

# Week 5: Assignment 5 - Question 2

## BlockSum of an Array

Given an integer array  $M$  having size  $n$  which is power of 2,  
Write a recursive code to find the BlockSum of the array  $M$ .

The following is the recursive definition of BlockSum:

If size of  $M$  is 2, say  $M = [a, b]$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, then  $BlockSum(M) = a - b$ .

Otherwise (when  $n > 2$ ), partition  $M$  into two subarrays of equal size:

$$M = [A \ B]$$

The BlockSum of  $M$  is defined recursively as :

$$BlockSum(M) = BlockSum(A) - BlockSum(B)$$

Here  $A$  and  $B$  are arrays of Size  $n/2$  each.

$A$  is the first  $n/2$  elements of  $M$  ( in the same order) and  $B$  is the last  $n/2$  elements of  $M$  ( in the same order).

Note : You can assume that size of input array is a power of 2, and the size is less than 1024.

## Input

The first line contains the array size  $n$

The next  $n$  lines contains the elements of the array  $M$ .

## Output

$BlockSum(M)$

## Sample Inputs and Outputs

Sample Input 1

```
2
3 2
```

Sample Output 1

```
1
```

Sample Input 2

```
2
7 1
```

Sample Output 2

```
6
```

Sample Input 3

```
4
7 1 3 2
```

Sample Output 3

```
5
```

## Explanation

$BlockSum([3, 2]) = 3 - 2 = 1$

$BlockSum([7, 1]) = 7 - 1 = 6$

$BlockSum([7, 1, 3, 2]) = BlockSum([7, 1]) - BlockSum([3, 2]) = 6 - 1 = 5$