

Maximum circular subarray sum

Given n numbers (both +ve and -ve), arranged in a circle, find the maximum sum of consecutive number.

Examples:

Input: a[] = {8, -8, 9, -9, 10, -11, 12}
Output: 22 (12 + 8 - 8 + 9 - 9 + 10)

Input: a[] = {10, -3, -4, 7, 6, 5, -4, -1}
Output: 23 (7 + 6 + 5 - 4 - 1 + 10)

Input: a[] = {-1, 40, -14, 7, 6, 5, -4, -1}
Output: 52 (7 + 6 + 5 - 4 - 1 - 1 + 40)

There can be two cases for the maximum sum:

Case 1: The elements that contribute to the maximum sum are arranged such that no wrapping is there. Examples: {-10, 2, -1, 5}, {-2, 4, -1, 4, -1}. In this case, [Kadane's algorithm](#) will produce the result.

Case 2: The elements which contribute to the maximum sum are arranged such that wrapping is there. Examples: {10, -12, 11}, {12, -5, 4, -8, 11}. In this case, we change wrapping to non-wrapping. Let us see how. Wrapping of contributing elements implies non wrapping of non contributing elements, so find out the sum of non contributing elements and subtract this sum from the total sum. To find out the sum of non contributing, invert sign of each element and then run Kadane's algorithm.

Our array is like a ring and we have to eliminate the maximum continuous negative that implies

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maximum continuous positive in the inverted arrays.

Finally we compare the sum obtained by both cases, and return the maximum of the two sums.

Thanks to [ashishdey0](#) for suggesting this solution. Following is C implementation of the above method.

```
// Program for maximum contiguous circular sum problem
#include<stdio.h>

// Standard Kadane's algorithm to find maximum subarray sum
int kadane (int a[], int n);

// The function returns maximum circular contiguous sum in a[]
int maxCircularSum (int a[], int n)
{
    // Case 1: get the maximum sum using standard kadane's algorithm
    int max_kadane = kadane(a, n);

    // Case 2: Now find the maximum sum that includes corner elements.
    int max_wrap = 0, i;
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        max_wrap += a[i]; // Calculate array-sum
        a[i] = -a[i]; // invert the array (change sign)
    }

    // max sum with corner elements will be:
    // array-sum - (-max subarray sum of inverted array)
    max_wrap = max_wrap + kadane(a, n);

    // The maximum circular sum will be maximum of two sums
    return (max_wrap > max_kadane)? max_wrap: max_kadane;
}

// Standard Kadane's algorithm to find maximum subarray sum
// See http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/archives/576 for details
int kadane (int a[], int n)
{
    int max_so_far = 0, max_ending_here = 0;
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        max_ending_here = max_ending_here + a[i];
        if(max_ending_here < 0)
            max_ending_here = 0;
    }
```



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        if(max_so_far < max_ending_here)
            max_so_far = max_ending_here;
    }
    return max_so_far;
}

/* Driver program to test maxCircularSum() */
int main()
{
    int a[] = {11, 10, -20, 5, -3, -5, 8, -13, 10};
    int n = sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]);
    printf("Maximum circular sum is %d\n", maxCircularSum(a, n));
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

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Maximum circular sum is 31
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Time Complexity: $O(n)$ where n is the number of elements in input array.

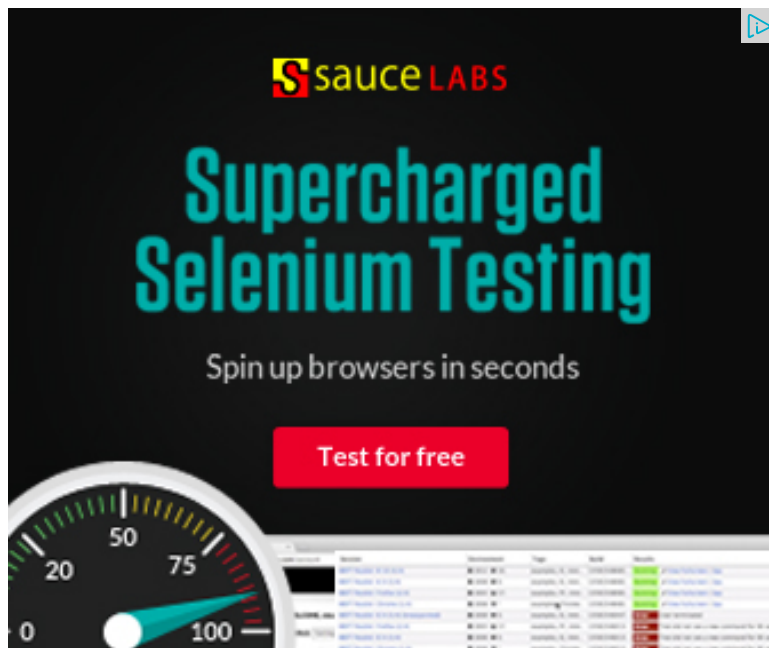
Note that the above algorithm doesn't work if all numbers are negative e.g., $\{-1, -2, -3\}$. It returns 0 in this case. This case can be handled by adding a pre-check to see if all the numbers are negative before running the above algorithm.

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