

Top-Down Approach to Algorithms

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Recursive Insertion Sort

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Postcondition: $A[1..n]$ is a permutation of its initial values such that for $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, $A[i] \leq A[j]$.

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INSERT( $A[1..n]$ )
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Maximum Subsequence Sum

Input: An array $A[0..n - 1]$ of (possibly negative) **NUMBERS**.

Output: The maximum sum of any contiguous subsequence of A ; i.e.,

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} A[k] \mid 0 \leq i \leq j \leq n \right\}.$$

A Naive Algorithm

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```
MAXSUMITER( $A[0..n-1]$ )
   $m \leftarrow 0$ 
  for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$ 
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       $sum \leftarrow 0$ 
      for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j-1$ 
         $sum \leftarrow sum + A[k]$ 
       $m \leftarrow \text{MAX}(m, sum)$ 
  return  $m$ 
```

Improving the Naive Algorithm

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```
MAXSUMOPT( $A[0..n-1]$ )  
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Maximal Subsequence Sum, Top-Down

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Postcondition: Returns the maximum subsequence sum of A .

```
MAXSUMTD( $A[0..n - 1]$ )
  if  $n = 0$ 
    return 0
  else
    return MAX(MAXSUMTD( $A[0..n - 2]$ ),
              MAXSUFFIXTD( $A[0..n - 1]$ ))
```

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if $n = 0$

return 0

else

return

$\text{MAX}(0, A[n-1] + \text{MAXSUFFIXTD}(A[0..n-2]))$

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We therefore need to find the maximum suffix sum of the first instance and the maximum prefix sum of the second.

An Algorithm based on Divide and Conquer

Precondition: $A[lo..hi]$ is an array of **NUMBERS**, $lo \leq hi$, and both lo and hi are **NATs**.

Postcondition: Returns the maximum subsequence sum of $A[lo..hi]$.

MAXSUMDC($A[lo..hi]$)

if $lo = hi$

return $\text{MAX}(0, A[lo])$

else

$mid \leftarrow \lfloor (lo + hi) / 2 \rfloor$; $mid1 \leftarrow mid + 1$

$sum1 \leftarrow \text{MAXSUMDC}(A[lo..mid])$

$sum2 \leftarrow \text{MAXSUMDC}(A[mid1..hi])$

$sum3 \leftarrow \text{MAXSUFFIX}(A[lo..mid]) +$
 $\text{MAXPREFIX}(A[mid1..hi])$

return $\text{MAX}(sum1, sum2, sum3)$

Bottom-up Computation

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2. Using the top-down solution as a guide, combine the solutions of smaller instances to obtain solutions to larger instances.

Maximum Suffix Sum, Computed Bottom-Up

Precondition: $A[lo..hi]$ is an array of **NUMBERS**, $lo \leq hi$, and both lo and hi are **NATS**.

Postcondition: Returns the maximum suffix sum of $A[lo..hi]$.

```
MAXSUFFIXBU( $A[lo..hi]$ )
```

```
   $m \leftarrow 0$ 
```

```
  // Invariant:  $m$  is the maximum suffix sum of
```

```
  //  $A[lo..i - 1]$ 
```

```
  for  $i \leftarrow lo$  to  $hi$ 
```

```
     $m \leftarrow \text{MAX}(0, m + A[i])$ 
```

```
  return  $m$ 
```

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$\text{MAXSUMBU}(A[0..n-1])$

$m \leftarrow 0; msuf \leftarrow 0$

// **Invariant:** m is the maximum subsequence sum
// of $A[0..i-1]$, $msuf$ is the maximum suffix sum
// for $A[0..i-1]$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $n-1$

$msuf \leftarrow \text{MAX}(0, msuf + A[i])$

$m \leftarrow \text{MAX}(m, msuf)$

return m