

Find the Minimum length Unsorted Subarray, sorting which makes the complete array sorted

Given an unsorted array $arr[0..n-1]$ of size n , find the minimum length subarray $arr[s..e]$ such that sorting this subarray makes the whole array sorted.

Examples:

- 1) If the input array is $[10, 12, 20, 30, 25, 40, 32, 31, 35, 50, 60]$, your program should be able to find that the subarray lies between the indexes 3 and 8.
- 2) If the input array is $[0, 1, 15, 25, 6, 7, 30, 40, 50]$, your program should be able to find that the subarray lies between the indexes 2 and 5.

Solution:

1) Find the candidate unsorted subarray

- a) Scan from left to right and find the first element which is greater than the next element. Let s be the index of such an element. In the above example 1, s is 3 (index of 30).
- b) Scan from right to left and find the first element (first in right to left order) which is smaller than the next element (next in right to left order). Let e be the index of such an element. In the above example 1, e is 7 (index of 31).

2) Check whether sorting the candidate unsorted subarray makes the complete array sorted or not. If not, then include more elements in the subarray.

- a) Find the minimum and maximum values in $arr[s..e]$. Let minimum and maximum values be min and max . min and max for $[30, 25, 40, 32, 31]$ are 25 and 40 respectively.
- b) Find the first element (if there is any) in $arr[0..s-1]$ which is greater than min , change s to index of this element. There is no such element in above example 1.
- c) Find the last element (if there is any) in $arr[e+1..n-1]$ which is smaller than max , change e to index of this element. In the above example 1, e is changed to 8 (index of 35).

3) return $e - s + 1$, which is the length of required sub-array.