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## Machines & Models

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# Learning Outcomes

## Unit 2: *Machines & Models*

1. Understand the difference between empirical *running time* and algorithm *analysis*.
2. Understand *worst / best / average case* models for input data.
3. Know the *RAM machine* model.
4. Know the definitions of *asymptotic notation* (Big-Oh classes and relatives).
5. Understand the reasons to make *asymptotic approximations*.
6. Be able to *analyze* simple *algorithms*.

# Outline

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- 2.1 Algorithm analysis
- 2.2 The RAM Model
- 2.3 Asymptotics & Big-Oh
- 2.4 Teaser: Maximum subarray problem

# What is an algorithm?

An algorithm is a sequence of instructions.

think: recipe

e. g. Python script

**More precisely:**

1. mechanically executable  
~> no "common sense" needed
2. finite description  $\neq$  finite computation!
3. solves a *problem*, i. e., a class of problem instances

$x + y$ , not only  $17 + 4$

► input-processing-output abstraction



**Typical example:** *bubblesort*

~> not a specific program  
but the underlying idea

# What is a data structure?

A data structure is

1. a rule for **encoding data**  
(in computer memory), plus
2. **algorithms** to work with it  
(queries, updates, etc.)

typical example: *binary search tree*



## 2.1 Algorithm analysis

# Good algorithms

**Our goal:** Find good (best?) algorithms and data structures for a task.

Good “usually” means

- ▶ fast running *time*
- ▶ moderate memory *space* usage

↙ can be complicated in distributed systems

*Algorithm analysis* is a way to

- ▶ compare different algorithms,
- ▶ predict their performance in an application

# Running time experiments

Why not simply run and time it?

- ▶ results only apply to
  - ▶ single *test* machine
  - ▶ tested inputs
  - ▶ tested implementation
  - ▶ ...

*≠ universal truths*

- ▶ instead: consider and analyze algorithms on an abstract machine

~> provable statements for model

~> testable model hypotheses



survives Pentium 4

~> Need precise model of machine (costs), input data and algorithms.



# Data Models

Algorithm analysis typically uses one of the following simple data models:

- ▶ **worst-case performance:**  
consider the *worst* of all inputs as our cost metric
- ▶ **best-case performance:**  
consider the *best* of all inputs as our cost metric
- ▶ **average-case performance:**  
consider the average/expectation of a *random* input as our cost metric

Usually, we apply the above for inputs of same size  $n$ .

↪ performance is only a **function of  $n$** .

## 2.2 The RAM Model

## Clicker Question



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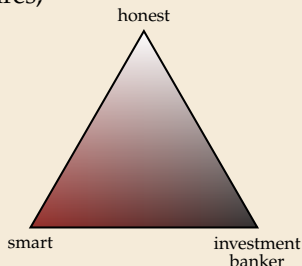
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proportional to

$$w \in \Theta(\lg n)$$



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- ▶ Instructions:
  - ▶ load & store:  $R_i := \text{MEM}[R_j]$     $\text{MEM}[R_j] := R_i$
  - ▶ operations on registers:  $R_k := R_i + R_j$  (arithmetic is *modulo*  $2^w$ !)  
also  $R_i - R_j$ ,  $R_i \cdot R_j$ ,  $R_i \text{ div } R_j$ ,  $R_i \bmod R_j$   
C-style operations (bitwise and/or/xor, left/right shift)
  - ▶ conditional and unconditional jumps
- ▶ cost: number of executed instructions

we will see further models later

$\rightsquigarrow$  The RAM is the standard model for sequential computation.

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What algorithm does the RAM program on the previous slide implement?



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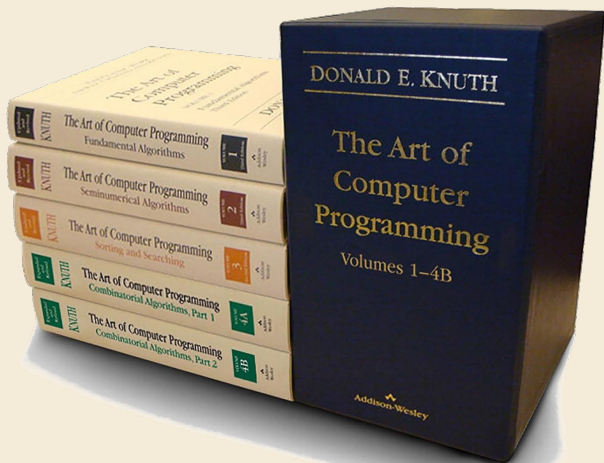
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they need not be examined on subsequent passes. Horizontal lines in Fig. 14 show the progress of the sorting from this standpoint; notice, for example, that five more elements are known to be in final position as a result of Pass 4. On the final pass, no exchanges are performed at all. With these observations we are ready to formulate the algorithm.

**Algorithm B** (*Bubble sort*). Records  $R_1, \dots, R_N$  are rearranged in place; after sorting is complete their keys will be in order,  $K_1 \leq \dots \leq K_N$ .

**B1.** [Initialize BOUND.] Set  $\text{BOUND} \leftarrow N$ . (BOUND is the highest index for which the record is not known to be in its final position; thus we are indicating that nothing is known at this point.)

**B2.** [Loop on  $j$ .] Set  $t \leftarrow 0$ . Perform step B3 for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \text{BOUND} - 1$ , and then go to step B4. (If  $\text{BOUND} = 1$ , this means go directly to B4.)

**B3.** [Compare/exchange  $R_j : R_{j+1}$ .] If  $K_j > K_{j+1}$ , interchange  $R_j \leftrightarrow R_{j+1}$  and set  $t \leftarrow j$ .

**B4.** [Any exchanges?] If  $t = 0$ , terminate the algorithm. Otherwise set  $\text{BOUND} \leftarrow t$  and return to step B2. ■

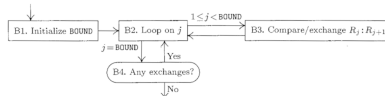


Fig. 15. Flow chart for bubble sorting.

**Program B** (*Bubble sort*). As in previous MIX programs of this chapter, we assume that the items to be sorted are in locations  $\text{INPUT}+1$  through  $\text{INPUT}+N$ .  $\text{r11} \equiv t$ ;  $\text{r12} \equiv j$ .

01	START	ENT1	N	1	B1. Initialize BOUND.	$t \leftarrow N$ .
02	1H	ST1	BOUND(1:2)	A	BOUND $\leftarrow t$ .	
03		ENT2	1	A	B2. Loop on $j$ .	$j \leftarrow 1$ .
04		ENT1	0	A	$t \leftarrow 0$ .	
05		JMP	BOUND	A	Exit if $j \geq \text{BOUND}$ .	
06	3H	LDA	INPUT, 2	C	B3. Compare/exchange $R_j : R_{j+1}$ .	
07		CMPA	INPUT+1, 2	C		
08		JLE	2F	C	No exchange if $K_j \leq K_{j+1}$ .	
09		LDX	INPUT+1, 2	B	$R_{j+1}$	
10		STX	INPUT, 2	B	$\rightarrow R_j$ .	
11		STA	INPUT+1, 2	B	(old $R_j$ ) $\rightarrow R_{j+1}$ .	
12		ENT1	0, 2	B	$t \leftarrow j$ .	
13	2H	INC2	1	C	$j \leftarrow j + 1$ .	
14		BOUND	ENTX $\rightarrow$ , 2	A + C	$\text{rX} \leftarrow j - \text{BOUND}$ .	[Instruction modified]
15		JXN	3B	A + C	Do step B3 for $1 \leq j < \text{BOUND}$ .	
16	4H	J1P	1B	A	B4. Any exchanges? To B2 if $t > 0$ .	■

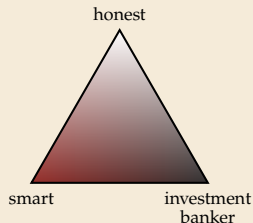
# Pseudocode

- ▶ Programs for the random-access machine are very low level and detailed  
≈ assembly/machine language

Typical simplifications when describing and analyzing algorithms:

- ▶ more abstract *pseudocode* ← code that humans understand (easily)
  - ▶ control flow using **if**, **for**, **while**, etc.
  - ▶ variable names instead of fixed registers and memory cells
  - ▶ memory management (more below)
- ▶ count dominant *elementary operations* (e. g. memory accesses) instead of all RAM instructions

In both cases: We *can* go to full detail where needed/desired.



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1 procedure bubblesort( $A[0..N)$ ):
2   for  $i := N, N - 1, \dots, 1$ 
3     for  $j := N - 2, N - 3, \dots, 0$ 
4       if  $A[j] > A[j + 1]$ :
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6       end if
7     end for
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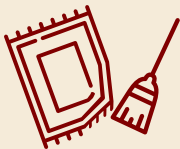
⇒ much more **readable**

- ▶ closer to modern high-level programming languages
- ▶ **but:** only allow primitive operations that correspond to  $O(1)$  RAM instructions
  - ⇒ analysis



# Memory management & Pointers

- ▶ A random-access machine is a bit like a bare CPU . . . without any operating system
  - ↪ cumbersome to use
- ▶ All high-level programming languages / operating systems add *memory management*:
  - ▶ Instruction to *allocate* a contiguous piece of memory of a given size (like `malloc`).
    - ▶ used to allocate a new array (of a fixed size) or
    - ▶ a new object/record (with a known list of instance variables)
    - ▶ There's a similar instruction to free allocated memory again or an automated garbage collector.
- ↪ A *pointer* is a memory address (i. e., the *i* of `MEM[i]`).
- ▶ Support for procedures (a.k.a. functions, methods) calls including recursive calls
  - ▶ (this internally requires maintaining call stack)



We will mostly ignore *how* all this works here.

## 2.3 Asymptotics & Big-Oh

## Clicker Question

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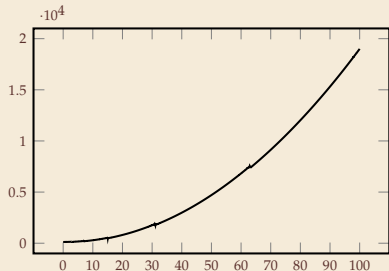
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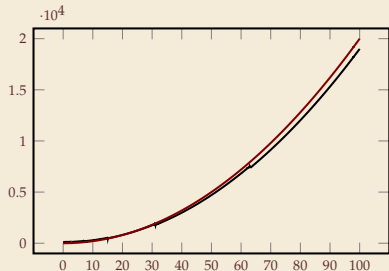
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<sup>need supremum since limit might not exist!</sup> iff  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \left| \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right| < \infty$

**Variants:** <sup>“Big-Omega”</sup>

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“Big-Theta”

- “Little-Oh Notation”:  $f(n) \in o(g(n))$   $\iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right| = 0$

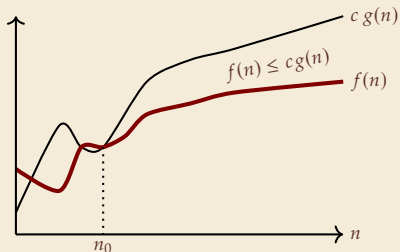
similarly:  $f(n) \in \omega(g(n))$  if  $\lim = \infty$

(Benefit of this definition: Works for any  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and is easy to generalize to limits other than  $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

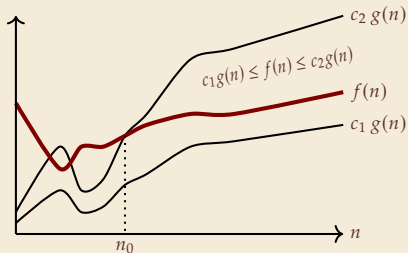
# Asymptotic tools – Intuition

- $f(n) = O(g(n))$ :  $f(n)$  is **at most**  $g(n)$   
up to constant factors and  
for sufficiently large  $n$

$$\text{or } f \leq c g$$



- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ :  $f(n)$  is **equal to**  $g(n)$   
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Plots can be misleading!

Example ↗

## Clicker Question

$$\approx f \leq g \quad \text{no} \quad g \geq f$$

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# Asymptotics – Example 1

Basic examples:

►  $20n^3 + 10n \ln(n) + 5 \sim 20n^3 = \Theta(n^3)$

►  $3 \lg(n^2) + \lg(\lg(n)) = \Theta(\log n)$

►  $10^{100} = O(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{20n^3 + 10n \ln n + 5}{20n^3} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\cancel{20n^3}} + \frac{10n \ln n}{\cancel{20n^3_2}} + \frac{5}{\cancel{20n^3}} \\ &= 1 + 10 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\frac{\ln n}{n^2}}_{\text{l'Hopital}} + 0 \\ &= 1 \\ &\quad < \infty \\ &\quad O(n^3) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{20n^3}{20n^3 + 10n \ln n + 5} &= 1 \quad \Omega(n^3) \end{aligned}$$

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Use *wolfram alpha* to compute/check limits, but also practice it with pen and paper!

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# Asymptotics – Basic facts

Rules to work with Big-Oh classes:

- ▶  $f = \Theta(f)$  (reflexivity)
- ▶  $f = \Theta(g) \wedge g = \Theta(h) \implies f = \Theta(h)$
- ▶  $c \cdot f(n) = \Theta(f(n))$  for constant  $c \neq 0$
- ▶  $f \sim g \iff f = g \cdot (1 \pm o(1))$
- ▶  $\Theta(f) \cdot \Theta(g) = \Theta(f \cdot g)$
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# Asymptotics – Frequently encountered classes

Frequently used orders of growth:

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- ▶ logarithmic  $\Theta(\log n)$       Note:  $a, b > 0$  constants  $\rightsquigarrow \Theta(\log_a(n)) = \Theta(\log_b(n))$
- ▶ linear  $\Theta(n)$
- ▶ linearithmic  $\Theta(n \log n)$
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2     # compute binary representation of exponent  
3     exponent_bits = bin(m)[2:]  
4     result = 1  
5     for bit in exponent_bits:  
6         result *= result  
7         if bit == '1':  
8             result *= x  
9     return result
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We showed  $n \leq C(n) \leq 2n$ ; what is the most precise asymptotic approximation for  $C(n)$  that we can make?

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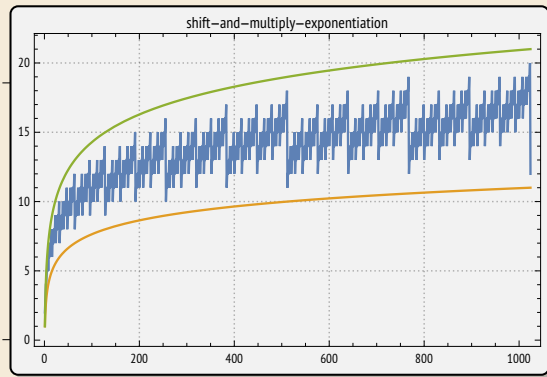
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► all other variables are *functions* of  $n$ :  $m = m(n)$

► must make *conditions* on functions explicit:  $m(n) \in \Omega(n)$  and  $m(n) \in O(n^2)$ .

↪ Can make statements like

$$O(n + m) \subseteq O(nm) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty, m \in \Omega(1))$$

$$1 = O(m) \Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{1}{m} \right| \text{ bounded } (*)$$

simple graph

Proof:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+m}{n \cdot m} \right| = \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m}}_{(*) \text{ bounded}} + \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m}{n \cdot m}}_{=0} < \infty$

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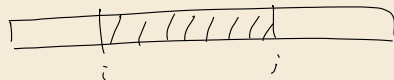
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What do you think is the  $\Theta$ -class of the running time of the fastest algorithm for the maximal sum subarray problem?

# Template for Describing an Algorithm

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Abstract idea that makes the algorithm work (prose)  
(an expert could fill in the rest from here)

## 2. </> **Pseudocode**

structured description of procedure including edge cases  
should be unambiguous and close to real code

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argument why the correct result is computed  
often uses induction and invariants

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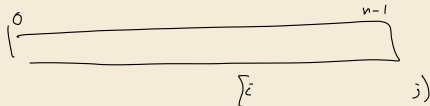
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### Maximal subarray problem

- **Given:**  $A[0..n]$  with  $A[i] \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $0 \leq i < n$ .
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## 4. 🏔️ Algorithm analysis

# additions

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i}^n \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i}^n (j - i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-i} j = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-i)(n-i+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n i \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{12} + \frac{n(n+1)}{4} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6} \sim \frac{1}{6} n^3 = \underline{\Theta(n^3)} \end{aligned}$$

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Can we possibly do better?

- ▶ There are  $\binom{n}{2} \sim \frac{1}{2}n^2$  different  $s(i, j) \dots$

~> Can't look at all of them

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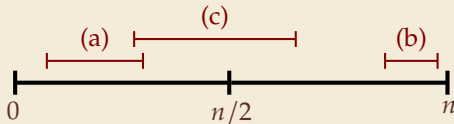
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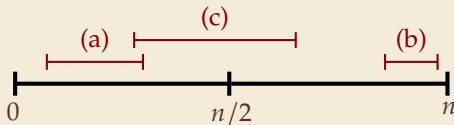
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💡 optimal straddle easy to compute!

- ▶ **independently** find best left endpoint  $i$  for  $s(i, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$  and best right endpoint  $j$  for  $s(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, j)$

- ▶ for (a) and (b), recurse on instance of half the size!

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## ◎ Correctness proof:

- ▶ Induction over  $n = r - \ell$ 
  - ▶ **basis:** for  $n \leq 1$  ✓
  - ▶ **hypothesis:** Assume  $\text{findMaxSubarraySum}$  returns correct result for all arrays of up to  $n - 1$  elements
  - ▶ **step:** For array of  $n \geq 2$  elements, distinguish cases (a), (b), (c)
    - (a) and (b)  $\rightsquigarrow$  IH ✓
    - (c) “from inspection of the code”

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"like merge sort"

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► Write  $n = r - \ell$

► # additions in non-recursive part:

$$\underbrace{(m - \ell)}_{(1)} + \underbrace{(r - m)}_{(2)} + \underbrace{1}_{(3)} = n + 1$$

► Write  $C(n)$  for total # additions for  $n$  elements

$$C(0) = C(1) = 0$$

$$\leadsto C(n) = C(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + C(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + \underbrace{n}_{(1)} + \underbrace{1}_{(2)} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

► for  $n = 2^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , this simplifies to

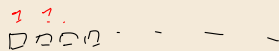
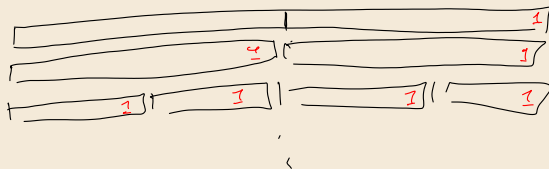
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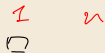
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$$\leq \lceil \log(u) \rceil + 1$$



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## A lower bound

- **Theorem:** Every correct algorithm has a running time of  $\Omega(n)$ .

adversary argument

angenommen, Algorithmus benutzt  $\leq n-2$  Additionen

$\Rightarrow$  kann nicht ganze Eingabe "sehen"

# An optimal algorithm

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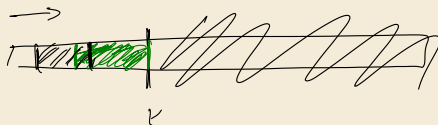
In a clever sweep, we can compute best  $s(i, r)$  and best  $s(i, j)$  with  $i \leq j \leq r$  for all  $r$ .

## </> Pseudocode

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```
1 procedure findMaxSubarraySum( $A[0..n]$ )
2   suffixMax := 0; globalMax := 0
3   for  $r = 1, \dots, n$ 
4     suffixMax :=  $\max\{\text{suffixMax} + A[r - 1], 0\}$ 
5     globalMax :=  $\max\{\text{globalMax}, \text{suffixMax}\}$ 
6   return globalMax
```

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*Correctness: Proof by induction over  $r$  that suffixMax and globalMax correct up to here.*

*Analysis:  $n$  additions.*