

Interview Problem on Arrays

Mango Trees

↳ You went to the farm with

3 friends

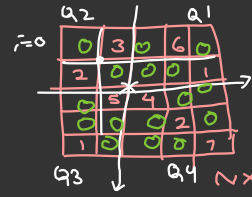
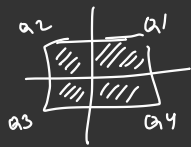
↳ 2 cuts in farm → one horizontal cut

↳ anywhere → one vertical cut

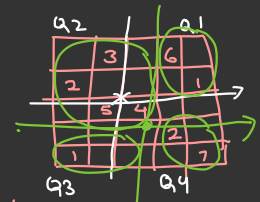
↳ 4 quadrants

↳ Each friend will get one quadrant

↳ sum of mangoes in one quadrant



✓ Better farm



Not Better

1
9
7
14

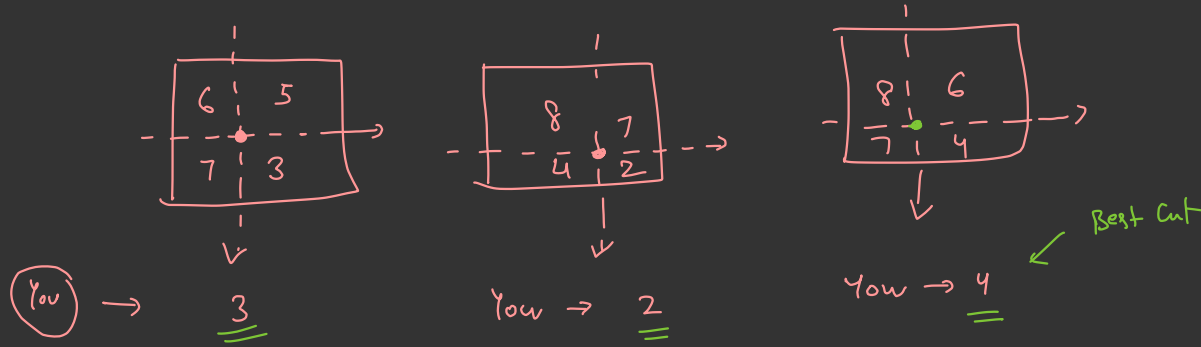
Example -

$1+1 = 7 \rightarrow F$
 $2+3 = 5 \rightarrow F$
 $1+5 = 6 \rightarrow F$
 $4+2+7 = 13 \rightarrow F$

Lowest one → You will get

You can make cut anywhere

Q Can you 'maximise your min' mangoes, based upon cut. You will always get the min quadrant, as your friends are greedy.



\Rightarrow Cut the field in such a way that we get max possible mangoes.

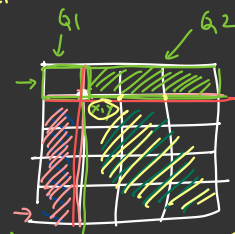
Brute Solution

\rightarrow Make a cut at every x, y possible intersection

$\text{Total} = \sum a[i][j]$
 $\text{max max} = 0$

N Rows
 N Cols

$N \leftarrow \text{for } (x=0, x < N-1, x++) \{$
 $N \leftarrow \text{for } (y=0, y < N-1, y++) \{$
 $\text{made at cut } (x, y)$
 $\text{Sum } N^2$

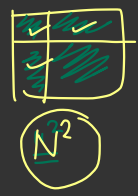


loops



$G1 \rightarrow \text{Sum } (0,0 \text{ to } x, y)$
 $G2 \rightarrow \text{Sum } (x, y+1 \text{ to } x, N-1)$

$Q_3 \rightarrow \text{Sum}(x+1, y \text{ to } N-1, y)$
 $Q_4 = \text{Total} - (Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3)$
 // $x+1, y+1 \dots N-1, N-1$
precomputed



Max of all mins

$\text{mangoes} = \min(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4);$
 if ($\text{mangoes} > \text{maxMangoes}$) { $\text{maxMangoes} = \text{mangoes}$ },

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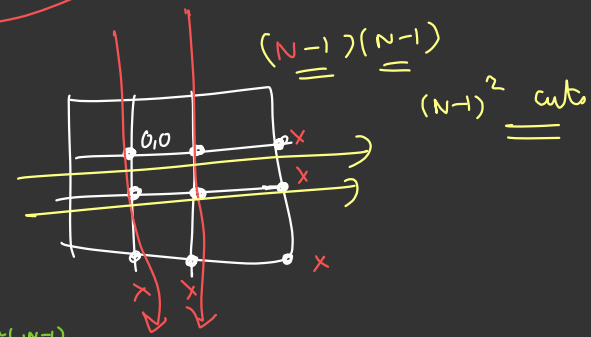
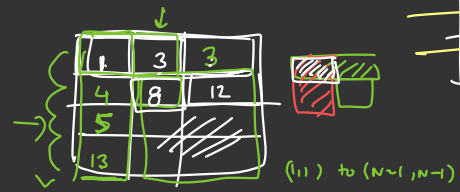


N^2 cut for each cut finding what is their in each quad N^2

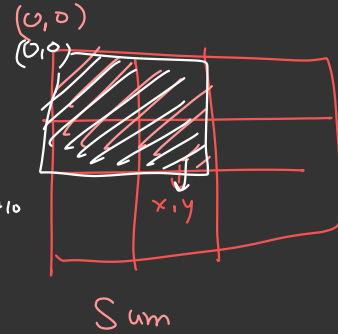
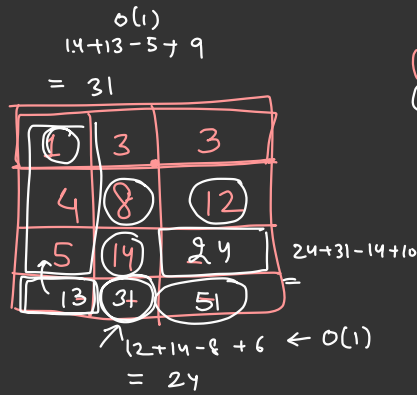
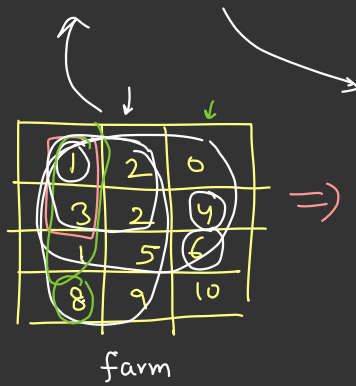
$\text{Sum}(arr, x1, y1, x2, y2)$

$N^2 \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{for } (x) \rightarrow x1 \dots x2 \\ \text{for } (y) \rightarrow y1 \dots y2 \\ \text{sum} = \text{sum} + a(x)(y), \end{cases}$
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$$= N^2 \cdot N^2 = O(N^4)$$



Loops \rightarrow expensive
 \downarrow
 $O(N^3)$
 $1+2+0$
 $+3+2+4$
 $+1+5+6$
 $= 24$

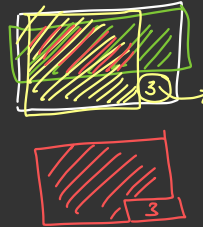
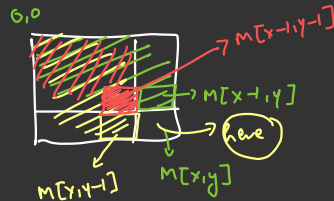


$$M[x,y] = \text{Green} + \text{Yellow} - \text{Red} + \text{farm}[x,y]$$

$$= \frac{M[x,y-1] + M[x-1,y] - M[x-1,y-1] + \text{farm}[x,y]}{}$$

Sum

$S[x,y] =$ sum of all mangoes from 0,0 to x,y



Green + Yellow - Red + 3

2D Prefix Sum

Step 1 Prefix Sum matrix

$mat[N][N] = \{0\}$

$O(N^2)$

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for(x=0; x<N-1, x++) {
  for(y=0; y<N-1, y++) {

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$$m[x,y] = m[x,y-1] + m[x-1,y] - m[x-1,y-1] + arr[x,y]$$

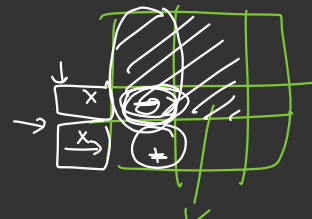
new
array

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don't exist

$$m[0][0] = arr[x,y]$$

$$m[2][0] = m[1][0] + arr[2][0]$$



Step-2

make cuts

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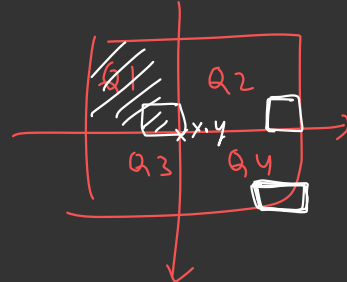
for(x _____)

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  for(y=0 _____) {

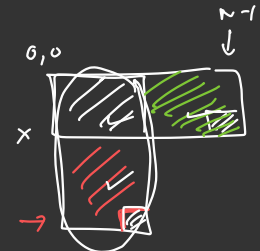
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$O(N^2)$

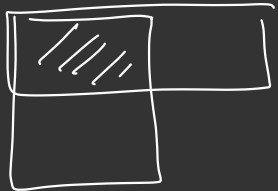
$O(1)$
step

- $Q1 = m[x,y]$
- $Q2 = m[x, N-1] - Q1$
- $Q3 = m[N-1, y] - Q1$
- $Q4 = m[N-1, N-1] - Q1 - Q2 - Q3$



→ Same logic → Track min & update Max

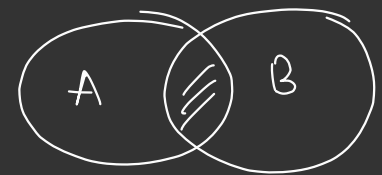
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 $O(N^2 + N^2) \rightarrow O(N^2)$
 2D Prefix Sum



Optimisation

$O(N^4)$ $O(1)$ space

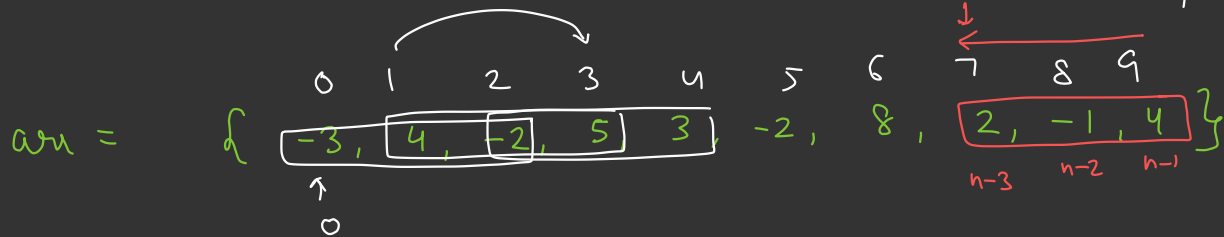
$O(N^2)$ $O(N^2)$
 time space



$$\Rightarrow A \cup B = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

$K=3$

② Given N Array elements, find max subarray sum of len = K .



Basic Approach

① Find all subarrays of len K

↳ of len = K

↳ sum.

[0 2]

[1 3]

[2 4]

⋮

[i i+K-1]

⋮

for ($i=0$; $i \leq n-K$; $i++$) {

$x \rightarrow j = i+K-1$

sum = 0

for ($i=i$ — j) {

sum = sum + arr[j];

if (sum > largest) → update largest

$< N$

$O(NK)$

N times

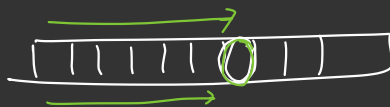
K times

Better

Prefix Sum

Step-1

$O(N)$



$$ps[i] = ps[i-1] + a[i]$$

Step-2

find out subarray.

$O(N)$

{

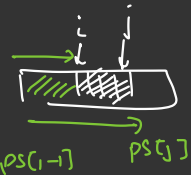
for ($i=0$, $i \leq N-K$; $i++$) {

$j = i+K-1$

→ $Sum = ps[j] - ps[i-1]$, // handle for $i-1$ is -ve

⇒ update largest if ($sum > largest$) { $largest = sum$ },

}

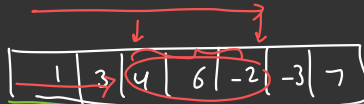


= $O(N)$ time

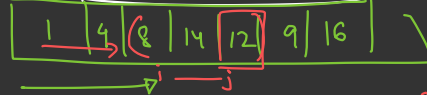
= $O(N)$ space → prefix array

Example

arr



ps



$$ps(i) = ps(i-1) + a(i)$$

$$O(1) \rightarrow ps[j] - ps[i-1]$$

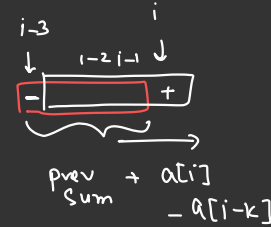
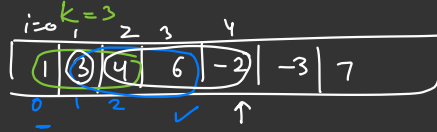
$$12 - 4$$

$$= 8$$

optimised

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{loop} \\ \rightarrow \\ 4 + 6 - 2 \\ = 8 \checkmark \end{array}$$

Sliding Window



Better

$O(N)$ time
 $O(1)$ space

$$\text{Sum}[0,2]$$

$$8$$

$$\text{Sum}[1,3]$$

$$8 + 6 - 1 = 13$$

$$\text{Sum}[2,4]$$

$$13 + a[4] - a[1]$$

$$13 + a[4] - a[1] = 13 - 2 - 3 = 8$$

window that is

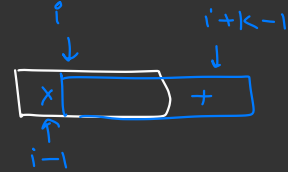
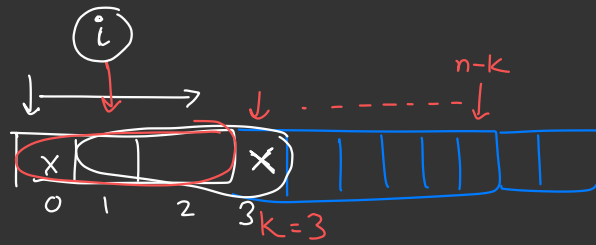
moving
towards
Right

+

-

Add

Subtract



Sum = 0

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

Sum = Sum + $a[i]$;

}

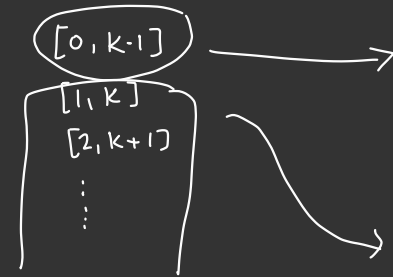
~~ans = Sum;~~

for ($i=1$; $i \leq n-k$; $i++$) {

Sum = Sum + $arr[i+k-1]$ - $arr[i-1]$;

ans = max(ans, Sum);

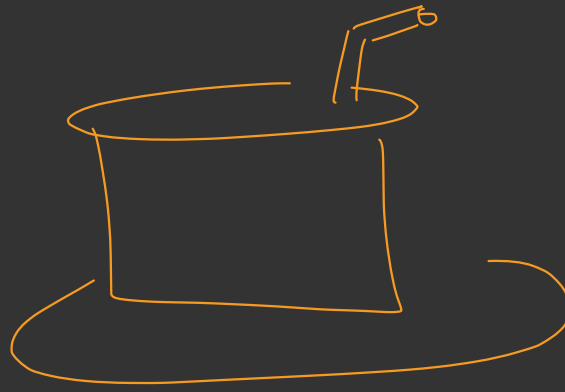
}



$O(n)$ time
 $O(1)$ space



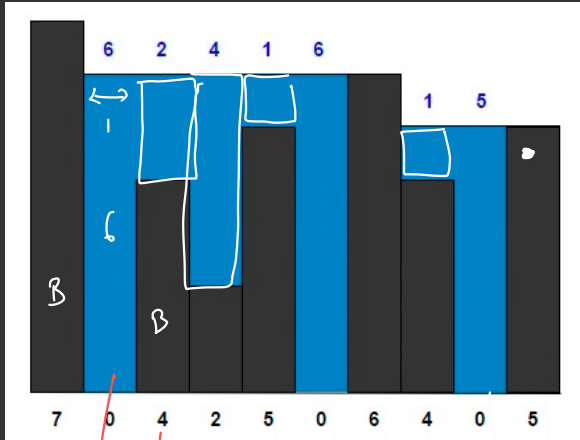
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Rainwater Trapping



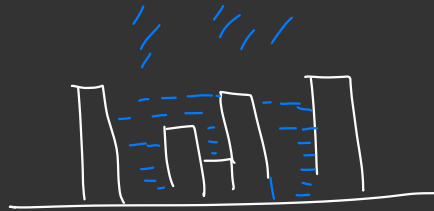
X



$6-0=6$
 $6-4=2$
 $6-2=4$
 $6-5=1$
 $6-6=0$
 $6-4=2$
 $5-0=5$
 $5-5=0$

Solution

buildings = [7, 0, 2, 5, 0, 6, 4, 0, 5]



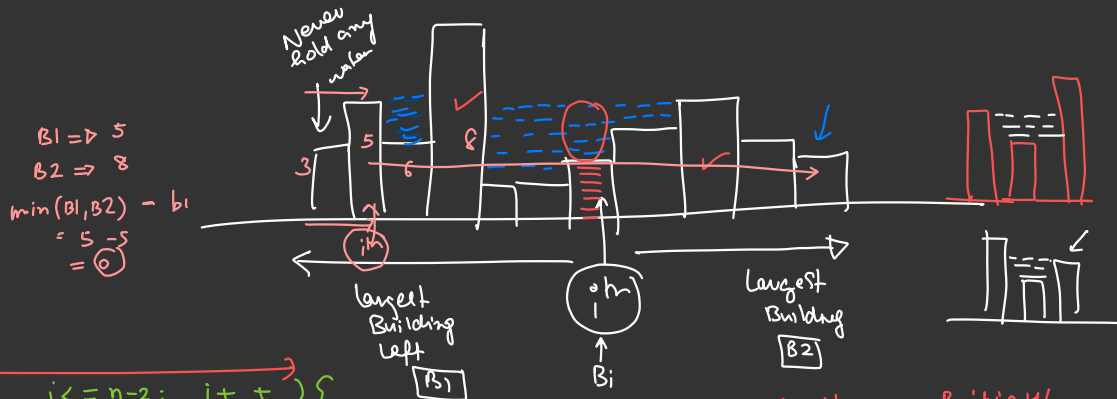
total water
trapped.

$$6 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 6 + 1 + 5 = \underline{25 \text{ unit}}$$

Algorithm

→ we need to water for in building

↳ Add for every building



2 water = 0

for ($i = 1$; $i \leq n-2$; $i++$) {

2. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B1 \rightarrow \text{Find largest element } (0, i) \Rightarrow \text{loop} \\ B2 \rightarrow \text{" " " } (i, n-1) \Rightarrow \text{loop} \end{array} \right.$

water = water + $\frac{\min(B1, B2) - b_i}{2}$

Print(water)

water level Building Lt

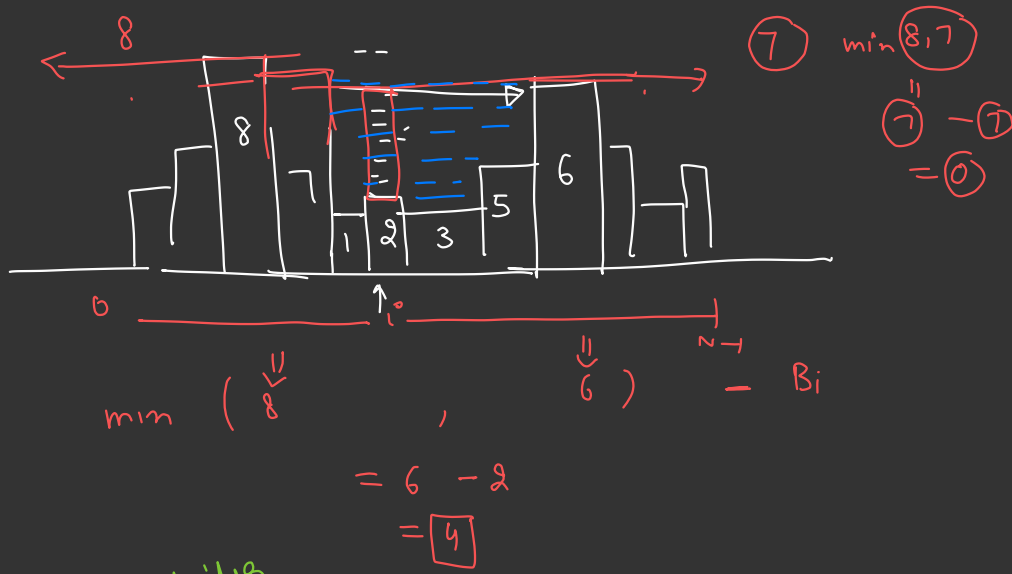
water height Building HT

$\min(B_1, B_2)$ \downarrow B_i

water stored

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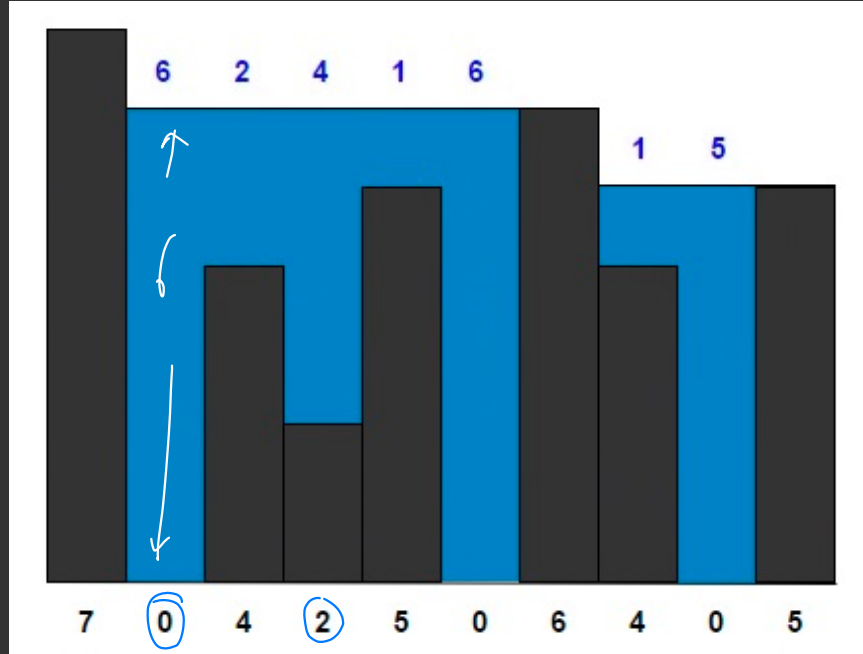
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print(water)
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Better

Carry forward idea

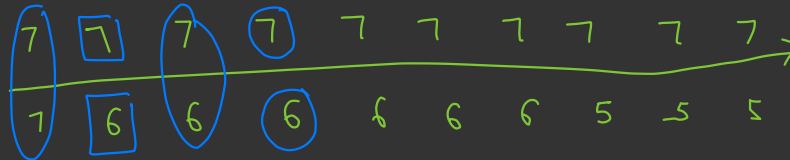
easy $\rightarrow \begin{cases} \max(0, 1) & \text{for every } i \\ \max(i, N+1) & \text{for every } i \end{cases}$



arr →

max left B1
(0, i)

max Right B2
(i, n-1)



$$\text{left}(i) = \max \left(a(i), \text{left}(i-1) \right)$$

$\min(B1, B2)$
 water
 B_i

7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5		
-	7	, 0	, 4	, 2	, 5	, 0	, 1	, 4	, 0	, 5
$0 + 6 + 2 + 4 + 1 + 6 + 0 + 1 + 5 + 0$										
$= \underline{\underline{25 \text{ units}}}$										

water at
in Building

Left Max $\rightarrow O(N)$

Right Max $\rightarrow O(N)$

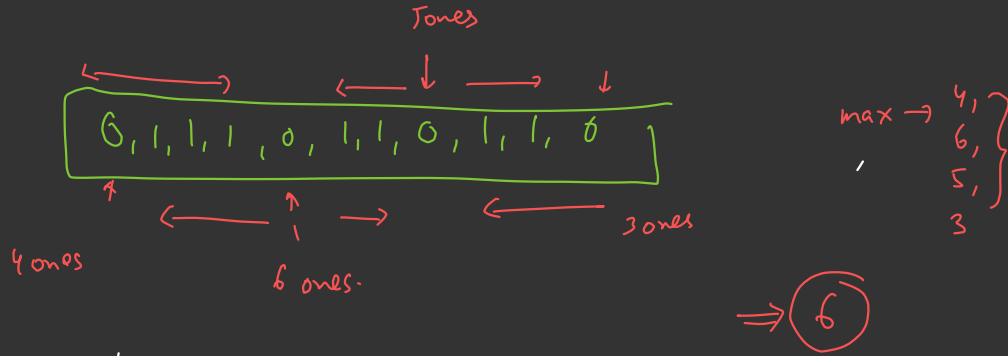
water level $\rightarrow \text{for } (i=0 \text{ — } N-1)$

$\text{water} = \text{water} + \min(\text{LeftMax}(i), \text{RightMax}(i)) - b[i];$

Carry Forward
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Technique

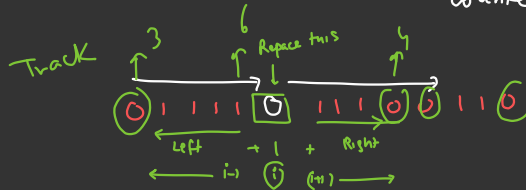
$O(N)$ time
 $O(N)$ space

★ Given a binary array of size N , we can replace a single '0' with 1, find the max consecutive ones that we get in the array



Brute force

iterate over entire array
 \hookrightarrow if i get 0
 \downarrow
 counted how many 1's can be formed.



ans = ~~3~~ 6

TC = $O(N)$
Space = $O(1)$

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for ( i=0 ; i < n ; i++ ) {
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L → count 1s in left of i

current = $L + R + 1$

$$\} \text{ rms} = \text{current}$$
$$L=0, j=i-1$$

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while (j >= 0 && i < n) { j--, i++; }
a[j] = 1
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$$R=0, j=1+1$$

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while (j < n && a[j] == 1) {
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 \mathbb{R}^{++}

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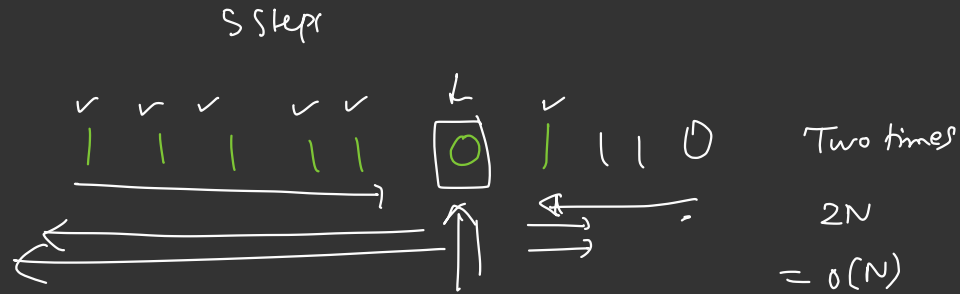
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 ~~$O(N^2)$~~
$$O(N)$$


At max how many time each element is visited $\rightarrow \boxed{2} + 1$
 $= 3 \text{ times}$

$$= 3N$$
$$= O(N)$$



 Good Night 

Long Weekend :)