

Lab Manual 07 Stack Problems

1. Largest Rectangle in Histogram

Problem Statement:

You are given an array `heights[]` of size `n`, where each element represents the height of a bar in a histogram. Each bar has a width of 1. Find the largest rectangular area that can be formed in the histogram.

Example:

Input:

`heights = [2, 1, 5, 6, 2, 3]`

Output:

10

Explanation:

The largest rectangle is formed by heights `[5, 6]` (from index 2 to 3) with a width of 2 and a height of 5, so the area is $5 * 2 = 10$.

Hints: Use a monotonic increasing stack to keep track of indices and calculate the max area.

2. Trapping Rainwater Problem

Problem Statement:

Given an array `heights[]` of size `n`, where `heights[i]` represents the height of the building at index `i`, determine the amount of rainwater trapped between the buildings after rainfall.

Example:

Input:

`heights = [0, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 1, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1]`

Output:

6

Explanation:

Water is trapped at indices 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 with units `[1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1]`, totaling 6 units.

Hints: Use a monotonic decreasing stack or track left max and right max heights.

3. Find Celebrity in a Party (Stack Approach)

Problem Statement:

You are given `n` people at a party, labeled as 0 to `n-1`. A celebrity is a person who:

1. Knows nobody at the party.
2. Is known by everyone at the party.

You are given a function `knows(a, b)` which returns True if a knows b, and False otherwise. Find the celebrity in $O(n)$ time complexity using a stack.

Example:

Input (Matrix Representation of `knows(a, b)`):

`M = [[0, 1, 1], [0, 0, 1], [0, 0, 0]]`

Output:

2

Explanation:

Person 2 is known by everyone (0 and 1) and does not know anyone, so 2 is the celebrity.

Hints: Use a stack to eliminate non-celebrities and verify the last candidate.

4. Design a Special Stack with Two Stacks

Problem Statement:

Design a stack that supports the following operations in $O(1)$ time:

1. `push(x)`: Push an element onto the stack.
2. `pop()`: Remove the top element.
3. `get_min()`: Get the minimum element in the stack.
4. `get_max()`: Get the maximum element in the stack.

Example:

Input:

`s = SpecialStack()`

`s.push(5)`

`s.push(1)`

`s.push(3)`

Output:

`print(s.get_min()) # 1`

`print(s.get_max()) # 5`

Hints: Use two stacks: `main_stack` for storing elements and `min_stack/max_stack` for tracking min/max values.