

# Arrays: Sliding Window & Contribution Technique

## Problem

Given an array of integers, find sum of all possible subarrays of the array & maintain max sum.

$a: [1, 2, 3]$

$$[1] = 1$$

$$[1, 2] = 3$$

$$[1, 2, 3] = 6$$

$$[2] = 2$$

$$[2, 3] = 5$$

$$[3] = 3$$

## Brute force

max-sum = ?  $-\text{INF} / \text{a[0]}$

for ( $i=0; i < n; ++i$ ) {

for ( $j=i; j < n; ++j$ ) {

if ( $i, j$ ) subarray

sum = 0;

for ( $k=i; k \leq j; ++k$ ) {

sum += a[k]

}

TC:  $O(N^3)$

SC:  $O(1)$

```
max-sum = max(max-sum, sum);
```

```
}  
}
```

```
print(max-sum)
```

Using prefix sum

pf[n] → create prefix sum array <sup>TODU</sup>

```
max-sum = a[0]
```

```
for(i=0; i<n; ++i) {
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```
    for(j=i; j<n; ++j) {
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```
        // (i,j) subarray
```

```
        sum = 0;
```

```
        if(i==0) {  
            sum = pf[j]
```

```
        } else {
```

```
            sum = pf[j] - pf[i-1]
```

```
        }  
        max-sum = max(max-sum, sum);
```

```
    }  
}
```

```
print(max-sum)
```

TC :  $O(N^2)$

SC :  $O(N)$

Using  
C++-forward

find sum of all subarrays starting from index 0.

$[0,0]$   $[0,1]$   $[0,2]$  . . .  $[0,n-1]$

```
sum = 0
for (j = 0; j < n; ++j) {
    sum += a[j];
    print(sum)
}
```

$a = [1, 2, 3, 4]$

sum = 0

j=0 sum += a[0] = 1  
j=1 sum += a[1] = 3  
j=2 sum += a[2] = 6  
j=3 sum += a[3] = 10

```
max-sum = a[0]
for (i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    sum = 0
    for (j = i; j < n; ++j) {
        sum += a[j];
```

~~print(sum)~~ → print sum of all subarrays  
max-sum = max(max-sum, sum);

TC:  $O(N^2)$   
SC:  $O(1)$

```
    }
}
print(max-sum)
```

$O(N^2)$  subarrays in an array

### Problem

Given array of integers, find total sum of all possible subarrays.

$$arr = [6, 8, -1, 7]$$

$$[0,0] \rightarrow 6$$

$$[0,1] \rightarrow 6+8=14$$

$$[0,2] = 6+8-1=13$$

$$[0,3] = 20$$

$$[1,1] = 8$$

$$[1,2] = 7$$

$$[1,3] = 14$$

$$[2,2] = -1$$

$$[2,3] = 6$$

$$[3,3] = 7$$

$$6+14+13+20+8+7+14$$

$$-1+6+7$$

$$= 94$$

Use prefix  
sum

total-sum = 0

for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {

sum = 0

for (j=i; j<n; ++j) {

sum += a[j];

total-sum += sum

TC:  $O(N^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$

}

}

print (total-sum)

A[6] =      0      1      2      3      4      5  
         3   -2   4   -1   2   6

In how many subarrays, index 3 is present?

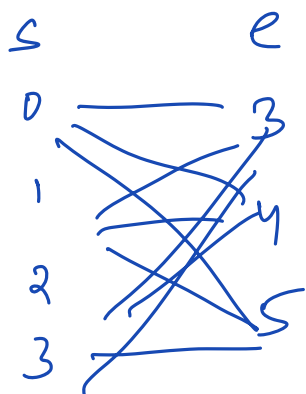
[0,3]   [0,4]   [0,5]

[1,3]   [1,4]   [1,5]

[2,3]   [2,4]   [2,5]

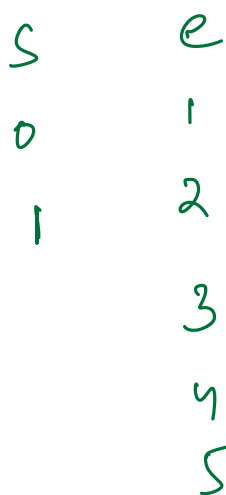
[3,3]   [3,4]   [3,5]

= 12 subarrays



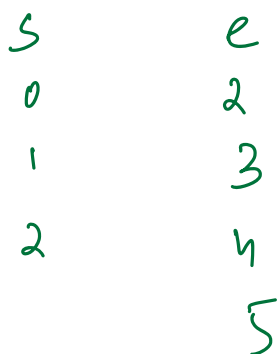
$$= 4 \times 3 = 12$$

In how many subarrays, index 1 is present?



$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 5 = 10$$

In how many subarrays, index 2 is present?



$$\Rightarrow 3 \times 4 = 12$$

Generalize: Given  $N$  elements, # of subarrays where  $i^{\text{th}}$  index is present.

$$a[n] : a_0 \ a_1 \ \dots \ a_{i-1} \ a_i \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_{n-1}$$

$$s : [0, i]$$

$$= i - 0 + 1 \\ = i + 1$$

$$e : [i, n-1]$$

$$= n - 1 - i + 1 \\ = n - i$$

$$\Rightarrow (i+1) \times (n-i)$$

	0	1	2	3	$n=4$
$A[n]$	6	8	-1	7	
$i+1$	1	2	3	4	
$n-i$	4	3	2	1	
$(i+1) \times (n-i)$	4	6	6	4	

individual contribution

$$24 + 48 + -6 + 28 = 94$$

$$N=3$$

$a[3]$	4	3	7
$i+1$	1	2	3
$n-i$	3	2	1
$(i+1) \times (n-i)$	3	4	3

contri :

$$12 + 12 + 21 = 45$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[4] = 4 \\
 &[4, 3] = 4 + 3 = 7 \\
 &[4, 3, 7] = 4 + 3 + 7 = 14 \\
 &[3] = 3 \\
 &[3, 7] = 3 + 7 = 10 \\
 &[7] = 7
 \end{aligned}$$

total-sum = 0

```
for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {  
    count = (i+1) * (n-i);  
    count *= a[i];  
    total-sum += count;  
}  
print (total-sum)
```

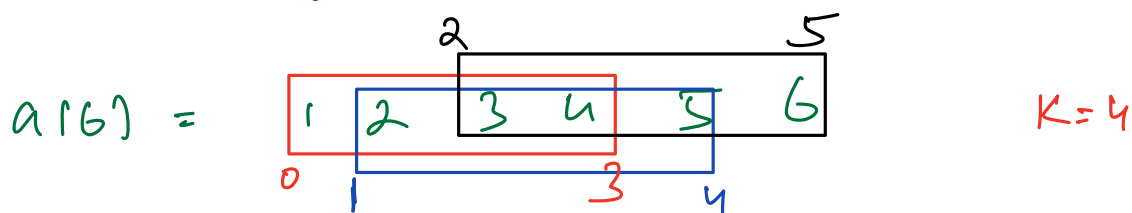
Total number of subarrays of length  $K$

$K=1$        $[0,0]$      $[1,1]$      $[2,2]$     . . .     $[n-1,n-1] = N$

$K=2$        $[0,1]$      $[1,2]$      $[2,3]$     . . .     $[n-2,n-1] = N-1$

$[0,K-1]$      $[1,K]$     . . .     $[n-K,n-1] = N-K+1$

total subarrays of len  $K = N-K+1$





$$N=7, K=4$$

$$7-4+1=4$$

### Problem

Given an array of size  $N$ , print start & end indices of subarrays of len  $K$ .

$$n=8 \quad K=3$$

$i$	$j$
0	2
1	3
2	4
3	5
4	6
5	7

$$j = i + K - 1$$

```
for (i=0; i<n-K+1; ++i) {
```

```
    j = i + K - 1;
```

```
    print (i, j)
```

```
}
```

TC:  $O(N)$

SC:  $O(1)$

### Problem

Given array of size  $N$ , print max subarray sum of subarrays of len  $= K$ .

$$N=10 \quad K=5$$

-3 4 -2 5 3 -2 8 2 -1 4

[0 4] → 7

[1 5] → 8

⋮  
⋮  
⋮

Brut force

max\_sum = -INF

for (i=0; i<n-K+1; ++i) {

    j = i+K-1;

    sum = 0

    for (k=i; k<=j; ++k) {

        sum += a[k]

    }

    max\_sum = max(max\_sum, sum)

}

print(max\_sum)

$O(N^2)$

$O(1)$

## Prefix sum

$pf[n] \rightarrow \text{TODO}$

$\text{max\_sum} = -\text{INF}$

for ( $i=0$ ;  $i < n-k+1$ ;  $i++$ ) {

$j = i+k-1$ ;

    if ( $i==0$ )  
         $\text{sum} = pf[j]$

    else  
         $\text{sum} = pf[j] - pf[i-1]$

$\text{max\_sum} = \max(\text{max\_sum}, \text{sum})$

TC:  $O(N)$

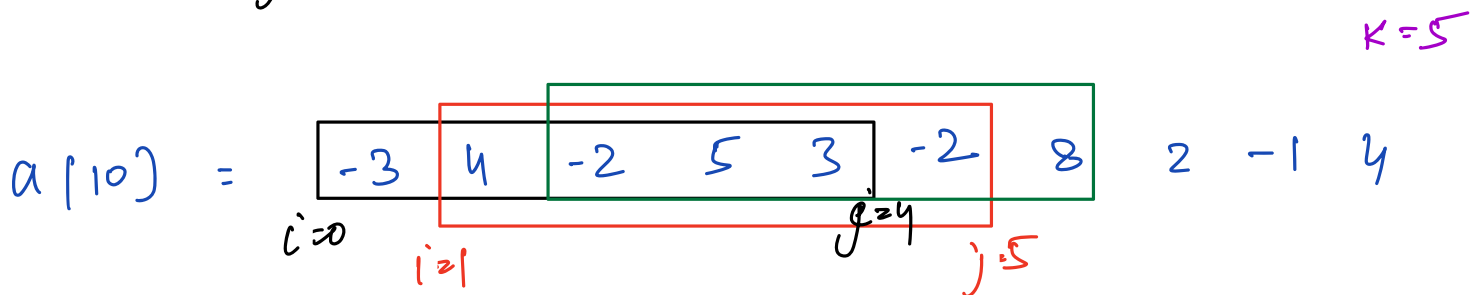
SC:  $O(N)$

}

print(max\_sum)

## Optimization

Carry forward aka Sliding Window



$$\text{sum}_1 = -3 + 4 - 2 + 5 + 3 = 7 \quad [0, 4]$$

$$\text{sum}_2 = 7 - (-3) + (-2) = 8 \quad [1, 5]$$

$\text{sum}_1 \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $a[i-1] \quad a[i]$

$$\text{sum}_3 = 8 - 4 + (8) = 12 \quad [2, 6]$$

sum = 0

```
for (i = 0; i < K; ++i) {
    sum += a[i]
}
```

→ first subarray sum [0, K-1]

max-sum = sum;

i = 1, j = K; → second subarray [1, K]

while (j < n) {

sum = sum - a[i-1] + a[j];

max-sum = max(max-sum, sum);

i++, j++

}

print(max-sum)

TC: O(N)

SC: O(1)

## Tips/Observation for subarray problems

→ subarray are contiguous, can be denoted using [start, end] indices.

→ total subarrays =  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

→ to print all possible subarrays =  $O(N^3)$

→ sum of all subarrays can be done

↙  
 $O(N^2)$   
 $O(N)$   
prefix sum

↘  
 $O(N^2)$   
 $O(1)$   
carry forward

→ total subarrays of len  $K$  =  $n-K+1$