after sorting according to width in increasing order (if two envelopes have the same width, sorting according to height in decreasing order). then we only need to compute LIS in 1D (with strict <). there's an $O(n \log \log n)$ time algorithm [3] using vEB trees, and also $O(n \log \log ans)$ [1] for computing LIS of a permutation with n numbers, and it's easy to wlog assume the heights are distinct. computing LIS needs $\Theta(n \log n)$ time in the comparison based model [2].

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