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How to solve a problem?



Ques 1:- You are a cryptocurrency trader and you have a ML model which predicts change in price of crypto for next  $N$  days.

You want to hold this crypto once for a consecutive sequence of days to get max profit.

$$aM = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -10 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Say hold for 0 to 2 index, profit =  $-2 + 3 + 4 = 5$

if " " 1 to 4 " " =  $3 + 4 - 1 + 5 = 11$

$$\text{ans} = 11$$

Given an integer array  $A$ , find the maximum subarray sum out of all subarrays.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -3 & 4 & 6 & 8 & -10 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ans} = 4 + 6 + 8 = 18$$

Ques 1:-  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{ans} = 4 + 5 + 2 + 1 + 6 = 18$$

Ques 2:-  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -4, -3, -6, -9, -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{ans} = -2$$

## Approach 1:- Brute force

Check sum of all subarrays and pick the max.

$$\text{total subarrays} = \frac{N \times (N+1)}{2}$$

Iterate in each subarray will take  $O(N)$  time.

$$TC: O(N^2 \times N) \approx O(N^3) \quad SC: O(1)$$

$$\text{ans} = \text{INT\_MIN} \quad | \quad A[0]$$

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for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
    for (int j = i; j < N; j++) {  
        int sum = 0;  
        for (int k = i; k <= j; k++) {  
            sum += A[k];  
        }  
        ans = max(ans, sum);  
    }  
}
```

return ans

## Approach 2:- Use Prefix Sum for calculating subarray sum of each array.

TC for each subarray sum:  $O(1)$

$$TC: O(N + \underbrace{N^2 \times 1}_{\text{Creating Prefix Array}}) \approx O(N^2) \quad SC: O(N)$$

Creating Prefix Array

Approach 3 :- Use carry forward for calculating subarray sum of each query.

TC for each subarray sum :  $O(1)$

$T(: O(N^2))$   $SC: O(1)$

$ans = INT\_MIN$  on  $A[0]$

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for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    int sum = 0  
    for (int j=i; j<N; j++) {  
        sum += A[j]  
        ans = max (ans, sum)  
    }  
}
```

return ans

Approach 4 :- Kadane's Algo

Case 1 :- If all elements are positive, ex :- [1 4 5 8]

Sum of whole array

Case 2 :- If all elements are negative ex :- [-6 -2 -3]  
Max element

Case 3 :- If positive is in between

$A = [-ve -ve -ve +ve +ve +ve +ve -ve -ve -ve]$

and = take the positive chunk

Case 4 :- positives at start [+ve +ve -ve -ve -ve -ve]  
Case 5 :- positives at end [-ve -ve -ve +ve +ve +ve]  
ans = take the positive chunk

Case 6 :- Multiple positive chunk, in between -ve chunks

$$A = [-2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad -1 \quad 5 \quad -10 \quad 7]$$

Let's take a dating example.

-2, started with -ve, do drop

+3, got happy, do continue

+4, got happy, do continue

-1, got unhappy but overall  $3+4-1 = 6$

+5, got happy, do continue  $6+5 = 11$

-10, got unhappy but overall  $11-10 = 1$

+7, got happy, do continue  $1+7 = 8$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ -20 & 10 & -20 & -12 & 6 & 5 & -3 & 8 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

i    cutSum    maxSum  
                   -20

0    -20    -20

reset    0

1    10    10

2    -10    10

reset    0

3    -12    10

reset    0

4    6    10

5     $6+5=11$     11

6     $11-3=8$     11

7     $8+8=16$     16

8     $16-2=14$     16

Ques 3:-  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{cut\_sum} = 0 + (-2) = -2 \quad 0 + 3 = 3 + 4 = 7 - 1 = 6 + 5 = 11 - 10 = 1 + 2 = 8$$

$$\text{max\_sum} = -2 \quad 2 \quad 11$$

All negative:  $am = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -8 & -2 & -6 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{cut\_sum} = 0 - 8 = -8 \quad 0 - 2 = -2 \quad 0 - 6 = -6 \quad 0 - 1 = -1 \quad 0 - 3 = -3$$

$$\text{max\_sum} = -8 \quad -2 \quad -1$$

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int maximumSubarraySum (arr[], N) {
    maxSum = arr[0]
    curSum = 0

    for (int i=0; i< N; i++) {
        curSum += arr[i]
        maxSum = max (maxSum, curSum)
        if (curSum < 0) {
            curSum = 0
        }
    }
    return maxSum
}

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TC: O(N) SC: O(1)

Ques 2: Given an integer array A where every element is 0, return a final array after performing multiple queries.

Query (i, x): Add x to all the numbers from i to N-1.

Ex:- N = 7, A = [ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 ]

Query (1 3)

+3 +3 +3 +3 +3 +3  
-2 -2 -2

Query (4 -2)

+1 +1 +1 +1

Query (3 1)

( 0 3 3 4 2 2 2 )

$$\text{Query: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Query}(1, 3) \quad +3 \quad +3 \quad +3 \quad +3$$

$$\text{Query}(0, 2) \quad +2 \quad +2 \quad +2 \quad +2 \quad +2$$

$$\text{Query}(4, 1) \quad +1$$

$$[2 \ 5 \ 5 \ 5 \ 6]$$

Approach 1: Brute force

Loop for each query and perform query operation.

TC:  $O(Q * N)$  SC:  $O(1)$

Approach 2: Lazy

Try to avoid traversing till the end for each query.

→ Add  $x$  at  $arr[i]$  for each query

→ Take prefix once and then end

$$N = 7, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Query}(1, 3)$$

$$\text{Query}(4, -2) \quad [0 \ 3 \ 0 \ 1 \ -2 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$\text{Query}(3, 1) \quad \text{prefix } [0 \ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2]$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +2 & +3 & & & +1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Query(1, 3) -1

Query(0, 2) [2 2 0 0 1]

Query(4, 1) prefix [2 4 4 4 5]

Query(1, -1)

TC:  $O(Q + N)$

SC:  $O(1)$

void performQueries(A[], B[]){}

for (i = 0 to B.length) {

idx = B[i][0]

val = B[i][1]

A[idx] += val

}

for (int i = 1; i < A.length; i++) {

A[i] += A[i-1]

}

}

Query 3: Given an integer array A where every element is 0, return a final array after performing multiple queries.

Query(i, j, x): Add x to all elements from index i to j  
Given  $i \leq j$

$$N = 7 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

+2 +2 +2

$$Q_1 = (1, 3, 2)$$

+3 +3 +2 +3

$$Q_2 = (2, 5, 3)$$

-1 -1

$$Q_{3,2}(5, (-1))$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Query } S: \quad N = 8 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

+1 +1 +3 +3

-1 -1 -1 -1 -1

+4

$$1 \ 4 \ 3$$

+3 +3 +3

$$0 \ 5 \ -1$$

$$(-1 \ 2 \ 6 \ 2 \ 5 \ 2 \ 3 \ 0)$$

$$2 \ 2 \ 4$$

$$4 \ 6 \ 3$$

Approach 1: Bruteforce

Learn and apply each query.

TC:  $O(Q \cdot N)$  SC:  $O(1)$

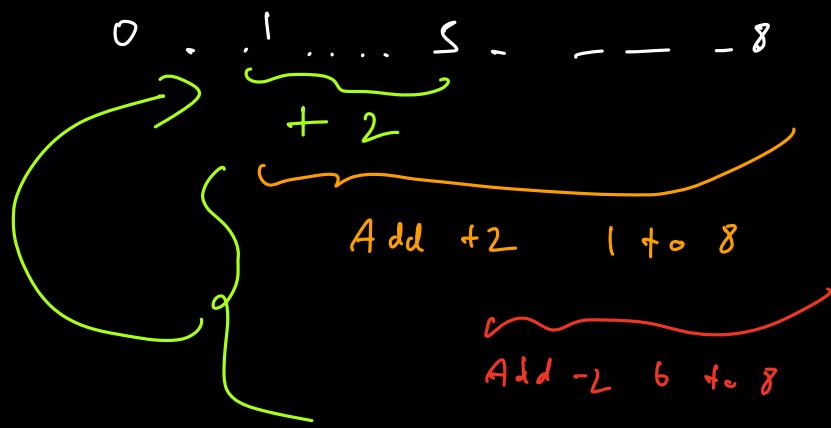
Approach 2: Explor. Lazy Sum

$$\text{Query}(i, j, x) = \underbrace{\text{Query}(i, x)}_{\substack{\text{Add } x \text{ to} \\ i \text{ to } j}} + \underbrace{\text{Query}(j+1, -x)}_{\substack{\text{Add } x \text{ to } i \\ \text{to } N-1}}$$

Add  $x$  to  
i to j

Add  $x$  to  
i to  $N-1$

Add  $-x$  to  
 $j+1$  to  $N-1$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & & & & & & & \\ & -3 & & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 i & j & x \\
 1 & 4 & 3 \\
 0 & 5 & -1 \\
 2 & 2 & 4 \\
 4 & 6 & 3
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 -1 \\
 +4 \quad -4 \\
 +3 \\
 [-1 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad -4 \quad +3 \quad -3 \quad +1 \quad -3] \\
 \text{if } i \neq j, \quad [-1 \quad 2 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 0]
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 +1 \\
 -3
 \end{array}$$

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for (i = 0 to B.length) {
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$$L = BC(i)C^T$$

$$n = BC[i][1]$$

val = B(:,2)

$A[\ell] += \text{val}$

$$\text{if } (n+1 < n)$$

$A[n+1] = val$

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for (int i = 1; i < A.length; i++) {
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$$A[i] + = A[i-1]$$

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$T(\cdot) = O(Q+N)$

$SC = O(1)$

$$N = 7 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +2 & & & & -2 & & \\ & & & +3 & & & \\ & & & & & & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q_1 = (1, 3, 2)$$

$$Q_2 = (2, 5, 3)$$

$$Q_3 = (5, 6, -1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

H.W: Say Everything same as previous problem  
(except there is some initial values in  
array A. (A is not zero))

## Merge Intervals

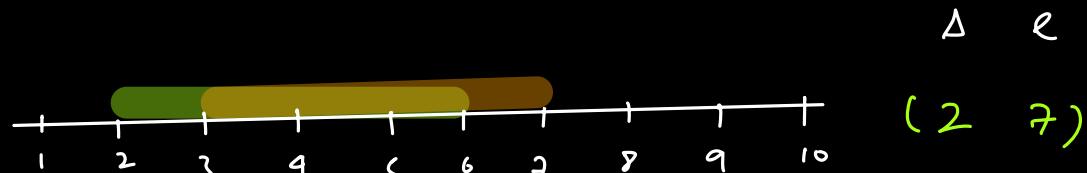
→ Defined by start and end time

→ Start  $\leq$  end

Given some intervals, merge them if they intersect

$$I_1 \quad I_2$$

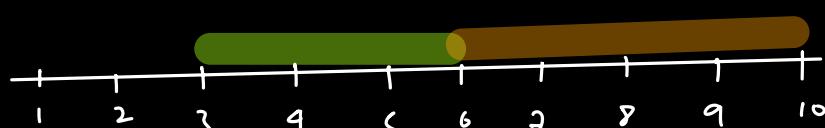
(2 6) (3 7)



$$(2 8) \quad (4 6)$$

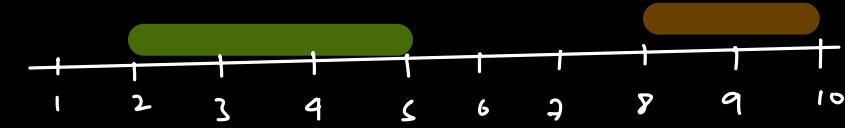


(3 6) (6 10)



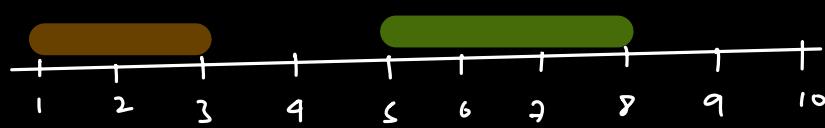
(3 10)

(2 5) (8 10)



no overlap

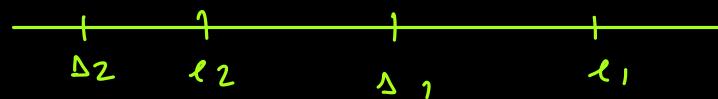
(5 8) (1 3)



no overlap

Non overlapping Condition:  $I_1 = \{ \Delta_1 \ \ \epsilon_1 \}$

$I_2 = \{ \Delta_2 \ \ \epsilon_2 \}$



'if ( $\Delta_2 > \epsilon_1$  ||  $\Delta_1 > \epsilon_2$ ) {

    Non overlapping

} else {

    overlap

Merged Start :  $\min(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$

Merged End :  $\max(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$

}

Qnij  $I_1 = \{ 3 \ 8 \}$   $I_2 = \{ 5 \ 12 \ 3 \}$

Overlapping

$$\text{Ques} \quad I_1 = \{6, 10\} \quad I_2 = \{8, 15\}$$

$$\text{Merged: } \{ \min(6, 8), \max(10, 15) \} \\ : \{6, 15\}$$

Ques 4:- Given a collection of intervals in a 2D array format, where each interval is represented by [start, end].

The intervals are sorted by their start time.

Your task is to merge all overlapping intervals and return the resulting set of non-overlapping intervals.

$$\text{Intervals} = [ \underbrace{(0, 2)}, \underbrace{(1, 4)}, \underbrace{(5, 6)}, \underbrace{(6, 8)}, \underbrace{(7, 10)}, \underbrace{(8, 9)}, \underbrace{(12, 14)} ]$$

$$\text{Output: } [(0, 4), (5, 10), (12, 14)]$$

Approach :- Iterate and keep merging

Interval In Hand	i	i <sup>th</sup> Interval	Intersecting	Output
(0, 2)	1	(1, 4)	✓	
(0, 4)	2	(5, 6)	✗ $\Rightarrow$	(0, 4)
(5, 6)	3	(6, 8)	✓	(0, 4)

(5, 8)	4	(7, 10)	✓	(0, 4)
(5, 10)	5	(8, 9)	✓	(0, 4)
(5, 10)	6	(12, 14)	✗ =>	(0, 4) (5, 10)
(12, 14)	=>			(0, 4) (5, 10) (12, 14)

Ques: Intervals: [ (1, 10) (2, 3) (4, 5) (9, 12) ]

Interval In Hand	i	i <sup>th</sup> Interval	Intersecting	Output
(1, 10)	1	(2, 3)	✓	
(1, 10)	2	(4, 5)	✓	
(1, 10)	3	(9, 12)	✓	
(1, 12)	=>			(1, 12)

→ Create an array to store the merged interval

→ Start with 0<sup>th</sup> interval in your hand

→ from i => 1 to n-1  
if i<sup>th</sup> interval intersect:

    merge it with inhand interval  
    and update inhand interval

else

    add intervalIn hand to output  
    take i<sup>th</sup> interval in hand

$$\text{cumS} = A[0][0], \text{cumE} = A[0][1]$$

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for (i = 1 to N-1) {
    if (A[i][0] <= cumE) {
        cumE = max(cumE, A[i][1])
    } else {
        ans.insert({cumS, cumE})
        cumS = A[i][0]
        cumE = A[i][1]
    }
}
ans.insert({cumS, cumE})

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$$TC: O(N) \quad SC: O(1)$$

Ques 7

“a a g a g” Count no. of possible ‘ag’ you can make by choosing two distinct index of this string

ans: 5

(0 2) (0 4) (1 2) (1 4) (3 4)

“a a g a g”

$$a(\text{count}) = 0 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$\text{ans} = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$N = 7, \quad A = [ \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} ]$$

$$\text{Query}(1, 5, 2) \quad [ \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} ]$$
$$[ \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} ]$$

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void performQueries(A[], B[]){}
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for (i = 0 to B.length) {
    l = B[i][0] // 1
    r = B[i][1] // 5
    val = B[i][2] // 2
    A[l] += val
    if (r+1 < n)
        A[r+1] -= val
}
for (int i = 1; i < A.length; i++) {
    A[i] += A[i-1]
}
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