

6.1. A *contiguous subsequence* of a list S is a subsequence made up of consecutive elements of S . For instance, if S is

$5, 15, -30, 10, -5, 40, 10,$

then $15, -30, 10$ is a contiguous subsequence but $5, 15, 40$ is not. Give a linear-time algorithm for the following task:

Input: A list of numbers, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n .

Output: The contiguous subsequence of maximum sum (a subsequence of length zero has sum zero).

For the preceding example, the answer would be $10, -5, 40, 10$, with a sum of 55.

(Hint: For each $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, consider contiguous subsequences ending exactly at position j .)

Problem Formulation

$T[i]$ = Contiguous Subsequence of Maximum Sum in $a_1 \dots a_i$, which ends at a_i

Recurrence

$T[i]$ = we know that a_i is going to be a part of the subsequence, either we add it to the existing subsequence till previous element i.e. $T[i-1] + a_i$

or

we take only this element i.e. a_i

so we find the max out of the two i.e. $\max(T[i-1] + a_i, a_i)$

therefore,

$T[i] = \max(T[i-1] + a_i, a_i)$

Base case

$T[0] = 0$

Sample Run

$S = 5, 15, -30, 10, -5, 40, 10$

$T = 5, 20, -10, 10, 5, 40, 55$

Return value

For the maximum sum, we find $\max(T)$

and for the subsequence, the index of maximum sum is the end of subsequence and we can keep track of the start of subsequence using an array K where,

$K[i] = i$, if $a_i > T[i-1] + a_i$

$K[i-1]$, otherwise

hence, $K[\text{argmax}(T)]$ is the start of subsequence

PseudoCode

$T[0] = 0$

$K[0] = 0$

for $i = 1 \rightarrow n$ ----- (1)

 if ($T[i-1] \geq 0$)

$T[i] = T[i-1] + S[i]$

$K[i] = K[i-1]$

 else

$T[i] = S[i]$

$K[i] = i$

$\text{maxsum} = \max(T)$ ----- (2)

$\text{end} = \text{argmax}(T)$ ----- (3)

$\text{start} = K[\text{argmax}(T)]$ ----- (4)

$\text{maxsumsub} = S[\text{start} \dots \text{end}]$ ----- (5)

return $\text{maxsumsub}, \text{maxsum}$

Runtime Complexity

1 takes $O(n)$ time, 2 takes $O(n)$ time, 3 takes $O(n)$ time, 4 and 5 take $O(1)$ time

Hence total runtime complexity = $O(n)$