

**Mandatory exercise: "Bing or Ding" (from the exam E15)** At the Christmas party there will be a game called "Bing or Ding". There is a row of  $n$  red socks, each with an integer on it, which can be positive, negative, or zero. Let  $s_i$  denote the number on sock  $i$ . The rules are as follows:

- You have to consider all socks in order from sock 1 to  $n$ .
- At each sock you *must* say either "Bing!" or "Ding!".
- If you say "Bing!" at the  $i$ th sock you get  $s_i$  Christmas cookies.
- If you say "Ding!" at the  $i$ th sock you must pay  $s_i$  Christmas cookies.
- It is possible to end up with a negative number of Christmas cookies.
- It is forbidden to say the same word more than two times in a row. For example if you say "Bing!" at sock 5 and 6 you *must* say "Ding!" at sock 7.

Let  $L(1, i)$  denote the maximum number of Christmas cookies you can have after the first  $i$  socks if you say "Bing!" at sock  $i$ . Similarly, let  $L(0, i)$  denote the maximum number of Christmas cookies you can have after the first  $i$  if you say "Ding!" at sock  $i$ . Let  $L(b, 0) = 0$  for  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ .

**Question 1** Fill out the table below for  $L(b, i)$  when  $S = [s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [3, 4, 8, -4]$ .

$L(b, i)$	0	1	2	3	4
0					
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**Question 2** Which of the following recurrences correctly computes  $L(b, i)$  (remember to argue for your choice):

$$\boxed{\text{A}} \quad L(b, i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ L(0, i-1) + s_i & \text{if } b = 1 \\ L(1, i-1) - s_i & \text{if } b = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{\text{B}} \quad L(b, i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ s_1 & \text{if } b = 1 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ -s_1 & \text{if } b = 0 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ \max\{L(1, i-2) - s_{i-1}, L(0, i-2) + s_{i-1}\} + s_i & \text{if } b = 1 \text{ and } i \geq 2 \\ \max\{L(1, i-2) + s_{i-1}, L(0, i-2) - s_{i-1}\} - s_i & \text{if } b = 0 \text{ and } i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{\text{C}} \quad L(b, i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ s_1 & \text{if } b = 1 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ -s_1 & \text{if } b = 0 \text{ and } i = 1 \\ \max\{L(0, i-1), L(0, i-2) + s_{i-1}\} + s_i & \text{if } b = 1 \text{ and } i \geq 2 \\ \max\{L(1, i-1), L(1, i-2) - s_{i-1}\} - s_i & \text{if } b = 0 \text{ and } i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

**Question 3** Write pseudocode for an algorithm *based on dynamic programming and the recurrence from Question 2* that finds the maximum number of Christmas cookies you can end up with given  $n$  socks. Analyze the space usage and running time of your algorithm in terms of  $n$ .