

## Maximum Sum Submatrix Problem

**Problem:** Given a matrix  $A$  storing  $n^2$  numbers, compute the submatrix of  $A$  whose sum is maximum among all possible submatrix of  $A$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $tempmaxsum$  denote the sum of the largest-sum submatrix starting at (and including)  $i$ th row of  $A$  and ending at row with index such that  $i \leq \text{index} \leq n$ . So to solve our problem, it suffices if we compute  $tempmaxsum$  for all  $i$  and update  $maxsum$  at each iteration. Let us now try to find  $tempmaxsum$ . Let  $T_{ij}(n)$  represent the maximum sum sub array of the array  $C$  formed by adding all rows from  $i$  to  $j$ ,  $i < j$  with number of columns  $n$  ranging from 0 to  $n$ . So it is clear that  $tempmaxsum$  is the maximum of all  $T_{ij}(n)$  with  $j$  varying from  $i$  to  $n$ . We state the following lemma which establishes a relationship between  $T_{ij}(k)$  and  $T_{ij}(k-1)$  for any  $k \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 1.** If  $T_{ij}(k-1) \leq 0$  then  $T_{ij}(k) = C[k]$ ; otherwise  $T_{ij}(k) = T_{ij}(k-1) + C[k]$ .

*Proof.* The key insight to prove the lemma lies in the following relationship between the subarrays associated with  $T_{ij}(k)$  and  $T_{ij}(k-1)$ . Notice that the subarray associated with  $T_{ij}(k-1)$  if appended with  $C[k]$  gives us a subarray of  $C$  which terminates at  $C[k]$ . Hence,  $T_{ij}(k) \geq T_{ij}(k-1) + C[k]$ .

Now  $T_{ij}(k-1) < 0$  implies that every subarray terminating at  $C[k-1]$  has a negative sum. In other words, it is futile to append any subarray terminating at  $k-1$  with  $C[k]$  to get a better sum. Hence  $T_{ij}(k) = C[k]$  in this case. Likewise, if  $T_{ij}(k-1) > 0$ , then by definition, the subarray corresponding to  $T_{ij}(k-1)$  is the subarray of maximum sum terminating at  $C[k-1]$ . This subarray when appended with  $C[k]$  will give us a subarray terminating at  $C[k]$  and having maximum sum. This is exactly the subarray corresponding to  $T_{ij}(k)$ . Hence  $T_{ij}(k) = T_{ij}(k-1) + C[k]$  in this case.  $\square$

Algorithm 1 computes maximum sum submatrix based on the above discussion. Algorithm 2 computes maximum sum subarray based on the lemma 1.

**Proving correctness of the algorithm:**

We need to prove that Algorithm 1 is correct. In order to prove that first we need to prove that Algorithm 2 is correct. So, let's prove that first. It follows from the discussion preceding Lemma 1 that it suffices if we can show that Algorithm 2 correctly computes  $maxsum$ .

**Lemma 2.** At the end of the “for” loop in Algorithm 2,  $T[i]$  stores  $maxsum$  for each  $i < n$ .

*Proof.* We give a proof by induction of  $i$ . In particular, we show that assertion  $\mathcal{C}(i)$ , defined below is true for all  $i < n$ .

$\mathcal{C}(i)$  : At the end of  $i$ th iteration,  $T[i] = maxsum$  till  $i$ .

The base case ( $i = 0$ ) is trivially true since we explicitly set  $T[0]$  to  $C[0]$  (which is indeed  $maxsum$  till that point) in the first statement of the algorithm. Hence  $\mathcal{C}(0)$  holds true.

Let us prove that  $\mathcal{C}(j)$  is true for some  $j > 0$ , assuming, as induction hypothesis, that  $\mathcal{C}(i)$  is true for all  $i < j$ . Consider the beginning of  $j$ th iteration. Firstly note that by induction hypothesis,  $T[j-1] = maxsum$  till  $j-1$ . Now Lemma 1 states that  $T[j]$  is  $C[j]$  if  $T[j-1] < 0$  and  $T[j-1] + C[j]$  otherwise. Since  $T[j-1]$  stores  $maxsum$  till that point, it follows from the “if” statement executed during  $j$ th iteration of “for” loop that  $T[j]$  stores  $maxsum$ .

Hence by principle of mathematical induction,  $T[i]$  stores  $maxsum$  for each  $i < n$ .

**Data:** Input will be a matrix  $A[0..n-1][0..n-1]$ . However, the algorithm will use additional array  $C[0..n-1]$  such that  $C[k]$  will store sum of all elements in  $i$ th column from row  $i, j$  at any instant. Variable  $maxsum$  is used to store the sum of maximum sum submatrix. The variables  $x1, x2, y1, y2$  are used to track the maximum sum submatrix.

**Result:** The sum of the maximum sum submatrix along with its location in matrix  $A$ .

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1  $maxsum \leftarrow A[0][0]$ ;
2  $x1, x2, y1, y2 \leftarrow 0$ ;
3 for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n-1$  do
4    $C[0..n] \leftarrow 0$  for  $j \leftarrow i$  to  $n-1$  do
5      $C[0..n-1] \leftarrow C[0..n-1] + A[j][0..n-1]$ 
6      $temp \leftarrow \text{maximumsumsubarray}(C[0..n-1])$  if  $temp > maxsum$  then
7        $maxsum \leftarrow temp$   $y1 \leftarrow i$   $y2 \leftarrow j$ 
8     end
9   end
10 Output is submatrix from row  $y1$  to  $y2$  and column  $x1$  to  $x2$  The maximum sum of
    this submatrix is  $maxsum$ .

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**Algorithm 1:** Algorithm for finding Maximum-Sum Sub Matrix

**Data:** Input will be an array  $C[0..n-1]$ . However, the algorithm will use additional array  $T[0..n-1]$  such that  $T[i]$  will store maximum sum of maximum sum subarray till  $i$  including  $i$ .

**Result:** The sum of the maximum sum subarray along with its leftmost and rightmost indices.

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1  $T[0] \leftarrow C[0]$ ;
2  $x1, x2 \leftarrow 0$ ;
3 for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n-1$  do
4   if  $T[i-1] \leq 0$  then
5      $T[i] \leftarrow C[i]$ ;
6      $x1, x2 \leftarrow i$ ;
7   else
8      $T[i] \leftarrow T[i-1] + C[i]$ ;
9      $x2 \leftarrow i$ ;
10  end
11 end
12 Return maximum of  $T[0..n-1]$  and  $x1, x2$ .

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**Algorithm 2:** Algorithm for finding Maximum-Sum Sub Array

So we have proved that Algorithm 2 returns correct  $maxsum$  to Algorithm 1. Now, we can say that at end of each inner “for” loop in Algorithm 1 we get correct value of  $maxsum$  because Algorithm 2 returns correct  $tempmaxsum$  and it follows from the “if” statement executed during  $j$ th iteration of “for” loop that  $maxsum$  stores correct  $maxsum$  till that point. Hence we can say that  $maxsum$  is correct at end of each  $j$ th iteration. Since  $i$  varies over all rows and so the  $i$  and  $j$  hovers over all submatrices possible for  $A$  so  $maxsum$  is correct  $maxsum$  found from all submatrices.

Hence the  $maxsum$  stores the correct answer. □

**Analysis of Time and Space complexity the Algorithm**

The Algorithm 1 executes a “for” loop  $n - 1$  times and in each iteration this “for” loop executes a statement of  $O(1)$  time and another “for” loop in which it executes few statements of  $O(1)$  time and calls Algorithm 2 which executes “for” loop  $n - 1$  times, and in each iteration it spends  $O(1)$  time. Thereafter, it spends a total of  $O(n)$  time in the “for” loop. Thereafter, it scans array  $S$  to find the maximum element. This also takes  $O(n)$  time. So overall time complexity of the Algorithm 2 is  $O(n)$ . It implies that overall complexity of our Algorithm 1 is  $O(n^3)$ . The algorithm uses two additional arrays  $C$  and  $T$  in addition to a few variables. Hence, the algorithm uses  $O(n)$  extra space.