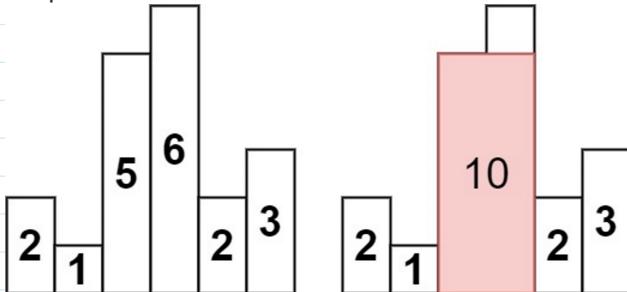


## SQP10 Largest Rectangle in Histogram

Saturday, December 3, 2022 12:00 PM

Given an array of integers heights representing the histogram's bar height where the width of each bar is 1, return the area of the largest rectangle in the histogram.

Example 1:

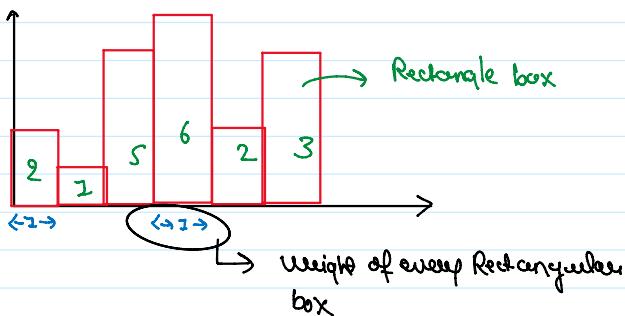


Input: heights = [2,1,5,6,2,3]

Output: 10

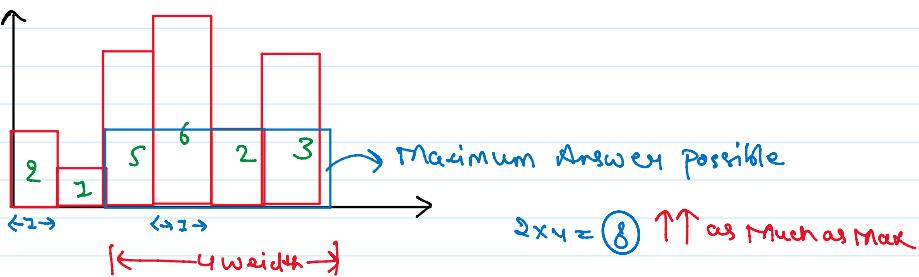
Explanation: The above is a histogram where width of each bar is 1. The largest rectangle is shown in the red area, which has an area = 10 units.

Example

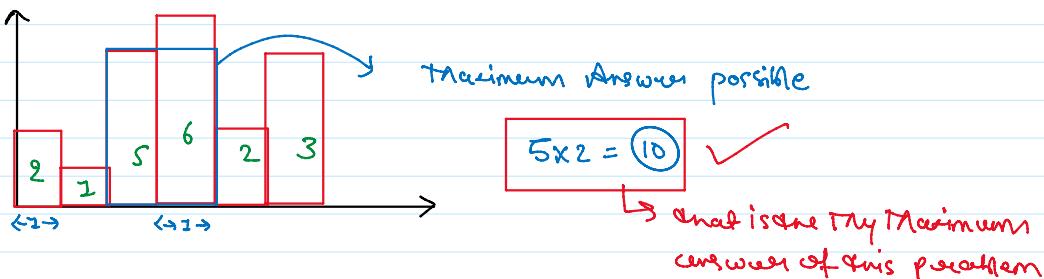


Maximum Combination case possible we finding the Maximum answer

Rectangle 1



Rectangle 2

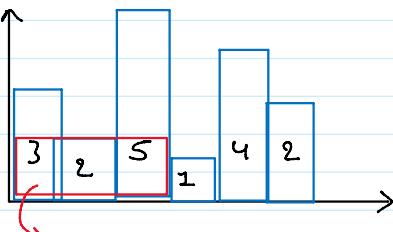


Many More Combination of Rectangle possible but we finding the Maximum One

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

That is the Maximum answer of this problem

Example 2

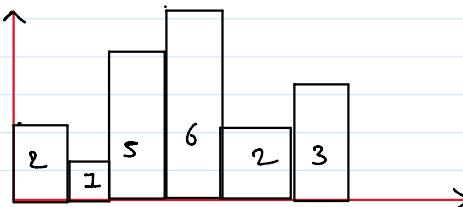


That is the maximum area of this histogram  
 $= 3 \times 3 = 6$  maximum  $\approx$

### #Thought Process

Always in Interview Stand with Brute Force Approach and then go to the Optimal Approach

→ first we finding the separately Area for every particular Rectangular box that are consecutive from left and right hand side



Now finding the Area for every Particular Rectangular box

2 → 2 Covering only one box because Next box is Smaller than 2  
 So My Area is  
 $\text{Area} = 2 \times 1 = 2$

1 → 1 Covering all the Rectangular box because (1) is smallest unit in this Histogram So Area is

$$\text{Area} = 1 \times 6 = 6$$

5 → 5 Covering only two Rectangular box  $\rightarrow$  My Maximum Answer  
 $\text{Area} = 2 \times 5 = 10$

6 → 6 Covering only 1 Rectangular box because that is biggest one in Histogram

$$\text{Area} = 6 \times 1 = 6$$

2 → 2 Covering 4 Rectangular box So the area is

$$\text{Area} = 2 \times 4 = 8$$

3 → 3 Covering only 1 Rectangular box  
 $\text{Area} = 3 \times 1 = 3$

$$\text{Area} = 3 \times 1 = ③$$

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That is one way how to finding the every particular rectangular box Area

$$\text{Maximum Area} = ⑩$$

→ Now the question is how to find the left and right all the rectangular box that comes under the particular rectangular box



→ Assume 9 cm standing on box = 2 So how to finding the All the box that are comes under that Range

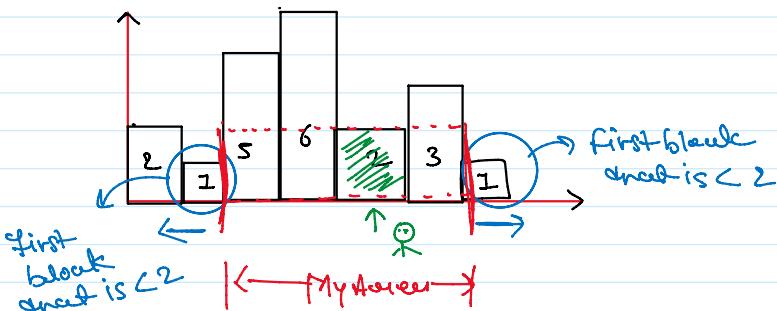
→ For Right hand side

→ finding the first block that is < Standing block = 2

→ For Left hand side

→ Same approach finding the first block that is < Standing block = 2

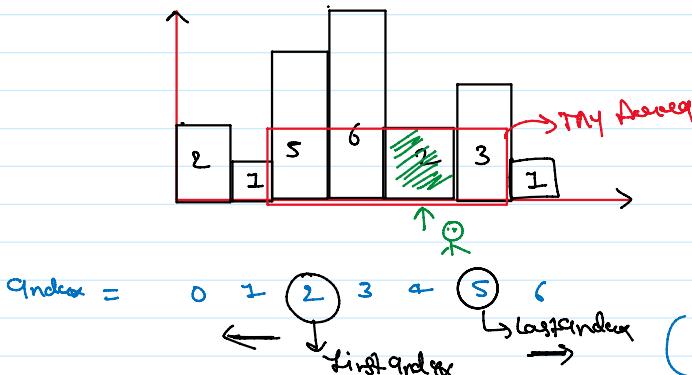
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↳ And that is my width of my particular rectangular Box

$$2 \times 4 = ⑧$$

# finding the Area Using Index



formula:-

Last Index and First Index  
of first smaller box for  
particular box + 1

Last Index - First Index + 1

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Index = 0 1 (2) 3 4 (5) 6  
 ↓ first index      ↓ last index

$$\text{answer} = (5 - 2 + 1) \times \text{area}[i]$$

particular box + 1

$$\boxed{\text{last index} - \text{first index} + 1}$$

$$= 4 \times 2$$

8 Answer



→ That is the way for finding every  $\text{area}[i]$  finding the Area

$\text{for}(0, n)$  → That for loop for linear iteration  
 ↓  $\text{for}(i, n)$  for every rectangular box

for finding the  
Right hand Side  
first < box index  
→

$\text{for}(0, i)$

↓ for finding the left hand side  
first < box index

Time Complexity =  $O(N^2)$

→ Because we used Nested loop



# Implementation

```
class Solution:
    def largestRectangleArea(self, h):
        n = len(h)
        ans = 0

        for i in range(n):
            right = 0
            left = 0

            for j in range(i, n):
                if h[j] >= h[i]:
                    right = j
                else:
                    break

            for k in range(i, -1, -1):
                if h[k] >= h[i]:
                    left = k
                else:
                    break

            ans = max(ans, (right - left + 1) * h[i])

        return ans
```

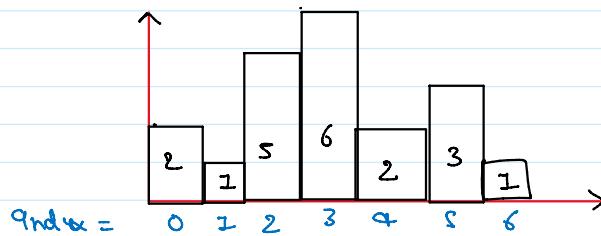
# Optimized Approach

During the Brute force Approach we finding the formula that is

$$(\text{last index} - \text{first index}) \times \text{area}[i] + 1$$

During the Beaufort Approach we find the formula that is

$$(\text{last index} - \text{first index}) \times \text{arr[i]} + 1$$



→ So How Can I finding the Right Smaller Index and Left Smaller Index

→ Here we used the concept that we learn previously that is Next Greater element and on the basis of this concept we find the

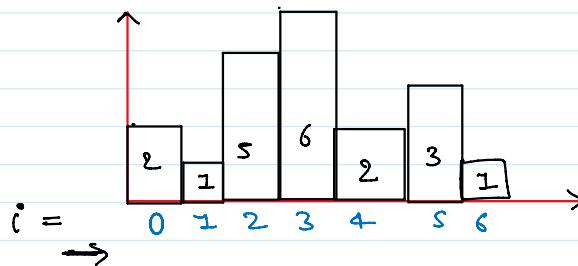
- Next Smaller element
- Previously Smaller element



→ We creating and Left Smaller Index and Right Smaller Index array of the size of Histogramme

→ Maintain the Stack data structure for carrying the index of the Rectangular box

# Let's Understand

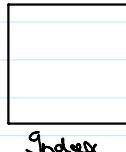


→ Initialized the Array

LeftSmallerIndex =

0	1	2	3	4	5

Stack =



Start the iteration from the left hand side →

i = 0

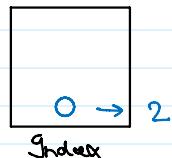
Look into the stack and check if any greater element and is  $\geq$  then arr[i] X  
(No Greater element)

- So put 0 into the Left Index array
- and put that index into the stack

LeftSmallerIndex =

0					
0	1	2	3	4	5

Stack =



$i=1$

Look into the stack and check if any greater element exist is  $\geq$  then decr( $i$ ) ✓  
(Yes present)

- So removed index from the stack
- and assign the previous value into the Left Index Array

Leftsmallindex =

0	0					
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =



$i=2$

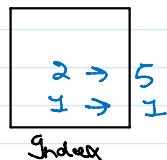
Look into the stack and check if any greater element exist is  $\geq$  then decr( $i$ ) X  
(No greater element)

- In this case when every index at the top of stack + 1 push into the leftindex array
- and push  $i$  into the stack

Leftsmallindex =

0	0	2				
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =



$i=3$

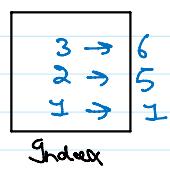
Look into the stack and check if any greater element exist is  $\geq$  then decr( $i$ ) X  
(No greater element)

- In this case when every index at the top of stack + 1 push into the leftindex array
- and push  $i$  into the stack

Leftsmallindex =

0	0	2	3			
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =



→ if we observed that we push that index into the increasing order

Index

→ If we observed then we put max index into the increasing order

$i=4$

Look into the stack and check if any greater element than  $i$  is  $>$  then  $\text{dec}(i)$  ✓  
(Yes present)

- So removed all the values of index that is  $\geq i$  from the stack
- and assign the stack.pop() + 1 into the leftIndex array and put 9 into the stack

leftsmallIndex =

0	0	2	3	2		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =

3 → 6	Removed
2 → 5	Removed
1 → 4	



Index

Stack =

4 → 2
1 → 1

$i=5$

Look into the stack and check if any greater element than  $i$  is  $>$  then  $\text{dec}(i)$  X  
(No greater element)

- In this case when every index at the top of stack + 1 push into the leftIndex array
- and push  $i$  into the stack

leftsmallIndex =

0	0	2	3	2	5	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =

5 → 3	
4 → 2	
1 → 1	

Index

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leftsmallIndex =

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =

5 → 3	Removed
4 → 2	Removed
1 → 1	Removed



Index

Index

Stack =



→ if stack becomes empty then simply push the 0 into the left index array

Left small Index =

0	0	2	3	2	5	0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

→ That is the way how to finding the left index of all rectangular box

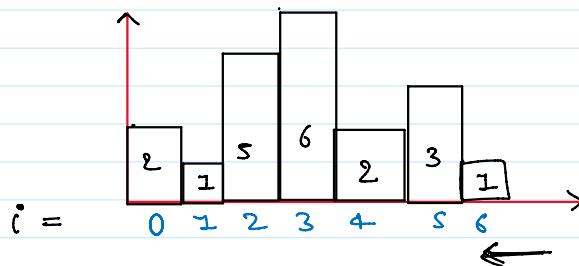
→ Similar process follows for finding the right small index only some changes apply

→ Start iteration from right side ←

→ In Left small Index we push stack.pop() + 1 into the array

→ For Right small Index we push stack.pop() - 1 into the array

→ Now Remaining concept and logic will be same that we follow into the Left small array

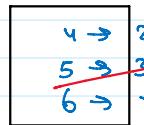


→ Initialized the array

Right small Index =

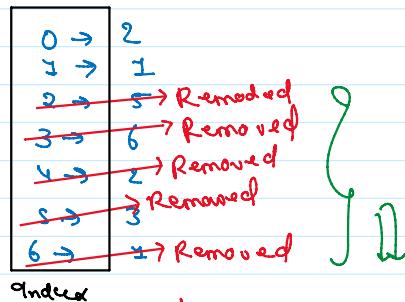
0	6	3	3	5	5	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stack =



Stack one iteration from the Right hand side ←

Stack



→ if stack is empty so put last index that is present into the stack that is = 6 and push into the Right small array and push 9 into

that is = 6 and push into one  
Right-index array and push 9 into  
Stack

That is the way to finding the Left and Right small index array

Left small index =

0	0	2	3	2	5	0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

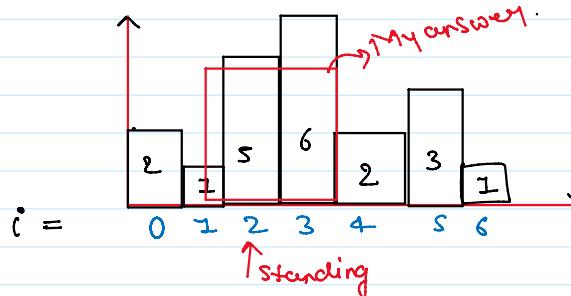
Right small index =

0	6	3	3	5	5	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

After finding the Left and right small index array we generate linearly in our histogram and apply formula

$$(\text{Right} - \text{Left index}) + 1 \times \text{area}(i)$$

→ and finding the area Maximum answer



Left small index =

0	0	2	3	2	5	0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Right small index =

0	6	3	3	5	5	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

example

$$(\text{Right index} - \text{Left index} + 1) \times \text{area}(i)$$

$$(3 - 2 + 1) \times \text{area}(2)$$

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$



10 That is my Maximum Answer



$$\text{TimeComplexity} = O(N) + O(N) + O(N) \approx O(N)$$

→ find left index array

→ find Right index array

→ find finding the  
maximum answer

$$\text{SpaceComplexity} = O(N) + O(N) + O(N) \approx O(3N)$$

→ find left index array

→ find Right index array

→ find Stack



#Implementation Python

```
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# gfg: https://practice.geeksforgeeks.org/problems/maximun-rectangular-area-in-a-histogram/1
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#Implementation Java

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Stack;
```

```

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class Solution:
    def largestRectangleArea(self, heights: List[int]) -> int:

        n = len(heights)
        leftSmallIndexArray = [-1] * n
        rightSmallIndexArray = [-1] * n

        stack = []

        for i in range(n):
            while len(stack) != 0 and heights[stack[-1]] >= heights[i]:
                stack.pop()

            if len(stack) == 0:
                leftSmallIndexArray[i] = 0
            else:
                leftSmallIndexArray[i] = stack[-1] + 1
            stack.append(i)

        stack.clear()

        for i in range(n - 1, -1, -1):
            while len(stack) != 0 and heights[stack[-1]] >= heights[i]:
                stack.pop()

            if len(stack) == 0:
                rightSmallIndexArray[i] = n - 1
            else:
                rightSmallIndexArray[i] = stack[-1] - 1
            stack.append(i)

        MaxArea = 0

        for i in range(n):
            MaxArea = max((rightSmallIndexArray[i] - leftSmallIndexArray[i] + 1) *
                           heights[i], MaxArea)

        return MaxArea

```

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Stack;

public class L9_Largest_Rectangle_in_Histogram {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        System.out.println("L9
_Largest_Rectangle_in_Histogram");
    }
}

class Solution {
    public int largestRectangleArea(int[] heights) {

        int n = heights.length;
        int[] leftSmallIndexArray = new int[n];
        int[] rightSmallIndexArray = new int[n];

        Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack();

        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {

            while(!stack.isEmpty() && heights[stack.peek()] >=
heights[i]){
                stack.pop();
            }
            if(stack.isEmpty()){
                leftSmallIndexArray[i] = 0;
            } else{
                leftSmallIndexArray[i] = stack.peek() + 1;
            }
            stack.push(i);

        }

        while(!stack.isEmpty()){
            stack.pop();
        }

        for (int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--) {

            while(!stack.isEmpty() && heights[stack.peek()] >=
heights[i]){
                stack.pop();
            }
            if(stack.isEmpty()){
                rightSmallIndexArray[i] = n-1;
            } else{
                rightSmallIndexArray[i] = stack.peek() - 1;
            }
            stack.push(i);

        }

        int MaxArea = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            MaxArea =
Math.max(MaxArea,(rightSmallIndexArray[i] -
leftSmallIndexArray[i] + 1) * heights[i]);
        }

        return MaxArea;
    }
}

```

## # More Optimized Approach

As we previously learned a formula for finding the Area of every particular Rectangular box

$$(Right - Left) + 1 \times \text{area}[i]$$

+ This formula takes ② passes  
one for Right Small Index and  
one for Left Small Index

→ Now in this approach area task is converted  
Converted → pass to 1 pass

## # Thought Process

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→ Previously we learned to finding the Left and Right Index and store the Index into Stack

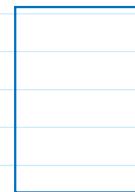
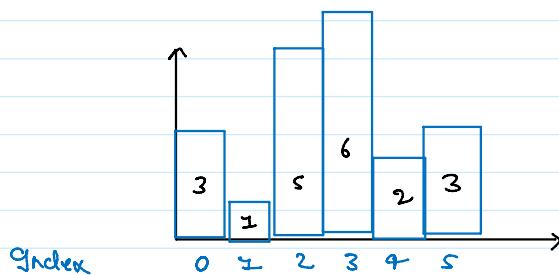
→ In this Approach we Not finding the hole left and right every left and right we finding one Area as well as that is my intuitions 😊

}

return MaxArea;

}

## # Let's Deep Run and Understand



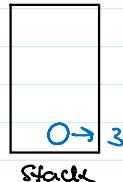
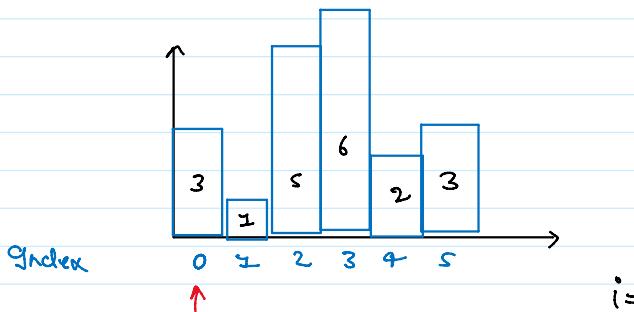
MaxArea = 0

Stack =

→ How to finding the Left and Right Index at Single pass  
→ We Create the MaxArea



→ Start iteration from 0 Index



Stack

i=0 Our Stack is Empty So Simply put the Index into the Stack

i=1

Now Check if any element exist is > then curr[i] into the Stack ✓

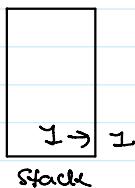
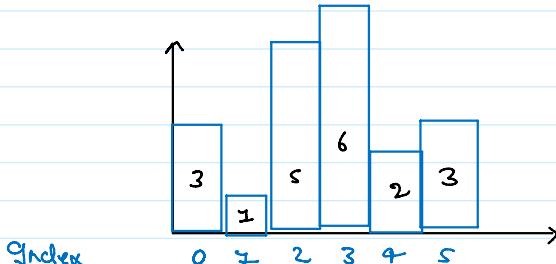
(Yes exist)

→ Remove that element and i is the Right Index

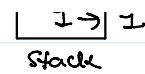
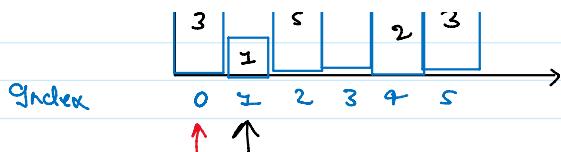
→ And if our stack is empty that means Left Index is = 0

→ In this case My Overall width this = 1

MaxArea =  $3 \times 1 = 3$  → update the MaxArea and put i into the stack

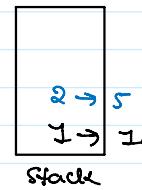
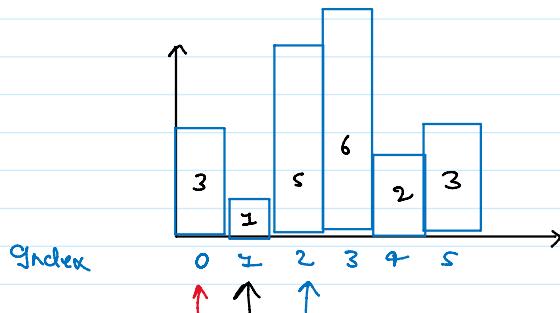


MaxArea = 0 3



$i = 2$

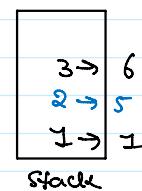
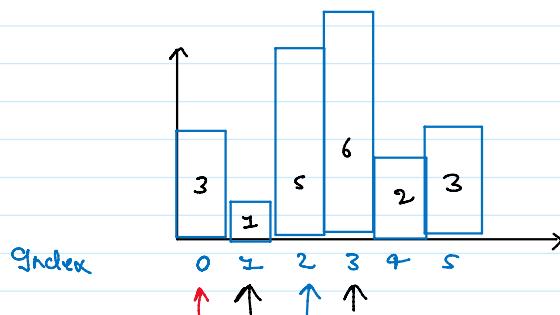
Now Again Check if element  $\text{arr}[i]$  is  $>$  then  $\text{arr}[i]$  So again same process follow otherwise push  $\text{arr}[i]$  into the stack



$$\text{MaxArea} = 0 / 3$$

$i = 3$

Now Again Check if element  $\text{arr}[i]$  is  $>$  then  $\text{arr}[i]$  So again same process follow otherwise push  $\text{arr}[i]$  into the stack

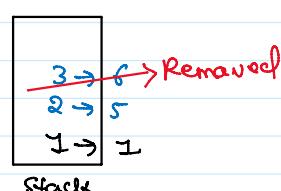
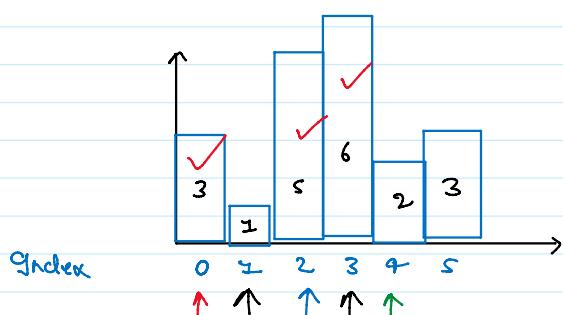


$$\text{MaxArea} = 0 / 3$$

$i = 4$

Now Again Check if any element present  $\text{arr}[i]$  is  $>$   $\text{arr}[i]$  into the stack  
(Yes exist) ✓

→ Now Compute every block of width  
and removed from the stack



$$\text{MaxArea} = 0 / 3 / 6$$



$$\text{RightIndex} = 4$$

$$\text{LeftIndex} = \text{parent of the top of the stack} \\ = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MaxArea} &= \text{Right} - \text{Left} - 1 \times \text{arr}[i] \\ &= 4 - 2 - 1 \times 6 \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

→ Again Check if any element  $\text{arr}[i]$  is  $>$  then  $\text{arr}[i]$  So again same



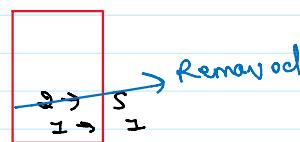
$$\text{MaxArea} = 0 / 3 / 6 / 10$$

→ Again check if any element next is  $>$  then  $\text{ceil}(i)$  So again same process follow

= (6)

Right index = 4  
Left index = 1

Stack =



MaxArea = 0 ~~7~~ 6 10

$$\text{MaxArea} = \text{Right} - \text{left} - 1 \times \text{ceil}(i)$$

$$\text{MaxArea} = 4 - 1 - 1 \times 5$$

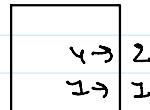
= (10)

→ Again check if any element next is  $>$  then  $\text{ceil}(i)$  into the stack X

→ Not any element exist next is  $>$  then  $\text{ceil}(i)$   
So simply push i into the stack

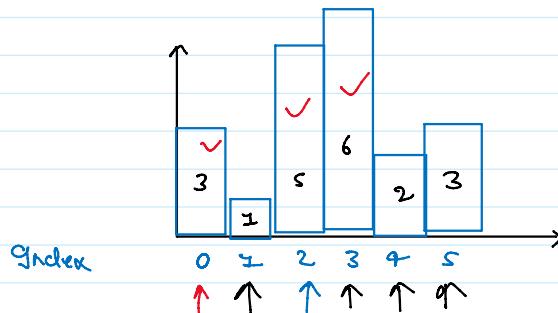


Stack =

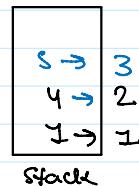


i = 5

Now Again check if element next is  $>$  then  $\text{ceil}(i)$  So again same process follow otherwise push that i into the stack



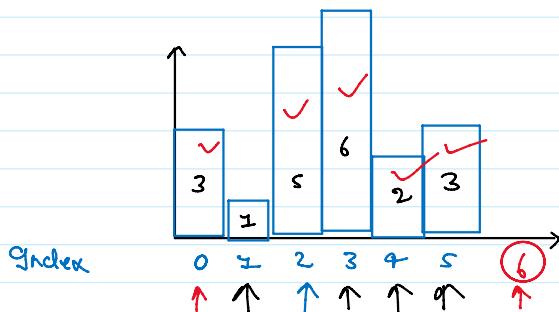
MaxArea = 0 ~~3~~ 6 10



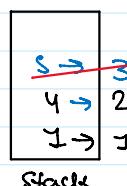
Stack

→ Now here my iteration will be end but my ③ block area next calculated until can I do

→ In this we moved one more iteration i = 6 and again same process follow and try to complete all the remaining box areas.



MaxArea = 0 ~~3~~ 6 10



Stack

Level 3

Right index = 6  
Left index = 4

→ Again same process followed  
for removing element from the stack

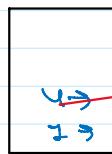
$$\text{MaxArea} = (6 - 4 - 1) \times \text{area}(i)$$

$$= 1 \times 3$$

$$= 3$$



Stack =



~~4 → 2~~ → Removed

~~1 → 1~~

free = 2

RightIndex = 6

LeftIndex = 1

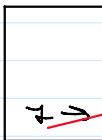
→ Again same process followed  
for removing element from the stack

$$\text{MaxArea} = (6 - 1 - 1) \times \text{area}(i)$$

$$= 4 \times 2$$

$$= 8$$

Stack =

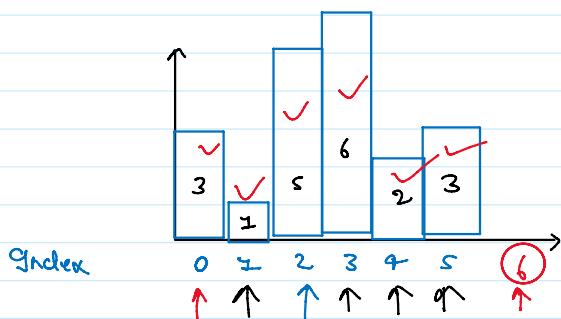


~~7 → 1~~ → Removed

free = 1

RightIndex = 6

LeftIndex = 0



$$\text{MaxArea} = (6 - 0) \times \text{area}(i)$$

$$= 5 \times 1$$

$$= 5$$



if only remaining element is 1 into to the stack or 0 then this case we can not -1



$$\text{Time Complexity} = O(N) + O(N)$$

→ free linearly  
of rate

→ free maintaining the  
stack

→ every time we need  
removed the every  
element from the  
stack

→ Only free stack

No Need to required another  
data structure



$$\text{Space Complexity} = O(N)$$

# Implementation Python

# Implementation Java

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class Solution:
    def largestRectangleArea(self, heights: List[int]) -> int:

        stack = []
        MaxAns = 0
        n = len(heights)

        for i in range(n+1):

            while len(stack) != 0 and (i == n or heights[stack[-1]] >= heights[i]):
                height = heights[stack[-1]]
                stack.pop()
                width = 0

            if len(stack) == 0:
                width = i
            else:
                width = i - stack[-1]-1

            MaxAns = max(MaxAns,width*height)

            stack.append(i)

        return MaxAns

```



```

class Solution {
    public int largestRectangleArea(int[] heights) {

        int MaxAns = 0;
        int n = heights.length;

        Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack();

        for(int i = 0;i <= n;i++){

            while(!stack.isEmpty() && (i == n || heights[stack.peek()] >= heights[i])){
                int height = heights[stack.peek()];
                stack.pop();
                int weidth;

                if(stack.size() == 0){
                    weidth = i;
                }
                else{
                    weidth = i - stack.peek()-1;
                }

                MaxAns = Math.max(MaxAns,weidth * height);
            }
            stack.push(i);
        }

        return MaxAns;
    }
}

```