

A easy solution is  $O(n)$  time and  $O(n)$  space using a stack

```
def verifyPreorder(self, preorder):
    stack = []
    lower = -1 << 31
    for x in preorder:
        if x < lower:
            return False
        while stack and x > stack[-1]:
            lower = stack.pop()
        stack.append(x)
    return True
```

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Then we realize that the preorder array can be reused as the stack thus achieve  $O(1)$  extra space, since the scanned items of preorder array is always more than or equal to the length of the stack.

```
def verifyPreorder(self, preorder):
    # stack = preorder[:i], reuse preorder as stack
    lower = -1 << 31
    i = 0
    for x in preorder:
        if x < lower:
            return False
        while i > 0 and x > preorder[i - 1]:
            lower = preorder[i - 1]
            i -= 1
        preorder[i] = x
        i += 1
    return True
```

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