

Longest Continuous Increasing Subsequence

Problem condition:

Given an unsorted array of integers `nums`, return *the length of the longest **continuous increasing subsequence** (i.e. subarray)*. The subsequence must be **strictly** increasing.

Case: `nums = [1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`

Answer: 4

Algorithm:

At first, we need to check if the `nums` array is not empty. If it is, then we need to return 0

If the array is not empty, we need to initialize two variables:

`maxLength` - the length of the longest continuous increasing subsequence that we ever met during algorithm

`currentLength` - the length of the subsequence that we are currently considering

At first both of variables equals to 1 (Minimum possible length)

Main idea is to compare the current element of the array with the next element of the array.

If the next element is **larger** than the current one, then **increase `currentLength`** by one.

If the next element is **less** than or **equal** to the current one, then we need to find the **larger value** between **`maxLength`** and **`currentLength`** and write that value **to the `maxLength` variable, and `currentLength` is reset to 1**, because a new subsequence has started.

Repeat this algorithm till the end of the array and return the maximum between **`maxLength`** and **`currentLength`**

Example `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

At first we need to compare `[1, 2]`, then `[2, 1]`, then `[1, 2]`, then `[2, 3]`, then `[3, 4]`, then `[4, 1]` . . . then `[2, 3]`

1 and 2 `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

2 more than 1, so current increasing subsequence is `[1, 2]` and **`currentLength` = 2**

2 and 1 `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

1 less than 2, so we need to find the maximum between `maxLength` (1) and `currentLength` (2), maximum value is 2, so **at the moment** the longest increasing subsequence is `[1, 2]`, **`maxLength` = 2**, reset `currentLength`, **`currentLength` = 1**

1 and 2 `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

2 more than 1, so current increasing subsequence is `[1, 2]` and **`currentLength` = 2**

1 and 2 `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

3 more than 2, so current increasing subsequence is `[1, 2, 3]` and **`currentLength` = 3**

1 and 2 `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

4 more than 3, so current increasing subsequence is `[1, 2, 3, 4]` and **`currentLength` = 4**

4 and 1 `[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3]`:

1 less than 4, so we need to find the maximum between `maxLength` (2) and `currentLength` (4), maximum value is 4, so **at the moment** the longest increasing subsequence is `[1, 2, 3, 4]`, **`maxLength` = 4**, reset `currentLength`, **`currentLength` = 1**

. . . Repeat algorithm till the end of an array

The last increasing subsequence will be `[1, 2, 3]`, **`currentLength` = 3**, but we will not write this value to `maxLength` variable, because we met longer subsequence before. `maxLength` (4) more than `currentLength` (3)

So we need to return `maxLength` and the answer will be **4**