

Next Greater Element I

You are given two arrays (**without duplicates**) `nums1` and `nums2` where `nums1`'s elements are subset of `nums2`. Find all the next greater numbers for `nums1`'s elements in the corresponding places of `nums2`.

The Next Greater Number of a number `x` in `nums1` is the first greater number to its right in `nums2`. If it does not exist, output -1 for this number.

Example 1:

Input: `nums1 = [4,1,2]`, `nums2 = [1,3,4,2]`.

Output: `[-1,3,-1]`

Explanation:

For number 4 in the first array, you cannot find the next greater number for it in the second array, so output -1.

For number 1 in the first array, the next greater number for it in the second array is 3.

For number 2 in the first array, there is no next greater number for it in the second array, so output -1.

Example 2:

Input: `nums1 = [2,4]`, `nums2 = [1,2,3,4]`.

Output: `[3,-1]`

Explanation:

For number 2 in the first array, the next greater number for it in the second array is 3.

For number 4 in the first array, there is no next greater number for it in the second array, so output -1.

Note:

1. All elements in `nums1` and `nums2` are unique.
2. The length of both `nums1` and `nums2` would not exceed 1000.

Solution 1

Key observation:

Suppose we have a decreasing sequence followed by a greater number

For example `[5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 6]` then the greater number `6` is the next greater element for all previous numbers in the sequence

We use a stack to keep a **decreasing** sub-sequence, whenever we see a number `x` greater than `stack.peek()` we pop all elements less than `x` and for all the popped ones, their next greater element is `x`

For example `[9, 8, 7, 3, 2, 1, 6]`

The stack will first contain `[9, 8, 7, 3, 2, 1]` and then we see `6` which is greater than `1` so we pop `1 2 3` whose next greater element should be `6`

```
public int[] nextGreaterElement(int[] findNums, int[] nums) {
    Map<Integer, Integer> map = new HashMap<>(); // map from x to next greater element of x
    Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<>();
    for (int num : nums) {
        while (!stack.isEmpty() && stack.peek() < num)
            map.put(stack.pop(), num);
        stack.push(num);
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < findNums.length; i++)
        findNums[i] = map.getOrDefault(findNums[i], -1);
    return findNums;
}
```

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Solution 2

```
public class Solution {
    public int[] nextGreaterElement(int[] findNums, int[] nums) {
        int[] ret = new int[findNums.length];
        ArrayDeque<Integer> stack = new ArrayDeque<>();
        HashMap<Integer, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
        for(int i = nums.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
            while(!stack.isEmpty() && stack.peek() <= nums[i]) {
                stack.pop();
            }
            if(stack.isEmpty()) map.put(nums[i], -1);
            else map.put(nums[i], stack.peek());
            stack.push(nums[i]);
        }
        for(int i = 0; i < findNums.length; i++) {
            ret[i] = map.get(findNums[i]);
        }
        return ret;
    }
}
```

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Solution 3

```
def nextGreaterElement(self, findNums, nums):  
    return [next((y for y in nums[nums.index(x):] if y > x), -1) for x in findNums]
```

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