

Fruits into Basket.

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→ We will keep a map to keep track of no of unique elements and window to get longest subarray.

In this question, We are getting asked find the longest subarray with atmost 2 different fruits.

$l$   
 $x$   $1, 2, 3, 2, 2$

map:  
 $nums[l] = 1$   
 $map.getOrDefault(nums[l], map.getOrDefault(nums[l], 0) + 1);$   
 $if (map.size() > 2) \rightarrow false$   
 $max = [max, r + 1] = 1$

map:  
 $1, 1$

□ Step-by-Step Logic:

1. Initialize:
  - A Hashmap (or array if fruit types are small) to track fruit counts.
  - Two pointers:  $l$  (left),  $r$  (right).
  - Variable  $maxlen$  to store the answer.
2. Expand the window (move  $r$ ):
  - Add  $fruits[r]$  to the map → increase its count.
3. Check window validity:
  - If map size  $> 2$ , the window is invalid.
  - While invalid, shrink from left ( $l++$ ), and reduce frequency of  $fruits[l]$ .
  - Remove fruit type from map if its count becomes 0.
4. Update max length:
  - After each valid window, do  $maxlen = \max(maxlen, r - l + 1)$ .
5. Repeat until end of array.

$l = 0$ ,  $l = 1$   
 $nums[l] = 2$   
 $map.getOrDefault(nums[l], map.getOrDefault(nums[l], 0) + 1);$   
 $if (map.size() > 2) \rightarrow false$   
 $max = [max, r + 1] = 2$

map:  
 $2, 1$   
 $1, 1$

$l = 0$ ,  $l = 2$   
 $nums[l] = 3$   
 $map.getOrDefault(nums[l], map.getOrDefault(nums[l], 0) + 1);$   
 $while (map.size() > 2) \rightarrow true$   
 $\rightarrow map.put(nums[l], map.get(nums[l]) - 1)$   
 $if (map.get(nums[l]) == 0) map.remove(nums[l]);$   
 $l++$   
 $map.size() = 2 \Rightarrow$  got out of loop.  
 $max = [max, r + 1] = 2$

map:  
 $3, 1$   
 $2, 1$   
 $1, 1$

$l = 1$ ,  $l = 3$

$nums[l] = 2$   
 $map.getOrDefault(nums[l], map.getOrDefault(nums[l], 0) + 1);$   
 $if (map.size() > 2) \rightarrow false$   
 $max = [max, r + 1] = 3$

map:  
 $3, 1$   
 $2, 2$

$l = 1$ ,  $l = 4$

$nums[l] = 3$   
 $map.getOrDefault(nums[l], map.getOrDefault(nums[l], 0) + 1);$   
 $while (map.size() > 2) \rightarrow true$   
 $max = [max, r + 1] = 4$

map:  
 $3, 2$   
 $2, 2$

nums[2] = 3  
map.getOrDefault(nums[2], map.getOrDefault(nums[2], 0) + 1);  
while (map.size() < 2)  
max = [max, nums[i]] → 4

3, 2
2, 2