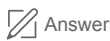


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Muhamed Keta, twice BOI participant, generally awesome and looking for programming fun :D

Answered May 27, 2015



I recently wrote a blog article on this matter, and I believe it has a nice implementation (without 5 parameters and 70 lines of code).

[Segment Tree - An efficient contest approach](#)

The main idea is that instead of using recursion to build and rebuild the tree, we use simple loops. This is memory-efficient and way easier to code.

For example the whole build function is one line, and you can have direct access to the elements. It is basically the same idea but a different style of coding.

```
void build()
{
    for(int i = n - 1; i > 0; i--) t[i] = t[i<<1] + t[i<<1|1];
}
```

You can read the article for the rest of code.

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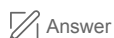
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in the given time.

I saw this implementation in the Codeforces discussion blog. It has been written by a person with red rating on Codeforces. It doesn't involve any recursive call and it is hardly 10 lines of code.

[Efficient and easy segment trees - Codeforces](#)

Do give a thumbs up if it helps!

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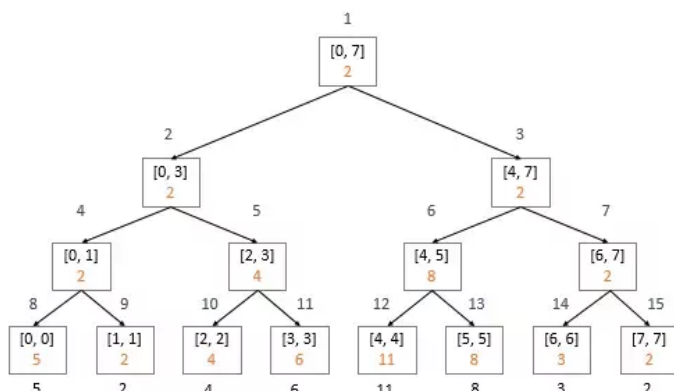
Kartik Chaudhary, I like Competitive Programming

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You can find a simple implementation of segment tree for **RMQ** (Range Minimum Query)with **explanation** here along with the **Lazy Propagation**.

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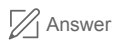


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Amol Upraity (अमोल उप्रेती), Software Developer at Qualcomm (2018-present)

Answered Jul 29, 2016



If you have no knowledge of segment tree, following iterative implementation is best of all:

[Efficient and easy segment trees - Codeforces](#)

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Waqas Hamid, former Technology Lead at Eternity (2017)

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I have wasted a lot of time over this. A lot!!

Just take 15 mins to go through this peacefully.

This is the easiest, simplest, most efficient (time & space complexity) implementation for me.

Believe me!

Cheers :)

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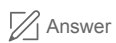
1 /* Waqas Hamid */
2 /* beginner007*/
3
4 #include<bits/stdc++.h>
5 #define LL long long int
6 #define INF 1e18
7
8 using namespace std;
9
10 void buildMinSegTree(LL arr[], LL segtree[], LL n)
11 {
12     LL i;
13     for(i=n;i<2*n;i++)
14         segtree[i]=arr[i-n];
15     for(i=n-1;i>=0;i--)
16         segtree[i]=min(segtree[2*i],segtree[2*i+1]);
17 }
18
19 void buildMaxSegTree(LL arr[], LL segtree[], LL n)
20 {
21     LL i;
22     for(i=n;i<2*n;i++)
23         segtree[i]=arr[i-n];
24     for(i=n-1;i>=0;i--)
25         segtree[i]=max(segtree[2*i],segtree[2*i+1]);
26 }
27
28 void updateMinTree(LL segtree[],LL n, LL idx, LL val)

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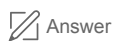


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33     {
34         idx/=2;
35         segtree[idx] = min(segtree[2*idx], segtree[2*idx+1]);
36     }
37
38 }
39
40 LL RMinQ(LL segtree[],LL n, LL left, LL right)
41 {
42     left = left + n;
43     right = right + n;
44     LL minElement = INF;
45
46     while(left<right)
47     {
48         if(left % 2 != 0)
49             minElement = min(minElement, segtree[left]);
50         if(right % 2 != 0)
51             minElement = min(minElement, segtree[right]);
52         left/=2;
53         right/=2;
54     }
55
56     return minElement;
57 }
58
59 LL RMaxQ(LL segtree[],LL n, LL left, LL right)
60 {
61     left = left + n;
62     right = right + n;
63     LL maxElement = 0;
64
65     while(left<right)
66     {
67         if(left % 2 != 0)
68             maxElement = max(maxElement, segtree[left]);
69         if(right % 2 != 0)
70             maxElement = max(maxElement, segtree[right]);
71         left/=2;
72         right/=2;
73     }
74
75     return maxElement;
76 }
77
78 int main()
79 {
80     LL n,i;
81     cin>>n;
82
83     LL arr[n];
84     LL segtree[2*n];
85
86     for(i=0 ; i<n ; i++)
87         cin>>arr[i];
88
89     buildMinSegTree(arr,segtree,n);
90
91     for(i=0 ; i<2*n ; i++)
92         cout<<segtree[i]<<" ";

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```

97     for(i=0; i<2*n; i++)
98         cout<<segtree[i]<<" ";
99
100    cout<<endl;
101    cout<<RMinQ(segtree,4 , 3, 9)<<endl;
102
103    buildMaxSegTree(arr, segtree, n);
104
105    for(i=0 ; i<2*n ; i++)
106        cout<<segtree[i]<<" ";
107
108    cout<<endl<<RMaxQ(segtree,4 , 3, 9)<<endl;
109
110 }
```

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Kartik Kukreja, Is in awe of some data structures

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I have written a tutorial on segment trees: [A simple approach to segment trees](#) .
I hope you find it simple enough.

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Here is an implementation of segment tree to solve the range minimum query problem.

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