

# January 2023 CSE 106

Online on Divide and Conquer - B1 & B2

Total Marks: 10

Time Duration: 30 mins

Given an array of  $n$  numbers, the triplet sum is defined as the summation of **three consecutive numbers** in the array. Write a **divide-and-conquer** algorithm to find the maximum triplet sum of an array.

## Input Format

- The first line of input contains an integer  $n$ , the size of the array.
- The second line of input contains  $n$  integers, representing the array elements.

## Output Format

The program should output the maximum triplet sum of the array.

## Important Note

1. **You must implement a divide-and-conquer algorithm to solve this problem.**
2. **You cannot write any loop (for/while/do-while/ ...) in your algorithm.** But you can write a loop to take the input array. **You will get zero marks if you write any loop in your algorithm.**
3. **The time complexity of your solution should be  $O(n)$ .**

## Sample IO

### Input

9  
3 -1 2 10 -12 14 -4 6 -8

### Output

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