

Next Greater Element: Given array of size N and N elements, find the next greater elements to right side and replace it with the current smaller element on the left side. if no greater element found, replace it with -1 .

Ex-1:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
array =	[2	4	8	3	1,	20,	11]
answer =	[4	8	20	20	20	-1	-1]

Idea-1: for every index, check for the next greater elements, once found, replace with current index.

$n = \text{len}(\text{array})$
 $\text{ans} = [0] * n$

for i in $\text{range}(n)$:

for j in $\text{range}(i+1, n)$.

if $\text{arr}[j] > \text{arr}[i]$:

$\text{ans}[i] = \text{arr}[j]$

break

Ex-1:

i j
 $array[7] = [2, 4, 8, 3, 1, 20, 11]$

$ans = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$

$arr[i] > arr[j]$

replace

$j = j + 1 = 2$

$ans = [4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$

i j
 $array[7] = [2, 4, 8, 3, 1, 20, 11]$

$arr[j] > arr[i]$

$arr[2] > arr[1]$

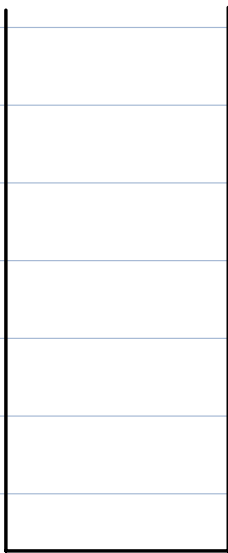
$8 > 4$

$ans = [4, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$

Add 8 at the first index
in the answer array.

Idea-2: Use Stack

Last in first out



- ① check if the stack is empty
if empty, add the current element.
- ② if not empty, check if the current element is greater than the element inside the stack,
- ③ if greater, replace the larger element with smaller in answer array

6	11
5	20
4	1
3	3
2	8
1	4
0	2

array = [2, 4, 8, 3, 1, 20, 11]

answer = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]

① stack empty? **yes**

add 1st index

increment $i \Rightarrow i = 0 + 1 = 1$

stack empty? **NO**

current element > stack ele
yes

Go inside, replace the
stack's element with

current & remove the
smaller element from
stack:

AS we can observe, two indices are left in
stack, for those element as there is no greater
element on right, put **-1** instead of them