

# Array - prefix sum

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**< Question > :** Given an array of N integers and Q queries. For each query calculate the sum of elements in the range - [ L , R ]

**Note :** L and R are indices such that  $L \leq R$ .

$1 \leq N, Q \leq 10^5$

arr[10] → [ -3 6 2 4 5 2 8 -9 3 1 ]

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Pseudo code :

Simple solution ⇒

for each query :

l, r

sum = 0

for ( i : l → r )

sum + = arr[i]

print (sum)

Queries

L	R	
4	8	⇒ 9
3	7	⇒ 10
1	3	⇒ 12
0	4	⇒ 14
7	7	⇒ -9

1 query ⇒ N

Q queries ⇒ NQ

TC :  $O(NQ)$



- Given Royal Challengers Bengaluru's cricket scores for first 10 overs of batting.

	OVERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	SCORE	2	8	14	29	31	49	65	79	88	97

- Runs scored in 7th over =  $runs[7] - runs[6] = 65 - 49 = 16$
- Runs scored from 6 - 10th over =  $runs[10] - runs[5] = 97 - 31 = 66$
- Runs scored in 10th over =  $runs[10] - runs[9] = 97 - 88 = 9$
- Runs scored from 3 - 6th over =  $runs[6] - runs[2] = 49 - 8 = 41$
- Runs scored from 4 - 9th over =  $runs[9] - runs[3] = 88 - 14 = 74$
- Runs scored in lth - rth over =  $runs[l] - runs[l-1]$   
 $l-r$



## Prefix sum

## How to create psum()

10 32 6 12 20 1  
 $\Rightarrow$  10 42 48 60 80 81

arr[10]  $\rightarrow$  [ -3 6 2 4 5 2 8 -9 3 1 ]

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

psum[10] = [ -3 3 5 9 14 16 24 15 18 19 ]  
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

10 42 48 60 80 81

arr[6]  $\rightarrow$  [ 10 32 6 12 20 1 ]

psum[6] = [ 10 42 48 60 80 81 ]

arr[N]

len(arr)

1) Simple idea

create pf[N]

pf[i]  $\Rightarrow$  a[0] + a[1] + a[2] + ... + a[i]



&lt;/&gt; Code

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for i 0 → n-1
    sum = 0
    for j 0 → i
        sum += arr[j]
    pf[i] = sum

```

$$pf[0] = arr[0]$$

$$pf[1] = arr[0] + arr[1] = pf[0] + arr[1]$$

$$pf[2] = arr[0] + arr[1] + arr[2] = pf[1] + arr[2]$$

$$pf[3] = arr[0] + arr[1] + arr[2] + arr[3] = pf[2] + arr[3]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$pf[i] = \underbrace{arr[0] + arr[1] + \dots + arr[i-1]}_{pf[i-1]} + arr[i] = pf[i-1] + arr[i]$$

$$pf[N]$$

$$pf[0] = arr[0]$$

$$\text{for } (i : 1 \rightarrow n-1)$$

$$pf[i] = pf[i-1] + arr[i]$$

$$TC: O(N)$$



## Optimisation for 1st question



By creating prefix arrays

Step 1 Create Prefix sum array

arr[10] →

-3	6	2	4	5	2	8	-9	3	1
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

TC:  $O(N)$

psum[10] →

-3	3	5	9	14	16	24	15	18	19
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

SC:  $O(N)$

### Queries - 5

L	R
4	8
3	7
1	3
0	4
7	7

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow pf[8] - pf[3] = 18 - 9 = 9 \\ &\rightarrow pf[7] - pf[2] = 15 - 5 = 10 \\ &\rightarrow pf[3] - pf[0] = 9 - (-3) = 12 \\ &\rightarrow pf[4] = 14 \\ &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$



for sum from l to r

</> Code

if (l == 0)

pf[r]

else

pf[r] - pf[l-1]



10  
0

30  
~~20~~  
1

60  
~~30~~  
2

100  
~~40~~  
3

$$arr[1] + = arr[0]$$

$$\text{all}(2) \neq \text{all}(1)$$

$$\text{all } (3) \quad \neq \quad \text{all } (2)$$

for  $i: 1 \rightarrow n-1$

$$arr[i] += arr[i-1]$$





**< Question > :** Given an arr[N] and Q queries with start(s) and end(e) index. For every query print sum of all even indexed elements from s to e.

arr[ ] →

2	3	1	6	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5

### Queries

s	e	
1	3	→ 1
2	5	→ 5
0	4	→ 7
3	3	→ 0

[ BF Idea ] -



[ Idea ] - Using prefix sum

2      4      3      1      5  
 0      1      2      3      4  
 2      2      5      5      10

arr[ ] →

2	3	1	6	4	5
0	1	2	3	4	5

psum[6]  
even →

2	2	3	3	7	7
0	1	2	3	4	5

</> Code

pf[N]

pf[0] = arr[0]

for( i: 1 → n-1 )

if ( i % 2 == 0 )

pf[i] = pf[i-1] + arr[i]

else

pf[i] = pf[i-1]



**< Question > :** For all the queries, find the sum of odd indexed elements from s to e.

0 1 2 3 4 5

```
pf[0] = 0
for( i: 1 → n-1)
    if (i % 2 != 0)
        pf[i] = pf[i-1] + arr[i]
    else
        pf[i] = pf[i-1]
```



Codenation, GS, Microsoft, Cisco



## Special Index

< **Question** > : Given an arr[N], count the number of special indices in the array.

**Special Index** : Index after removing which,

Sum of even indexed elements = sum of odd indexed elements.

4 3 2 7 6 -2  
0 1 2 3 4 5

remove idx = 0 → 

4	3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4	5

 → 

3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4

remove idx = 1 → 

4	3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4	5

 → 

4	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4

remove idx = 2 → 

4	3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4	5

 → 

4	3	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4

remove idx = 3 → 

4	3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4	5

 → 

4	3	2	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4

remove idx = 4 → 

4	3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4	5

 → 

4	3	2	7	-2
0	1	2	3	4

remove idx = 5 → 

4	3	2	7	6	-2
0	1	2	3	4	5

 → 

4	3	2	7	6
0	1	2	3	4



## Quiz

1.

4	1	3	7	10
0	1	2	3	4

 → 

4	1	7	10
0	1	2	3

Sum of odd after removal of idx 2  
= Sum of odd idx before 2  
+ Sum of even idx after 2

2.

2	3	1	4	0	-1	2	-2	10	8
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



After removing idx 3

2	3	1	0	-1	2	-2	10	8
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8



[BF Idea] -

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After removal of idx  $i$

odd\_sum  $\Rightarrow$  odd sum before  $i$  +  
even sum after  $i$

even\_sum  $\Rightarrow$  even sum before  $i$  +  
odd sum after  $i$

if ( odd\_sum == even\_sum )  
count ++



*[ Idea - 2 ]*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**Delete 4th index**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



Assumption, we already have `peven[ ]` and `podd[ ]`.



sum of even indexed elements after removing  $i$ th indexed element  $\rightarrow$

$$pf\_even[i-1] + pf\_odd[n-1] - pf\_odd[i]$$

sum of odd indexed elements after removing  $i$ th indexed element  $\rightarrow$

$$pf\_odd[i-1] + pf\_even[i+1, n-1]$$

$\downarrow$

$$pf\_even[n-1] - pf\_even[i]$$

$$\text{odd\_sum} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{odd sum before } i + \\ \text{even sum after } i \end{array}$$

$$\text{even\_sum} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{even sum before } i + \\ \text{odd sum after } i \end{array}$$





[</> Code](#)