

Given  $n$  numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , consider the problem of computing  $d[i, j] = x_i + x_{i+1} + \dots + x_j$ , for all  $i \leq j$ . A naïve algorithm by computing each  $d[i, j]$  independently will take  $\Theta(n^3)$  time. Derive an efficient way to solve this problem in  $O(n^2)$  time.

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$$d[i, j] = x_i + x_{i+1} + \dots + x_j, \text{ for all } i \leq j$$

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  {

$$d[i, i] = x_i ;$$

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for  $len \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$  {

for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - len + 1$  {

$$j = i + len - 1 ;$$

$$d[i, j] = d[i, i] + d[i+1, j] ;$$

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