

Leetcode Trapping Rain Water (Hard)

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42. Trapping Rain Water

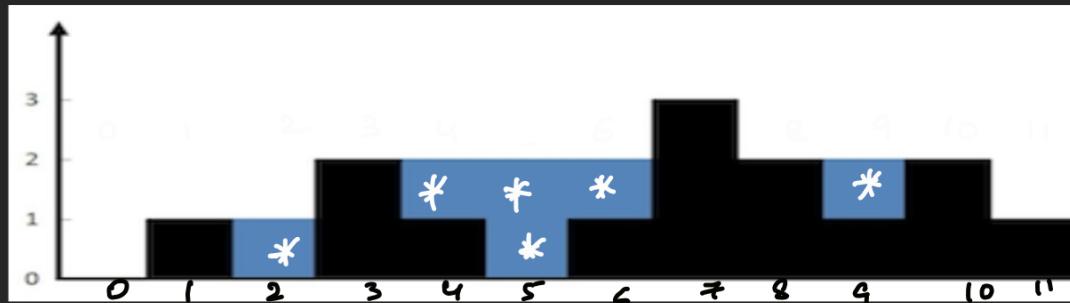
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Given n non-negative integers representing an elevation map where the width of each bar is 1, compute how much water it can trap after raining.

Example 1:



Input: height = [0,1,0,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,2,1]

Output: 6

Explanation: The above elevation map (black section) is represented by array [0,1,0,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,2,1]. In this case, 6 units of rain water (blue section) are being trapped.

Example 2:

Input: height = [4,2,0,3,2,5]

Output: 9

Constraints:

- $n == \text{height.length}$
- $1 \leq n \leq 2 * 10^4$
- $0 \leq \text{height}[i] \leq 10^5$

APPROACH 1 :-

GROUND RULE :- Water can be trapped between two high points. — leftMax & rightMax

In the given figure, water can be trapped at points (2, 4, 5, 6, 9) where the heights that trap water are at points

$$\{ (1,3), (3,7), (3,7), (3,7), (8,10) \}$$

This is step ① - to figure the heights that trap water

Step ②: calculate water that can be trapped (in units)

Let's calculate water at point 2. The boundaries that trap water at 2 are $(1,3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{amt of water at point 2} &= \min(1,3) - \text{height at point 2} \\ &= 1 - 0 \\ &= 1 \text{ unit.} \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, total water trapped =

$$\begin{aligned} &[\min(1,3) - h[2]] + [\min(3,7) - h[4]] + [\min(3,7) - h[5]] + \\ &[\min(3,7) - h[6]] + [\min(8,10) - h[9]] \\ &= (1-0) + (3-0) + (3-0) + (3-1) + (8-1) \\ &= 1+2+3+2+7 \\ &= \underline{\underline{15}} \end{aligned}$$

Step ① :- FIGURE HEIGHTS THAT CAN TRAP WATER AT EACH POINT.

Let's denote left boundary as `leftMax`

right boundary as `rightMax`.

Two storage : `leftMax[]` `rightMax[]`

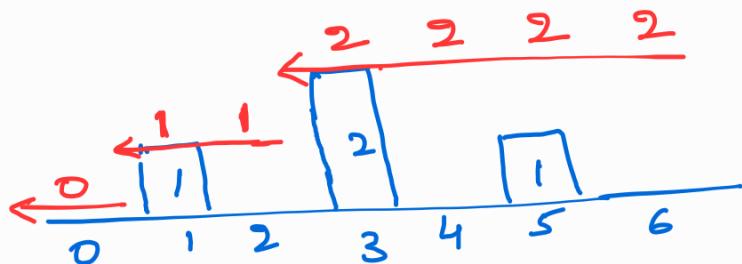
`leftMax[i]`, `rightMax[i]` are left & right boundaries that trap water at i .

Determining $\text{leftMax}[i]$:

If height at point i is greater than leftMax of $(i-1)$, then $\text{leftMax}[i] = \text{height at point } i = \text{height}[i]$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{leftMax}[i] = \max(\text{leftMax}[i-1], \text{height}[i])$$

Eg:-



At points $3, 4, 5, 6$; the max height on left is 2.
At point $1, 2$; the max height on left is 1.
At point 0 ; the max height on left is 0.

Hence,

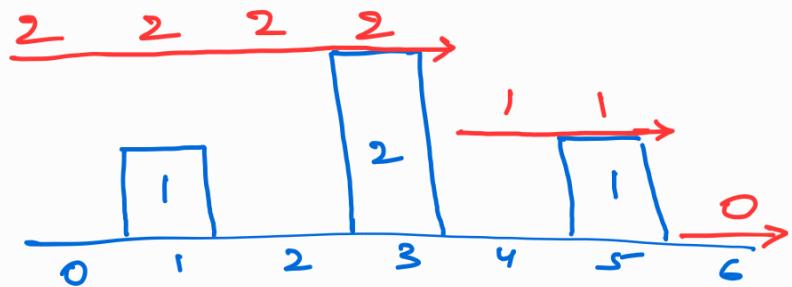
$$\text{leftMax}[] = \{0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2\}.$$

Determining $\text{rightMax}[i]$:

If height at point i is greater than rightMax of $(i+1)$, then $\text{rightMax}[i] = \text{height at point } i = \text{height}[i]$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{rightMax}[i] = \max(\text{rightMax}[i+1], \text{height}[i]);$$

Eg:-



At points 0, 1, 2, 3; max height on right is 2

at points 4, 5; max height on right is 1.

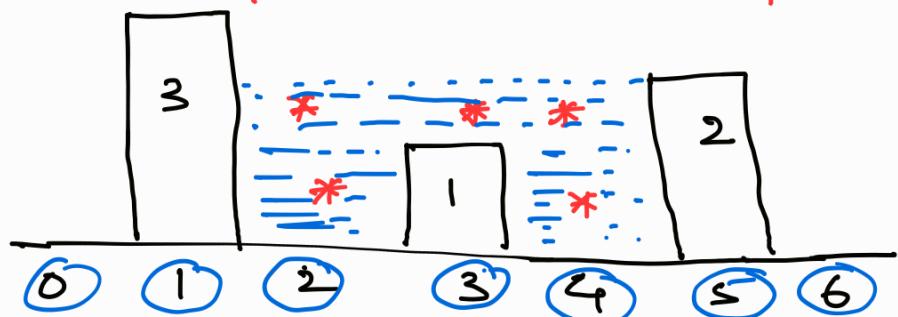
at point 6; max height on right is 0.

Hence, rightMax[] = {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0}.

Step②: CALCULATE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT IS TRAPPED AT EACH POINT BASED ON LEFTMAX & RIGHTMAX.

Eg:- Let's calculate water trapped at 4.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{leftMax: - } 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 \\ \text{rightMax: - } 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 \end{array}$$



$$\min(\text{leftMax}[2], \text{rightMax}[2]) - h[2]$$

$$= \min(3, 2) - 0$$

$$= 2 - 0$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2}}$$

DP FORMULA :-

$$\{ \text{water trapped at } i \} = \min \{ \text{leftMax}[i], \text{rightMax}[i] \} - h[i]$$

for $i: 0 \text{ to } n$, totalWater = totalWater + water trapped at i

```
public int trapWater(int[] height) {  
    int n = height.length;  
  
    if (n <= 2) return 0;  
  
    int[] leftMax = new int[n];  
    int[] rightMax = new int[n];  
  
    leftMax[0] = height[0];  
    rightMax[n - 1] = height[n - 1];  
  
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
        int j = n - i - 1;  
        leftMax[i] = Math.max(leftMax[i - 1], height[i]);  
        rightMax[j] = Math.max(rightMax[j + 1], height[j]);  
    }  
  
    int totalWater = 0;  
  
    for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {  
        int water = Math.min(leftMax[k], rightMax[k]);  
        totalWater += (water - height[k]);  
    }  
    return totalWater;  
}
```

Time Complexity : $O(n)$

Space Complexity : $O(n)$

APPROACH 2 :-

GROUND RULE :-

If there are two points leftMax & rightMax, water can be trapped at most at a height of

- ① leftMax at $left++$ if $leftMax < rightMax$
- ② rightMax at $right--$ if $rightMax < leftMax$.

Determine leftMax & rightMax with two pointers left and right such that if height at position left $h[left]$ is greater than leftMax, then update leftMax as $h[left]$

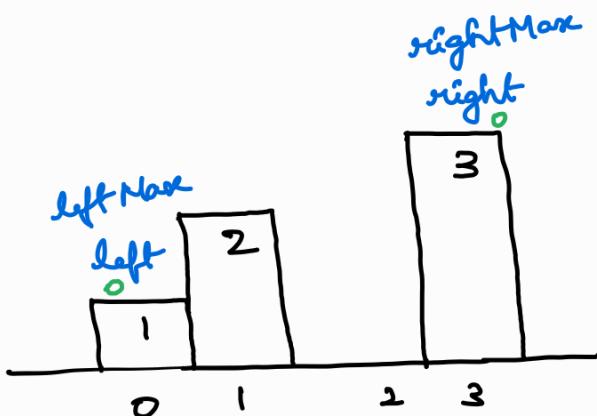
- ③ if $h[left] > leftMax$, then $leftMax = h[left]$
- ④ if $h[right] > rightMax$, then $rightMax = h[right]$

NOTE:- $left, right \rightarrow$ positions.

$leftMax, rightMax \rightarrow$ heights

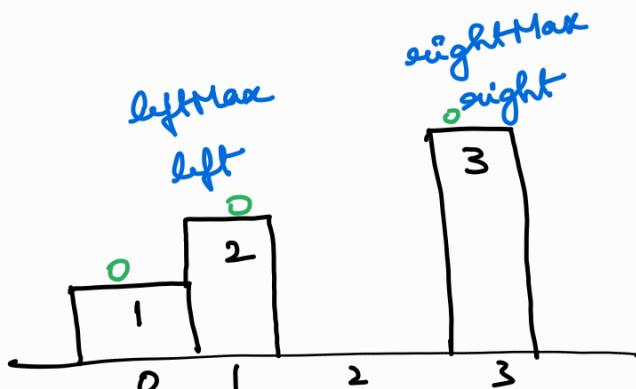
EXAMPLE :-

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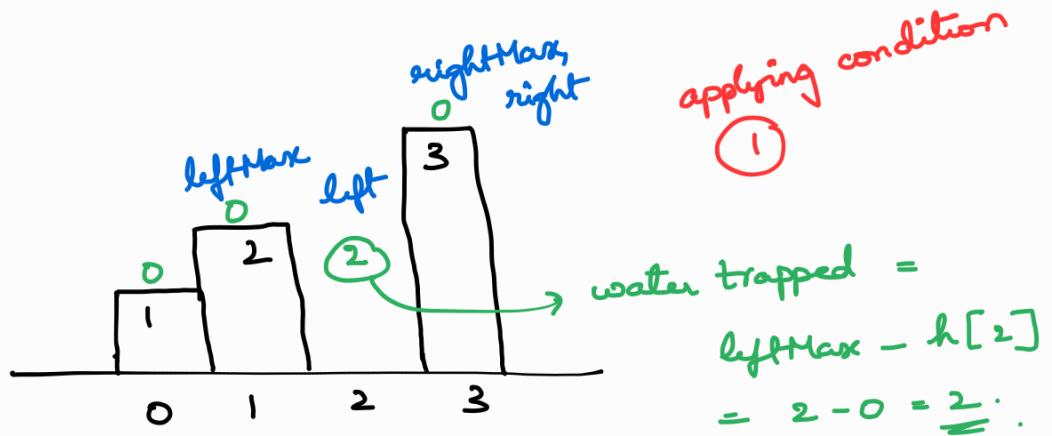
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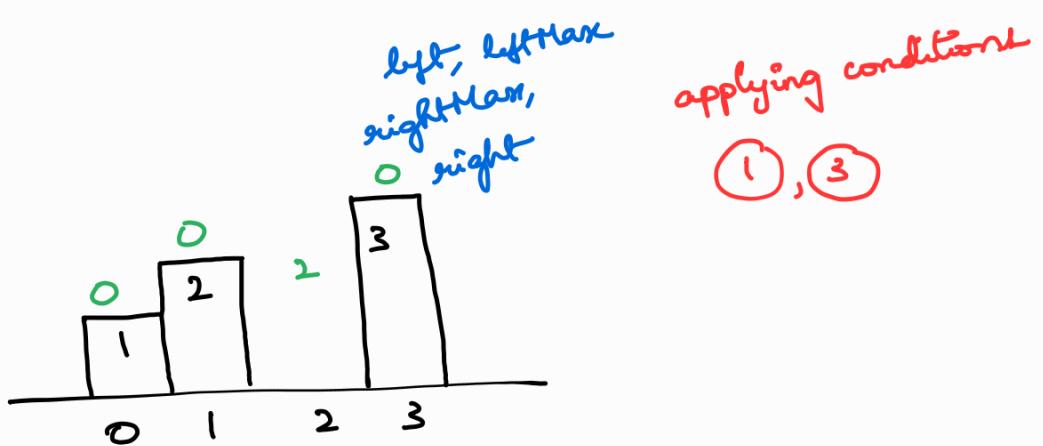


applying conditions
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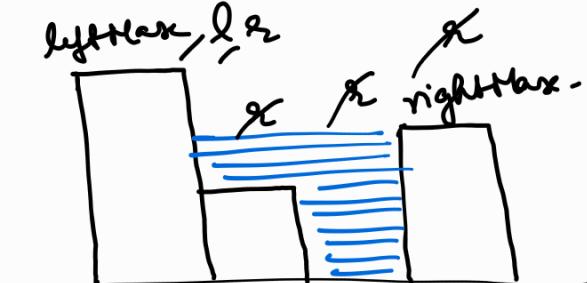
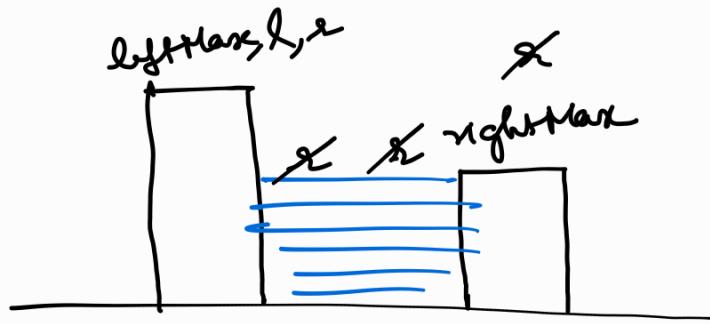
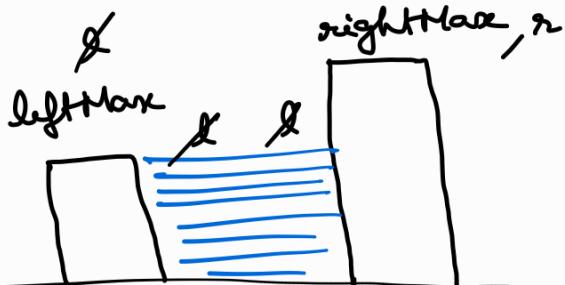
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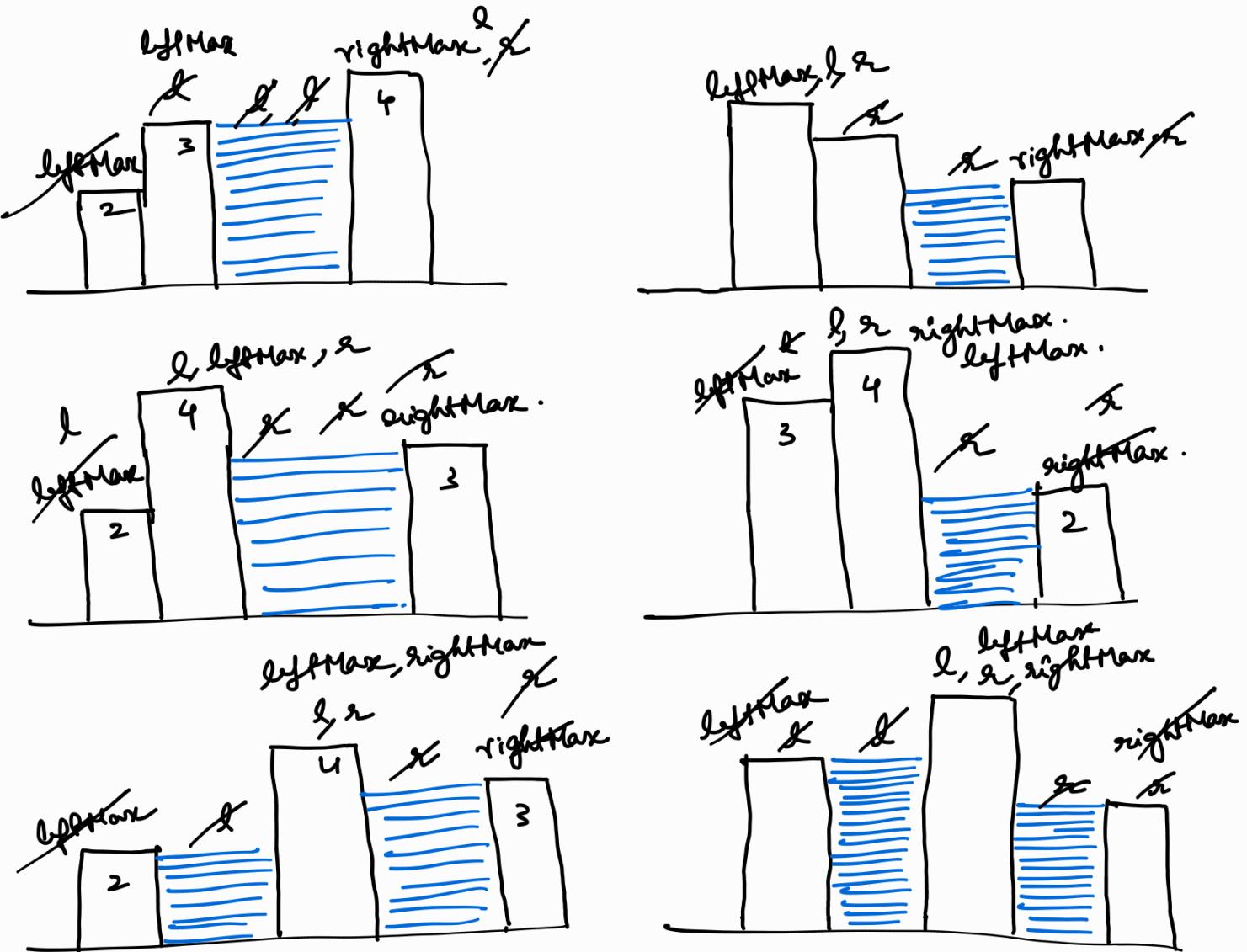


when $left = right$, stop process & return totalWater.

$$totalWater = 0 + 0 + 2 + 0 = 2.$$

* Similarly, more such different examples are below:





Algorithm: -

① If $\text{leftMax} < \text{rightMax}$

fill water at next position, $l++$

if $h[l] > \text{leftMax}$, then $\text{leftMax} = h[l]$

$\text{totalWater} = \text{totalWater} + \{\text{leftMax} - h[l]\}$

② If $\text{rightMax} < \text{leftMax}$.

fill water at next position, $r--$

if $h[r] > \text{rightMax}$, then $\text{rightMax} = h[r]$

$\text{totalWater} = \text{totalWater} + \{\text{rightMax} - h[r]\}$.

```
public int trapWater(int[] height) {  
    if (height == null || height.length == 0) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    int left = 0, right = height.length - 1;  
    int maxLeft = height[left], maxRight = height[right];  
    int totalWater = 0;  
  
    while (left < right) {  
        if (maxLeft < maxRight) {  
            left++;  
            maxLeft = Math.max(maxLeft, height[left]);  
            totalWater += (maxLeft - height[left]);  
        } else {  
            right--;  
            maxRight = Math.max(maxRight, height[right]);  
            totalWater += (maxRight - height[right]);  
        }  
    }  
    return totalWater;  
}
```



Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$