

1140. Stone Game II (DP, Suffix-Prefix Sum)

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Hint ⚙️

Medium

1.7K

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Companies

Alice and Bob continue their games with piles of stones. There are a number of piles arranged in a row, and each pile has a positive integer number of stones `piles[i]`. The objective of the game is to end with the most stones.

↳ Alice wants to win

Alice and Bob take turns, with Alice starting first. Initially, $M = 1$.

choose

On each player's turn, that player can take all the stones in the first X remaining piles, where $1 \leq X \leq 2M$. Then, we set $M = \max(M, X)$.

The game continues until all the stones have been taken.

Assuming Alice and Bob play optimally, return the maximum number of stones Alice can get.

Example 1:

Bob

Input: piles = [2, 7, 9, 4, 4]

Output: 10

Explanation: If Alice takes one pile at the beginning, Bob takes two piles, then Alice takes 2 piles again. Alice can get $2 + 4 + 4 = 10$ piles in total. If Alice takes two piles at the beginning, then Bob can take all three piles left. In this case, Alice gets $2 + 7 = 9$ piles in total. So we return 10 since it's larger.

Example 2:

Input: piles = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 100]

Output: 104

$M=1$
(for Alice)

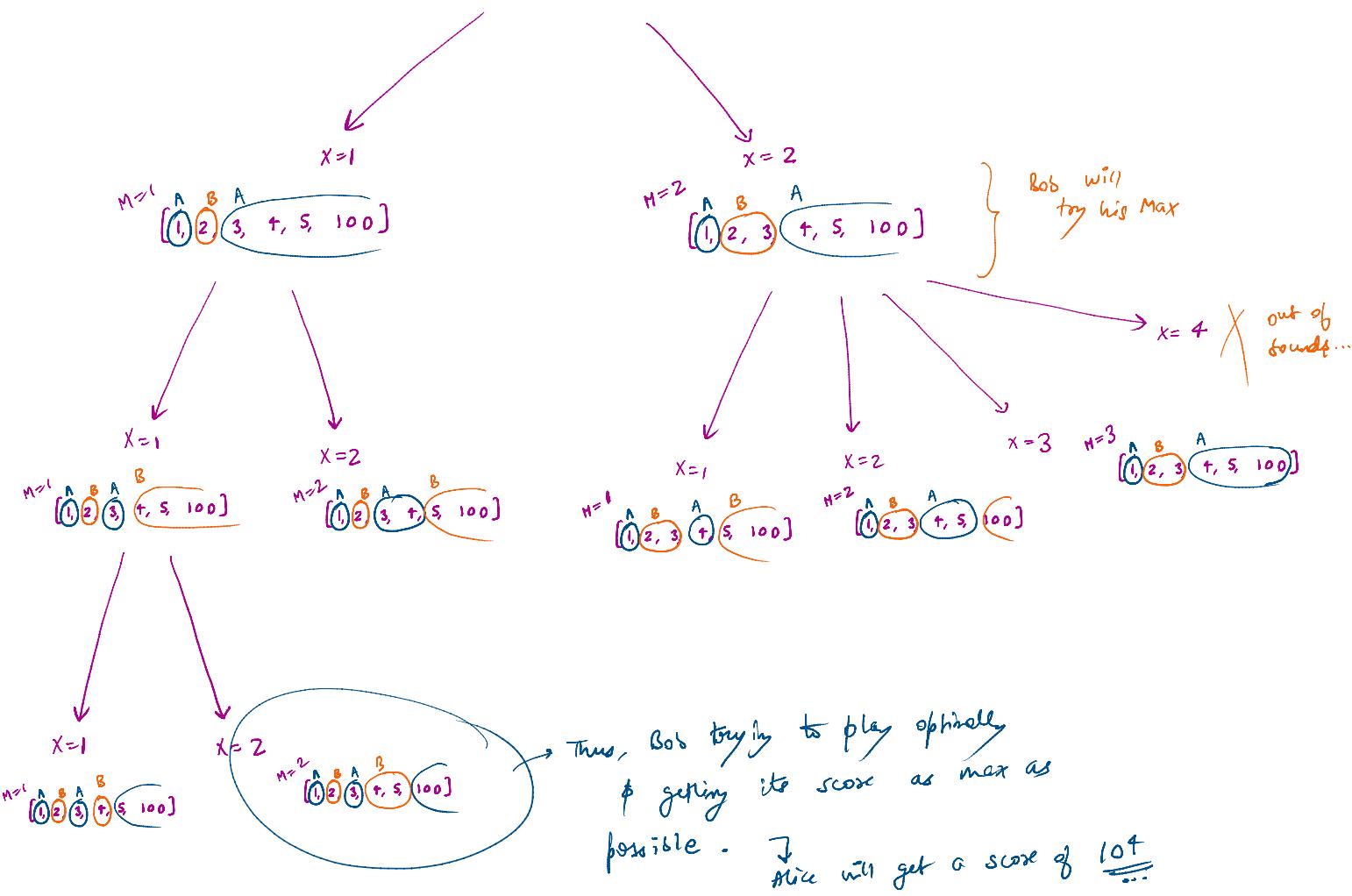
A
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 100]



$M=1$
(for Bob)

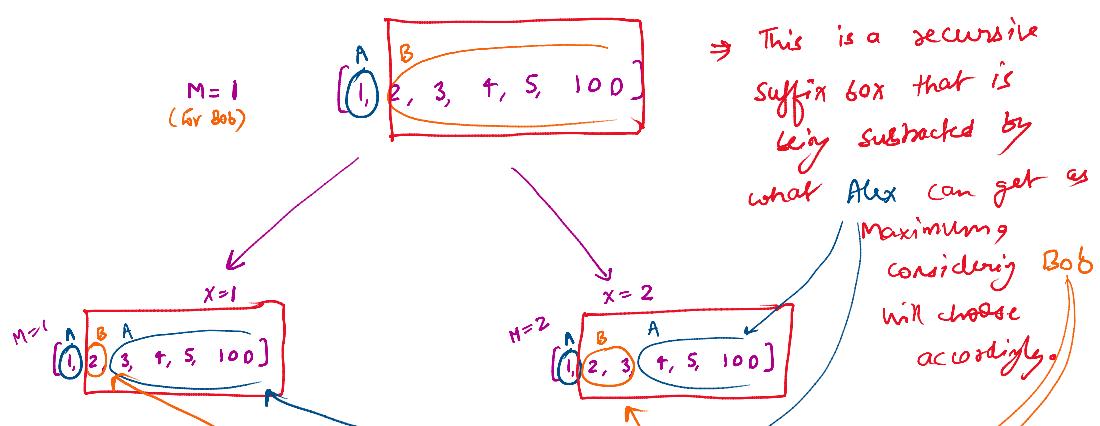
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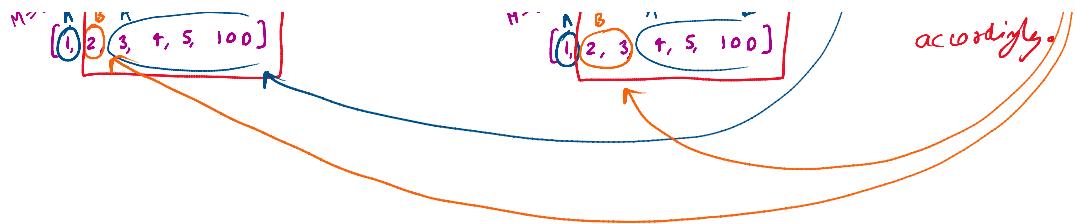
}{
Alice will try
his max



⇒ It is a simple recursion,

where every player can choose any number of stones from $1 \leq X \leq 2M$ (Initially $M=1$) & M becomes $M = \max(M, X)$





↳ Recursive call will have 2 parameters

⇒ As we can also have repeating sub-problem for the path of combinations (i, M) then
 ↳ suffix i

we can use Memoization.

current $i \rightarrow i$ at which index have to maximize suffix

current $M \rightarrow$ what would be the next M according to current x i.e. $1 \leq x \leq 2M$

let's write the code & understand with example :-

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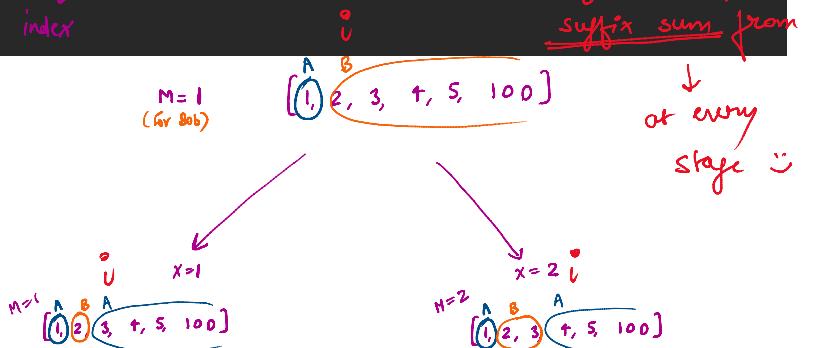
class Solution {
public:
    int helper(vector<int>& piles, vector<vector<int>>& dp, const vector<int>& suffixSum, int i, int M) {
        if (i == piles.size()) return 0;
        if (i + 2 * M >= piles.size()) return suffixSum[i];
        if (dp[i][M] != -1) return dp[i][M];
        int result = 0;
        for (int x = 1; x <= 2 * M; ++x) {
            result = max(result, suffixSum[i] - helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, i + x, max(M, x)));
        }
        dp[i][M] = result;
        return result;
    }

    int stoneGameII(vector<int>& piles) {
        if (piles.empty()) return 0;
        vector<vector<int>> dp(piles.size(), std::vector<int>(piles.size(), -1));
        vector<int> suffixSum(piles.size());
        suffixSum[suffixSum.size() - 1] = piles[piles.size() - 1];
        for (int i = piles.size() - 2; i >= 0; --i) suffixSum[i] = piles[i] + suffixSum[i + 1];
        return helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, 0, 1);
    }
};

```

Annotations:

- when i reaches end
- Base case
- when i can take all end elements so take All
- Memoization
- max condition as per question.
- Thinking & took \oplus piles next opponent will start from $i+x$
- DP memo initialization
- Normal suffix sum
- start index
- start M
- suffix sum from i
- As i would be needed to compute suffix sum from i
- or every stage



time :-

$$O(n * M * (2M)) = O(n^3)$$

will not go beyond n

will not go beyond n

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{piles.length} \leq 100$
- $1 \leq \text{piles}[i] \leq 10^4$

space: $O(n * M) = O(n^2)$

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class Solution {
public:
    int stoneGameII(vector<int>& piles) {
        int n = piles.size();
        vector<int> suffixSum(n + 1);
        suffixSum[n - 1] = piles[n - 1];
        for (int i = n - 2; i >= 0; i--) suffixSum[i] = suffixSum[i + 1] + piles[i];
    }

    vector<vector<int>> dp(n, vector<int>(n + 1));

    for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        for (int m = 1; m <= n; m++) {
            if (i + 2 * m >= n) {
                dp[i][m] = suffixSum[i];
            } else {
                for (int x = 1; x <= 2 * m; x++) {
                    int opponentScore = dp[i + x][max(x, m)];
                    int score = suffixSum[i] - opponentScore;
                    dp[i][m] = max(dp[i][m], score);
                }
            }
        }
    }

    return dp[0][1];
}

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Some Initialization

Pre-computation Part

all i

all possible m for those i

base case 2 of recursion

*taking out every (1 ≤ x ≤ 2*m)*

Computing everything backwards

Any one will take max

Time: $O(n^3)$

Space: $O(n^2)$

Same as
Recursion + Memo

C++

```
class Solution {
public:
    int helper(vector<int>& piles, vector<vector<int>>& dp, const vector<int>&
suffixSum, int i, int M) {
        if (i == piles.size()) return 0;
        if (i + 2 * M >= piles.size()) return suffixSum[i];
        if (dp[i][M] != 0) return dp[i][M];
        int result = 0;
        for (int x = 1; x <= 2 * M; ++x) {
            result = max(result, suffixSum[i] - helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, i + x,
max(M, x)));
        }
        dp[i][M] = result;
        return result;
    }
    int stoneGameII(vector<int>& piles) {
        if (piles.empty()) return 0;
        vector<vector<int>> dp(piles.size(), std::vector<int>(piles.size(), 0));
        vector<int> suffixSum(piles.size());
        suffixSum[suffixSum.size() - 1] = piles[piles.size() - 1];
        for (int i = piles.size() - 2; i >= 0; --i) suffixSum[i] = piles[i] +
suffixSum[i + 1];
        return helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, 0, 1);
    }
};
```

JAVA

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class Solution {
    public int helper(int[] piles, int[][] dp, int[] suffixSum, int i, int M) {
        if (i == piles.length) return 0;
        if (i + 2 * M >= piles.length) return suffixSum[i];
        if (dp[i][M] != 0) return dp[i][M];
        int result = 0;
        for (int x = 1; x <= 2 * M; ++x) {
            result = Math.max(result, suffixSum[i] - helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, i
+ x, Math.max(M, x)));
        }
    }
}
```

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        dp[i][M] = result;
        return result;
    }
    public int stoneGameII(int[] piles) {
        if (piles.length == 0) return 0;
        int[][] dp = new int[piles.length][piles.length];
        int[] suffixSum = new int[piles.length];
        suffixSum[suffixSum.length - 1] = piles[piles.length - 1];
        for (int i = piles.length - 2; i >= 0; --i) suffixSum[i] = piles[i] +
suffixSum[i + 1];
        return helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, 0, 1);
    }
}

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PYTHON3

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class Solution:
    def helper(self, piles, dp, suffixSum, i, M):
        if i == len(piles):
            return 0
        if i + 2 * M >= len(piles):
            return suffixSum[i]
        if dp[i][M] != 0:
            return dp[i][M]
        result = 0
        for x in range(1, 2 * M + 1):
            result = max(result, suffixSum[i] - self.helper(piles, dp, suffixSum,
i + x, max(M, x)))
        dp[i][M] = result
        return result
    def stoneGameII(self, piles):
        if not piles:
            return 0
        dp = [[0] * len(piles) for _ in range(len(piles))]
        suffixSum = [0] * len(piles)
        suffixSum[-1] = piles[-1]
        for i in range(len(piles) - 2, -1, -1):
            suffixSum[i] = piles[i] + suffixSum[i + 1]
        return self.helper(piles, dp, suffixSum, 0, 1)

```