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# Segment Trees

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**Idea**

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- At most  $\log n$  elements change.
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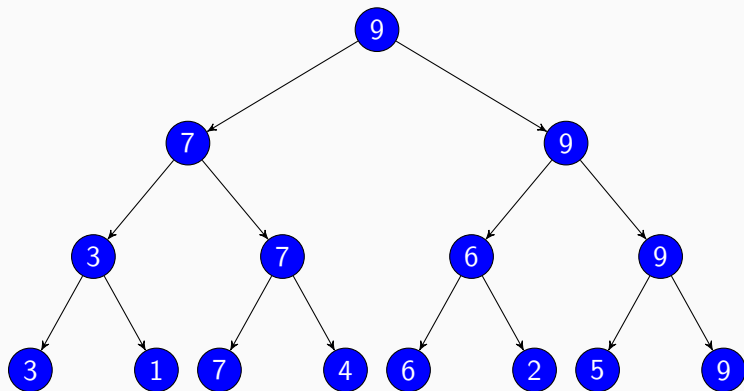
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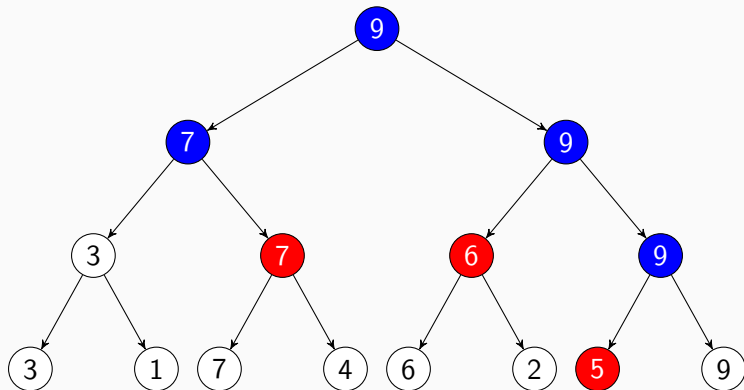
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- If the conquer step runs in  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , we can answer queries fast.

# Store recursion tree





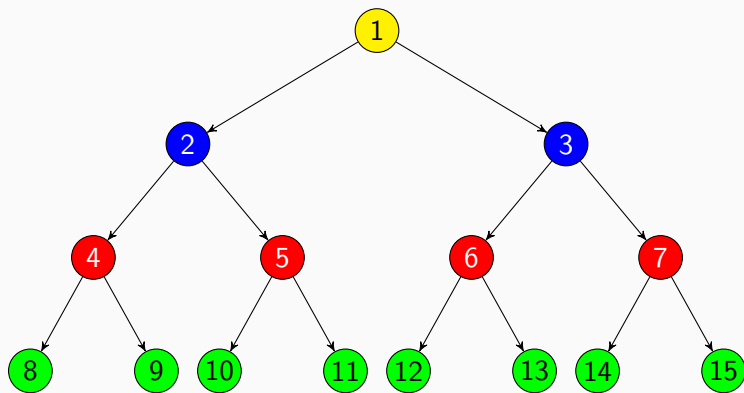


# Implementation

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- Pointers: Slow, most memory, persistency.
- Heap: Fast, versatile, close to divide and conquer.
- Iterative: Fastest, less memory.

I'll focus on the *Heap* style.



For node  $i$ :

- children  $2 \cdot i$  and  $2 \cdot i + 1$
- parent  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$

```
1  int next_power_of_two(unsigned x) {
2      return 1<<((__lg(x-1)+1));
3  }
4
5  struct SegmentTree {
6      int n;
7      vector<int> tree;
8
9      // build segtree of size at least min_n
10     SegmentTree(int min_n)
11         : n(next_power_of_two(min_n)),
12           tree(2*n) {}
13 };
```



```
1 SegmentTree(vector<Value> const& base)
2     : n(next_power_of_two(base.size())),
3       tree(2*n) {
4     for (int i=0; i<(int)base.size(); ++i)
5         tree[n+i] = base[i];
6     build(1, 0, n);
7 }
8 void build(int pos, int l, int r){
9     if (r - l == 1) return;
10    int m = (l+r)/2;
11    build(2*pos, l, m);
12    build(2*pos+1, m, r);
13    tree[pos] = max(tree[2*pos], tree[2*pos+1]);
14 }
```

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1 void update(int i, int val) {
2     assert(0 <= i && i < n);
3     return update_(i, val, 1, 0, n);
4 }
5
6 void update_(int i, int val, int pos, int l, int r) {
7     if (l == i && i+1 == r) { tree[pos] = val; return; }
8     if (i < l || i >= r) { return; }
9     int m = (l+r)/2;
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```
1  int query(int l, int r) {
2      assert(0 <= l && l < r && r <= n);
3      return query_(l, r, 1, 0, n);
4  }
5
6  int query_(int ql, int qr, int pos, int l, int r) {
7      if (ql <= l && r <= qr) { return tree[pos]; }
8      if (qr <= l || r <= ql) { return -INF; }
9      int m = (l+r)/2;
10     int ans_l = query_(ql, qr, 2*pos, l, m);
11     int ans_r = query_(ql, qr, 2*pos+1, m, r);
12     return max(ans_l, ans_r);
13 }
```



Which operations out of those can we use?

$+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $/$ ,  $\text{pow}$ , OR, XOR, NOR, AND, NAND gcd,  $==$

Anything that can be conquered in  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

The operations have to be associative  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$ .

### Examples

$+$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $\max$ ,  $\min$ ,  $\gcd$ ,  $\text{AND}$ ,  $\text{OR}$ ,  $\text{XOR}$ ,  $\dots$

### Things that don't work

$-$ ,  $/$ ,  $\text{pow}$ ,  $\text{NAND}$ ,  $\text{NOR}$ ,  $\text{==}$ ,  $\dots$

Runtime:  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  for build,  $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$  per update/query.

## **Example**

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Given an array of  $N$  numbers  $a_i$ , execute the following queries.

- $u\ x\ b$ : Set  $a_x$  to  $b$ .
- $q\ l\ r$ : Return the sum of the maximum sum subarray of  $a_l, a_{l+1}, \dots, a_{r-1}$ .

How can we apply divide and conquer?



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## How to conquer?

- Max sum subarray can be in one half, or it crosses the boundary.
- Maximum prefix/suffix can be in either half.
- Sum is sum of both sums

This runs in  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , so we can use it in a segment tree.



```
1  struct Value {
2      int max, pre, suf, sum;
3  };
4  Value combine(Value const& a, Value const& b){
5      return Value {
6          max({a.max, b.max, a.suf + b.pre}),
7          max(a.pre, a.sum + b.pre),
8          max(a.suf + b.sum, b.suf),
9          a.sum + b.sum
10     };
11 }
```

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1 void build(int pos, int l, int r){
2     if (r - l == 1) return;
3     int m = (l+r)/2;
4     build(2*pos, l, m);
5     build(2*pos+1, m, r);
6     tree[pos] = combine(tree[2*pos], tree[2*pos+1]);
7 }
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1 void update(int i, int val) {
2     assert(0 <= i && i < n);
3     return update_(i, Value{val, val, val, val}, 1, 0, n);
4 }
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6 void update_(int i, Value val, int pos, int l, int r) {
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2
3  Value query_(int ql, int qr, int pos, int l, int r) {
4      if (ql <= l && r <= qr) { return tree[pos]; }
5      if (qr <= l || r <= ql) { return neutral_element; }
6      int m = (l+r)/2;
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- The operations have to be associative:

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- There needs to be a neutral element  $e$ :

$$e \circ a = a \circ e = a \text{ for all } a.$$

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2  Value combine(Value a, Value b) { ... }
3  const Value neutral_element = ...;
```