

# DSA Problems

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# Problem 1: Pick From Both Sides

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You are given an integer array A of size N.

You have to pick B elements in total. Some (possibly 0) elements from left end of array A and some (possibly 0) from the right end of array A to get the maximum sum.

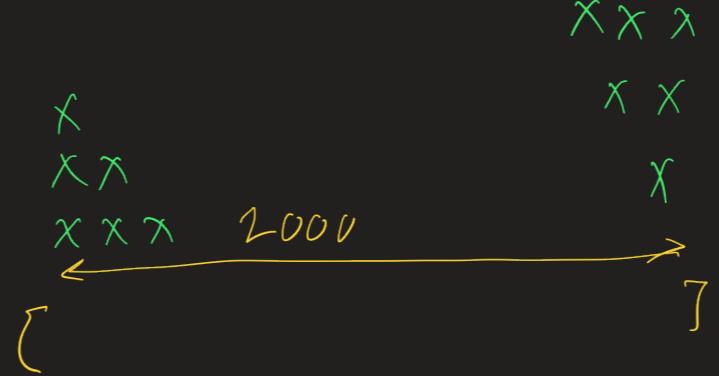
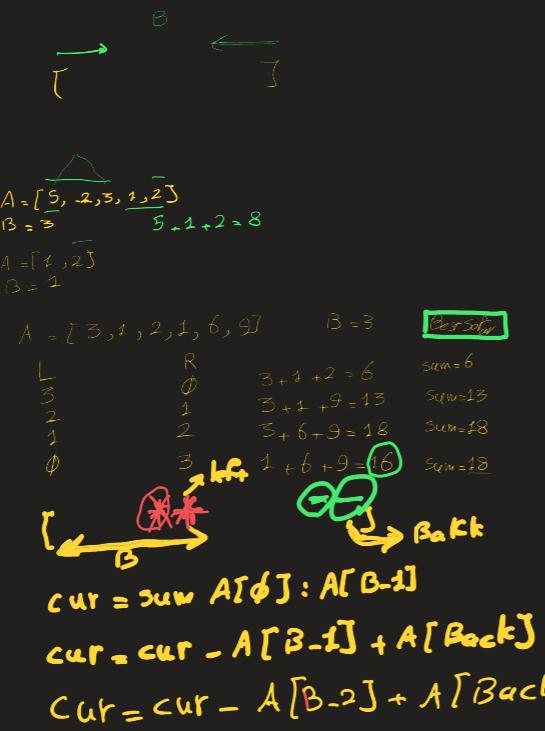
Find and return this maximum possible sum.

NOTE: Suppose B = 4, and array A contains 10 elements, then

You can pick the first four elements or can pick the last four elements, or can pick 1 from front and 3 from the back, etc. You need to return the maximum possible sum of elements you can pick.

Problem Constraints

- $1 \leq N \leq 105$
- $1 \leq B \leq N$
- $-103 \leq A[i] \leq 103$



Code

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int PickFromBothSides(vector<int> &A, int B)
{
    int n = A.size()
    int cur = 0
    int ans = Min. INT
    // Pick all from left
    for (int i=0; i < B; i++)
        cur += A[i];
    }
    int left = B-1
    ans = max(ans, cur)
    * for (back=n-1; back >= n-B; back--)
    {
        cur = cur + A[back] - A[left]
        left--;
        ans = max(ans, cur)
    }
    return ans
}
    
```

remove one element  
 from left  
 and add one element  
 from right

TC:  $O(B)$   
 SC:  $O(1)$

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## Problem 2: Alternative Subarrays

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$\phi \ 1 \ \phi \ 1 \ \phi \ \dots$   
 $[1 \ \phi \ 1 \ \phi \ 1 \ \phi]$

### Problem Description

You are given an integer array A of length N comprising of 0's & 1's, and an integer B. You have to tell all the indices of array A that can act as a center of  $2 * B + 1$  length 0-1 alternating subarray.

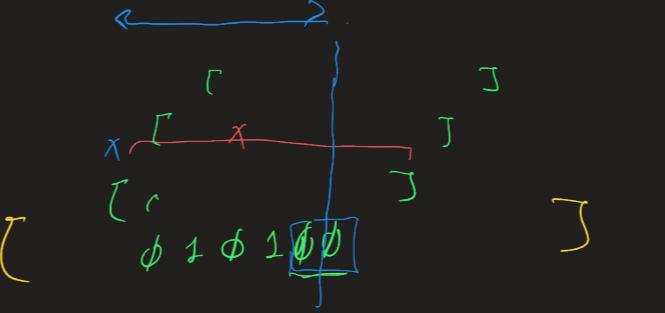
A 0-1 alternating array is an array containing only 0's & 1's, and having no adjacent 0's or 1's. For e.g. arrays [0, 1, 0, 1], [1, 0] and [1] are 0-1 alternating, while [1, 1] and [0, 1, 0, 0, 1] are not.

### Problem Constraints

$1 \leq N \leq 103$

$A[i]$  equals to 0 or 1.

$0 \leq B \leq (N - 1) / 2$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B \cdot A \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 3 = 8$

Output =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & 2B \\ \phi & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{for } A[i] \leftarrow A[i - 2]$

$\left[ \begin{array}{c|ccccc} & \overset{i+1}{\overbrace{\dots}} & \overset{i+2B}{\overbrace{\dots}} & & & \end{array} \right]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \phi & \phi & \phi & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B = \phi \Rightarrow \text{len} = 1$

Code

`Vector<int> Solution::Vector<int> f(A, int B)`

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Vector<int> result
int n = A.size()
int len = 2*B + 1
for (int i=0; i < n - len + 1; i++) {
    int prev = -1;
    int flag = 1;
    // assume that i is the start of subarray
    for (int j=i; j < i + len; j++) {
        if (A[j] == prev) {
            flag = 0
            break
        }
        prev = A[j];
    }
    if (flag == 1) {
        result.push_back(i + B) // add middle index
    }
}
return result
}

```

$T \in O(N * B)$

$S \in O(1)$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|ccccc} & \overset{i+1}{\overbrace{\dots}} & \overset{i+2B}{\overbrace{\dots}} & & & \end{array} \right]$$

$2 * B + 1$

Let's take a short

break for 5 min

# Problem 3: Leaders in the Array

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## Problem Description

Given an integer array A containing N distinct integers, you have to find all the leaders in array A.

An element is a leader if it is strictly greater than all the elements to its right side.

NOTE: The rightmost element is always a leader.

## Problem Constraints

- $1 \leq N \leq 105$
- $1 \leq A[i] \leq 108$

# Problem 4: Bulbs

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## Problem Description

A wire connects  $N$  light bulbs. Each bulb has a switch associated with it; however, due to faulty wiring, a switch also changes the state of all the bulbs to the right of the current bulb.

Given an initial state of all bulbs, find the minimum number of switches you have to press to turn on all the bulbs.  
You can press the same switch multiple times.

Note: 0 represents the bulb is off and 1 represents the bulb is on.

## Problem Constraints

$$0 \leq N \leq 5 \times 10^5$$

$$0 \leq A[i] \leq 1$$

$A_0 = [0, 1, 0, 1]$  switch 0  
 $A_1 = [1, 0, 1, 0]$  switch 1  
 $A_2 = [0, 1, 0, 1]$  switch 2  
 $A_3 = [1, 0, 1, 0]$  switch 3  
 $A_4 = [0, 1, 0, 1]$  switch 4  
 $A_5 = [1, 0, 1, 0]$  switch 5  
 $A_6 = [0, 1, 0, 1]$  switch 6  
 $A_7 = [1, 0, 1, 0]$  switch 7  
 $A_8 = [0, 1, 0, 1]$  switch 8  
 $A_9 = [1, 0, 1, 0]$  switch 9

② Does the order of switching matter?

$\phi \downarrow 1 \quad 2 \quad 3$   
 $[\phi \downarrow \phi \downarrow 1] \rightsquigarrow$  press 1  
 $[1 \downarrow \phi \downarrow \phi] \rightsquigarrow$  press 2  
 $[2 \downarrow 1 \downarrow \phi \downarrow 1] = [1 \downarrow \phi \downarrow 1]$   
 $\phi \downarrow 2 \dots n-1$

$A = [ ]$   
 $A = [\phi \downarrow 1 \quad 2 \quad 3] \Rightarrow$  ans = 0  
 $A = [\phi \downarrow \phi \downarrow 1] \Rightarrow$  ans = 1  
 $State = \phi \Rightarrow 0$   
 $State = 1 \Rightarrow \phi$   
 $State = \phi \Rightarrow 1$   
 $State = 1 \Rightarrow \phi$

$State = \phi \rightarrow$   
 $\overbrace{[1 \downarrow 1 \downarrow \dots \phi \downarrow \phi \downarrow 1]}^{State = 1} \rightarrow$  ans ++  
 $\overbrace{[1 \downarrow 1 \downarrow \dots 1 \dots \dots -]}^{State = 1 - State}$

ans ++

State = 1 - State

ans ++

## Code

```

int bulbs (vector<int> & A)
{
    int ans = 0;
    int state = 0;
    for (int i=0; i < A.size(); i++) {
        if (A[i] == state) {
            ans++;
            state = 1 - state;
        }
    }
    return ans;
}
  
```

$T \in O(N)$

$S \in O(1)$

# Problem 5: Even Subarrays

## Problem Description

You are given an integer array A.

Decide whether it is possible to divide the array into one or more subarrays of even length such that the first and last element of all subarrays will be even.  
Return "YES" if it is possible; otherwise, return "NO" (without quotes)

## Problem Constraints

$1 \leq |A|, A[i] \leq 106$

