



Efficient and easy segment trees

By [Al.Cash](#), 2 years ago, , 

This is my first attempt at writing something useful, so your suggestions are welcome.

Most participants of programming contests are familiar with segment trees to some degree, especially having read this articles <http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/15890>, http://e-maxx.ru/algorithm/segment_tree (Russian only). If you're not — don't go there yet. I advise to read them after this article for the sake of examples, and to compare implementations and choose the one you like more (will be kinda obvious).

Segment tree with single element modifications

Let's start with a brief explanation of segment trees. They are used when we have an array, perform some changes and queries on continuous segments. In the first example we'll consider 2 operations:

1. modify one element in the array;
2. find the sum of elements on some segment. .

Perfect binary tree

I like to visualize a segment tree in the following way: [image link](#)

1: [0, 16)															
2: [0, 8)								3: [8, 16)							
4: [0, 4)				5: [4, 8)				6: [8, 12)				7: [12, 16)			
8: [0, 2)		9: [2, 4)		10: [4, 6)		11: [6, 8)		12: [8, 10)		13: [10, 12)		14: [12, 14)		15: [14, 16)	
16: 0	17: 1	18: 2	19: 3	20: 4	21: 5	22: 6	23: 7	24: 8	25: 9	26: 10	27: 11	28: 12	29: 13	30: 14	31: 15

Notation is *node_index: corresponding segment* (left border included, right excluded). At the bottom row we have our array (0-indexed), the leaves of the tree. For now suppose it's length is a power of 2 (16 in the example), so we get perfect binary tree. When going up the tree we take pairs of nodes with indices $(2 * i, 2 * i + 1)$ and combine their values in their parent with index i . This way when we're asked to find a sum on interval $[3, 11)$, we need to sum up only values in the nodes 19, 5, 12 and 26 (marked with bold), not all 8 values inside the interval. Let's jump directly to implementation (in C++) to see how it works:

```
const int N = 1e5; // limit for array size
int n; // array size
int t[2 * N];

void build() { // build the tree
    for (int i = n - 1; i > 0; --i) t[i] = t[i<<1] + t[i<<1|1];
}

void modify(int p, int value) { // set value at position p
    for (t[p += n] = value; p > 1; p >>= 1) t[p>>1] = t[p] + t[p^1];
}

int query(int l, int r) { // sum on interval [l, r)
    int res = 0;
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
```

```

    if (l&1) res += t[l++];
    if (r&1) res += t[--r];
}
return res;
}

int main() {
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) scanf("%d", &t[n + i]);
    build();
    modify(0, 1);
    printf("%d\n", query(3, 11));
    return 0;
}

```

That's it! Fully operational example. Forget about those cumbersome recursive functions with 5 arguments!

Now let's see why this works, and works very efficient.

1. As you could notice from the picture, leaves are stored in continuous nodes with indices starting with n , element with index i corresponds to a node with index $i + n$. So we can read initial values directly into the tree where they belong.
2. Before doing any queries we need to build the tree, which is quite straightforward and takes $O(n)$ time. Since parent always has index less than its children, we just process all the internal nodes in decreasing order. In case you're confused by bit operations, the code in `build()` is equivalent to `t[i] = t[2*i] + t[2*i+1]`.
3. Modifying an element is also quite straightforward and takes time proportional to the height of the tree, which is $O(\log(n))$. We only need to update values in the parents of given node. So we just go up the tree knowing that parent of node p is $p/2$ or `p>>1`, which means the same. `p^1` turns $2*i$ into $2*i+1$ and vice versa, so it represents the second child of p 's parent.
4. Finding the sum also works in $O(\log(n))$ time. To better understand it's logic you can go through example with interval `[3, 11]` and verify that result is composed exactly of values in nodes 19, 26, 12 and 5 (in that order).

General idea is the following. If l , the left interval border, is odd (which is equivalent to `l&1`) then l is the right child of its parent. Then our interval includes node l but doesn't include it's parent. So we add `t[l]` and move to the right of l 's parent by setting $l = (l+1)/2$. If l is even, it is the left child, and the interval includes its parent as well (unless the right border interferes), so we just move to it by setting $l = l/2$. Similar argumentation is applied to the right border. We stop once borders meet.

No recursion and no additional computations like finding the middle of the interval are involved, we just go through all the nodes we need, so this is very efficient.

Arbitrary sized array

For now we talked only about an array with size equal to some power of 2, so the binary tree was perfect. The next fact may be stunning, so prepare yourself.

The code above works for any size n .

Explanation is much more complex than before, so let's focus first on the advantages it gives us.

1. Segment tree uses exactly $2 * n$ memory, not $4 * n$ like some other implementations offer.
2. Array elements are stored in continuous manner starting with index n .
3. All operations are very efficient and easy to write.

You can skip the next section and just test the code to check that it's correct. But for those interested in some kind of explanation, here's how the tree for $n=13$ looks like: [image link](#)

1: --													
2: [3, 11)							3: --						
4: [3, 7)				5: [7, 11)			6: --			7: [1, 3)			
8: [3, 5)		9: [5, 7)		10: [7, 9)		11: [9, 11)		12: [11, 13)		13: 0	14: 1		15: 2
16: 3	17: 4	18: 5	19: 6	20: 7	21: 8	22: 9	23: 10	24: 11	25: 12				

It's not actually a single tree any more, but a set of perfect binary trees: with root 2 and height 4, root 7 and height 2, root 12 and height 2, root 13 and height 1. Nodes denoted by dashes aren't ever used in *query* operations, so it doesn't matter what's stored there. Leaves seem to appear on different heights, but that can be fixed by cutting the tree before the node 13 and moving its right part to the left. I believe the resulting structure can be shown to be isomorphic to a part of larger perfect binary tree with respect to operations we perform, and this is why we get correct results.

I won't bother with formal proof here, let's just go through the example with interval $[0, 7)$. We have $l=13, r=20$, `l&1 ==> add t[13]` and borders change to $l=7, r=10$. Again `l&1 ==> add t[7]`, borders change to $l=4, r=5$, and suddenly nodes are at the same height. Now we have `r&1 ==> add t[4 = --r]`, borders change to $l=2, r=2$, so we're finished.

Modification on interval, single element access

Some people begin to struggle and invent something too complex when the operations are inverted, for example:

1. add a value to all elements in some interval;
2. compute an element at some position.

But all we need to do in this case is to switch the code in methods *modify* and *query* as follows:

```
void modify(int l, int r, int value) {
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) t[l++] += value;
        if (r&1) t[--r] += value;
    }
}

int query(int p) {
    int res = 0;
    for (p += n; p > 0; p >>= 1) res += t[p];
    return res;
}
```

If at some point after modifications we need to inspect all the elements in the array, we can push all the modifications to the leaves using the following code. After that we can just traverse elements starting with index n . This way we reduce the complexity from $O(n \log(n))$ to $O(n)$ similarly to using *build* instead of n modifications.

```
void push() {
    for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i) {
        t[i<<1] += t[i];
        t[i<<1|1] += t[i];
        t[i] = 0;
    }
}
```

Note, however, that code above works only in case the order of modifications on a single element doesn't affect the result. Assignment, for example, doesn't satisfy this condition. Refer to section about lazy propagation for more information.

Non-commutative combiner functions

For now we considered only the simplest combiner function — addition. It is commutative, which means the order of operands doesn't matter, we have $a + b = b + a$. The same applies to *min* and *max*, so we can just change all occurrences of $+$ to one of those functions and be fine. But don't forget to initialize query result to infinity instead of 0.

However, there are cases when the combiner isn't commutative, for example, in the problem [380C - Sereja and Brackets](#), tutorial available here <http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/10363>. Fortunately, our implementation can easily support that. We define structure S and *combine* function for it. In method *build* we just change $+$ to this function. In *modify* we need to ensure the correct ordering of children, knowing that left child has even index. When answering the query, we note that nodes corresponding to the left border are processed from left to right, while the right border moves from right to left. We can express it in the code in the following way:

```
void modify(int p, const S& value) {
    for (t[p += n] = value; p >>= 1; ) t[p] = combine(t[p<<1], t[p<<1|1]);
}

S query(int l, int r) {
    S resl, resr;
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) resl = combine(resl, t[l++]);
        if (r&1) resr = combine(t[--r], resr);
    }
    return combine(resl, resr);
}
```

Lazy propagation

Next we'll describe a technique to perform both range queries and range modifications, which is called lazy propagation. First, we need more variables:

```
int h = sizeof(int) * 8 - __builtin_clz(n);
int d[N];
```

h is a height of the tree, the highest significant bit in n . $d[i]$ is a delayed operation to be propagated to the children of node i when necessary (this should become clearer from the examples). Array size if

only N because we don't have to store this information for leaves — they don't have any children. This leads us to a total of $3 * n$ memory use.

Previously we could say that $t[i]$ is a value corresponding to it's segment. Now it's not entirely true — first we need to apply all the delayed operations on the route from node i to the root of the tree (parents of node i). We assume that $t[i]$ already includes $d[i]$, so that route starts not with i but with its direct parent.

Let's get back to our first example with interval $[3, 11]$, but now we want to modify all the elements inside this interval. In order to do that we modify $t[i]$ and $d[i]$ at the nodes 19, 5, 12 and 26. Later if we're asked for a value for example in node 22, we need to propagate modification from node 5 down the tree. Note that our modifications could affect $t[i]$ values up the tree as well: node 19 affects nodes 9, 4, 2 and 1, node 5 affects 2 and 1. Next fact is critical for the complexity of our operations:

Modification on interval $[l, r]$ affects $t[i]$ values only in the parents of border leaves: $l+n$ and $r+n-1$ (except the values that compose the interval itself — the ones accessed in *for* loop).

The proof is simple. When processing the left border, the node we modify in our loop is always the right child of its parent. Then all the previous modifications were made in the subtree of the left child of the same parent. Otherwise we would process the parent instead of both its children. This means current direct parent is also a parent of leaf $l+n$. Similar arguments apply to the right border.

OK, enough words for now, I think it's time to look at concrete examples.

Increment modifications, queries for maximum

This is probably the simplest case. The code below is far from universal and not the most efficient, but it's a good place to start.

```
void apply(int p, int value) {
    t[p] += value;
    if (p < n) d[p] += value;
}

void build(int p) {
    while (p > 1) p >>= 1, t[p] = max(t[p<<1], t[p<<1|1]) + d[p];
}

void push(int p) {
    for (int s = h; s > 0; --s) {
        int i = p >> s;
        if (d[i] != 0) {
            apply(i<<1, d[i]);
            apply(i<<1|1, d[i]);
            d[i] = 0;
        }
    }
}

void inc(int l, int r, int value) {
    l += n, r += n;
    int l0 = l, r0 = r;
    for (; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) apply(l++, value);
        if (r&1) apply(--r, value);
    }
}
```

```

    }
    build(l0);
    build(r0 - 1);
}

int query(int l, int r) {
    l += n, r += n;
    push(l);
    push(r - 1);
    int res = -2e9;
    for (; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) res = max(res, t[l++]);
        if (r&1) res = max(t[--r], res);
    }
    return res;
}

```

Let's analyze it one method at a time. The first three are just helper methods user doesn't really need to know about.

1. Now that we have 2 variables for every internal node, it's useful to write a method to *apply* changes to both of them. $p < n$ checks if p is not a leaf. Important property of our operations is that if we increase all the elements in some interval by one value, maximum will increase by the same value.
2. *build* is designed to update all the parents of a given node.
3. *push* propagates changes from all the parents of a given node down the tree starting from the root. This parents are exactly the prefixes of p in binary notation, that's why we use binary shifts to calculate them.

Now we're ready to look at main methods.

1. As explained above, we process increment request using our familiar loop and then updating everything else we need by calling *build*.
2. To answer the query, we use the same loop as earlier, but before that we need to push all the changes to the nodes we'll be using. Similarly to *build*, it's enough to push changes from the parents of border leaves.

It's easy to see that all operations above take $O(\log(n))$ time.

Again, this is the simplest case because of two reasons:

1. order of modifications doesn't affect the result;
2. when updating a node, we don't need to know the length of interval it represents.

We'll show how to take that into account in the next example.

Assignment modifications, sum queries

This example is inspired by problem [Timus 2042](#)

Again, we'll start with helper functions. Now we have more of them:

```

void calc(int p, int k) {
    if (d[p] == 0) t[p] = t[p<<1] + t[p<<1|1];
    else t[p] = d[p] * k;
}

void apply(int p, int value, int k) {
    t[p] = value * k;
    if (p < n) d[p] = value;
}

```

These are just simple $O(1)$ functions to calculate value at node p and to apply a change to the node. But there are two things to explain:

1. We suppose there's a value we never use for modification, in our case it's 0. In case there's no such value — we would create additional boolean array and refer to it instead of checking `d[p] == 0`.
2. Now we have additional parameter k , which stands for the length of the interval corresponding to node p . We will use this name consistently in the code to preserve this meaning. Obviously, it's impossible to calculate the sum without this parameter. We can avoid passing this parameter if we precalculate this value for every node in a separate array or calculate it from the node index on the fly, but I'll show you a way to avoid using extra memory or calculations.

Next we need to update *build* and *push* methods. Note that we have two versions of them: one we introduced earlier that processes the whole tree in $O(n)$, and one from the last example that processes just the parents of one leaf in $O(\log(n))$. We can easily combine that functionality into one method and get even more.

```

void build(int l, int r) {
    int k = 2;
    for (l += n, r += n-1; l > 1; k <= 1) {
        l >>= 1, r >>= 1;
        for (int i = r; i >= l; --i) calc(i, k);
    }
}

void push(int l, int r) {
    int s = h, k = 1 << (h-1);
    for (l += n, r += n-1; s > 0; --s, k >>= 1)
        for (int i = l >> s; i <= r >> s; ++i) if (d[i] != 0) {
            apply(i<<1, d[i], k);
            apply(i<<1|1, d[i], k);
            d[i] = 0;
        }
}

```

Both these methods work on any interval in $O(\log(n) + |r - l|)$ time. If we want to transform some interval in the tree, we can write code like this:

```

push(l, r);
... // do anything we want with elements in interval [l, r)
build(l, r);

```

Let's explain how they work. First, note that we change our interval to closed by doing `r += n-1` in order to calculate parents properly. Since we process our tree level by level, it's not easy to maintain current interval level, which is always a power of 2. *build* goes bottom to top, so we initialize k to 2 (not to 1, because we don't calculate anything for the leaves but start with their direct parents) and double it on

each level. *push* goes top to bottom, so k 's initial value depends here on the height of the tree and is divided by 2 on each level.

Main methods don't change much from the last example, but *modify* has 2 things to notice:

1. Because the order of modifications is important, we need to make sure there are no old changes on the paths from the root to all the nodes we're going to update. This is done by calling *push* first as we did in *query*.
2. We need to maintain the value of k .

```
void modify(int l, int r, int value) {
    if (value == 0) return;
    push(l, l + 1);
    push(r - 1, r);
    int l0 = l, r0 = r, k = 1;
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1, k <<= 1) {
        if (l&1) apply(l++, value, k);
        if (r&1) apply(--r, value, k);
    }
    build(l0, l0 + 1);
    build(r0 - 1, r0);
}

int query(int l, int r) {
    push(l, l + 1);
    push(r - 1, r);
    int res = 0;
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) res += t[l++];
        if (r&1) res += t[--r];
    }
    return res;
}
```

One could notice that we do 3 passed in *modify* over almost the same nodes: 1 down the tree in *push*, then 2 up the tree. We can eliminate the last pass and calculate new values only where it's necessary, but the code gets more complicated:

```
void modify(int l, int r, int value) {
    if (value == 0) return;
    push(l, l + 1);
    push(r - 1, r);
    bool cl = false, cr = false;
    int k = 1;
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1, k <<= 1) {
        if (cl) calc(l - 1, k);
        if (cr) calc(r, k);
        if (l&1) apply(l++, value, k), cl = true;
        if (r&1) apply(--r, value, k), cr = true;
    }
    for (--l; r > 0; l >>= 1, r >>= 1, k <<= 1) {
        if (cl) calc(l, k);
        if (cr && (!cl || l != r)) calc(r, k);
    }
}
```

Boolean flags denote if we already performed any changes to the left and to the right. Let's look at an example: [image link](http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/18051?)

1: [0, 16)															
2: [0, 8)								3: [8, 16)							
4: [0, 4)				5: [4, 8)				6: [8, 12)				7: [12, 16)			
8: [0, 2)		9: [2, 4)		10: [4, 6)		11: [6, 8)		12: [8, 10)		13: [10, 12)		14: [12, 14)		15: [14, 16)	
16:	17:	18:	19:	20:	21:	22:	23:	24:	25:	26:	27:	28:	29:	30:	31:
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

We call *modify* on interval [4, 13):

1. $l=20, r=29$, we call *apply*(28);
2. $l=10, r=14$, we call *calc*(14) — first node to the right of current interval is exactly the parent of last modified node;
3. $l=5, r=7$, we call *calc*(7) and then *apply*(5) and *apply*(6);
4. $l=3, r=3$, so the first loop finishes.

Now you should see the point of doing `--l`, because we still need to calculate new values in nodes 2, 3 and then 1. End condition is `r > 0` because it's possible to get $l=1, r=1$ after the first loop, so we need to update the root, but `--l` results in $l=0$.

Compared to previous implementation, we avoid unnecessary calls *calc*(10), *calc*(5) and duplicate call to *calc*(1).

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Alex7

2 years ago, # |
Is lazy propagation possible this way?

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Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ |
Of course. Modification is more complex of course, but almost all principles are already described.

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I just want to polish the implementation before posting.

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raihatneloy

2 years ago, # ^ |
I most of the time use this method of segment tree & i also coded lazy propagation! :)

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punetharomil

18 months ago, # ^ |
I tried lazy propagation for long but couldn't code the iterative version of

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it. Can you share your code for

it. Can you share your code for
iterative lazy propagation?

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2 years ago, # |

Also for reference: **Urbanowicz**'s post about non-recursive segment tree implementation: <https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/1256>

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cmd

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2 years ago, # ^ |

Thanks ! First time I know something new that segment tree with no-recursive .

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rajon_aust

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2 years ago, # ^ |

True, my implementation is basically a refinement of the one in that post and in **Alias**'s comment to that post. But for some reason it's still not well known and not really searchable, and I wasn't aware of that post. Also I hope to provide more knowledge, especially after I add the section about lazy propagation.

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Al.Cash

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2 years ago, # |

Just wondering, how did you write codes like this?

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rng_58

for ($t[p \oplus n] = \text{value}; p > 1; p \gg= 1$) $t[p \gg 1] = t[p] + t[p \wedge 1]$;

Did you write it in the first attempt or you wrote something else and compressed that?

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2 years ago, # ^ |

I don't remember, but of course it wasn't the first version, the code was revisited several times.

+8



Al.Cash

I think at first it looked like the code as I posted for non-commutative combinators, which is also used in *build* method.

$\wedge 1$ trick is used in max flow implementation where edge is stored adjacent to it's reverse, so we can use $\wedge 1$ to get from one to another. I'm not sure, but probably it came from there.

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ch_code

2 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
 What happens when the code (first snippet on the article) runs forever?

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KADR

2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ +19 ▼
 I believe smth like this is more understandable and is equivalently short:

```
for (t[p += n] = value; p /= 2; ) t[p] = t[p * 2] + t[p * 2 + 1];
```

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Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ +10 ▼
 Well, it's a matter of style. I prefer not to write modifications inside a loop condition.

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KADR

2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
 I'm just saying that this way it's more similar to traditional segment tree implementation and thus easier to follow the logic. But you are right, it's just a matter of style :)

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innok96

2 years ago, # | ▲ -16 ▼
 it so useful for non-red participants

→ [Reply](#)

xrisk

2 years ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
 Hello, can you explain this line ? $\sim \sim \sim \sim t[p \gg 1] = t[p] + t[p \wedge 1] \sim \sim \sim \sim$

Specifically, why are you xor-ing it?

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Rubanenko

2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ +6 ▼
 $p \gg 1$ is a parent of p in the tree. Another son of $p \gg 1$ is $p \wedge 1$, since $x \wedge 1$ gives you x with reversed parity(last bit).

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xrisk

2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
 So basically, $p \wedge 1$ equals $p/2 + 1$?

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2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ +18 ▼

No, $p \wedge 1$ equals to $p+1$ if p is



Rubanenko

no, $p \oplus 1$ equals to $p+1$ if p is even, and $p-1$ if p is odd.

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2 years ago, # ^ | +1
xor will give the other child of the parent.



mketa

For example if p is left child, $p \oplus 1$ will give the right one. Quite an interesting way of doing this in fact.

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xrisk

2 years ago, # ^ |
Thank you!

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nurlansofiyev

12 months ago, # ^ | 0
 $p \gg 1$ equal to $p/2$, and this give us parent of node. and $p \oplus 1$ is binary xor operator from discrete math. \wedge operator copies the bit if it is set in one operand but not both. and if p is odd $p \oplus 1$ will be even and if p is even $p \oplus 1$ will be odd. this come from binary representation of p . example if $6 \oplus 1 \rightarrow 110 \oplus 001 \rightarrow 111 \rightarrow 7$. other expamle : $8 \oplus 1 \rightarrow 1000 \oplus 0001 \rightarrow 9$

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2 years ago, # | 0
Hello, sorry to ask another silly question. Al.Cash says :

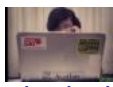


xrisk

"l, the left interval border, is odd (which is equivalent to $l \& 1$)"

I am not familiar with bit operations too much, and I am having difficulty how `x AND 1` gives odd/even value. Thanks in advance :)

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edgarciarod

2 years ago, # ^ | +3
Every odd value ends with 1 ($3 = 11$, $5 = 101$) and every even value ends with 0 ($2 = 10$, $4 = 100$).

```
(xxx1 and 0001) --> 1 // odd
(xxx0 and 0001) --> 0 // even
```

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alanor1

2 years ago, # | -13
Hi, I am new in competitive programming, I was reading this article and trying to use it , but i dont understand how the function query works, for example if I have these numbers 1 47 45 23 348

example if I have these numbers 1 47 43 23 340
and I would like the sum from 47 to 23, whats
numbers should I put in the arguments????
please help, thanks

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google

22 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
well your array starts from position 0.
Position of 47 is 1 and of 23 is 3. The Query
will give you an answer for [l, r) so you
should pass as arguments (1, 4). Hope it
helps!

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alanor1

22 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
thanks so much

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Al.Cash

2 years ago, # | ← Rev. 2 ▲ 25 ▼
Section about lazy propagation has been added.

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2 years ago, # | ▲ +11 ▼
I did some speed comparison between recursive
and non-recursive lazy segment trees. With array
size of $1 \ll 18$ and $1e7$ randomly chosen
operations between modifications and queries.
Array size of $1 \ll 18$ is of course easier for my
recursive code which uses arrays of the size 2^n
but on practise it doesn't affect much to the
speed of the code.



zscefn

My recursive (<http://paste.dy.fi/BUZ>): 6 s

Non-recursive from the blog:
(<http://paste.dy.fi/kBY>): 3 s

That's quite big difference in my opinion.
Unfortunately the non-recursive one seems to be
a bit more painful to code but maybe it's just that
I'm used to code it recursively.

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zeura

2 years ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
I think your modification on all element in an
interval is not incrementing every element in an
interval. You should check it.
Ex: $n=8$ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 `modif(0,8,5)`; It should
increment all places by 5. According to your
algorithm array t is- 33 6 22 1 5 9 13 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

but clearly all element isn't incremented by 5.

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2 years ago, # ^ |
Probably you're talking about the last example, but the operation there is assignment, not increment. And array looks absolutely correct except it should start with 40 not 33 (I believe 33 is a typo — let me know if it's not the case).



Al.Cash

That's the point of 'lazy propagation' — not to modify anything until we really need it. You shouldn't access tree elements directly unless you called *push(0, 8)*.

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2 years ago, # ^ |
I was talking about this modify function: `void modify(int l, int r, int value) { for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) { if (l&1) t[l++] += value; if (r&1) t[--r] += value; } }`



zeura

→ [Reply](#)

2 years ago, # ^ |
I see. Again, if you want to get an element — call *query*, don't access the tree directly. And you don't need to call *build* in this example.



Al.Cash

→ [Reply](#)



zeura

2 years ago, # ^ |
Thanks, I think I got it. :D

→ [Reply](#)



siddharths067

2 years ago, # ^ |
Is it possible to extend this form to Multiple dimensions !

→ [Reply](#)



Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ |
Sure, just change one loop everywhere into two nested loops for different coordinates.

→ [Reply](#)



wodesuck

2 years ago, # ^ |
How to perform find-kth query? For n that is not the power of 2.

→ [Reply](#)

satirmo

2 years ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
 Hi. I have a question. When should it be considered necessary to use lazy propagation?

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Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
 When you have both range modifications and range queries, or just range modifications for which order is important (for example, assignment).

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2 years ago, # | ← Rev. 2 ▲ 0 ▼
 Is it possible to generalize the structure for the Lazy propagation Loop , as in both the cases the propagation format of the loop changes. In recursion , no matter what the context the function has the same structure for lazy propagation namely , checking the Boolean flag and changing the value of the child nodes..

It would be better if you generalize it

For Example in Function Build :

```
for (l += n, r += n-1; s > 0; --s, k >= 1)
for (int i = l >> s; i <= r >> s; ++i) if (d[i] != 0)
```



siddharths067

From Sum Queries

```
for (; l < r; l >= 1, r >= 1)
```

To RMQ

There is a difference in initial values of l and r in each loop.

Note: My Concern here is generalizing a loop for propagating the Segment Tree Lazily , I don't Care about the additional factor K for Sum queries or any additional parameter for a particular purpose.

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IAmNomad

2 years ago, # | ← Rev. 2 ▲ 0 ▼
 Understood. + for you!

→ [Reply](#)

2 years ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼

Can anyone please explain how the code in

praveen14078

Can anyone please explain how the code in section "Modification on interval, single element access" actually work with a small example if possible explaining how to we get sum over a range after the update(which also I am not able to understand!) ?

→ [Reply](#)

Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ | 0
This example doesn't support getting sum over a range, only single element access (I was hoping it's clear from the heading). It only shows that sometimes we can invert basic operations, but for more complex operations you need lazy propagation.

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praveen14078

2 years ago, # ^ | 0
can you give an example of single element access after some update , i am not able to grasp how query() would return $a[p]$ (as u mentioned in some earlier comment to call query to access an element or simply what does the query() do ?

→ [Reply](#)

Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ | 0
query() doesn't simply access the element — it calculates it as a sum of all the updates applied to that element.

→ [Reply](#)

2 years ago, # ^ | 0
Can someone explain logic(bit operations) here
($t[p \oplus n] = \text{value}; p > 1; p \gg= 1$)



nishanthvydana

The above expression is from the below function
`void modify(int p, int value) { // set value at position p for (t[p ⊕ n] = value; p > 1; p >>= 1) t[p >> 1] = t[p] + t[p^1]; }`

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xrisk

2 years ago, # ^ | 0
It is equivalent to this simplified code:

```
void modify(int p, long new_val)
{
    p += n;
    tree[p] = new_val;
    for (; p > 1; p /= 2)
    {
        tree[p/2] = tree[p] +
        tree[p^1];
    }
}
```


For the explanation of using xor(^) you can check the previous comment that I made.

→ [Reply](#)



nishanthvydana

2 years ago, # ^ |
Can u explain query function a bit more clearly Thanks for ur previous answer

→ [Reply](#)



xrisk

2 years ago, # |
Thanks for this post, it is very useful for beginners like me. But there is a small problem; the picture of the segment tree at the very beginning of the post is not showing. It would be nice if you fixed that :)

→ [Reply](#)



wadhwasahil

2 years ago, # |
Please can somebody explain how to change all the elements of an array in an interval $[l, r]$ to a constant value v using lazy propagation.

Thanks.

→ [Reply](#)



Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ |
The last example does exactly that, assignment on an interval.

→ [Reply](#)



sierra101

2 years ago, # |
how to scale values in a given range say $[L, R]$ with constant C by segment tree or BIT . Thanks in advance :D

→ [Reply](#)



V12

2 years ago, # ^ |
I dont know for BIT but for segtree you can store additional `factor` for all nodes (initialized by 1). For each scale query, just scale this factor properties as always.

→ [Reply](#)



t3rminated

2 years ago, # |
I didn't get this part -

← Rev. 2 0

When processing the left border, the node we modify is always the right child of its parent. Then all the previous

modifications were made in the subtree of the left child of

the same parent. *Otherwise* we would process the parent instead of both its children. *This* means current direct parent *is* also a parent of leaf $l+n$

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2 years ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
I am new to segment tree and algorithms in general. I see a difference in implementation of query function



abinash_nitr

at <http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/1256>. In my observation query function in this post does not give correct result. Did anyone else notice that?

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2 years ago, # | ▲ +5 ▼
I have a little question. In this problem, [533A — Berland Miners](#), I used this. I used this before, so I thought it works perfectly.

My submission with $N = 10^6 + 5$ got WA. When I changed it to $N = 2^{20}$, it took AC.

$N = 10^6 + 5$ --

> <http://codeforces.com/contest/533/submission/12482628>



ErdemKirez

$N = 2^{20}$ --

> <http://codeforces.com/contest/533/submission/12483080>

2^{20} is bigger than $10^6 + 5$ but problem isn't this. I tried it with $N = 2 * 10^6 + 5$ but I got WA again.

$N = 2 * 10^6 + 5$ --

> <http://codeforces.com/contest/533/submission/12483105>

Do you have any idea about it?

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Urbanowicz

2 years ago, #, ^ | ▲ +5 ▼
As said in [this](#) post:

*It's not actually a single tree any more,
but a set of perfect binary trees*

Not sure, where exactly that fails for you,
but I guess it's here:

```
int mn = min(op[x + x], cl[x + x + 1]);
```

Seems like you intend to take left child
of `op` and right child of `cl`, but when you

have a set of trees it doesn't always work

have a set of trees it doesn't always work.

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ErdemKirez

2 years ago, # ^ | +5
I didn't understand the problem on here. Is it different from maximum of range or another segment operation?

→ [Reply](#)



Urbanowicz

2 years ago, # ^ | +5
But it works with $N = 3 \cdot 10^6 + 5 \dots$ 12484538

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2 years ago, # ^ | +5
I think the problem is in this line: `if (op[1] == 0)`



Al.Cash

Node 1 is a true root only if N is a power of 2, otherwise it's not trivial to define what's stored there (just look at the picture).

Everything is guaranteed to work only if you use queries and don't access tree element directly (except for leaves).

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2 years ago, # ^ | +10
Great and efficient implementation. Could you please say more about "Modification on interval [l, r) affects t[i] values only in the parents of border leaves: l+n and r+n-1.". Because, the inc method modifies more than the parents of the border leaves.



dadax85

If I well understood, you want to explain the fact that in query method (max implementation) we need only to push down ONLY to the left border and right border nodes. Since when computing the query we will be using only the nodes along the route. Moreover, this explains the fact that when we finish increment method, we need ONLY to propagate up to root of the tree starting from the left and right border leaves, so that the tree and the lazy array will be consistent and representing correct values.

→ [Reply](#)



Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ | 0
You're right. I wanted to say what values are affected except the ones we modify directly in the loop (the ones that compose the interval). Will think how to formulate it

the interval. Will think how to formulate it

better.

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2 years ago, # | ← Rev. 2 ▲ 0 ▼

// In case someone needs: query with [l, r] inclusive interval:

```
int query(int l, int r) { // sum on interval [l, r]
    int res = 0;
    for (l += n, r += n; l <= r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) res += t[l++];
        if (!(r&1)) res += t[r--];
    }
    return res;
}
```



rvelloso

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2 years ago, # ^ | ← Rev. 2 ▲ 0 ▼

If you prefer closed interval, just change `+= n` to `r += n+1`, otherwise it's easy to make mistakes.



Al.Cash

→ [Reply](#)



Mr.Struggler

18 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼

Is any problem to use query function mention by rvelloso? does it fails in any test case?

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Mr.Struggler

18 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼

```
int query(int l, int r) { int res = 0;
    for (l += n, r += n; l <= r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) { if (l&1) res += t[l++];
    if (!(r&1)) res += t[r--]; } return res; }
```

This implementation works fine. I solve a [problem](#) with this implimentation.

→ [Reply](#)



RealNero

2 years ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼

You said that range modifications and point updates are simple, but the following test case doesn't give a correct example (if I understood the problem correctly): - 5 nodes - 1 2 4 8 16 are $t[n, n+1, n+2, n+3, n+4]$ - one modification: add 2 to $[0, 5]$ - query for 0

returns 59, while it should be 3.

Code (same as all the functions given above, but for unambiguity:

```
#include <stdio>
```

```

const int N = 1e5; // limit for array size
int n; // array size
int t[2 * N];

void build() { // build the tree
    for (int i = n - 1; i > 0; --i) t[i] = t[i<<1] + t[i<<1|1];
}

void modify(int l, int r, int value) {
    for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) t[l++] += value;
        if (r&1) t[--r] += value;
    }
}

int query(int p) {
    int res = 0;
    for (p += n; p > 0; p >>= 1) res += t[p];
    return res;
}

int main() {
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) scanf("%d", &t + n + i);
    build();
    modify(0, n, 2);
    printf("%d\n", query(0));
    return 0;
}

```

Input: 5 1 2 4 8 16

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Al.Cash

2 years ago, # ^ |
Just remove build — it doesn't belong to this example.

→ [Reply](#)



prvn

13 months ago, # ^ |
Why it does not belong to this example...should not we store the sum of the segment in its parent?

→ [Reply](#)



1theweblover007

2 years ago, # ^ |
Al.Cash, I am finding the code inside the header of for-loop too confusing, Can you please tell me the easy and the common version of theirs ?

Like this :

```
for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1)
```

What does it mean ? Its tough for me to understand. Would be great if you could clarify this.

Thanks Alot. PS. Nice work on the tutorial, CF needs more articles like this one :)

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23 months ago, # ^ | +8
Step-by-step, in the simpler case
 (when $n = 2^k$ and we have full binary tree).
 Consider $n = 16$:



yeputons

1. We have both `l` and `r` from $[0, 16]$, as outer world does not know anything about tree representation — it gives is bounds of the query.
2. First operation of `for` is executed exactly once before any iteration (as per definition). That is: add n (16 in our case) to both `l` and `r`, i.e. convert "array coordinates" to numbers of vertices in the tree.
3. Then we iterate while current segment is not-empty, that is $l < r$.
4. After each iteration we move 'up' the tree. We know that parent of vertex x is $\lceil \frac{x}{2} \rceil$, so we should divide both `l` and `r` by two. `>>= 1` means "bitwise shift by one bit", which works exactly like division by two with rounding down for non-negative integers.

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saurabh.kakar05

23 months ago, # ^ | ← Rev. 3
 Hi, I am trying to solve SPOJ GSS1 according to this tutorial on Segment Trees. But I am not able to write a query method. Following is my code so far. I understood the logic but not able to write query method. Please help.

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class GSS1_CanYouAnswerTheseQueriesI {

    static class SegNode {
        public SegNode(int left, int right, int
segsum, int bestsum) {
            super();
            this.left = left;
            this.right = right;
            this.segsum = segsum;
            this.bestsum = bestsum;
        }
        public SegNode(){
            this.left = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
            this.right = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
            this.segsum = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
            this.bestsum = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
        }
    }
}
```

```

        private int left,right,segsum,bestsum;
    };

    //array size
    static int n;
    static SegNode[] nodes;

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        n = sc.nextInt();
        //Height of segment tree
        int x = (int) (Math.ceil(Math.log(n) /
Math.log(2)));
        //Maximum size of segment tree
        int max_size = 2 * (int) Math.pow(2, x) - 1;
        nodes = new SegNode[max_size];

        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
            int in = sc.nextInt();
            SegNode node = new
SegNode(in,in,in,in);

            //nodes[n + i - 1] = node;
            nodes[n + i] = node;
        }

        build();
        int M = sc.nextInt();

        for(int i=0;i<M;i++){
            int l = sc.nextInt();
            int r = sc.nextInt();
            System.out.println(query(l,r));
        }

        public static SegNode merge(SegNode cl,SegNode cr)
        {
            SegNode newNode = new SegNode();
            if(cl!=null && cr!=null){
                newNode.segsum = cl.segsum+cr.segsum;
                newNode.left =
Math.max(cl.segsum+cr.left,cl.left);
                newNode.right =
Math.max(cr.segsum+cl.right,cr.right);
                newNode.bestsum =
max3(cl.bestsum,cr.bestsum,cl.right+cr.left);
                return newNode;
            }
            if(cl==null){
                return cr;
            }else if(cr==null){
                return cl;
            }

            return newNode;
        }

        public static int max3(int a,int b,int c)
        {
            return Math.max(Math.max(a,b),c);
        }

        public static void build() { // build the tree
            for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; --i){
                nodes[i] = new SegNode();
                nodes[i] =
merge(nodes[i<<1],nodes[i<<1|1]);
                //nodes[i] =
merge(nodes[2*i+1],nodes[2*i+2]);
            }
        }

        public static int query(int l, int r) { // sum on
interval (l, r)

            SegNode leftinMergeNode = null;

```

```

SegNode rightinMerge = null;

for (l += n-1, r += n-1; l <= r; l >= 1, r
>= 1) {
    //if l is the right child
    if ((l&1)>0) {
        leftinMergeNode =
merge(leftinMergeNode,nodes[l++]);
    }
    //if r is the left child
    if ((r&1)==0) {
        rightinMerge =
merge(rightinMerge,nodes[r--]);
    }

}

SegNode res =
merge(leftinMergeNode,rightinMerge);
return res.bestsum;
}

```

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LaFuckinGioconda

23 months ago, # |
What a nice! I'm fucking wet.

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23 months ago, # |
5 elements. (Read as 'count of 0 is 5') 0->5 1->0
2->0 3->0 4->0. Therefore for query <1, the
answer should be 4 cuz 4 slots have value <1
(1,2,3 and 4).

according to this implementation when array is
not of size 2^n , the tree is coming out to be
wrong. $n=5$. so we start filling at $n=5$.



punetharomil

We have 4 slots with value [0,1) and 1 slot with
value [5-6). The array would be like: (started filling
at 5 cuz $n=5$, representing [0,1)) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10
0 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 1

now when making segment for array index 10,
the value at index 5 gets overwritten. How to
handle this?

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eggeek

22 months ago, # |
To this line

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Modification on interval $[l, r)$ affects $t[i]$ values only in the
parents of border leaves: $l+n$ and $r+n-1$ (except the values
that compose the interval itself – the ones accessed in for
loop).

I have a question: If the **apply** operation does not
satisfy the associative law, is it still work?

For example: `modify(2, 11, value1)`

For example: `modify(5, 11, value1)`

1 If I use **push(3, 11)**, operations on node 5 is:

1.1 `apply(2, d[2]);` (in the `push` loop);

1.2 `d[5] += d[2]` (in the `apply`);

1.3 `d[2]` is passed to 5's son, `d[5] = 0` (in the `apply(5, d[5])`);

1.4 `d[5] = value` (in the `modify` loop);

...

value is passed to 5's son 10 and 11, so:

1.5 **`d[10] = (d[10] + d[2]) + value;`** (same to 11)

2 If I use **push(3, 4), push(10, 11)**, operations on node 5 is:

2.1 `apply(2, d[2]);` (in the `push` loop);

2.2 `d[5] += d[2];` (in the `apply`);

2.3 `d[5] += value;` (in the `modify` loop);

...

`d[5]` is passed to 5's son 10 and 11, so:

2.4 **`d[10] = d[10] + (d[2] + value);`**

1.5 is equal to 2.4, because $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$, but if I replace the `+` to other special operation which does not satisfy the associative law, what should I do in `Lazy propagation` .

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22 months ago, # |

Hi, I enjoy your post. Just wondering do you have templates for 2-D segment tree as well?

▲ 0 ▼



NYU

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22 months ago, # |

chz has post about data structures:[Link](#).

▲ 0 ▼



Arpa

And for segment tree: [Link](#)

And for segment tree.Link.

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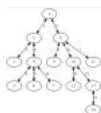


sheri.mori

21 month(s) ago, # ^ |
He is **amd** now

▲ 0 ▼

→ Reply



vatsalsharma376

9 months ago, # ^ |
He is **PrinceOfPersia** now.

▲ 0 ▼

→ Reply



-RooneY-

22 months ago, # |
N.A.

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→ Reply

22 months ago, # |
I solved some questions based on this method (non-recursive segment trees) and it worked like a charm, but I think this method fails when building of tree depends on position of nodes for calculations, i.e. when there is non-combiner functions.

▲ 0 ▼

Example: <https://www.hackerearth.com/problem/algorithm/2-vs-3/>



shyam81295

Is it possible to solve this problem using above mentioned method ?

→ Reply

22 months ago, # ^ |
Sure. Non-recursive bottom-top approach changes order of calculations and node visiting only. If that does not matter (and it does not if there are no complex group operations), you can apply all top-bottom tricks, including dependency on node's position. One way is to get node's interval's borders based on its id, another way is to simple 'embed' all necessary information into node itself, so it not only know value modulo 3, but also its length (or which power of 3 we should use when appending that node to the right).

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yeputons

→ Reply



shyam81295

22 months ago, # ^ |
Yes. Embedding would be useful addition in this method. Thanks for helping.

▲ 0 ▼

→ Reply

22 months ago, # |
the range modify function is not working can you

▲ 0 ▼



Ahmadshallouf

the range modify function is not working can you explain it please ?

```
void modify(int l, int r, int value) { for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) { if (l&1) t[l++] += value; if (r&1) t[--r] += value; } }
```

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sheri.mori

21 month(s) ago, # 1
First thank you for this awesome tutorial. But one thing I was confused about ever since I read the first code was why do you always say : `if (r&1)` shouldn't it be `if ((r^1)&1)` ? because if r is odd then we have all of the children of its parent , so we do the changes to its parent rather than r itself.

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csssaz

21 month(s) ago, # ^ 1
remember that operations are defined as `l, r`), so r always refers to the element in the right of your inclusive range.

→ [Reply](#)



sheri.mori

21 month(s) ago, # ^ 1
Yeah. Thx. got it

→ [Reply](#)



niobium

21 month(s) ago, # 1
This blog is brilliant! Can you also add a section on Persistent Segment Tree? We need to create new nodes when updating a node, how can it be done efficiently using this kind of segment tree? Thanks!

→ [Reply](#)



theMonkeyKing

20 months ago, # 1
A wonderful implementation of segment tree . Thanks for this awesome article. If you write another blog or add a section in this blog on **persistent segment tree**(non-recursive implementation) that will be very helpful.

Thanks Again :) @Al.Cash

→ [Reply](#)



YukimuraYukino

19 months ago, # 1
How to implement the query method for problems like this: 145E ?

I tried dividing the array into $O(\log n)$ disjoint

I tried dividing the array into $O(\log n)$ disjoint segment and then DP on them and got AC, but it made me implement a lot more thing, and I think it won't work if the problem asks to print answer for a segment $[l; r]$, for example, GSS1 on SPOJ.

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19 months ago, # |
Hi, **Al.Cash!**

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Frankly saying, I didn't watch the whole entry. But anyway I want to coin something.

The reason I use recursive implementation of segment trees besides that it is clear and simple is the fact that it is very generic. Many modifications of it come with no cost. For example it is the matter of additional 5-10 lines to make the tree persistent or to make it work on some huge interval like $[0; 10^9]$. Your tree is heavily based on binary indexation. So, such modifications should be pretty hard. Am I correct?

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adamant

19 months ago, # ^ |

▲ +23 ▼

True, is't impossible to modify this approach to support persistency or arbitrary intervals. However it handles all other cases better and they are the vast majority. Especially it's noticeable in the simplest (and the most common) case.



Al.Cash

The choice is up to you, of course :)

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19 months ago, # ^ |

▲ +5 ▼

BTW you can just use `unordered_map` instead of array in order to make it work on some huge interval like $[0; 10^9]$. AFAIK it's well known trick used with Fenwick Tree.



NSV

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adamant

19 months ago, # ^ |

▲ +5 ▼

Noooo. Very, very, very bad idea. The constant is too large even for Fenwick. Many problems where $[0; 10^9]$ expect participant to compress the data instead of using dynamic structure, so it is usually

hard to get accepted even with fair

hard to get accepted even with an
dynamic tree. Using `unordered_map`
instead of it is simply waste of time,
in my opinion.

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19 months ago, #, ^ | ▲ +5 ▼

Yes, you are right, data
compression of course better.
But I guess that performance of
BIT + `unordered_map` is not so
much worse than performance
of dynamic tree. From another
hand it's extremely easy way to
modify this data structure and
it's also possible for some
problems.



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iskon

19 months ago, #, ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
can we find sum of elements(of different sets
respectively) of a power set using segment tree?
Explain.

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19 months ago, #, ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
I'm not that much into C++, but shouldn't this
statement

```
scanf("%d", t + n + i);
```

be actually:

```
scanf("%d", t[n + i]); // since t is an array
```

?

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19 months ago, #, ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
Those are equivalent. In the first case C
treats `t` as a pointer.



hellman_

PS: in the second you would need to
write `&t[n+i]`, that's why the first one is
easier.

PPS: C/C++ is very crazy, `3["abcd"]` works
and is equivalent to `"abcd"[3]`, this is shit.

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17 months ago, #, ^ | ▲ 0 ▼

i am unable to solve this question using the above



AK_47_avi

I am unable to solve this question using the above implementation of segment tree. Can someone please provide me with a solution to this problem using this implementation. <https://www.hackerearth.com/code-monk-segment-tree-and-lazy-propagation/algorithm/2-vs-3/>

→ [Reply](#)

14 months ago, # |

▲ 0 ▼

I'm having difficulty in this problem --

><http://www.spoj.com/problems/DQUERY/> the best i could think for a merge step is $O(n)$ which would make my code run in $O(n^2 \log(n)) + O(q \cdot n \cdot \log(n))$ definitely tle help me in improving my upper bound;

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adarsh_1998

14 months ago, # |

▲ 0 ▼

I want to update every element E in range L, R with $\Rightarrow E = E/f(E)$; I tried hard but can't write lazy propagation for it. function is LeastPrimeDivisor(E) . Can anybody help me?

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hulk_baba



dam_sehgal

14 months ago, # ^ |

▲ 0 ▼

Don't answer this question as it belongs to live contest

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14 months ago, # ^ |

▲ 0 ▼

Well I got it for the contest other way, but please answer when the contest is over.

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hulk_baba

14 months ago, # |

▲ 0 ▼

Is lazy propagation always applicable for a segment tree problem ? Suppose we have to find the lcm of a given range, and there are range update operation of adding a number to the range. Is Lazy propagation applicable here?

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suraj021



aaaaajack

14 months ago, # ^ |

▲ 0 ▼

No. You should know how to fix the answer without knowing the exact elements in that range.

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14 months ago, # ^ |

▲ 0 ▼

How do I optimize solution to such



suraj021

How do I optimize solution to such problems then? It will TLE for range updates (no lazy) for $N \leq 10^6$.

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aaaaajack

14 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
Can you provide the link or the full problem statement?

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14 months ago, # ^ | ▲ +10 ▼
I would but there is a

similar problem in a live running contest, where I have to make range updates to a similar problem. I think i should discuss after the contest ends.

→ [Reply](#)



suraj021

14 months ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
Could you please explain the theory behind the first query function? I get how it works but i don't know how to prove it is always correct. I am doing a dissertation on range queries and i am writing about iterative and recursive segment trees, but i have to prove why these functions are correct and i'm struggling right now.



skavurskaa

Thanks in advance.

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12 months ago, # | ← Rev. 3 ▲ 0 ▼
Under "Modification on interval, single element access", in the query function, why we need to sum up the res? We are asked to give the ans 'What is the value at position p?'. We need to reply a single value, why we are summing multiple values in res?



shahidul_brur

```
//didn't get this part
int query(int p) {
    int res = 0;
    for (p += n; p > 0; p >>= 1) res += t[p];
    return res;
}
```

I didn't understand. Can anyone please explain me?

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4 months ago, # ^ |

← Rev. 2 ▲ 0 ▼

That is something like lazy propagation



Mahilewets

that is something like lazy propagation.

For every segment, we have memorized, which value we have added for all elements belong to that segment.

If we just take `tree[leaf]`, we would get **initial** value.

To get actual value we should apply all those modifications.

That means we should add all those modification flags belong to segments contain that particular element.

Look at recursive implementation of range add.

We return `TREE[vertex] + answer` for corresponding child segment.

In the iterative implementation, we are doing **absolutely** the same thing and we are doing it just in the reverse order.

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saimor

12 months ago, #

is it always give the right answer ??

```
int query(int l, int r) { // sum on interval [l, r)
```

```
int res = 0;
```

```
for (l += n, r += n; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
```

```
    if (l&1) res += t[l++];
```

```
    if (r&1) res += t[--r];
```

```
}
```

```
return res;
```

```
}
```

```
suppos int array[]={154,382,574,938,827,923,949,748,806,78};
```

if we build segment tree it will look like this

`t[1]=6379,t[2]=3117,t[3]=3262,t[4]=2581,t[5]=536,t[6]=1512,t[7]=1750,t[8]=1697,t[9]=884,t[10]=154,t[11]=382`

```
int query(5,8){
```



```
int query(l, r,
```

answer should be 3426.

but it gives 2620

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KADR

12 months ago, # ^ | +5
Right end should not be included into the sum.

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saimor

12 months ago, # ^ | 0
Yes I knew it. But how I avoid right end. please explain.

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12 months ago, # ^ | 0
function `query(int l, int r)` calculate sum of `[l, r]`; it means if you want to calc sum of `[5, 8]` you must call `query(5, 9)`. if you want your function calculate interval `[l, r]` you must implement by this way :

```
int sum_f(int l, int r) {
```

```
    int sum = 0;
```

```
    l += n, r += n;
```

```
    while (l <= r)
```

```
    {
```

```
        if (l & 1) sum += v[l] ;
```

```
        if (!(r & 1)) sum += v[r] ;
```

```
        l = (l + 1) / 2, r = (r - 1) / 2;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return sum;
```

```
}
```

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sheep0x

12 months ago, # ^ | 0
For the sake of breaking language barrier, this bottom-up implementation is called “zkw segment tree” in China, because it was (supposedly) independently discovered by Zhang

Kunwei in his famous paper. Not sure who was

number in his famous paper. Not sure who was the earliest inventor though.

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11 months ago, # | 0
Is there a way that we could do better for non-commutative segment trees? For this implementation sometimes node are just not being used, as extra merging were done. (eg: for size 13 in the example shown, we merged 2 and 3 even though it is meaningless)



haleyk100198

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11 months ago, # | 0
I just wonder if i could make arbitrary size of array to some nearest power of 2 if i put useless values which don't affect to final result of each query to the rest of indices? For example, making a size of array from 13 to 16, or 29 to 32 and putting -inf for the additional indices in a max-segtree(or 0 in a sum-segtree)



sgc109

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haleyk100198

11 months ago, # ^ | 0
Sure you can.

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11 months ago, # ^ | 0
thank you for your reply. But I'm just wondering how people usually implement codes for range operation. For example, fenwick tree with lazy propagation for some situation or non-recursive segment tree(like this article) or recursive segment tree. Which one is the most simple for specific situation? I just heard that it is easier to implement segment tree with lazy propagation with recursive way. So I just wanna know.



sgc109

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BasselBakr

11 months ago, # ^ | 0
Implementing lazy propagation in recursive way is much easier yet less efficient than iterative approach

I would go with Fenwick Tree if it's sum/xor or something similar and with iterative segment tree otherwise unless

segment tree otherwise unless

the update function is hard to implement and debug in time

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11 months ago, # ^ | 3 0 ▼
So you would go

Fenwick Tree whenever you have to do range sum/xor stuff even if you need lazy propagation and would go iterative segtree if there is no need of lazy propagation or complicated stuff in operations except for sum/xor and recursive way for the others, right?



sgc109

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11 months ago, # ^ | 2 0 ▼
Right :D



BasselBakr

There is also a trick to do both range queries and lazy range updates with Fenwick tree [here](#)

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8 months ago, # ^ | 0 ▼
Can you

explain how does it handle both of them more clearly?



Dpman

→ [Reply](#)

8 months ago, # ^ | 0 ▼
Here is a good explanation

— [GeeskForGeeks](#)
— [Binary Indexed Tree : Range Update and Range Queries](#)



Rezwan.Arefin01

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10 months ago, # |

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How to find index of segment tree by given sum

xsc

How to find index of segment tree by given sum.

example [acm.timus.ru 1896](https://acm.timus.ru/problem.aspx?space=1&num=1896)

```
// Following code Gives WA38. How to fix it ??
const int N = 1.1E+6;
int tree[N + N]; // tree[ n .. n + n ] = only 0 or 1
int find_index(int sum)
{
    int r = 1;
    for( ; r < n; r <= 1) if ( tree[r] < sum ) sum -= tree[r] ++
} ;
return r - n;
}
```

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10 months ago, # ^ |
I mean, need find that i, which query(0,i) == sum.

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kanchicoder

9 months ago, # |

What's wrong for Sum of given Range

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```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
ll t[(int)2e6+1], d[(int)1e6+1];
ll h, n;
void apply(ll i, ll v) {
    t[i] += v;
    if(i < n) d[i] += v;
}
void build(ll i) {
    ll p, count;
    while(i > 1) {
        i >>= 1;
        p = i;
        count = 0;
        while((p <= 1) <= 2*n-1)
            count++;
        t[i] = t[i<<1] + t[i<<1|1] + (d[i]<<count);
    }
}
void push(ll i) {;
    for(ll s = h; s > 0; --s) {
        ll p = i >> s;
        if(d[p]) {
            apply(p<<1, d[p]);
            apply(p<<1|1, d[p]);
            d[p] = 0;
        }
    }
}
void update(ll l, ll r, ll value) {
    l += n, r += n;
    ll l0 = l, r0 = r;
    for (; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) apply(l++, value);
        if (r&1) apply(--r, value);
    }
    build(l0);
    build(r0 - 1);
}
ll query(ll l, ll r) {
    l += n, r += n;
    push(l);
    push(r - 1);
    ll res = 0;
    for (; l < r; l >>= 1, r >>= 1) {
        if (l&1) res += t[l++];
        if (r&1) res += t[--r];
    }
}
```

```

    return res;
}
int main() {
    // your code goes here
    ll te, m, ch, l, r, v;
    cin >> te;
    while(te--) {
        cin >> n >> m;
        memset(t, 0, sizeof(t));
        memset(d, 0, sizeof(d));
        h = 64 - __builtin_clzll(n);
        while(m--) {
            cin >> ch;
            if(!ch) {
                cin >> l >> r >> v;
                update(--l, r, v);
                print();
            }
            else {
                cin >> l >> r;
                cout << query(--l, r) << endl;
                print();
            }
        }
    }
    return 0;
}

```

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hunter1703

9 months ago, # | 0
Please, can someone explain apply and build functions in lazy propagation in max queries...?? Really need help there.

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xsc

9 months ago, # ^ | +3
Some theory: initial: we have array $a[0...n-1]$
— initial array. $t[0 ... n + n]$ — segment tree array. $d[0...n + n]$ — lazy propagation array. $d[i] = 0$ ($i=0..n+n-1$) initially.

1) $t[i + n] == a[i]$, if $0 \leq i < n$. So if $a[i]$ increments a `value`, $t[i+n]$ also increments the `value`.

2) $t[i] = \max(t[i * 2], t[i * 2 + 1])$, if $0 \leq i < n$. we call $t[i]$ as i -th root of segment tree, because, $t[i] = \max\{a[i * 2^k + h - n], \text{where } i * 2^k \geq n, \text{ and } 0 \leq h < 2^k\}$ for example, $n = 8$. so $t[3] = \max\{a[3 * 4 - 8], a[3 * 4 + 1 - 8], a[3 * 4 + 2 - 8], a[3 * 4 + 3 - 8]\} = \max\{a[4], a[5], a[6], a[7]\}$

3) $d[i] = 0$, if there not increment operation in the i -th root. $d[i] > 0$, need increment all of $t[i * 2^k + h]$ element by $d[i]$. see below.

4) if $t[i * 2]$ and $t[i * 2 + 1]$ — incremented same `value` so, $t[i]$ — maximum of $t[i * 2]$, $t[i * 2 + 1]$ also incremented to `value`. It's

$t[i*2+i]$ also incremented to `value`. It's applied recursive.

5). if need increment i -th root to `value`, by standard algorithm need increment $t[i]$, $t[i*2]$, $t[i*2+1]$, $t[i*4]$, $t[i*4+1]$, $t[i*4+2]$, $t[i*4+3]$, ..., $t[i*2^k+h]$ nodes to `value`. but, with lazy propagation, all these operations absent. Need only increment $t[i]$ and $d[i]$ to `value`. $d[i] > 0$ means, $t[i*2^k+h]$ values will incremented some later.

For example, $n = 8$. $a[] = \{3, 4, 1, 0, 8, 2, 5, 3\}$ and need increment $a[4..7]$ elements to 5.

```

t[8..15] = a[0..7] = { 3, 4, 1, 0, 8, 2, 5, 3 }
t[4..7] = { 4, 1, 8, 5 }
t[2..3] = { 4 (8+5 d:5) }
t[1] = { 8 }

```


$a[4] ==> t[4+8] = t[12]$, so need increment $t[12]$, $t[13]$, $t[14]$, $t[15]$ to 5, also need increment $t[6]$, because $t[6] = \max(t[12], t[13])$, and need increment $t[7]$, $t[7] = \max(t[13], t[14])$, at least need increment $t[3]$, because $t[3] = \max(t[6], t[7])$. total: 7 increments.


but with lazy propagation $t[3]$ = root of all $t[6]$, $t[7]$, $t[12]$, $t[13]$, $t[14]$, $t[15]$ nodes. so need increment only $t[3]$ to 5, and increment $d[3]$ to 5. this operation is 'apply'.

but after 'apply' increment operation, $t[1]$ - become incorrect value, it should be $\max(4, 8+5) = 13$. -- this is 'build' operation.

GoOd LuCk.

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9 months ago, # ^ | 0
 Thank you very much..... Such a great help.... I was really stuck there.
 hunter1703 → [Reply](#)

9 months ago, # ^ | 0
 Thanks for yur help. Can you tell how build and push works in sum queries (It says new build and push methods incorporated both types of build and push methods mentioned before). I can't seem to get it. Also why does both calc and apply update $t[p]$. NO understanding these both methods...

By compacting the code (by author), code longer is simple in

understanding although it is simple in

understanding although it is simple in implementing....

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9 months ago, # ^ |

Which :

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1) update: Assignment in range, and query: sum in range
??? OR



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2) update: Increment in range, and query : sum in range ??

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rahulhpatel1998

9 months ago, # ^ |

increment in range query.

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9 months ago, # ^ | +8 ▼

This entry explains for Assignment in range, sum in range — and it is difficult than increment operation.

But, If you want increment in range, it simple than assignment.

Let Theory, again;
 $1 \leq n \leq N \sim 10^5$.
 $a[0], a[1], \dots, a[n-1]$
— given array. Need apply two operations:

1. increment $a[L]$,
 $a[L+1], \dots, a[R-1]$
to value, i.e
[L..R) range.
2. find sum $a[L] + a[L+1] + \dots + a[R-1]$, i.e. [L..R) range.

$t[0..n+n]$ — segment tree array. $d[0..n+n]$ — lazy propagation.
where

$t[i] = a[i - n], n \leq i < n + n$. and

$t[i] = t[i*2] + t[i*2+1]$,
for $0 \leq i < n$.

1. If $a[i]$ incremented by `value`, so $t[i+n]$ also incremented by `value`.
2. if $t[i*2]$ and $t[i*2+1]$ incremented by `value`, they root $t[i]$ incremented $2 * \text{value}$. and its applied recursive down.

In general, if all `leaf` nodes of i -th root incremented by `value`, so $t[i]$ should increment the `value` multiply number of `leaf` children of i -th root.

for example: $n = 8$. if $a[4], a[5], a[6], a[7]$ increment by 5, so $t[12], t[13], t[14], t[15]$ incremented by $1*5, t[6]$, and $t[7]$ — incremented by $2*5$, and $t[3]$ incremented by $4*5$. $t[3]$ — has 4 children.

1. Now, about lazy propagation `d[]` array. $d[i] == 0$, means there no increment operation i -th

operation in

root. $d[i] > 0$,

means

all `leaf` nodes

from i-th root of
segment tree will

increment by

$d[i]$, and applied

2.step operation

recursively.

If we need increment
[L..R) range by `value`
, need increment only
root nodes by `value` *
children(i), and $d[i]$
increments by `value`.
Other nodes will
calculated some later.

For example: if need
increment $a[4..7]$ to
5. There only
increment $t[3]$ to $5*4$,
and put $d[3] = 5$.

This `apply` operation.

Other nodes $t[6]$,
 $t[7]$, $t[12]$, $t[13]$, $t[14]$,
 $t[15]$ nodes will
incremented some
later (may never).

```
#define N 100008

int t[N*N];
int d[N*N];
//int ch[N*N]; // number
//of children .
int n;

void apply (int p, int
value, int children)
{
    t[ p ] += value *
children;
    if (p < n ) d[p] +=
value.
}

void build(int p) // fixes
applied nodes and down
nodes.
{
    int children = 1;
    while (p > 1)
    {
        p = p / 2 ;
        children =
children * 2;
        t[p] = t[ p *
2] + t[ p * 2 + 1] + d[ p
] * children;
    }
}
```

```

void push(int p) //
calculate lazy operations
from p nodes.
{ // h = log2(n).
    for(int s = h ; s > 0
; --s)
    {
        int i = p >>
s; // i = p / 2^s
        if ( d[i] != 0
)
        {
            // so i*2 and i*2+1 nodes
will increase by
// d[i] * children,
where children = 2^(s-1)
            int
children = 1 << (s-1);

            apply(i*2, d[i],
children);

            apply(i*2+1, d[i],
children);

            // now d[i]
- is dont need no more,
clear it.
            d[i] =
0;
        }
    }
}

int increment(int L, int
R, int value)
{
    L += n, R += n;
    int L0 = L, R0 = R;
    //presave they.
    for( int children = 1 ; L
< R ; L/=2, R/=2,
children *= 2)
    {
        if (L % 2 == 1)
// L - root node
            apply(L++,
value, children);

        if ( R % 2 ==
1) // R - 1 root node
            apply(--R,
value, children);
    }

    // now fix applied
nodes and downsite nodes.
    build(L0);
    build(R0-1);
}

int sumRange(int L, int R)
{
    // need calculate
applied nodes from L and
R.
    L += n, R+= n;
    push(L); push(R-1);
    // it clears all lazy d[]
nodes.
    int sum = 0;
    for( ; L < R; L /=
2, R/=2)
    {
        if (L % 2 ==

```

```

1) sum += t[L++];
   if (R % 2 ==
1) sum += t[ --R];
   }
   return sum;
}

```

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9 months ago, # ^ |

You are
great, man!!!
Really. Very
very much
helpful



hunter1703

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9 months ago, # ^ |

Last very silly
question.
What if n is
not power of
2. Do we
have to first
increase n to
the nearest
power of 2
and fill values
with zeroes
or there is a
way getting
around it??



hunter1703

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xsc

9 months ago, Rev. 3, # ^ |

Hmm, Did not
test for $n \neq 2^k$. There
may some
bug when
calculate
children of i-
th root, iff $n \neq 2^k$, be
careful.

In competitive
programming,
I, always, use
 $n = 2^k$.

For example:

for example.

example

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9 months 0 ▼

ago, # ^ |

Thanks

man for

all your

help. I

was

stuck

here for

very long

time.....



hunter1703

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9 months 0 ▼

ago, # ^ |

All the

codes in

the article

work for

any n.



Al.Cash

→ [Reply](#)



hunter1703

9 months 0 ▼

ago, # ^ |

but for

$n! = 2^n$

wouldn't

there be

one entry

left which

will have

parent

whose

range will

be 2

already

and on

adding

this

additional

child its

range

become

$(2+1)$

????

Thanks in

advance

9 months ago, # | [Rev. 2](#) ▲ 0 ▼
 Hi everyone ... I was trying a 2D Segtree question [Census](#) I am getting stuck in the query function. Can someone tell me how to implement query using the method in the post.



is-it-down

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9 months ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
 Could you explain how the query function for this question would be? [380C - Sereja and Brackets](#) I've done it with the recursive approach, but am not able to code the query function using this method.



avisheksanvas

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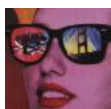
8 months ago, # ^ | ▲ +5 ▼
 I too have encountered the same problem. [BRCKTS](#) is the easier version of [380C — Sereja and Brackets](#) but how to modify query function according to the problem as $t[p > 1] = t[p] + t[p^1]$ logic will work for only all problems related with associative operations but here it is not. So I solved this problem by changing the logic to $t[p] = \text{combine}(t[i < 1], \text{tree}[i < 1 | 1])$ where p goes from $(n+p)/2$ to 1 in reverse for loop. Anyone has much more easier modification idea please share.



kunnu96

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8 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
 my incorrect solution of that problem: [5684965](#)
 how I fixed it: [5685269](#)



CountZero

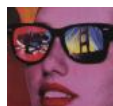
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kunnu96

8 months ago, # ^ | ▲ +5 ▼
 Actually in [380C — Sereja and Brackets](#) no update type of query is present so no need of modify function is there which will be easy to do with the above mentioned optimized segment tree implementation. Try this [BRCKTS](#) using the same modify function as mentioned by [Al.Cash](#) you will realize it will not work in that way.

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8 months ago, # ^ | ▲ 0 ▼
 there are at least 3 ways to
 solve this problem.
 if memory is not an issue then
 you can just set array length to
 the power of 2
 modify query function: [6026442](#)
 split queries: [6006570](#)



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6 months ago, # | ▲ 0 ▼
 I implemented a generic segment tree based on
 this article: [Code](#). Usage: simply write two
 structures `struct node` and `struct`
`node_update` representing your tree nodes and
 updates, then provide function pointers that
 merge two nodes together, apply an update to a
 node, and merge two updates.



f2lk6w90d

Example: [27103823](#)→ [Reply](#)

5 months ago, # | ← Rev. 3 ▲ +1 ▼
 As a noob I am still confused that what is the
 requirement of `modify()` function. As you are just
 doing the same thing that you did in `build()`
 function. Please explain.... But I must say you
 explained the whole concept in a nice manner..



itachi_2016

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5 months ago, # ^ | ← Rev. 2 ▲ +5 ▼
 The idea is that `modify()` runs in $O(\log n)$ so
 doing it for every point is $O(n \log n)$. `build()`,
 on the other hand, does the same thing but
 runs only in $O(n)$.



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This might not be significant in simple
 cases but will make a difference for
 complicated operations, or when
 $\text{num_queries} < n$.

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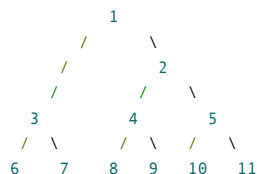
donbox5

5 months ago, # | ← Rev. 4 ▲ 0 ▼
 noob here, Say the input is of size 6

Following parent child relationships are made:

```
5-> left child 10, right child 11
4-> left child 8, right child 9
3-> left child 6, right child 7
2-> left child 4, right child 5
1-> left child 2, right child 3
```

Now, we can see in segment array, 1 has 2 as left child and 3 as right child



// Should not 2 ideally be a right child of 1

If the usage context is such that the rules are different for processing left and right child, then we will have wrong result, since node 2 should ideally be processed as a right child.

e.g. <http://www.spoj.com/problems/BRCKTS/>

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inception_95

4 months ago, # | 0
How can I find gcd(L,R) with the non-recursive segment tree?

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shashwatchandra

3 months ago, # | 0
Can somebody please explain what the bitwise operators do here cause its very difficult to catch up?

P.S — I know about Bitwise operators but have never used them in my code.

Thanks.

→ [Reply](#)



f2lk6wf90d

3 months ago, # ^ | +3
If p is a node in the tree, then $p \gg 1$ is its parent, $p \gg s$ is its s^{th} ancestor, $p \ll 1$ is its left child, and $p \ll 1 | 1$ is its right child.

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shashwatchandra

3 months ago, # ^ | 0
Thank you soo much!!!

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ilovema

43 hours ago, # | 0
Is Binary Search impossible like classic Segmented Tree ?

int ask(int id, int ID, int k, int l = 0, int r = n) { // id is

```

int ask(int id, int l, int r, int l1 = 0, int r1 = 1) { // id is
the index of the node after l-1-th update (or ir)
and ID will be its index after r-th update if (r - l <
2) return l; int mid = (l+r)/2; if (s[L[ID]] - s[L[id]] >=
k) // answer is in the left child's interval return
ask(L[id], L[ID], k, l, mid); else return ask(R[id],
R[ID], k - (s[L[ID]] - s[L[id]]), mid, r); // there are
already s[L[ID]] - s[L[id]] 1s in the left child's
interval }

```

<http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/15890>

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41 hour(s) ago, # ^ |
 If n is a power of 2, then you can use the identical code as in the classic recursive Segment Tree. ← Reply 2

If n is not a power of 2, it is still possible, but it is definitely harder.



Jakube

One possible approach: - collect all indices of the segments that partition the query segment (be careful here, the iterative version alternatively finds such segments from the left and right border): there are $O(\log n)$ many - then iterate over them from the most left segment to the most right one, until you find the segment that contains the element you want to find. - then continue traversing to either the left or right child until you reach the leaf node (this can be done iteratively or recursively).

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