# Fenwick Trees a.k.a. Binary Indexed Trees, or BITs 

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## The Problem

- Given an array, need to
- ... compute sums of arbitrary segments
- ... and update arbitrary elements
- ... and do both efficiently


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- Use prefix sums
- Sums O(1), updates O(N)



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- ... so we can keep the tree in the same array

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## Usage: Reads

- Each parent is sum of the children
- ... so we can recover the other child
- Amortized constant time

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## Usage: Updates

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```
void fenwick_inc(int a[], int n, int i, int d) {
    a[i] += d;
    for (int m = 1; i + m < n; m <<= 1)
        if ((i & m) == 0) {
            i += m;
            a[i] += d;
        }
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\section*{Usage: Sums}
- Each array element is root of a subtree
- ... so we need to just collect the correct ones
- This is \(\mathrm{O}(\log (\mathrm{N}))\)
```

int fenwick_sum(int a[], int n, int k) {
int s = 0;
for (int m = 1; m <= k; m <<= 1)
if ((k\&m) == 0)
k += m;
else
s += a[k - m];
return s;


## Fenwick Trees

- Invented by Peter M. Fenwick in 1993
- Software—Practice and Experience, March 1994
- My code uses slightly different indexing
- More convenient when array length not a power of 2
- http://github.com/ahtotruu/fenwick/


## Questions?

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