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## Segment Tree | Set 1 (Sum of given range)

Let us consider the following problem to understand Segment Trees.

We have an array  $arr[0 \dots n-1]$ . We should be able to

1 Find the sum of elements from index  $l$  to  $r$  where  $0 \leq l \leq r \leq n-1$   
of a specified element of the array  $arr[i] = x$  where  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

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range. To update a value, simply do  $arr[i] = x$ .

second operation takes  $O(1)$  time.

**Another solution** is to create another array and store sum from start to  $i$  at the  $i$ th index in this array. Sum of a given range can now be calculated in  $O(1)$  time, but



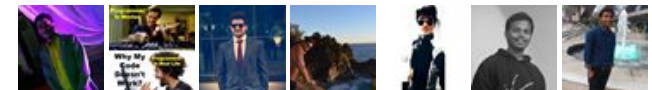
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update operation takes  $O(n)$  time now. This works well if the number of query operations are large and very few updates.

What if the number of query and updates are equal? **Can we perform both the operations in  $O(\log n)$  time once given the array?**

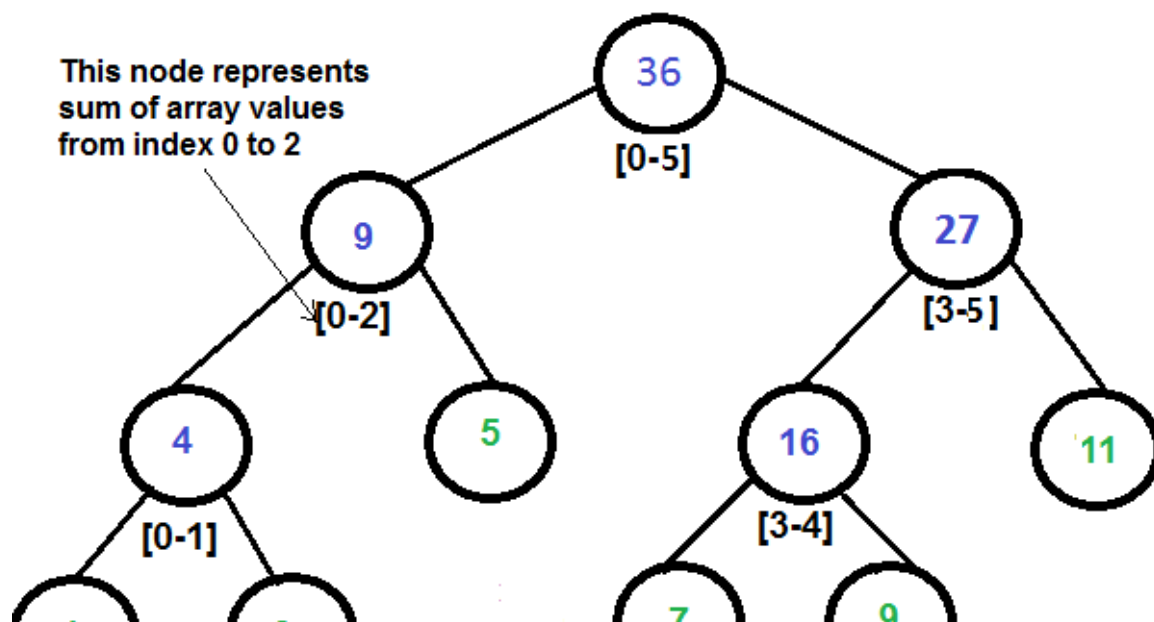
do both operations in  $O(\log n)$  time.

### Representation of Segment trees

1. Leaf Nodes are the elements of the input array.
2. Each internal node represents some merging of the leaf nodes. The merging may be different for different problems. For this problem, merging is sum of leaves under a node.

An array representation of tree is used to represent Segment Trees. For each node at index  $i$ , the left child is at index  $2*i+1$ , right child at  $2*i+2$  and the parent is at  $\lfloor (i-1)/2 \rfloor$

We can use a Segment Tree to



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## Segment Tree for input array {1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11}

### Construction of Segment Tree from given array

We start with a segment  $arr[0 \dots n-1]$ . and every time we divide the current segment into two halves(if it has not yet become a segment of length 1), and then call the same procedure on both halves, and for each such segment we store the sum in corresponding node.

All levels of the constructed segment tree will be completely filled except the last level. Also, the tree will be a two halves at every level. Since the constructed tree is always full binary tree with  $n$  leaves, there will be  $n-1$  internal nodes. So total number of nodes will be  $2*n - 1$ .

Height of the segment tree will be  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ . Since the tree is represented using array and relation between parent and child indexes must be maintained, size of memory allocated for segment tree will be  $2 * 2^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil} - 1$ .

### Query for Sum of given range

Once the tree is constructed, how to get the sum using the constructed segment tree. Following is algorithm to get the sum of elements.

```
int getSum(node, l, r)
{
    if range of node is within l and r
        return value in node
```

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else if range of node is completely outside l and r
    return 0
else
    return getSum(node's left child, l, r) +
           getSum(node's right child, l, r)
}

```

## Update a value

Like tree construction and query operations, update can also be done recursively.

We are given an index which needs to be updated.

start from root of the segment tree, and add *diff* to all nodes which have given index in their range. If a node doesn't have given index in its range, we don't make any changes to that node.

## Implementation:

Following is implementation of segment tree. The program implements construction of segment tree for any given array. It also implements query and update operations.

## C Java

```

// C program to show segment tree operations like construct
ion, query
// and update
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

// A utility function to get the middle index from corner i

```

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ndexes.

```
int getMid(int s, int e) { return s + (e -s)/2; }
```

/\* A recursive function to get the sum of values in given range of the array. The following are parameters for this function.

st --> Pointer to segment tree

si --> Index of current node in the segment tree. Initially

0 is passed as root is always at index 0

ss & se --> Starting and ending indexes of the segment represented

by current node, i.e., st[si]

qs & qe --> Starting and ending indexes of query range \*/

```
int getSumUtil(int *st, int ss, int se, int qs, int qe, int si)
```

```
{
```

```
    // If segment of this node is a part of given range, then return
```

```
    // the sum of the segment
```

```
    if (qs <= ss && qe >= se)
```

```
        return st[si];
```

```
    // If segment of this node is outside the given range
```

```
    if (se < qs || ss > qe)
```

```
        return 0;
```

```
    // If a part of this segment overlaps with the given range
```

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    int mid = getMid(ss, se);
    return getSumUtil(st, ss, mid, qs, qe, 2*si+1) +
           getSumUtil(st, mid+1, se, qs, qe, 2*si+2);
}

/* A recursive function to update the nodes which have the
given
index in their range. The following are parameters
st, si, ss and se are same as getSumUtil()
i    --> index of the element to be updated. This index
is
           in input array.
diff --> Value to be added to all nodes which have i in
range */
void updateValueUtil(int *st, int ss, int se, int i, int di
ff, int si)
{
    // Base Case: If the input index lies outside the range
of
    // this segment
    if (i < ss || i > se)
        return;

    // If the input index is in range of this node, then up
date
    // the value of the node and its children
    st[si] = st[si] + diff;
    if (se != ss)
    {
        int mid = getMid(ss, se);

```

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```

        updateValueUtil(st, ss, mid, i, diff, 2*si + 1);
        updateValueUtil(st, mid+1, se, i, diff, 2*si + 2);
    }
}

// The function to update a value in input array and segment tree.
// It uses updateValueUtil() to update the value in segment tree
void updateValue(int arr[], int *st, int n, int i, int new_val)
{
    // Check for erroneous input index
    if (i < 0 || i > n-1)
    {
        printf("Invalid Input");
        return;
    }

    // Get the difference between new value and old value
    int diff = new_val - arr[i];

    // Update the value in array
    arr[i] = new_val;

    // Update the values of nodes in segment tree
    updateValueUtil(st, 0, n-1, i, diff, 0);
}

// Return sum of elements in range from index qs (query start)

```

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```
// to qe (query end). It mainly uses getSumUtil()
int getSum(int *st, int n, int qs, int qe)
{
    // Check for erroneous input values
    if (qs < 0 || qe > n-1 || qs > qe)
    {
        printf("Invalid Input");
        return -1;
    }

    return getSumUtil(st, 0, n-1, qs, qe, 0);
}

// A recursive function that constructs Segment Tree for array[ss..se].
// si is index of current node in segment tree st
int constructSTUtil(int arr[], int ss, int se, int *st, int si)
{
    // If there is one element in array, store it in current node of
    // segment tree and return
    if (ss == se)
    {
        st[si] = arr[ss];
        return arr[ss];
    }

    // If there are more than one elements, then recur for left and
    // right subtrees and store the sum of values in this node

```



```

ode
    int mid = getMid(ss, se);
    st[si] = constructSTUtil(arr, ss, mid, st, si*2+1) +
            constructSTUtil(arr, mid+1, se, st, si*2+2);
    return st[si];
}

/* Function to construct segment tree from given array. This
function
    allocates memory for segment tree and calls constructSTU
til() to
    fill the allocated memory */
int *constructST(int arr[], int n)
{
    // Allocate memory for segment tree

    //Height of segment tree
    int x = (int)(ceil(log2(n)));

    //Maximum size of segment tree
    int max_size = 2*(int)pow(2, x) - 1;

    // Allocate memory
    int *st = new int[max_size];

    // Fill the allocated memory st
    constructSTUtil(arr, 0, n-1, st, 0);

    // Return the constructed segment tree
    return st;
}

```

```
// Driver program to test above functions
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11};
    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);

    // Build segment tree from given array
    int *st = constructST(arr, n);

    // Print sum of values in array from index 1 to 3
    printf("Sum of values in given range = %d\n",
           getSum(st, n, 1, 3));

    // Update: set arr[1] = 10 and update corresponding
    // segment tree nodes
    updateValue(arr, st, n, 1, 10);

    // Find sum after the value is updated
    printf("Updated sum of values in given range = %d\n",
           getSum(st, n, 1, 3));
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Sum of values in given range = 15
Updated sum of values in given range = 22
```

**Time Complexity:**

Time Complexity for tree construction is  $O(n)$ . There are total  $2n-1$  nodes, and value of every node is calculated only once in tree construction.

Time complexity to query is  $O(\text{Log}n)$ . To query a sum, we process at most four nodes at every level and number of levels is  $O(\text{Log}n)$ .

The time complexity of update is also  $O(\text{Log}n)$ . To update a leaf value, we process one node at every level and number of levels is  $O(\text{Log}n)$ .

**Segment Tree | Set 2 (Range Minimum Query)****References:**

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Please tell how to insert a element in segment tree.i.e when array

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this array representation of ST will eat up a lot of space, isn't there

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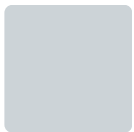


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**Aditi Paul** · 4 months ago

The max\_size can be calculated by  $2^n - 1$ . Exponential calculation

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**Satish** ➔ Aditi Paul · 3 months ago

Not true. The size of the segment tree should always be  $(2^n - 1)$

construct the segment array of size 15. ([Next greater power of 2] segment tree as a perfect binary tree. Else, the implement the extra scenarios.

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**Mostafa Hany Gomaa** → Aditi Paul • 4 months ago

That's what I thought as well. I found that confusing.

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**Chanchana Sornsoontorn** → Mostafa Hany Gomaa • 3 months ago

To simplify this further use  $4n$  for your max size and it is cheap. So you won't have to worry about miscalculation.

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**Harsh Jain** • 4 months ago

$2^{\log_2(n)} = n$ . Don't understand why you are calculating the log and then multiplying by 2.

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**Anonymous** → Harsh Jain • 3 months ago

Pay attention to the square brackets around  $\log_2(n)$ . Those are for the floor of the log. If the  $n$  becomes 1 greater than power of 2, the value of  $\log_2(n)$  is a fraction. Although, there is just one addition to the size of the array (i.e.  $2^{\log_2(n)+1} - 1$ ). In the above example, there are some values of  $n$  which are not a power of 2, i.e. the children-space, of 5 and 11, are not a power of 2.

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They wanna get the next power of two. For example if you tree size.

But the problem arise when you have  $n = 5$ , segment tree  
You need segment tree of size (next power of two of 5)\*2 \

And to calculate the next power of two, it's simple,  $\log_2(5)$   
and call it x. You do  $2^x$  and that's it.

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**sam** • 5 months ago

can anybody help me how complexity  $O(1)$  came for another solu  
of all element till that index in some auxiliary array?????

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**Satish** → sam • 3 months ago

For building the sum array, it takes  $O(n)$ . But once you built  
array.

Ex: arr->1,2,3,4,5; sumarry-> 1,3,6,10,15.

Now, if I query the sum from range 1 to 3, we return suma  
general, for range[l,r], return sumarry[r]-sumarry[l-1]. I hc

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in my opinion this is very easy to understand instead of recursion

<http://codeforces.com/blog/ent...>



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**Chanchana Sornsoontorn** ➔ Falcon · 3 months ago

For me, recursion is very self documentary code and it's s efficient.

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**Satish** ➔ Falcon · 3 months ago

Awesome :) Thanks for sharing.

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**Sarthak Munshi** · 5 months ago

If i have a range L..R . I need sum of all the elements in that range ..... $n \cdot a[R]$  ? How can i get this ?

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**gagan nagpal** · 6 months ago

For the " sum of given range" question, is it the fastest known algo

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**Billionaire** · 7 months ago

In ``void updateValueUtil(int *st, int ss, int se, int i, int diff, int index)``  
``si`` to replace ``index`` so that it is obviously that ``si`` means Segme

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**GeeksforGeeks** Mod ➔ Billionaire · 6 months ago

Thanks for the suggestion. We have updated the variable i

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**Rahul Ranjan** • 7 months ago

Height of segment tree is given wrong----

For a binary tree with number of nodes N, we have height as  $\log[N]$  but here total nodes, N is  $2n-1$  where n is size of array.....

So putting this value in the formula, we have

$$\log[2n-1+1] = \log[2n] = 1+\log n$$

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**cdCoding** → Rahul Ranjan • 4 months ago

It is the same as the program calculated

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**Vivek Garg** • 7 months ago

Another implementation is here :

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**codemonk** → Vivek Garg • 7 months ago

i think in newNode function you should also set left and right

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**Vivek Garg** → codemonk • 6 months ago

ya sorry ! My bad . I updated it.

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**Abhiroj Panwar** · 8 months ago

if tree construction complexity is  $O(n)$ ..then why to use segment t

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When there are lot of query and update operations segme

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Please make an article on lazy propagation.

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can u make an article on lazy propogation...basic segmentation tr  
programming....

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**vergil** → vergil · 9 months ago

i think the complexity would be  $O(N)$  in case we want to up  
such we'll need lazy propogation...

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constructSTutil returns int value but construct ST doesnot have ai

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because construct ST doesn't need the value returned by

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Great explanation Tushar, I am little confused on few thing be really helpful if you could help me out of my confusions.

1. Create Segment tree: How at max the size of the Segm times N, N being the total elements in the provided array ? elements are 5 so we will need 15 as the size of the Segr
2. Search min in range : How in worst case it looks in 4 dif directions ? For a given range we find if its Partial Overlap choose to either have a look at both the Nodes other wise very large number in case of No overlap or the value at node (Full overlap).

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**Chanchana Sornsoontorn** → Krishna • 3 months ago

4 is the approximation in case you are 'lazy' to do the size. This approximation is bigger than the needed more simple to use  $4n$  as the size.

Now, where does 4 come from?

Suppose you have  $n = 8$ , you can use size 16

But if you have  $n = 9$ , you cannot use size 16 for you approximately  $4 \times 9 = 36$ , so you can create array of

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**Shashank Kumar** → Mission Peace • 10 months ago

+1 for clear explanation.

Maybe this video should be made part of the article.

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**dmr** → Mission Peace · a year ago

Thanks dude...very nice!!

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**Sumit Vohra** · a year ago

i made a tree just as the segment tree shown above and did the le  
the array is that fine

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**Mr. Lazy** · a year ago

Learned Something New! :)

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**O** · a year ago

I'm not sure I understand the time complexity for query operation.  
appears to be  $O(n)$ . You mentioned that it is  $O(\log n)$  because we  
please explain how you came to this number? I checked the IIT lin  
seems to lack any explanation of this point.

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**mauricepatel37** → O · 10 months ago

It is  $O(\log n)$  since you already have sum values stored in  
at every level to see whether the range for query is in the g  
At the worst case you need to traverse from root to bottom  
tree which is  $(\log n)$ .

Hence complexity is  $O(\log n)$

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**sreekanth** → mauricepatel37 • 8 months ago

In the given example if you want to find the sum for how it become  $O(\log n)$  solution.

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**sandeep** • a year ago

could u make a post on lazy propagation

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while solving a problem I required segment tree of size  $3*n$  , if size was  $n$ ..

Could anyone please explain me why it requires size more than  $2$ ?

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