

Workshop #2

Prefix Sums

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Motivation

- Given array **A** of size **N**, for all pairs of indices **i, j**, compute the sum of elements between the indices, inclusive.

c	1	2	3	4
20	10	30	15	50

i	j	sum
0	1	30
1	3	55
1	4	105

Naive Solution

- Loop through all pairs i, j . Keep track of a running sum from i to j .
- Runtime: $O(N^3)$

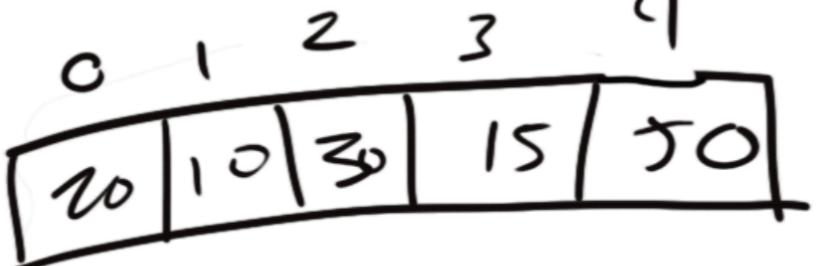
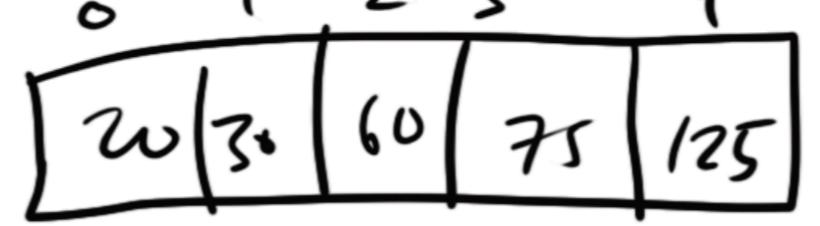
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for i = 0 .. N
    for j = 0 .. N
        sum = 0
        for k = i .. j
            sum += A[k]
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Prefix Sums

$$P[i] = A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[i]$$

A	0	1	2	3	4	P	0	1	2	3	4	P	0	1	2	3	4
	20	10	30	15	50		20	30	40	55	105		20	30	40	55	105
i						sum breakdown						P[i]					
0	20						20					20					
1		20 + 10						30				30					
2			20 + 10 + 30						60			60					
3				20 + 10 + 30 + 15						75		75					
4					20 + 10 + 30 + 15 + 50						125	125					

Range Sums

A	0 1 2 3 4		Assume $P[-1] = 0$
P	0 1 2 3 4		

$$\text{RANGE_SUM}(i, j) = P[j] - P[i-1]$$

examples

i	j	RS(i, j)	$P[j] - P[i-1]$
0	3	55	$55 - 0 = 55$
2	4	95	$125 - 30 = 95$
1	2	40	$60 - 20 = 40$

Efficient Solution

- Loop through all pairs i, j . Compute range sum with prefix sums.
- Runtime: **$O(N^2)$**
- Time/Space Tradeoff

for $i = 0 \dots N$ for $j = 0 \dots N$
sum = $P[j] - P[:i]$

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Binary Subarrays with Sum

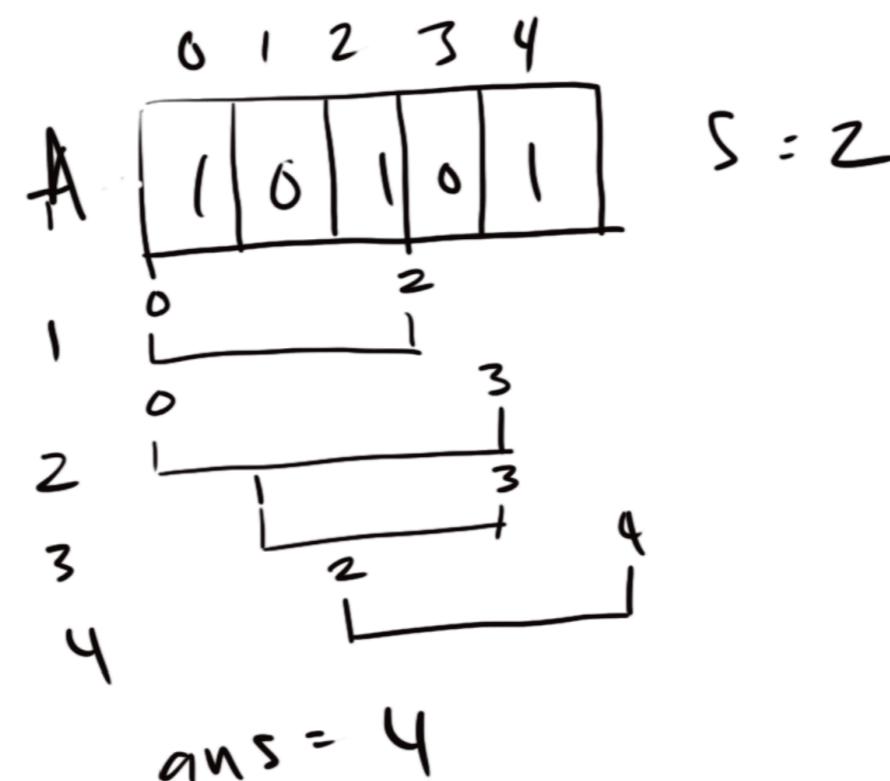
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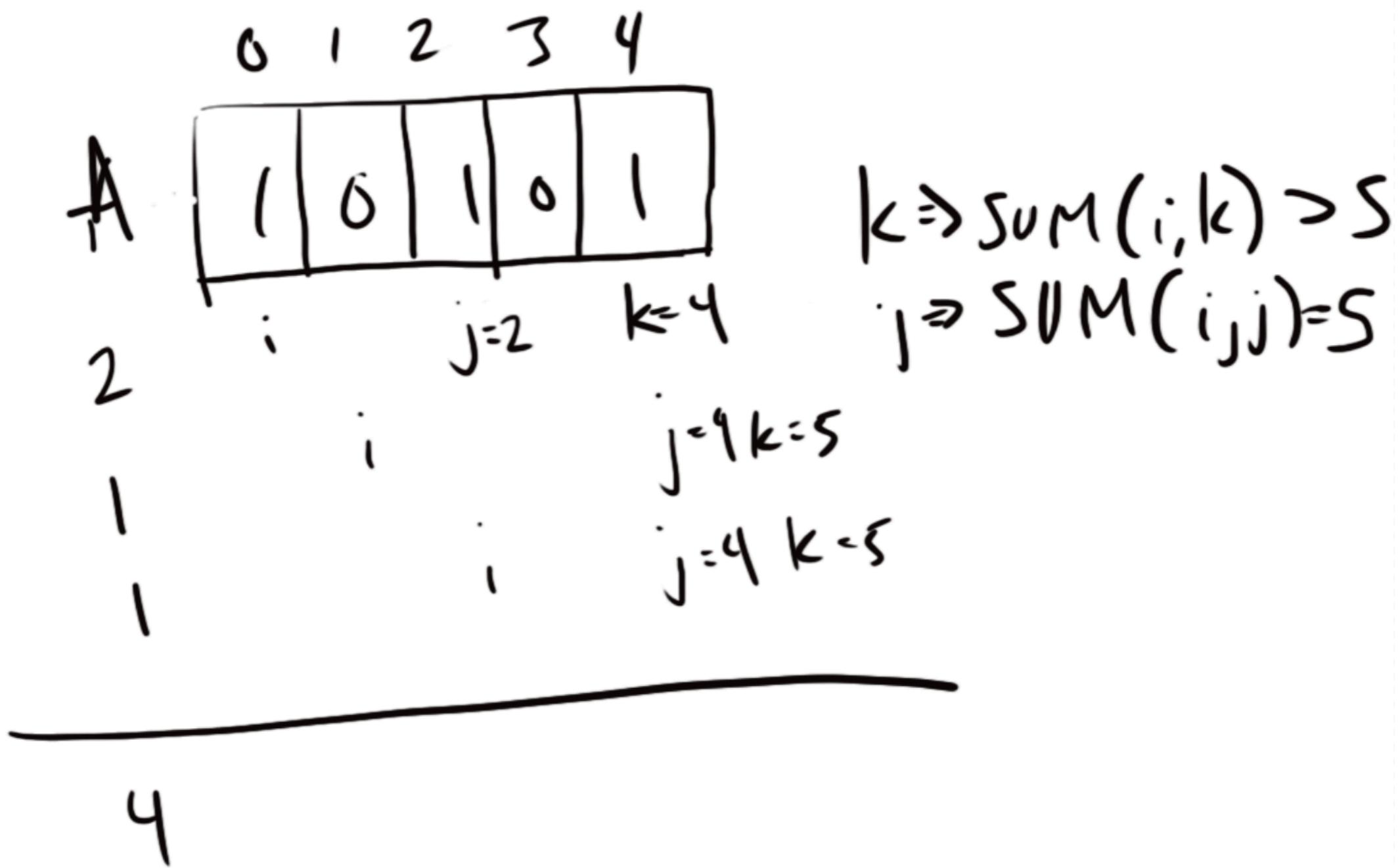
In an array A of 0 s and 1 s, how many non-empty subarrays have sum S ?



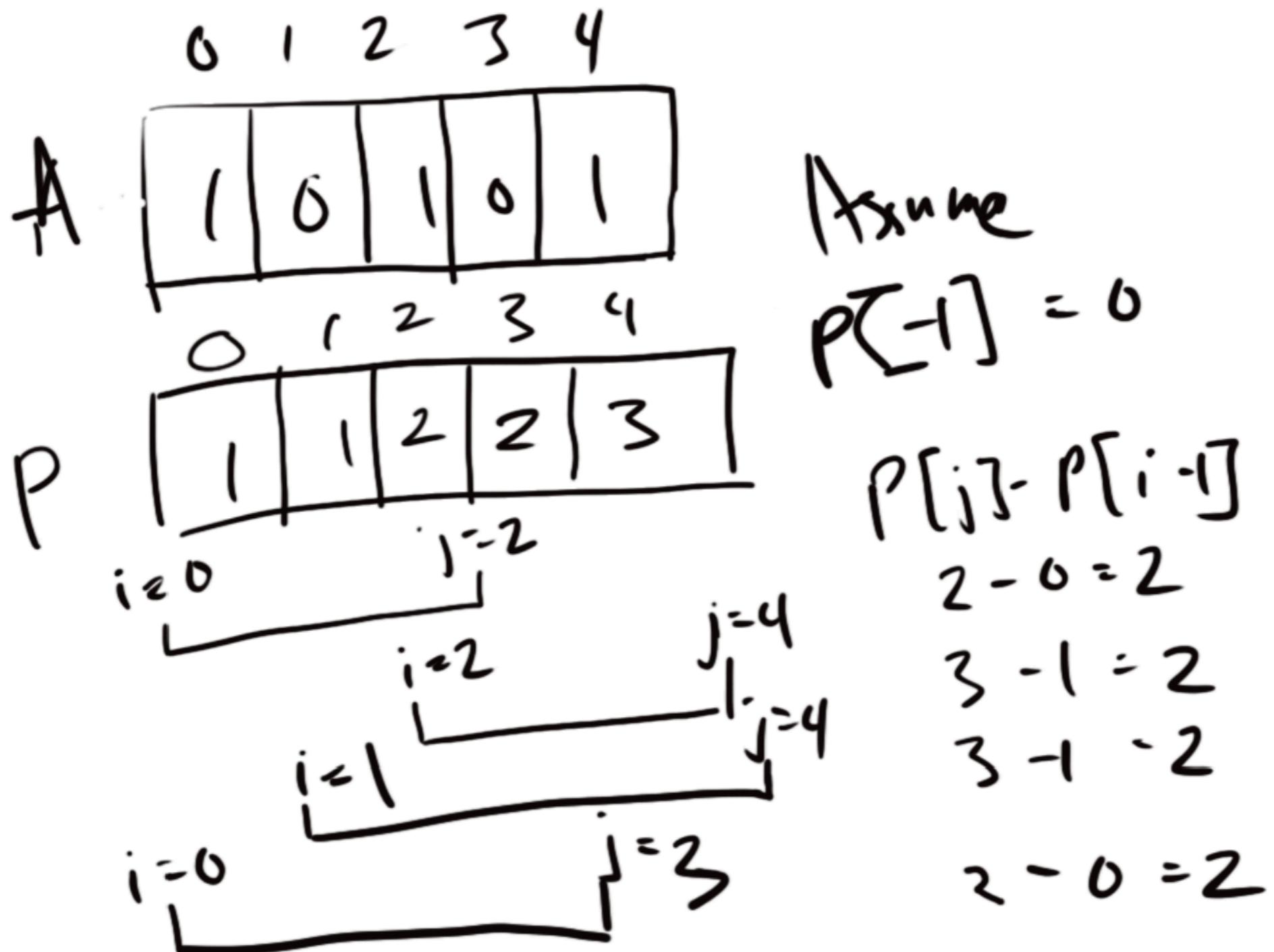
Naive Solution

- For each index i , find
 - $j > i$ where $\text{SUM}(i,j) = S$
 - $k > i$ where $\text{SUM}(i,k) > S$
- Add $k - j$ to the answer.
- Runtime: $O(N^2)$

Naive Solution Visualized



Prefix Sums Visualization



Prefix Sums Solution

- We create a prefix array **P**.
- Observation. The number of subarrays summing to **S** ending at index **j** is the number of indices **i < j** where **P[j] - P[i-1] = S**.
- Create a map **m**. For each index **i**, **m[p[i-1]]++**. Then, we are looking for the number of previous indices with count **P[i-1] = P[j] - S**. So we add **m[p[i] - S]** to the answer.
- Runtime: **O(N)**

Psuedocode

Create prefix sums

for i=0 ... N

$$P[i+1] = P[i] + A[i]$$

calculate ans

map m;

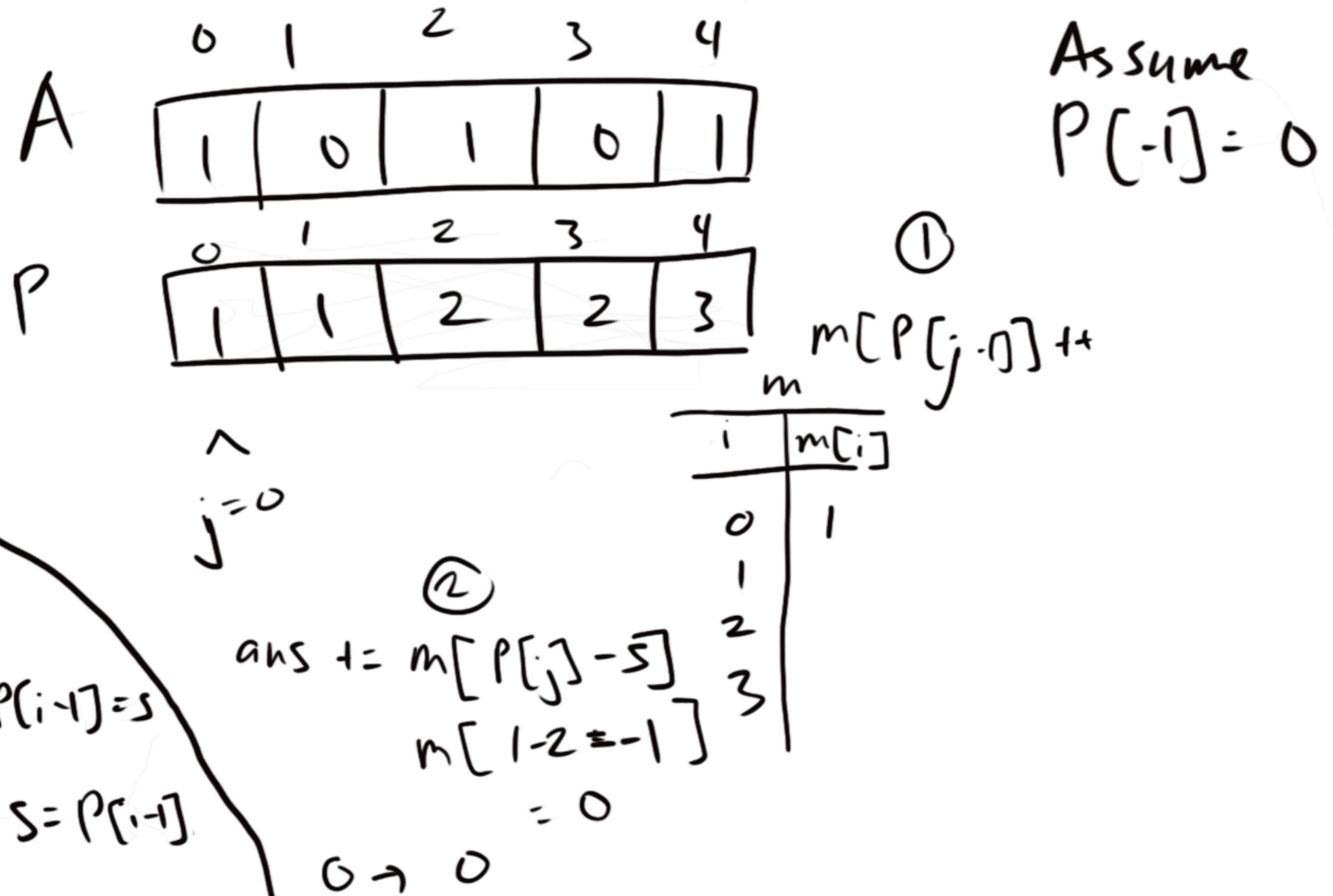
ans = 0

for i=1 ... N (include N)

m[P[i-1]]++

ans += m[P[i]-s]

Prefix Sums Walkthrough



Prefix Sums Walkthrough

A	0	1	2	3	4
	1	0	1	0	1

Assume
 $P[-1] = 0$

P	0	1	2	3	4
	1	1	2	2	3

$$\textcircled{1} \quad m[P[j-1]]++$$

$$\frac{i}{m[i]}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\hat{j}=1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{ans} += m[P[j]-s]$$

$$m[1-2=-1]$$

$$= 0$$

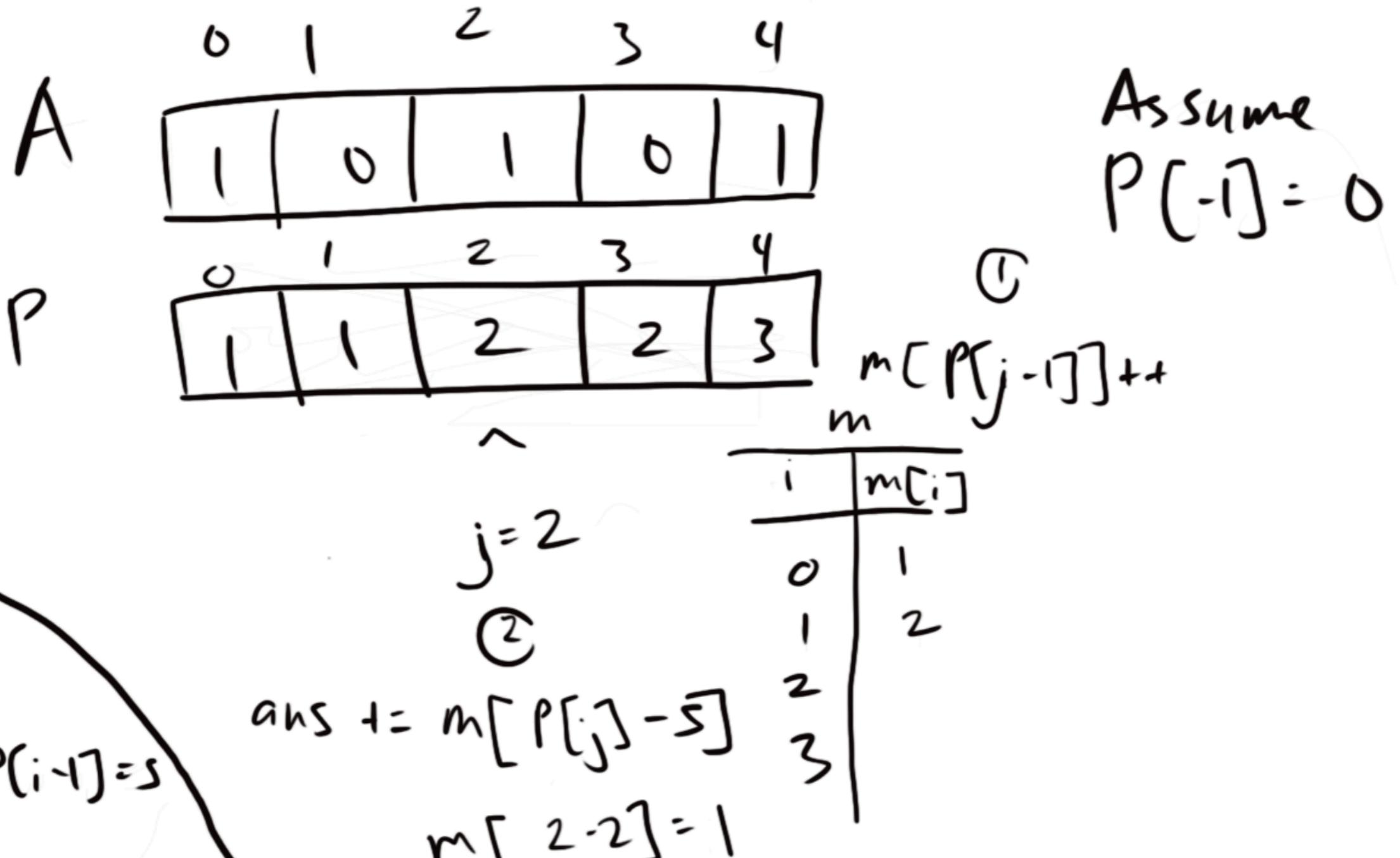
$$0 \rightarrow 0$$

Recall

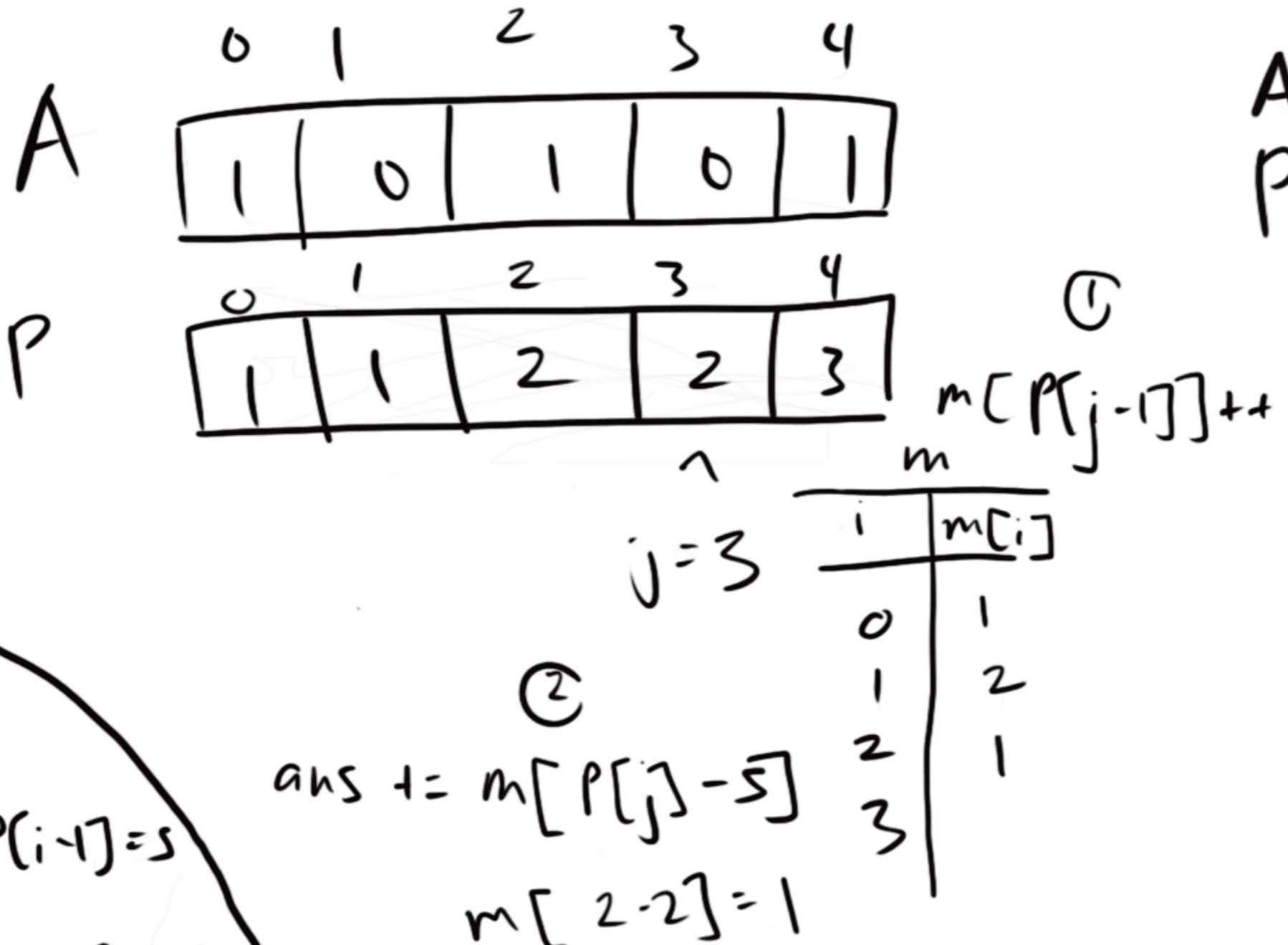
$$P[j] - P[i-1] = s$$

$$P[j] - s = P[-1]$$

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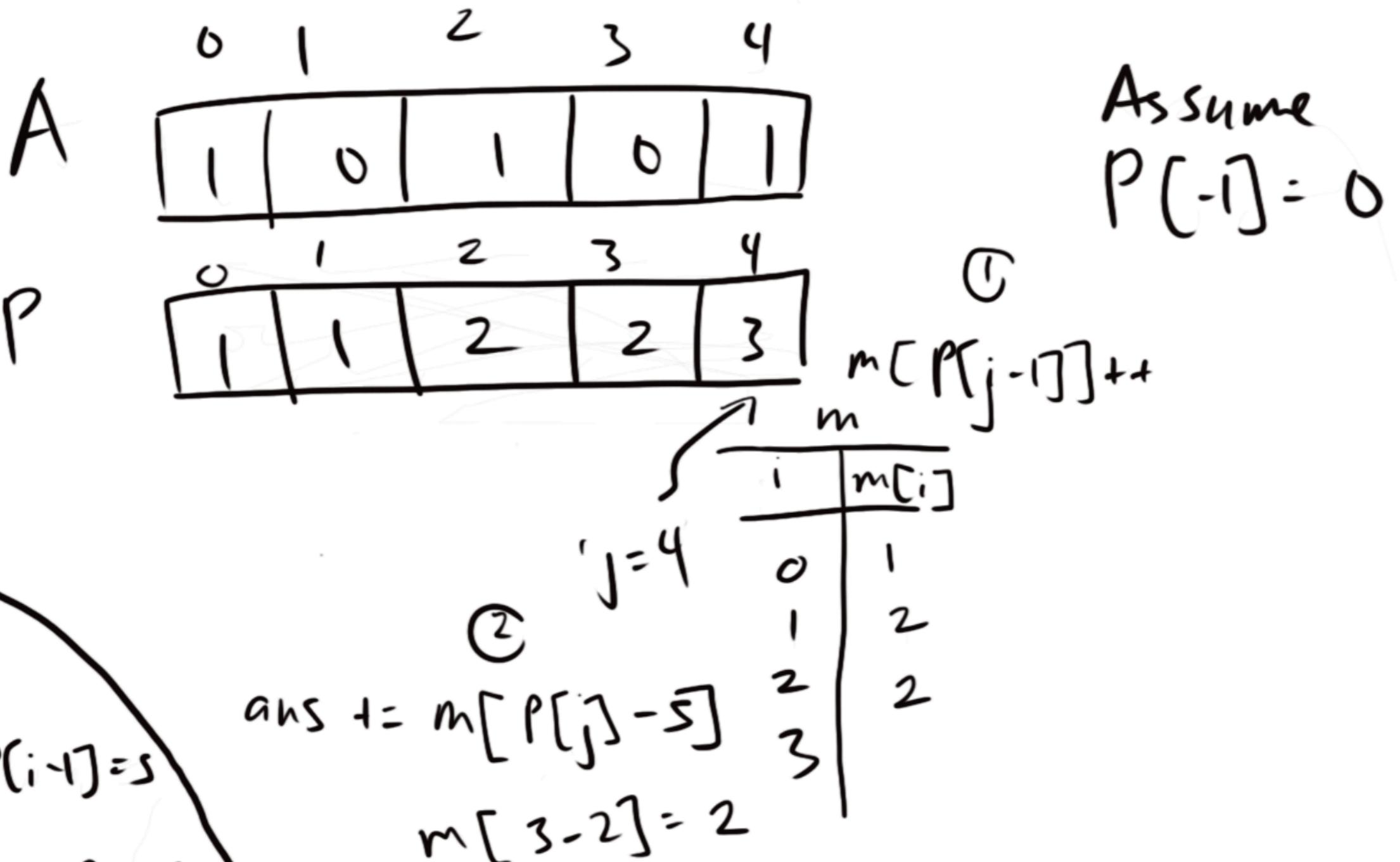


Prefix Sums Walkthrough



$1 \rightarrow 2$

Prefix Sums Walkthrough



$2 \rightarrow 4$ (final answer)

Problems

- LC 477: Total Hamming Distance
- LC 134: Gas Station
- LC 974: Subarray Sums Divisible by K

LC 477: Total Hamming Distance

keep prefix counts for #
of As with bit i ($0 \leq i \leq 31$)
either 0 or 1.

32 bits
ht[31:0]

- ① Count A of previous As with
mismatched bit.
- ② By incrementing current count, future
mismatches also accounted for.

LC 477: Total Hamming Distance

prefix counts

$\text{ans} = [0 \dots 0] \# |\text{ans}| = 32$

$\text{zeros} = [0 \dots 0] \# |\text{zeros}| = 32$

$\text{ans} = 0$

for $b_{i+1} = 0 \dots 32$

if ($\text{bit} == 1$) $\text{ans}[\text{bit_index}]++$

else $\text{ans} += \text{zeros}[\text{bit_index}]$

for $b_{i+1} = 0 \dots 32$

if ($b_{i+1} == 0$) $\text{zeros}[\text{bit_index}]++$

else $\text{ans} += \text{ans}[\text{bit_index}]$

return 0

Thank You