

Integer Overflow Handling

- ☒ `1LL * a * b`: Ensures multiplication stays in long long
 - ☒ `LLONG_MIN, LLONG_MAX`: Use for initializing min/max of long long
 - ☒ `INT_MIN, INT_MAX`: For int range checks
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Backtracking Tips

- Pass `vector<int>& temp` by **reference**
- Use `push_back()` → recursive call → `pop_back()` (undo step)
- Avoid copying vectors in recursion (memory efficient)

☒ Structure: Find All Subsequences (with if branching)

```
void findSubsequences(vector<int>& nums, int index, vector<int>& temp) {
```

```
    // Base case: we've considered all elements
```

```
    if (index == nums.size()) {
```

```
        // Do something with the current subsequence
```

```
        return;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // ☒ Include current element
```

```
    temp.push_back(nums[index]);
```

```
    findSubsequences(nums, index + 1, temp);
```

```
    temp.pop_back(); // backtrack
```

```
    // ✗ Exclude current element
```

```
    findSubsequences(nums, index + 1, temp);
```

```
}
```

Example Usage:

```
int main() {
```

```
vector<int> nums = {1, 2, 3};  
vector<int> temp;  
findSubsequences(nums, 0, temp);  
return 0;  
}
```

Maximum Product of First and Last Elements of a Subsequence

// Recursive helper to explore subsequences of size 'm'

```
void find(vector<int>& nums, int m, int index, vector<int>& temp, long long &maxprod) {  
    if (temp.size() == m) {  
        // Only multiply when you have 'm' elements in the temp vector  
        long long pro = 1LL * temp[0] * temp[m - 1]; // use 1LL to avoid overflow  
        maxprod = max(maxprod, pro);  
        return;  
    }
```

// Base case: if index goes out of bounds

```
if (index == nums.size()) return;
```

// Include current element

```
temp.push_back(nums[index]);
```

```
find(nums, m, index + 1, temp, maxprod);
```

// Exclude current element (backtrack)

```
temp.pop_back();
```

```
find(nums, m, index + 1, temp, maxprod);
```

```
}
```

// Main function

```

long long maximumProduct(vector<int>& nums, int m) {
    long long maxprod = LLONG_MIN; // Set to minimum to handle all cases
    vector<int> temp;
    find(nums, m, 0, temp, maxprod);
    return maxprod;
}

```

IN JAVA:

```

class MaxHolder {
    long value = Long.MIN_VALUE;
}

public static void find(int[] nums, int m, int index, int[] temp, int tempIndex, MaxHolder
max) {
    if (tempIndex == m) {
        long prod = 1L * temp[0] * temp[m - 1];
        max.value = Math.max(max.value, prod);
        return;
    }
    if (index == nums.length) return;

    temp[tempIndex] = nums[index];
    find(nums, m, index + 1, temp, tempIndex + 1, max);

    find(nums, m, index + 1, temp, tempIndex, max);
}

public static long maximumProduct(int[] nums, int m) {
    int[] temp = new int[m];
    MaxHolder max = new MaxHolder();
}

```

```
find(nums, m, 0, temp, 0, max);

return max.value;

}
```

PREFIX SUM:

$\text{prefix}[i] = \text{prefix}[i-1] + \text{arr}[i]$

Sum of the elements in arr in the Range of $[l \dots r] = \text{Prefix}[r] - \text{prefix}[l-1]$

C++:

// Function to build prefix sum array

```
vector<int> prefixSum(vector<int>& nums) {
    int n = nums.size();
    vector<int> prefix(n);
    prefix[0] = nums[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i) {
        prefix[i] = prefix[i - 1] + nums[i];
    }
    return prefix;
}
```

// Function to get sum in range $[l, r]$

```
int optimizedSum(vector<int>& prefix, int l, int r) {
    if (l == 0) return prefix[r];
    return prefix[r] - prefix[l - 1];
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$, as we are traversing the array only once.

Auxiliary Space: $O(n)$, to create the array `prefixSum[]` of size n .

JAVA:

```
import java.util.*;

public class PrefixSumExample {

    // Method to calculate prefix sum

    public static int[] prefixSum(int nums[]) {

        int n = nums.length;

        int prefix[] = new int[n];

        prefix[0] = nums[0];

        for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {

            prefix[i] = prefix[i - 1] + nums[i];

        }

        return prefix;

    }

    // Method to get sum from index l to r (inclusive)

    public static int optimizedSum(int[] prefix, int l, int r) {

        if (l == 0) return prefix[r];

        return prefix[r] - prefix[l - 1];

    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        int nums[] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};

        int prefix[] = prefixSum(nums);

        System.out.print("Prefix Sum Array: ");

        for (int num : prefix) {

            System.out.print(num + " ");

        }

        System.out.println();

        int l = 0, r = 9;

        System.out.println("Optimized Sum from index " + l + " to " + r + ": " +
optimizedSum(prefix, l, r));

    }

}
```

Find count of number of subarrays with sum == k

Brute Force — $O(n^3)$

```
int countSubarraysBrute(vector<int>& nums, int k) {  
    int n = nums.size(), count = 0;  
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        for(int j = i; j < n; j++) {  
            int sum = 0;  
            for(int l = i; l <= j; l++) {  
                sum += nums[l];  
            }  
            if(sum == k) count++;  
        }  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```

BETTER: $O(n^2)$

```
int countSubarraysBetter(vector<int>& nums, int k) {  
    int n = nums.size(), count = 0;  
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        int sum = 0;  
        for(int j = i; j < n; j++) {  
            sum += nums[j];  
            if(sum == k) count++;  
        }  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```

Optimal — $O(n)$ using Prefix Sum + HashMap

अगर किसी पॉइंट पर $\text{prefix}[j] - \text{prefix}[i] = k$ हो, तो इसका मतलब $i+1$ से j तक की subarray का योग k है।

```
int countSubarrays(vector<int> &arr, int k) {  
    int count = 0; // To store the total number of valid subarrays  
    int sum = 0; // To store the running prefix sum  
    unordered_map<int, int> prefixsum;  
  
    prefixsum[0] = 1; // Initialize with sum 0 to handle subarrays starting from index 0  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.size(); i++) {  
        sum += arr[i]; // Update prefix sum with current element  
  
        // Check if there is a prefix sum such that (sum - k) exists in map  
        // If yes, it means there exists a subarray ending at index i with sum = k  
        if (prefixsum.find(sum - k) != prefixsum.end()) {  
            count += prefixsum[sum - k]; // Add frequency of (sum - k) to count  
        }  
  
        prefixsum[sum]++; // Record the current prefix sum for future matches  
    }  
  
    return count; // Return total count of subarrays with sum == k  
}
```

? Jab aap dekhte ho:

$\text{sum} - k$

Toh iska matlab hota hai:

"Kya pehle kahin koi aisa subarray tha jiska sum $(\text{sum} - k)$ tha?"

🔍 Kyu check kar rahe ho sum - k?

- sum hai ab tak ka total sum (index 0 se current index tak).
- Agar pehle kahin sum - k mila tha, toh iska matlab hai ki us point ke baad se lekar ab tak ka subarray ka sum exact k hoga.

📌 Ab samjho: $\text{sum} - k == 0$ kya matlab?

Agar $\text{sum} - k == 0$, toh matlab:

Index 0 se current index tak ka pura subarray ka sum exactly k hai.

Longest Subarray with Sum K

BRUTE FORCE: $O(N^2)$ TLE

```
int longestSubarray(vector<int>& nums, int target) {  
    int n=nums.size();  
    int maxlen=INT_MIN;  
  
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){  
        int sum=0;  
        int len=0;  
        for(int j=i;j<n;j++){  
            sum+=nums[j];  
            len++;  
            if(sum==target){  
                maxlen=max(maxlen,len); or maxlen=max(maxlen,j-i+1);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return maxlen==INT_MIN?0:maxlen;  
}
```


OPTIMIZED:

Using Hash Map and Prefix Sum - O(n) Time and O(n) Space

```
int longestSubarray(vector<int>& nums, int k) {
    unordered_map<int, int> prefixIndex;

    int sum = 0, maxLen = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++) {
        sum += nums[i];

        // If sum is exactly k, from index 0 to i or // Check if the entire prefix sums to k

        if (sum == k) {
            maxLen = i + 1;
        }

        // If (sum - k) is seen before, update maxLen
        if (prefixIndex.find(sum - k) != prefixIndex.end()) {
            int len = i - prefixIndex[sum - k];
            maxLen = max(maxLen, len);
        }

        // Only store first occurrence of sum as We want the longest subarray whose sum is
        exactly k
        if (prefixIndex.find(sum) == prefixIndex.end()) {
            prefixIndex[sum] = i;
        }
    }

    return maxLen;
}
```

Minimum Size Subarray Sum i.e Smallest Subarray with Sum $\geq K$ (Leetcode)

Brute force $O(N^2)$ TLE:

```
int minSubArrayLen(int target, vector<int>& nums) {  
    int n=nums.size();  
    int minlen=INT_MAX;  
  
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){  
        int sum=0;  
        int len=0;  
        for(int j=i;j<n;j++){  
            sum+=nums[j];  
            len++;  
            if(sum>=target){  
                minlen=min(minlen,len);  
                break;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return minlen==INT_MAX?0:minlen;  
}
```

OPTIMAL:(Use sliding window (two pointers) Time Complexity: $O(n)$ Space Complexity: $O(1)$)

```
int minSubArrayLen(int target, vector<int>& nums) {  
    int n=nums.size();  
    int minlen=INT_MAX;  
    int i=0,j=0;  
    int sum=0; // Window ka current sum
```

```
while(j<n){  
    sum+=nums[j]; // j pointer ka element window mein include kiya  
    while(sum>=target){ // window ko chota jitna kar sake karte jayenge  
        minlen=min(minlen,j-i+1);  
        sum-=nums[i];  
        i++;  
    }  
    j++;  
}  
  
return minlen==INT_MAX?0:minlen;  
}
```