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**Part I**

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# Discipline of Competitive Programming : A Hacker's Perspective

## **Discipline of Competitive Programming**

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# **Elements of Coding : Science of Deriving Correct Programs**



# Elements of Coding Linear Algebra : The Nucleus of Artificial Intelligence

## Excerpt from the Chapter Algebraic Concepts

**Concept**  $\mathcal{C}$  is a predicate describing a set of syntactic and semantic requirements on related types ( $\langle T_i \rangle$ ) together with a collection of similar procedures ( $f : T^i \rightarrow T^j$ ) stated in terms of the properties, attributes and type functions ( $F : \mathcal{C}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^j$ ) defined on the types.

$$\therefore \mathcal{C}(\langle T_i \rangle) \triangleq \wedge \langle \Psi_j \rangle$$

where  $\triangleq$  stands for *is defined by* and the  $\Psi_j$  represent independent clauses defining the concept.

```
template<class T>
    concept integral = is_integral_v<T>;
```

*If a type  $T$  fulfills all the requirements of a concept  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $T$  **models**  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.  $T \models \mathcal{C}$ .*

`int8_t` and `uint8_t`  $\models$  `integral`.

*Concept  $\mathcal{C}^i$  is a **refinement** of concept  $\mathcal{C}^j$  if it subsumes the latter, i.e. if  $\mathcal{C}^i$  is true for a set of types, then  $\mathcal{C}^j$  is also true for the same set.*

In other words,  $\mathcal{C}^i$  **refines**  $\mathcal{C}^j$  ( $\mathcal{C}^i \sqsubset \mathcal{C}^j$ ) by addition of more requirements to  $\mathcal{C}^j$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{C}^j$  **weakens**  $\mathcal{C}^i$  ( $\mathcal{C}^j \sqsupset \mathcal{C}^i$ ).

```
template<class T>
    concept signed_integral = integral<T> && is_signed_v<T>;
    signed_integral  $\sqsubset$  integral
    int8_t  $\models$  signed_integral

template<class T>
    concept unsigned_integral = integral<T> && !signed_integral<T>;
    unsigned_integral  $\sqsubset$  integral
    uint8_t  $\models$  unsigned_integral
```

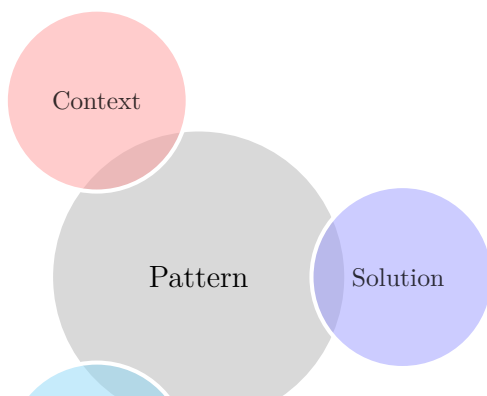
# Elements of Software Design Patterns

## Excerpt from the Chapter (Pattern Concept):

**Definition.** A pattern is a rule triad expressing a relation between:

1. a certain *context* defining the scope of applicability of the given pattern,
2. a *problem* detailing a certain system of conflicting forces which occurs repeatedly that the pattern resolves in that context and
3. a *solution* in a form of a certain software configuration which can be used repeatedly and uniquely to resolve the given system of forces themselves, wherever the context makes it relevant.

The output of this rule triad is a pattern too.



It leads (but not limited) to the following key observations about pattern:

- It is both a thing and a process.
- It is both a description of a thing which is alive and a description of the process which will generate that thing.
- It is both a thing which happens in the world and the rule which tells us how to create that thing.
- It can exist at all scales and resolve almost any

kind of conflicting forces.

- Identification of what-why-when-where marks its inner structure explicit and sharable.
- It starts with defining features worth abstracting.
- Then it defines the problem, i.e. the field of forces which it brings into balance.
- It is a sketch rather than a blue-print.
- It can complement and compound another pattern(s).

- It is generative and self-sustaining.
- It is a micro-architecture.
- It promotes design-reuse.
- The exact range of contexts is defined where the stated problem occurs and where this particular solution to the problem is appropriate.
- Each pattern describes a problem which occurs over and over again in our system and then describes the core of the solution to that problem in such a way that we can use this solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice.

Beyond its elements, each system is defined by a certain patterns of relationships among the elements, and these relationships are integral part of the elements to such an extent that the elements themselves are patterns of relationships. And finally, the so called elements get dissolved, leaving patterns of relationships behind, which is the actual thing that actually repeats itself and gives structure to the system.

Each one of these patterns  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is a morphological law onto itself, which establishes a set of relationships in the system in a given context of type  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.

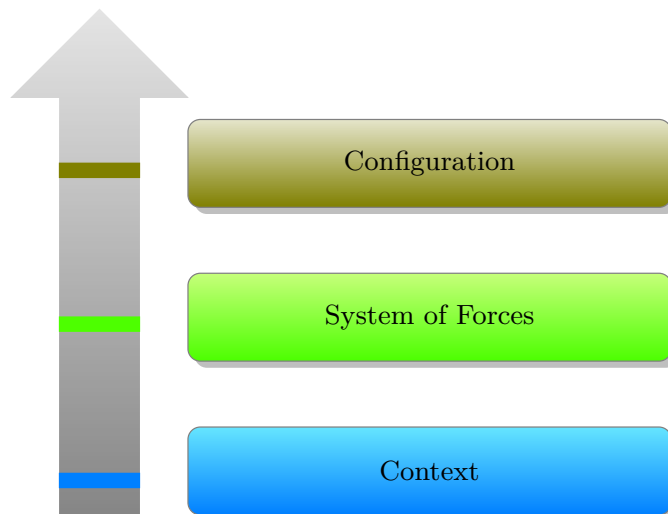
$$\mathcal{P}_i \triangleq \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\dots, \mathcal{P}_{i-1}, \mathcal{P}_{i+1}, \dots)$$

where  $\triangleq$  stands for *is defined by*. The parts (i.e, rest of the patterns except  $\mathcal{P}_i$ )  $\dots, \mathcal{P}_{i-1}, \mathcal{P}_{i+1}, \dots$  are related by the relationship  $\mathcal{R}$  within a context of type  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Note that, each law or pattern is itself a pattern of relationships among the remaining laws (i.e. except itself), which are themselves just patterns of relationships again.

*Therefore, a pattern is defined by formulating it in the form of a rule triad as depicted before, which establishes a relationship between a context, a system of (often conflicting) forces which arise in that context and configuration which allows these forces to resolve themselves in that context.*

Hence, generic form of each pattern is:



Discovery of (the invariant features) pattern(s) always start with observation or purely abstract argument. This process is not sequential from the problem to the solution or vice versa. Rather it is a multidimensional global process to help identify a solid and reliable invariant which relates context, problem, solution in an unchanging way.

The statement of the problem and the forces helps to solidify the pattern which is responsible for making the system of forces come to an equilibrium. Thought it is still tentative, but clear enough to be shared.

There are two components in a pattern definition, which are empirical in nature, i.e. can be tested as true/false:

1. The problem is real, i.e. it is expressible as conflicting real forces within the stated context(s).
2. The configuration solves the problem, i.e. it deals with all the forces in the stated context(s).

Quality without a name is the living essence of a pattern.

**Excerpt from the Chapter (Pattern Form):**

Each (living) pattern has the same form for the sake of convenience and clarity. It has *nine* parts in the following sequence :

- ① A *picture* is drawn to illustrate an archetypal example of the pattern.
- ② An *introductory paragraph* to set the context for the pattern.
- ③ The symbol 卐 marks the beginning of the problem the pattern addresses later.
- ④ A **headline** set in bold-typeface to provide the essence of the problem.
- ⑤ The *body* of the problem describing (but not limited to) the
  - empirical background of the pattern,
  - empirical evidence for its validity which sets the motivational tone too,
  - variations, i.e. the range of different ways of manifesting it in a software.
- ⑥ The **solution** set in bold-typeface, encoded in an instructional form, stating the exact steps to build the pattern. It illustrates the field of relationships needed to solve the stated problem in the stated context.

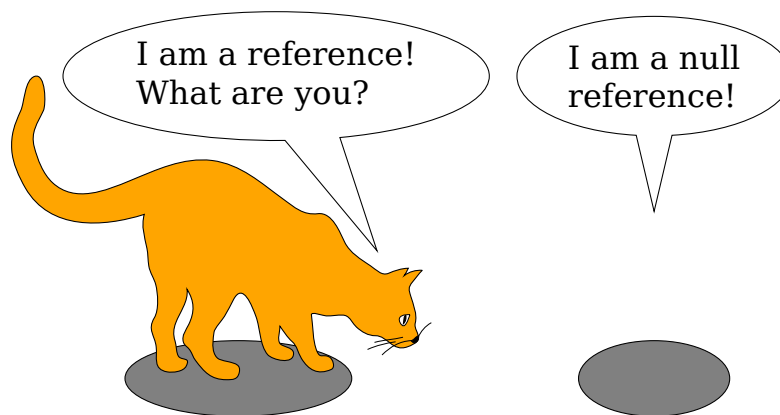
*Do what you can to  
establish coherence in your  
software. I am smart  
because I do nothing!*

- ⑦ A *diagram* that shows the solution as a labeled picture indicating its main components.
- ⑧ The symbol ॐ marking the end of the main body of the pattern.
- ⑨ A *paragraph*, which ties the pattern to all those smaller patterns in the pattern language, which are needed to complete this pattern, to embellish it, to fill it out.

This form serves the following two essential purposes :

- 1. to present each pattern connected to other patterns to help grasp the collection of all these patterns as a whole, as a pattern language, within which an infinite variety of combinations can be created.
- 2. to present the problem and solution of each pattern in such a way that it sets the exact tone of self-judgment and modifications without losing the central essence.

### Excerpt from the Chapter (Null Object):





... consider now the character of settlements within the object references : what balance of real objects and null references is in keeping with the transparency ?



**Optionally null object references, where the result of a null check is to do nothing, will not come to balance until both the presence of a null reference and the absence of an object be treated in a consistent and transparent manner to establish an independent and coherent sphere of object references.**

Out of a list of objects, some may not exist. Hence no service is expected in such cases which can be an acceptable behavior too. Acceptable inaction is represented at times with repetitive explicit checking for the optional null. Repetition and optional doesn't go together. Absence of objects can be abstracted out to presence of objects doing nothing, i.e. conformance to the interface with no implied functionality. No-op is the correct operation. We need a way to represent the object with appropriate behavior that will allow us to treat all object references in a consistent and uniform way, devoid of special case consideration.

Typical scenarios under consideration are

1. Some object instances are not required to do anything because they correspond to null references.
2. These instances should be treated in the same manner as real instances to avoid explicit constraints.
3. There is a need to reuse the do nothing behavior to enforce consistent and repetitive usage.

*Null Object* patterns addresses all of these under a single umbrella, typically by encapsulating the do nothingness.



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## **Modern C++ Ranges : A Revolution in STL**





## Elements of C++20

## Solving Problems using Dynamic Programming : A Hacker's Perspective

A hacker's approach to a coding problem is beyond the foundational aspect of underlying genetic and computational structures, often termed as  $\pi^\infty$ .

## Solving Problems using Dynamic Programming

$$f_n(k, p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k=0 \text{ and } p=0 \\ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}(k)} (f_{n-1}(k-1, p-i)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*A Hacker's Perspective*  
 $\pi^\infty$

```
1 function perfectkriya(a)
2   f[0..a] ← {∞}
3   f[0] ← 0
4   for β ∈ [1..a] do
5     for γ ∈ [1..√β] do
6       f[β] ← min(f[β], f[β-γ²]+1)
7   end for
8   return f[a]
9 end function

int firstkriya(int beta, int alpha)
{
  // max no. of Kriyas with beta Pranayams
  int n = std::min(beta, alpha);
  std::vector<int> f(n, 0);
  f[0] = 1;
  for(int p = 1; p <= beta; p++)
  {
    int prev = 0, cur = 0;
    for(int k = 0; k < n; k++)
    {
      cur = f[k];
      f[k] = prev + (k+1 < n ? f[k+1] : 0);
      prev = cur;
    }
  }
  return f[0];
}
```

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A concept becomes *not difficult* because the *complexities* built into it are clarified. In a bid to reach the *core* of the problem, the concept is split-broken into fragments, *complexities* are exposed and *delicate* points are examined. Then the concept is *recomposed* to make it integral and as a result, this reintegrated concept becomes sufficiently simple and comprehensible.

This helps build a hacker's insight to reveal the internal structure and internal logic of the concepts, algorithms and mathematical theorems.

This book provides a hacker's perspective to solving problems using dynamic programming. Written in an extremely lively form of problems and solutions (including code in modern C++ and pseudo style), this leads to extreme simplification of optimal coding with great emphasis on unconventional and integrated science of dynamic Programming. Though aimed primarily at serious programmers, it imparts the knowledge of deep inter-

nals of underlying concepts and beyond to computer scientists alike.

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**Excerpt from the Chapter (Optimal Loot Partition):**

**§ Problem.** *The head of a gang of robbers embarks on distribution of the looted amount  $l(> 0)$ , starting with division into two parts :  $x$  and  $l - x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq l$ . From  $x$  : they get a return of  $u(x)$  such that they are left with a lesser amount  $\alpha x$  :  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and from  $l - x$  : a return of  $v(l - x)$  such that they are left with a lesser amount  $\beta(l - x)$  :  $0 < \beta < 1$ . So the total amount left after the first step of division is  $\alpha x + \beta(l - x)$  and the process continues. Devise the partition strategy to help them maximize the return obtained in a finite  $n$  or infinite number of steps.*  $\diamond$

**§§ Solution.** Let  $y(x)$  denote the return after the first step:

$$\therefore y(x) = u(x) + v(l - x)$$

Assuming  $u$  and  $v$  to be continuous functions, it is trivial to find the maximum of  $y(x)$  over  $x \in [0, l]$  using calculus (or graphical approach) :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}u(x) + \frac{d}{dx}v(l - x) = 0 \text{ (for extrema).}$$

Solve for  $x$  and  $y(x)$  is maximum for that  $x$  for which  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$ .

Suppose  $u(x) = x$  and  $v(l - x) = -(l - x)^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x - (l - x)^2 \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 + 2(l - x) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore x &= l + \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -2 < 0. \\ \therefore y_{max} &= l + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = l + \frac{1}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

After the first step, the initial amount  $l$  is reduced to  $l_1$ (say):

$$\therefore l_1 = \alpha x + \beta(l - x)$$

In the second step,  $l_1$  is partitioned into  $x_1$  (say) and  $(l_1 - x_1)$  for  $0 \leq x_1 \leq l_1$ . Hence, the return from the second step is  $u(x_1) + v(l_1 - x_1)$ . Therefore, the total return after the two steps is:

$$\therefore y(x, x_1) = u(x) + v(l - x) + u(x_1) + v(l_1 - x_1).$$

Maximum of the function  $y(x, x_1)$  over the 2-dimensional space  $(x, x_1)$  yields the maximum return, such that  $x \in [0, l]$  and  $x_1 \in [0, l_1]$ .

Similarly, the total return after  $n$  steps is :

$$\therefore y(x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) = u(x) + v(l - x) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [u(x_i) + v(l_i - x_i)]. \quad (21.1)$$

Here  $x_i \in [0, l_i]$ .

Using this *enumerative* approach to maximize the  $n$ -dimensional return, the computation procedure soon becomes cumbersome, error-prone and exponential in nature.

Any choice of  $x, x_1, x_2, \dots$  is a *policy*.

The policy maximizing  $y(x, x_1, x_2, \dots)$  is an *optimal policy*.

It can be noted that each step depends on the respective policy only. Hence at the  $(i + 1)^{th}$  step, the corresponding *one-dimensional* choice is made : a choice of  $x_i \in [0, l]$ .

Hence an optimal policy leads to the corresponding maximum return.

Let  $y_n(l)$  denote the maximum total return, given the initial amount  $l$  and  $n$  steps.

$$\therefore y_1(l) = \text{Max}_{x \in [0, l]} [u(x) + v(l - x)].$$

After the first step,  $l$  becomes  $\alpha x + \beta(l - x)$  :

$$\therefore y_2(l) = \text{Max}_{x \in [0, l]} [u(x) + v(l - x) + y_1(\alpha x + \beta(l - x))].$$

This leads to a recurrence relation :

$$\therefore y_n(l) = \text{Max}_{x \in [0, l]} [u(x) + v(l - x) + y_{n-1}(\alpha x + \beta(l - x))]. \quad (21.2)$$

Hence a single  $n$ -dimensional problem is reduced to a sequence of  $n$  one-dimensional problems.

Here, the optimal return depends on the initial amount  $l$  and initial decision of division into the parts  $l$  and  $l - x$  only.

This is possible due to **the Principle of Optimality** :

*An optimal policy has the property that whatever the initial state and initial decision are, the remaining decisions must constitute an optimal policy with regard to the state resulting from the first decision.*

Hence Eq. (21.2) is the required optimal strategy. ■

**Excerpt from the Chapter (Constrained Subsequence):**

## Maximum Sum

**§ Problem.** Given a sequence of  $n \in (-\infty, \infty)$  integers, determine the largest possible sum of the contiguous subsequence.

◇

**§§ Solution.** Let  $f_n(i)$  be the maximum sum of a contiguous subsequence ending at index  $i$ , obtained using an optimal policy and  $n$  steps.

Let  $s_i$  be the value of the element at index  $i$ , i.e.  $s_i$  is used at the  $n^{th}$  step. Then we can use an optimal policy starting with previously accumulated maximum sum of a contiguous subsequence ending at index  $i - 1$ .

Hence the required optimal procedure is

$$\therefore f_n(i) = \text{Max}_{i \in [0, n-1]} [f_{n-1}(i-1) + s_i]$$

At each step (with addition of  $s_i$ ), there are 2 options :

1. leverage the previous accumulated maximum sum if  $f_{n-1}(i-1) + s_i > 0$ , because it is better to continue with a positive running sum or
2. start afresh with a new range (with the starting sum as 0) if  $f_{n-1}(i-1) + s_i < 0$ , because it is better to start with 0 than continuing with a negative running sum.

Also note that:

- If all the elements are negative, then there is no such subsequence, i.e. the required sum is 0.
- If all the elements are positive, then the entire sequence is the required subsequence, i.e. the required sum is the sum of all the elements of the sequence.
- The required subsequence (if any) starts at and ends with a positive value.

Time complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ . Space complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

```
int maxseq(std::vector<int> & s)
{
    int current_sum = 0;
    int max_sum = 0;

    for(int x : s)
```

### Maximum sum contiguous subsequence : compute sum

```

1: function maxseq( $s[0..n-1]$ )
2:    $currentsum \leftarrow 0$ 
3:    $maxsum \leftarrow 0$ 
4:   for  $x \in s[0..n-1]$  do
5:      $currentsum \leftarrow \mathbf{max}(currentsum + x, 0)$ 
6:      $maxsum \leftarrow \mathbf{max}(maxsum, currentsum)$ 
7:   end for
8:   return  $maxsum$ 
9: end function

{
    current_sum = std::max(current_sum + x, 0);
    max_sum = std::max(max_sum, current_sum);
}
return max_sum;
}

```

■

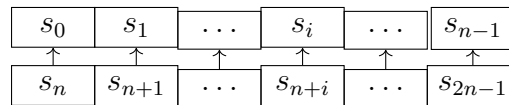
## Circular Sequence

**§ Problem.** Given a circular sequence  $s$  of  $n \in (-\infty, \infty)$  integers, find the maximum possible sum of a non-empty contiguous subsequence of  $s$ . ◇

**§§ Solution.** The end of a circular sequence wraps around the start of the sequence itself, i.e.

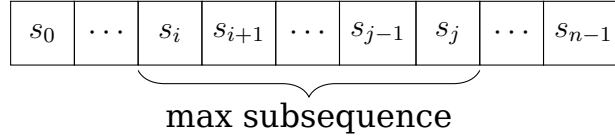
$$\therefore i \equiv (i + n) \bmod n \quad \forall i \in [0, n)$$

$$\therefore s_i \equiv s_{(i+n) \bmod n} \quad \forall i \in [0, n).$$

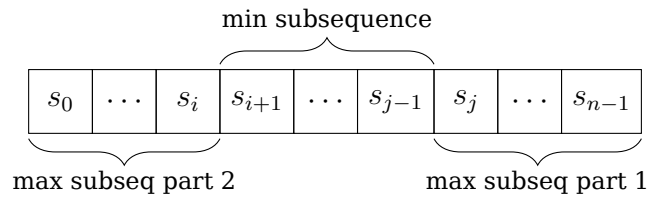


For a maximum contiguous subsequence  $[s_i \dots s_j]$ , the solution of Dialogue 21 can be used.





For a maximum contiguous subsequence  $[s_j \cdots s_{n-1}, s_0 \cdots s_i]$ , the left-over part  $[s_{i+1} \cdots s_{j-1}]$  forms a minimum contiguous subsequence.



Summation of the contiguous subsequence  $[s_j \cdots s_{n-1}, s_0 \cdots s_i]$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= s_j + \cdots + s_{n-1} + s_0 + \cdots + s_i \\
 &= s_0 + \cdots + s_{n-1} - [s_{i+1} + \cdots + s_{j-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

This is maximum when  $[s_{i+1} + \cdots + s_{j-1}]$  is minimum.

$$\therefore \text{Max}[s_j + \cdots + s_{n-1} + s_0 + \cdots + s_i] = \sum_{k=0}^{k=n-1} s_k - \text{Min} \sum_{k=i+1}^{k=j-1} s_k$$

$\therefore$  Maximum sum subsequence = Total sum of the sequence  
 – Minimum sum subsequence

Time complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ . Space complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

```

int maxsum_circular(std::vector<int> & s)
{
    int current_max = 0, max_sum = std::numeric_limits<int>::min();
    int current_min = 0, min_sum = std::numeric_limits<int>::max();
    int total_sum = 0;

    for(int x : s)
    {
        current_max = std::max(current_max + x, x);
    }
  
```

### Maximum sum circular subsequence

```
1: function maxcircularseq( $s[0..n-1]$ )
2:    $currentmax \leftarrow 0$ 
3:    $maxsum \leftarrow -\infty$ 
4:    $currentmin \leftarrow 0$ 
5:    $minsum \leftarrow \infty$ 
6:    $totalsum \leftarrow 0$ 

7:   for  $x \in s[0..n-1]$  do
8:      $currentmax \leftarrow \mathbf{max}(currentmax + x, x)$ 
9:      $maxsum \leftarrow \mathbf{max}(maxsum, currentmax)$ 

10:     $currentmin \leftarrow \mathbf{min}(currentmin + x, x)$ 
11:     $minsum \leftarrow \mathbf{min}(minsum, currentmin)$ 

12:     $totalsum \leftarrow totalsum + x$ 
13:  end for

14:  if  $totalsum == minsum$  then ▷ All elements are -ve
15:    return  $maxsum$  ▷ Value of the least -ve element
16:  else
17:    return  $\mathbf{max}(maxsum, totalsum - minsum)$ 
18:  end if
19: end function
```

```
max_sum = std::max(max_sum, current_max);
```

```
current_min = std::min(current_min + x, x);
min_sum = std::min(min_sum, current_min);
```

```
total_sum += x;
```

```
}
```

```
// when all elements are -ve => total_sum == min_sum,
// i.e. total_sum - min_sum becomes 0 => empty subsequence
// but max_sum still holds the value of the least -ve element,
// hence return this singleton than an empty one
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}    return total_sum == min_sum ? max_sum : std::max(max_sum, total_sum);
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