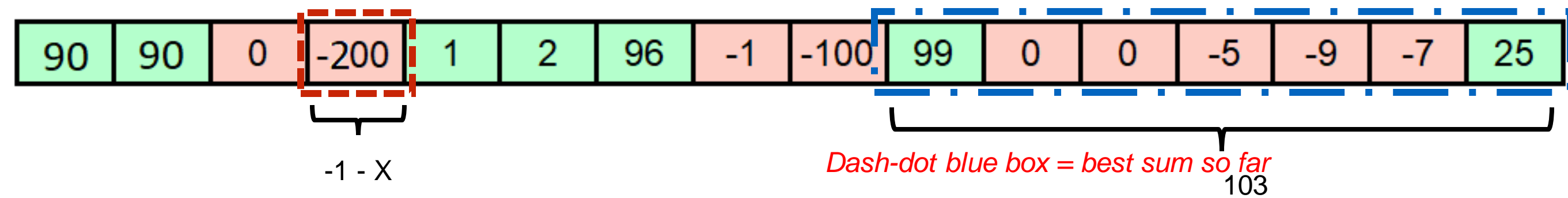


$L[pos] < 0$

Start of sequence found but no better than 103 so discarded

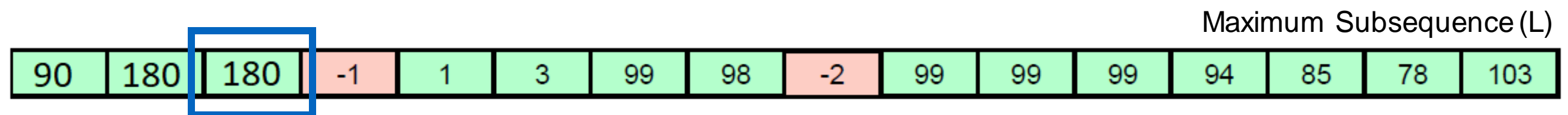
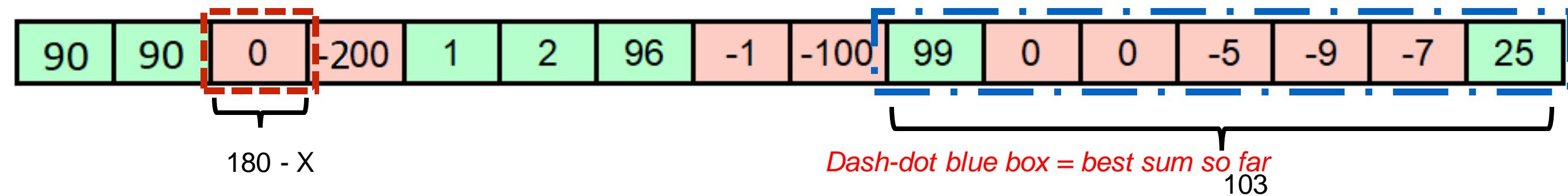
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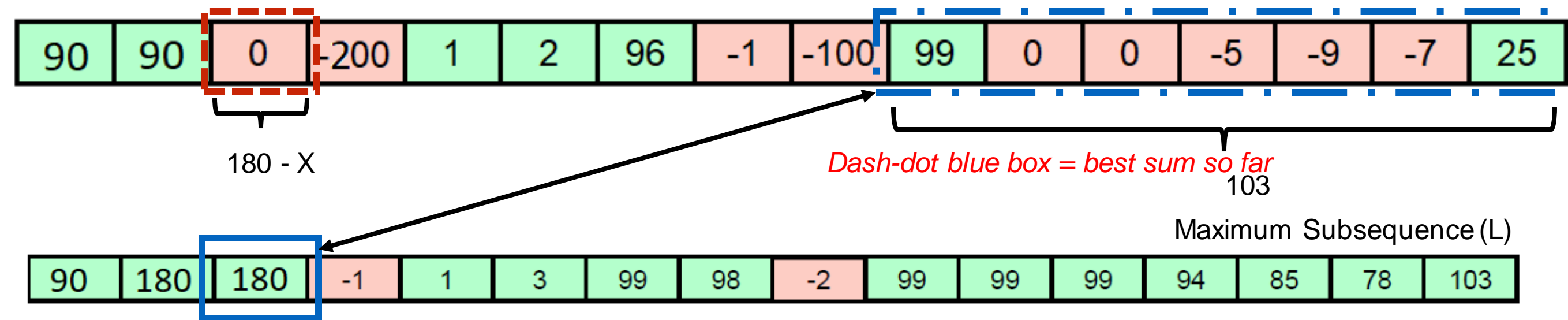


$L[pos] = 180$   
 As  $L[pos] > 0$   
 New sequence end found

How do we find the maximum subsequence sum from L?



# Maximum subsequence sum



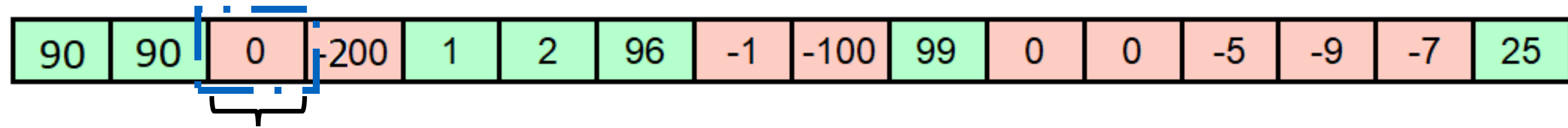
$L[pos] = 180$

As  $L[pos] > 0$  and  $L[pos] > 103$

New sequence end found and it is the best so far

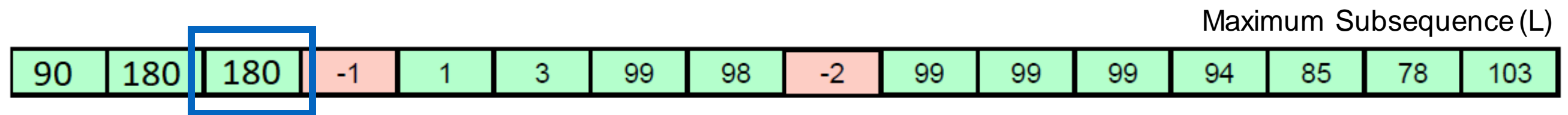
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# Maximum subsequence sum



$180 - X$

*Dash-dot blue box = best sum so far*



Maximum Subsequence (L)

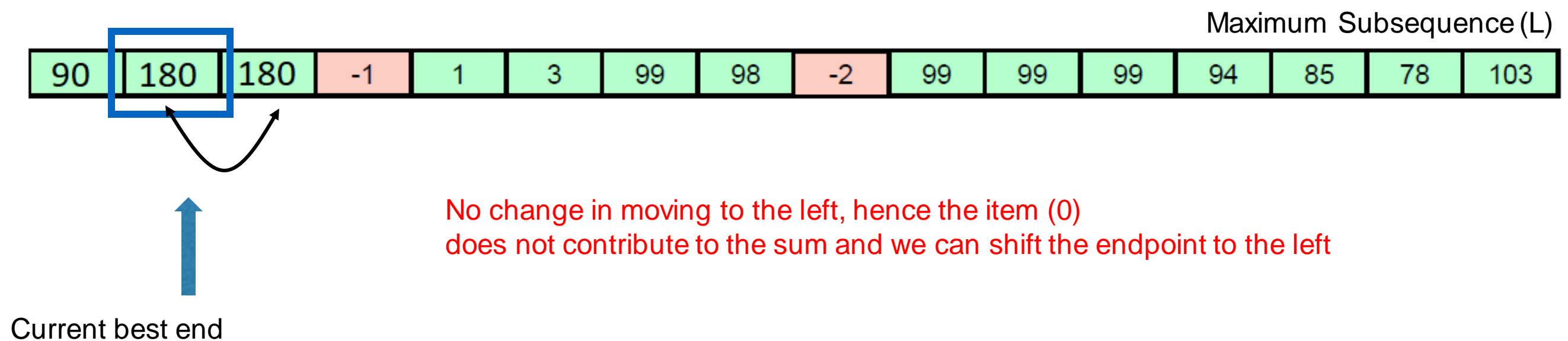
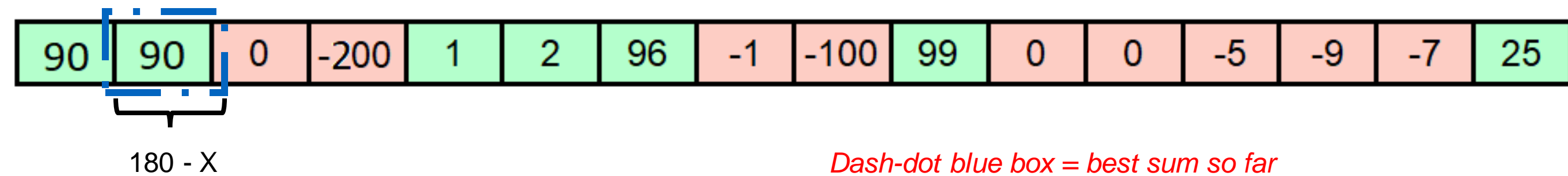


Current best end

180 is now the best subsequence sum so far

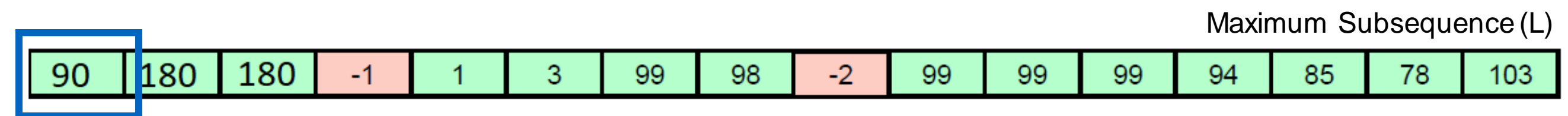
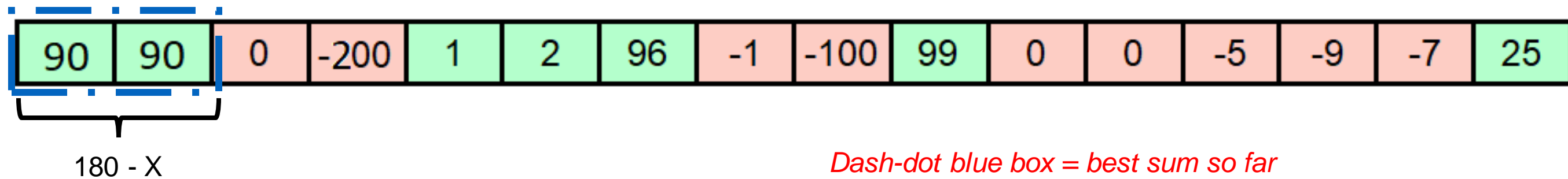
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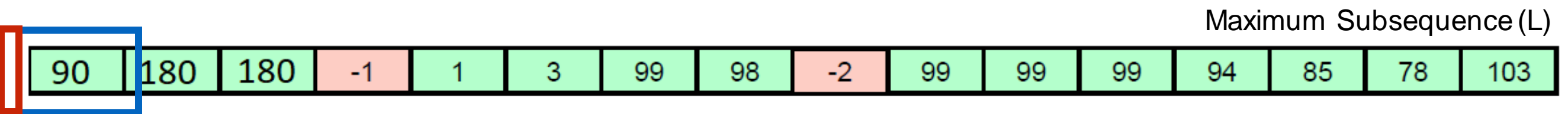
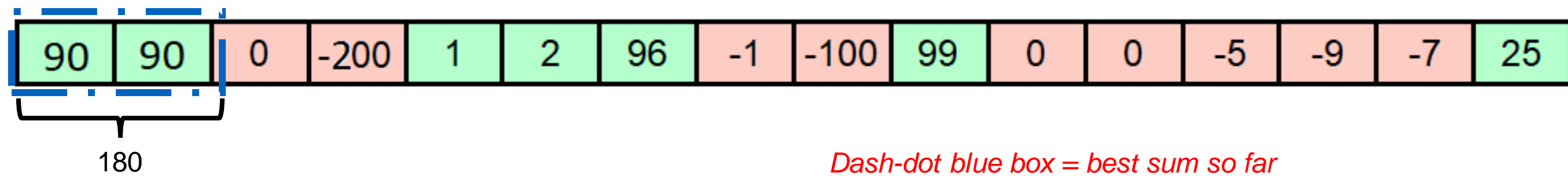
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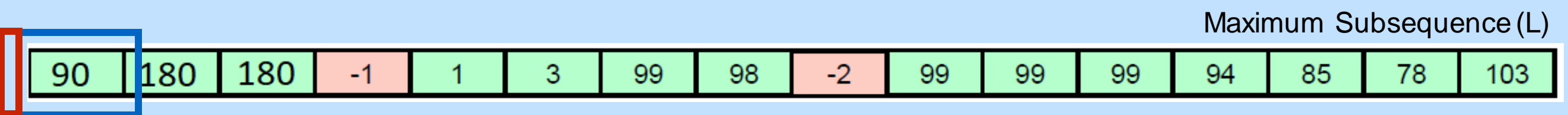
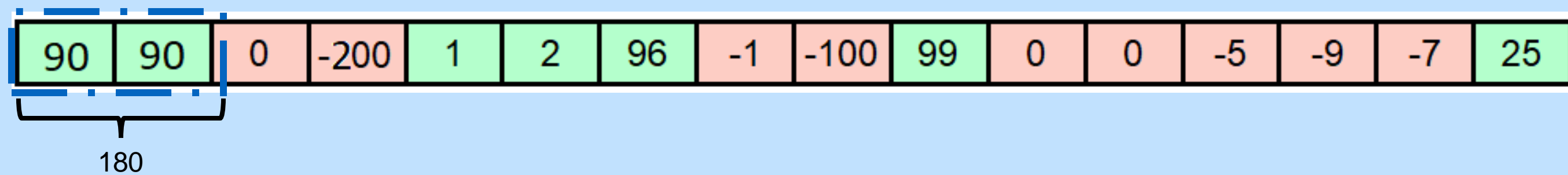


Have reached end of list without a negative or zero so this sequence ends at the left end of the list

the maximum subsequence sum is 180 and begins at position 0 and ends at position 2

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# Maximum subsequence sum



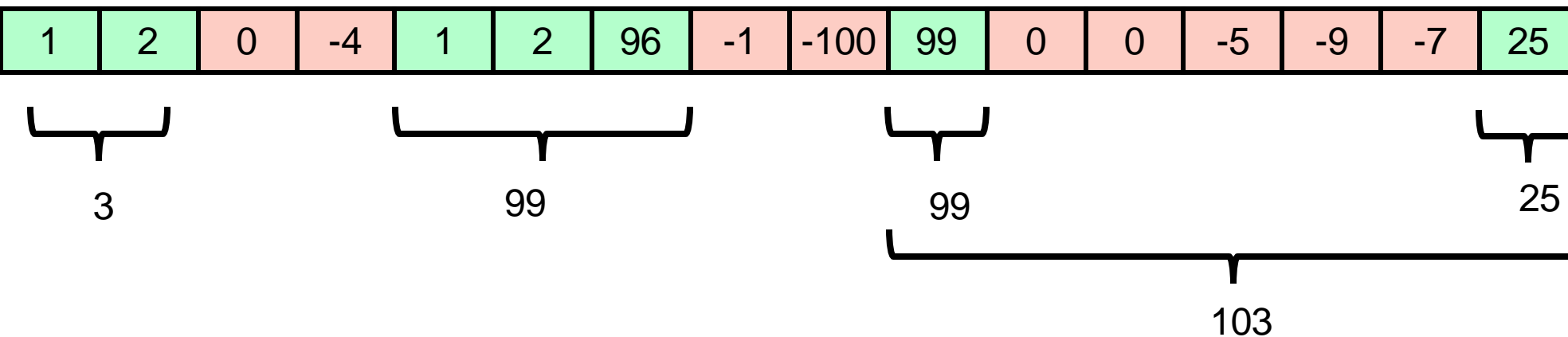
Go from right to left...

Find the maximum element in L --- this is the end of a sequence

The start of this sequence is to the right of the next zero in L (or is position 0 if no zeroes to the left in L)

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# Maximum subsequence sum



Naïve approach

$O(n^3)$

```
def maxSum(the_list):
    bestStart = None
    bestEnd = None
    bestSum = None
    for start in range(len(the_list)):
        for end in range(start, len(the_list)):
            sum = 0
            for item in range(start, end+1):
                sum += item
            if bestSum is None or sum > bestSum:
                bestSum = sum
                bestStart = start
                bestEnd = end
    return [bestSum, bestStart, bestEnd]
```

*Can be optimised to  $O(n^2)$*

Dynamic Programming approach

$O(n)$

$$L[pos] = \begin{cases} L[pos-1] + \text{the\_list}[pos], & \text{where exceeds the\_list}[pos] \\ \text{the\_list}[pos], & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For pos > 0 **relation**

$L[0] = \text{the\_list}[0]$

**Initial condition**

For pos = 0

Dynamic Programming

Maximum subsequence sum (part I)

Knapsack (part II)