

**Program 57. Longest Continuous Subarray With Absolute Diff Less Than or Equal to Limit**  
 Given an array of integers nums and an integer limit, return the size of the longest non-empty subarray such that the absolute difference between any two elements of this subarray is less than or equal to limit. Example 1: Input: nums = [8,2,4,7], limit = 4 Output: 2 Explanation: All subarrays are: [8] with maximum absolute diff  $|8-8| = 0 \leq 4$ . [8,2] with maximum absolute diff  $|8-2| = 6 > 4$ . [8,2,4] with maximum absolute diff  $|8-2| = 6 > 4$ . [8,2,4,7] with maximum absolute diff  $|8-2| = 6 > 4$ . [2] with maximum absolute diff  $|2-2| = 0 \leq 4$ . [2,4] with maximum absolute diff  $|2-4| = 2 \leq 4$ . [2,4,7] with maximum absolute diff  $|2-7| = 5 > 4$ . [4] with maximum absolute diff  $|4-4| = 0 \leq 4$ . [4,7] with maximum absolute diff  $|4-7| = 3 \leq 4$ . [7] with maximum absolute diff  $|7-7| = 0 \leq 4$ . Therefore, the size of the longest subarray is 2.

**Program:**

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from collections import deque
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def longestSubarray(nums, limit):
    max_deque = deque() # To keep track of the maximum values
    min_deque = deque() # To keep track of the minimum values
    left = 0 # Left pointer of the sliding window
    max_len = 0 # Resultant maximum length of the subarray

    for right in range(len(nums)):
        # Maintain the decreasing order in max_deque
        while max_deque and nums[max_deque[-1]] <= nums[right]:
            max_deque.pop()
        max_deque.append(right)

        # Maintain the increasing order in min_deque
        while min_deque and nums[min_deque[-1]] >= nums[right]:
            min_deque.pop()
        min_deque.append(right)

        # Check the current window
        while nums[max_deque[0]] - nums[min_deque[0]] > limit:
            left += 1
            if max_deque[0] < left:
                max_deque.popleft()
            if min_deque[0] < left:
                min_deque.popleft()

        # Update the maximum length of the subarray
        max_len = max(max_len, right - left + 1)

    return max_len

# Example usage
nums = [8, 2, 4, 7]
limit = 4
print(longestSubarray(nums, limit)) # Output: 2
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**Output:**

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"C:\Program Files\Python312\python.exe" "C:\Work Space\DAA COADS.PYTHON\program 57.py"  
2  
  
Process finished with exit code 0
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**Time complexity:**

**$O(n)$**