Valid Anagram

Q Purpose:

The function checks whether two strings s and t are **anagrams** of each other.

Definition:

Two strings are anagrams if they contain the **same characters** in the **same frequency**, regardless of the order.

Logic Used:

- 1. Use a hash map (unordered_map) to count the frequency of characters in string s.
- 2. Subtract the frequency of characters based on string t.
- 3. If all values in the map are 0, then s and t are anagrams.

Step-by-step Explanation:

Step 1: Create a hash map mp

unordered_map<int, int> mp;

• Used to store frequency of characters.

Step 2: Traverse the first string s

```
for (auto ele : s) {
    mp[ele]++;
}
```

Count how many times each character appears in s.

Step 3: Traverse the second string t

```
for (auto ele : t) {
   mp[ele]--;
}
```

• Decrease the count for each character found in t.

Step 4: Check all values in the map

```
for (auto it : mp) {
    if (it.second != 0) {
```

```
return false;
}
```

• If any character count is not zero, then s and t are not anagrams.

Step 5: Return true

return true;

• All character frequencies matched.

✓ Time Complexity:

• **O(n + m)** where n = length of s, m = length of t.

Space Complexity:

• **O(1)** (Since there are at most 26 lowercase letters or 128 ASCII characters, considered constant space).

Example:

```
s = "listen", t = "silent" \rightarrow true

s = "aacc", t = "ccac" \rightarrow false
```

C++ CODE:

```
Class solution {
```

Public:

```
bool isanagram(string s, string t) {
  unordered_map<char, int> mp;
  for (auto ele : s) {
    mp[ele]++;
  }
  for (auto ele : t) {
    mp[ele]--;
  }
  for (auto it : mp) {
```

```
if (it.second != 0) {
       return false;
     }
   }
   return true;
 }
};
Java code:
class Solution {
  public boolean isAnagram(String s, String t) {
  if (s.length() != t.length()) return false;
    HashMap<Character, Integer> counts = new HashMap<>();
   int n = s.length();
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     counts.put(s.charAt(i), counts.getOrDefault(s.charAt(i), 0) + 1);
   }
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     counts.put(t.charAt(i), counts.getOrDefault(t.charAt(i), 0) - 1);
   }
   for (int count : counts.values()) {
     if (count != 0)
       return false;
   }
   return true;
 }
}
```

☑ Brute Force Approach (O(N²))

```
vector<int> P1(n, 0); // P1[i] = max subarray sum ending at i

for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   int sum = 0, t = INT_MIN;
   for (int j = i; j >= 0; j--) {
      sum += B[j]; // sum of B[j..i]
      t = max(t, sum); // update max subarray ending at i
   }
   P1[i] = t;
}
```

Optimized kadane's approach (o(n))

```
vector<int> p1(n, 0); // p1[i] = max subarray sum ending at i
```

int maxsum = *max_element(p1.begin(), p1.end()); // overall max

logic:

at every index i, choose:

- p1[i 1] + b[i] → extend previous subarray
- b[i] → start new subarray at i

store the maximum of these in p1[i].

MAXIMUM SUBARRAY: KADANE ALGORITHM

```
int maxsubarraysum(vector<int> &arr) {
  int n=arr.size();
  int sum=0;
  int maxi=int_min;
  for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
    sum+=arr[i];
    if(sum>maxi){
      maxi=sum;
    }
    if(sum<0){
      sum=0;
    }
}
return maxi;
}</pre>
```

KEY POINTS:

- SUM IS RESET TO 0 WHEN IT GOES NEGATIVE.
- TRACKS OVERALL MAXI DURING THE LOOP.
- HANDLES NEGATIVE-ONLY ARRAYS CORRECTLY BECAUSE MAXI STARTS AT INT_MIN.
- SLIGHTLY SIMPLER TO READ AND OFTEN USED IN INTERVIEWS.

ANOTHER WAY:

CODE 1: SAFE & STANDARD KADANE'S

```
int maxsubarraysum(vector<int> &arr) {
  int res = arr[0];
  int maxending = arr[0];

for (int i = 1; i < arr.size(); i++) {
    maxending = max(maxending + arr[i], arr[i]);
}</pre>
```

```
res = max(res, maxending);
}
return res;
}
```

KEY POINTS:

- INITIALIZED WITH ARR[0], SO WORKS EVEN IF ALL ELEMENTS ARE NEGATIVE.
- USES MAXENDING TO KEEP TRACK OF THE BEST SUM ENDING AT I.
- RES ALWAYS TRACKS THE OVERALL MAX.
- NEVER RESETS MAXENDING TO 0 ALWAYS CHOOSES THE BETTER OF:
 - O EXTENDING PREVIOUS SUBARRAY
 - O STARTING NEW AT CURRENT INDEX

✓ FINAL CONCLUSION:

BOTH ARE VALID KADANE'S ALGORITHM IMPLEMENTATIONS:

- USE CODE 1 IF:
 - O YOU NEED INTERMEDIATE RESULTS (LIKE P1[I])
 - O YOU'RE IMPLEMENTING A DP-STYLE SOLUTION
- USE CODE 2 IF:
 - O YOU WANT A SIMPLE AND FAST IMPLEMENTATION
 - O YOU'RE IN A CODING INTERVIEW OR CONTEST

Second Largest Element in an Array

Two Pass Search

```
// function to find the second largest element in the array
int getSecondLargest(vector<int> &arr) {
 int n = arr.size();
 int largest = -1, secondLargest = -1;
 // finding the largest element
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   if (arr[i] > largest)
     largest = arr[i];
 }
 // finding the second largest element
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   // Update second largest if the current element is greater
   // than second largest and not equal to the largest
   if (arr[i] > secondLargest && arr[i] != largest) {
     secondLargest = arr[i];
   }
 }
 return secondLargest;
}
```

Time Complexity: O(2*n) = O(n), as we are traversing the array two times. Auxiliary space: O(1), as no extra space is required.

One Pass Search

```
// function to find the second largest element in the array
int getSecondLargest(vector<int> &arr) {
 int n = arr.size();
 int largest = -1, secondLargest = -1;
 // finding the second largest element
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   // If arr[i] > largest, update second largest with
   // largest and largest with arr[i]
   if(arr[i] > largest) {
       secondLargest = largest;
     largest = arr[i];
   }
   // If arr[i] < largest and arr[i] > second largest,
   // update second largest with arr[i]
       else if(arr[i] < largest && arr[i] > secondLargest) {
       secondLargest = arr[i];
   }
 }
 return secondLargest;
}
```

TIME COMPLEXITY: O(N), AS WE ARE TRAVERSING THE ARRAY ONLY ONCE. AUXILIARY SPACE: O(1)