

Nearest smaller element

Largest Rectangle in Histogram  
(Max - Min) in subarray

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## Nearest Smaller Element

Given an integer array A, find index of nearest smaller element on left for all i index in A[ ].  
For all i, find j such that  $j < i$  and  $A[j] < A[i]$  and j is maximum.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$A[ ] \rightarrow$	8	2	4	9	7	6	3	10
$ans \rightarrow$	-1	-1	1	2	2	2	1	6

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$A[ ] \rightarrow$	4	6	10	11	7	8	3	5
$ans \rightarrow$	-1	0	1	2	1	4	-1	6

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$A[ ] \rightarrow$	4	5	2	10	8	2
$ans \rightarrow$	-1	0	-1	2	2	-1

## Brute Force:

For every i, calculate NSL

↑  
we will travel from i-1 to 0  
↓

return first element smaller than  $A[i]$

int ans[N] = <-1>

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for (i=0 ; i<N ; i++) <
    for (j=i-1 ; j>=0 ; j--) <
        if (a[i]<a[j]) <
            ans[i] = j
            break
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TC: O(N<sup>2</sup>)

SC: O(1)

Optimized Approach :

[ 8 \* \* \* \* (5) \* \* \* \* \* ]

Anything ahead of 5 will never have  
8 as nearest smaller element

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A[ ] → 4	6	10	11	7	8	3	5
ans : -1	0	1	2	1	4	-1	6

5 (7)  
3 (6)  
8 (5)  
7 (4)  
11 (3)  
10 (2)  
6 (1)  
4 (0)

→ Candidates who can  
be ans

de (id)

For each element  $i <$

keep deleting elements from top  
until they are  $\geq A[i]$

if ( $st.\text{empty}()$ )  $ans = -1$   
else  $ans = st.\text{top}()$

$st.\text{push}(\text{cur de} \rightarrow i)$

int[] NSL (int a[], int n) {

TC: O(N)

int ans [n] =  $\langle -1 \rangle$

SC: O(N)

stack <int> st

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

while ( $!st.\text{empty}() \text{ & } A[st.\text{top}()] \geq A[i]$ ) {

$st.\text{pop}()$

}

    if ( $!st.\text{empty}()$ )

$ans[i] = st.\text{top}()$

$st.\text{push}(i)$

        // push id of cur de

} // main loop

return ans

Q5. Find nearest smaller element on right  
Reverse for loop ( $i = n-1$ ;  $i \geq 0$ ;  $i--$ )

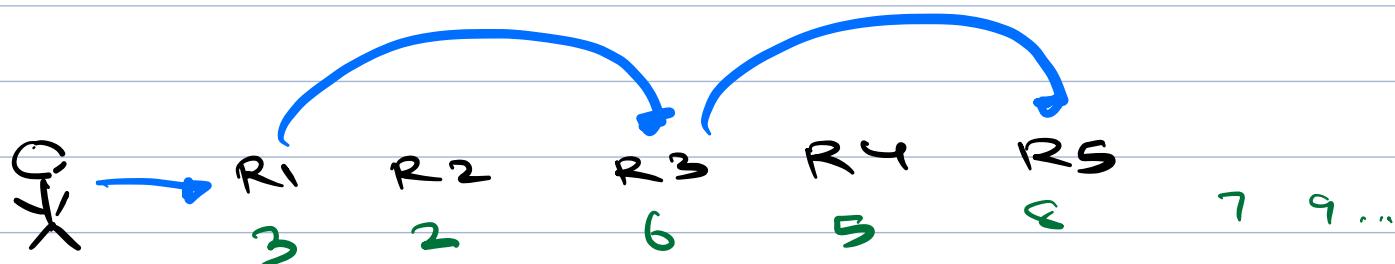
Q3. Find nearest greater element on left

$$A[\text{st.top}()] \leftarrow A[i]$$

Q7. Find nearest greater element on right

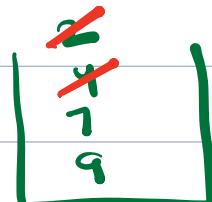
① Right to left

$$② A[\text{st.top}()] \leftarrow A[i]$$



0	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	2	6	5	8	7	9
2	2	4	4	6	6	-1

5 2 4 7 9



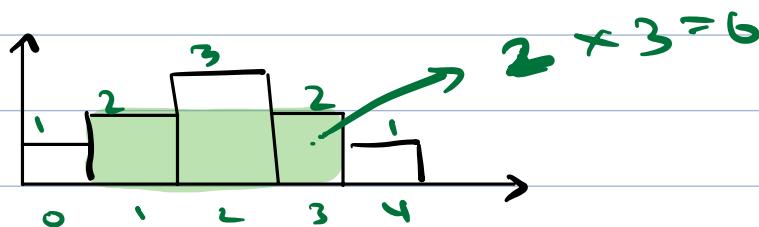
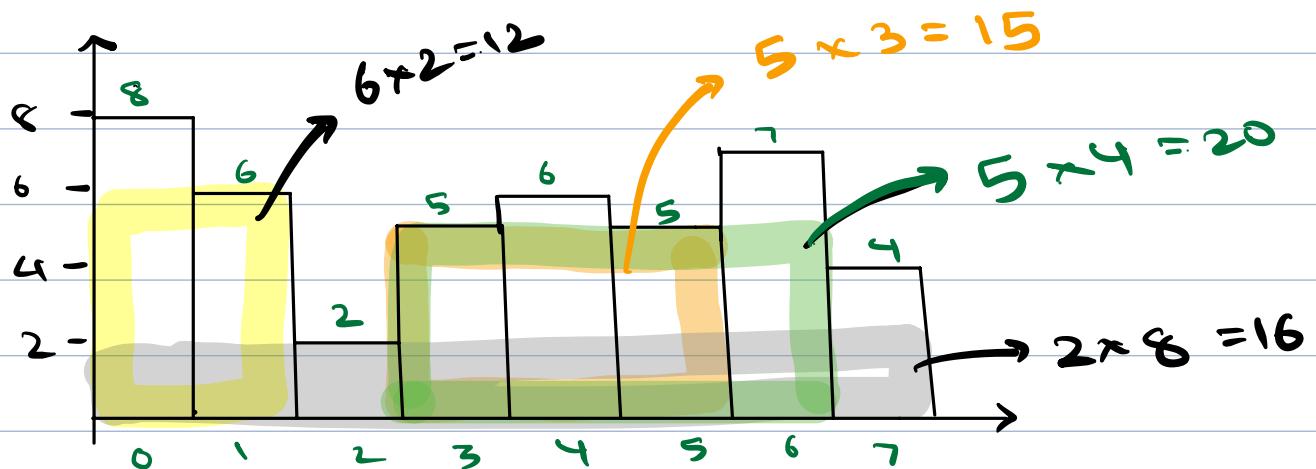
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Q. Given an integer array A where  
 $A[i]$  = height of  $i^{\text{th}}$  bar  
width of each bar = 1

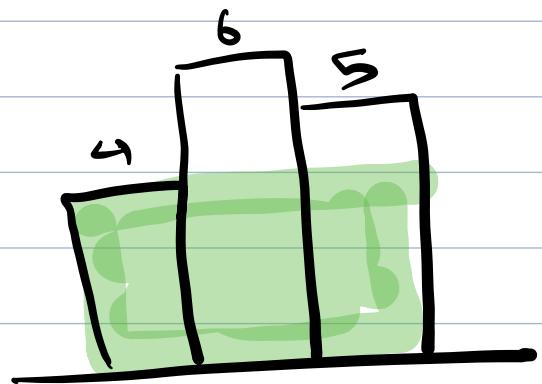
Find area of largest rectangle formed by continuous bars.

$$A = [8 \ 6 \ 2 \ 5 \ 6 \ 5 \ 7 \ 4]$$

ans = 20



ans = 6



$ht = \min \text{ of selected bars}$

width = no of bars

$$ht = \min(4, 5, 6) = 4$$

$$\text{area} = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

width = 3

BF : Try to form as many rectangles as you can

Rectangle  $\rightarrow$  choose a subarray

Take all pairs of s and e

int ans = 0

for (s = 0 ; s < N ; s++) {

    int minElc = A[s]

    for (e = s ; e < N ; e++) {

        minElc = min(minElc, A[e])

        area = minElc \* (e - s + 1)

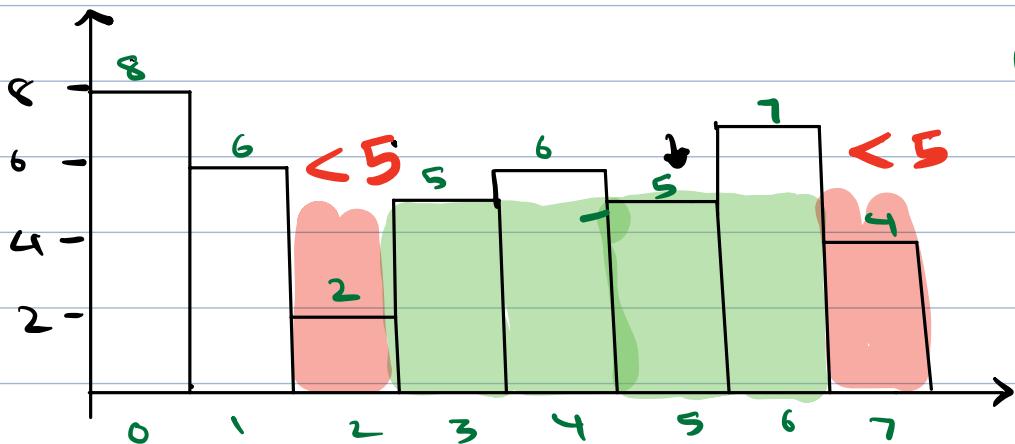
        ans = max(ans, area)

TC :  $O(N^2)$

SC :  $O(1)$

Ans  $\rightarrow$  Max area rectangle  $\rightarrow$  ht of one of bars

Optimized Approach : If I choose a particular bar  $A[i]$ , what can be max width of rectangle I can get with  $A[i]$  as height

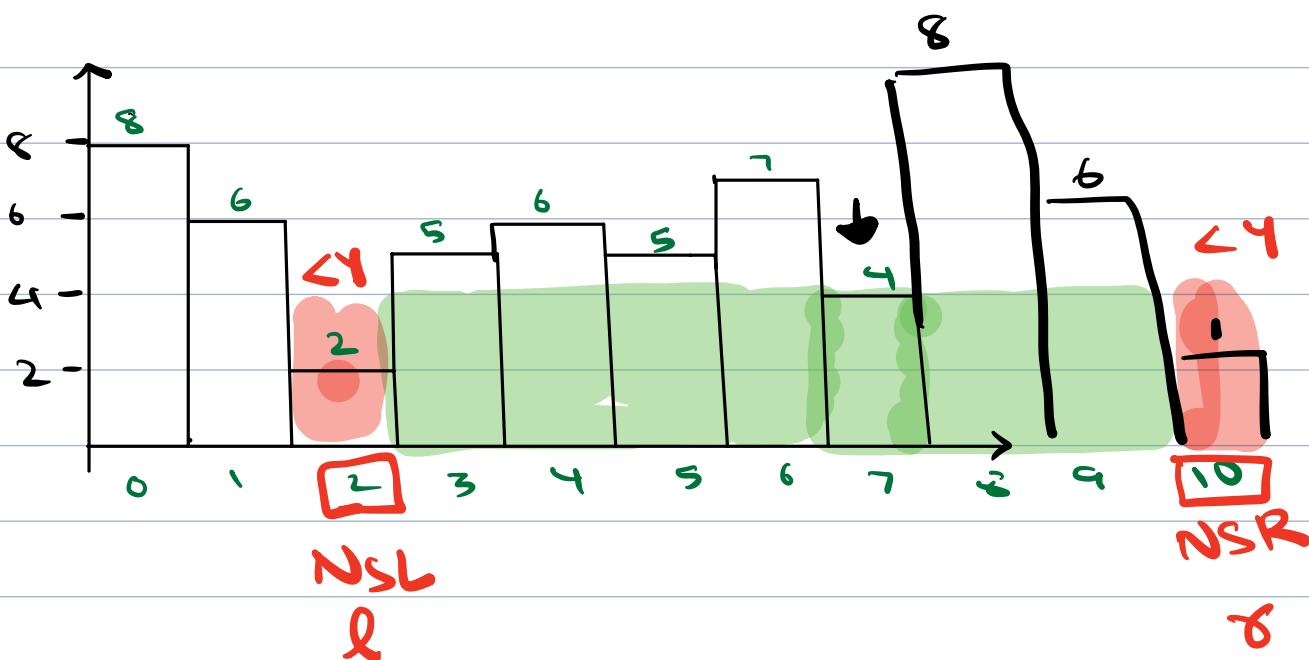
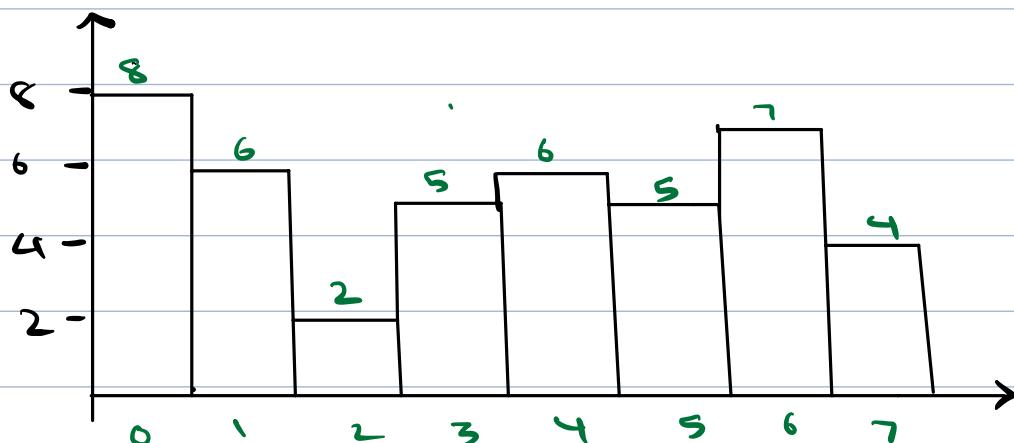


$$\begin{aligned} \text{width} &= (x - l + 1) - 2 \\ &= x - l - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$ht = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{width} &= 7 - 2 - 1 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{area} = 20$$



$$ht = 4 \quad \text{width} = 10 - 2 - 1 = 7$$

$$\text{area} = 4 \times 7 = 28$$

For each  $i <$

// ht  $\rightarrow a[i]$

what is the largest rectangle I can have with  $a[i]$  height?

↓  
what can be max width

$l$  = nearest smaller on left

$r$  = nearest smaller on right

width =  $r - l - 1$

ht =  $A[i]$

area = ht \* width

ans - area = max (ans - area, area)

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// Find NSL [N]

int NSL[n] = -1

stack <int> st

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

while (!st.isEmpty() && A[st.top()] ≥ A[i]) {  
    st.pop();  
}

if (!st.isEmpty())

ans[i] = st.top()

st.push(i)

// push id of cur dc

}

// Find NSRC[N]

int NSR[n] = <N>

stack <int> st

for (i=n-1; i≥0; i--) {

while (!st.isEmpty() && A[st.top()] ≥ A[i]) {

    st.pop();

    if (!st.isEmpty())

        ans[i] = st.top();

    st.push(i); // push id of cur dc

}

int ans=0

③ for (i=0; i<n; i++) {

    ht = A[i];

    width = NSR[i] - NSL[i] - 1

    cur-area = ht \* width

    ans = max (ans, cur-area)

}

return ans

TC: O(3N) = O(N)

SC: O(3N) = O(N)

NSL[], NSR[], stack

$N=8$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

$A = [8 \ 6 \ 2 \ 5 \ 6 \ 5 \ 7 \ 4]$

(1) NSL -1 -1 -1 2 3 2 5 2

(2) NSR 1 2 8 7 5 7 7 8

width  
cur-area

$1 - (-1)$ $-1 = 1$	$2 - (-1)$ $-1 = 2$	$8 - (-1)$ $-1 = 8$	$= 4$				
8	12	16	20	6	20	7	20

ans = 20

Q. Given an integer array with distinct integers, find sum of ( $\max - \min$ ) for all subarrays.

$A = [2 \ 5 \ 3]$

s	e	Max	Min	Max - Min
0	0	2	2	0 +
0	1	5	2	3 +
0	2	5	2	3 +
1	1	5	5	0 +
1	2	5	3	2 +
2	2	3	3	0

ans = 8

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

s	e	Max	Min	Max - Min
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	2	1	-
0	2	3	1	2
1	1	2	2	0
1	2	3	2	1
2	2	3	3	0
<u>14</u>		<u>10</u>	ans = <u>4</u>	
$14 - 10 = 4$				

$$1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 = 14$$

BF : Go to every subarray, find max and min ; add max-min to ans.

int ans=0

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for (s=0 ; s < N ; s++) {
    int minEle = A[s], maxEle = A[s]
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    for (e=s ; e < N ; e++) {
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        minEle = min (minEle, A[e])
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        maxEle = max (maxEle, A[e])
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$\text{ans} += (\max_{\text{ele}} - \min_{\text{ele}})$



$\text{return ans}$

TC:  $O(N^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$

\* We're finding max and min using carry forward

Optimized: Find contribution of every ele and add it to ans

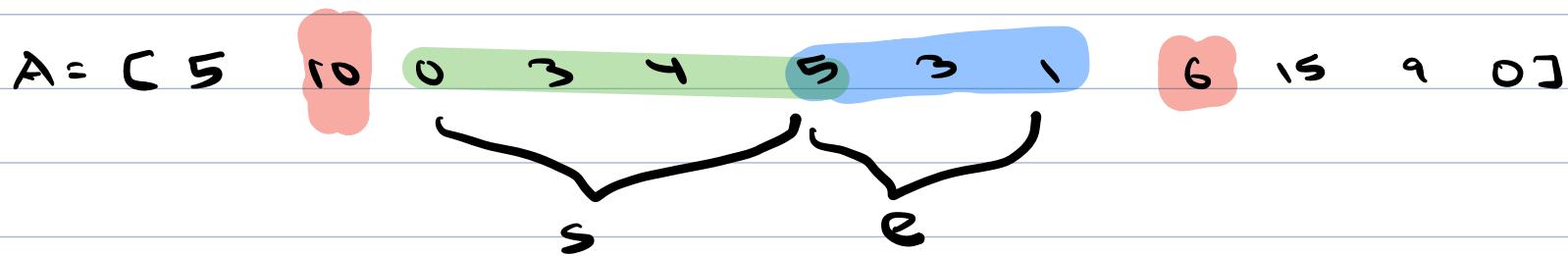
$\text{ans} = \sum_{\text{for all subarrays}} (\max - \min)$

$= \sum_{\text{for all subarrays}} \max - \sum_{\text{for all subarrays}} \min$

$\sum_{\text{for all subarrays}} \max = a[0] \times \text{No. of subarrays} + a[1] \times \text{No. of subarrays} + \dots + a[i] \times \text{No. of subarrays} + \dots + a[n-1] \times \text{No. of subarrays}$

$a[i] \times$   
No. of subarrays  
in which  $a[i]$   
is max

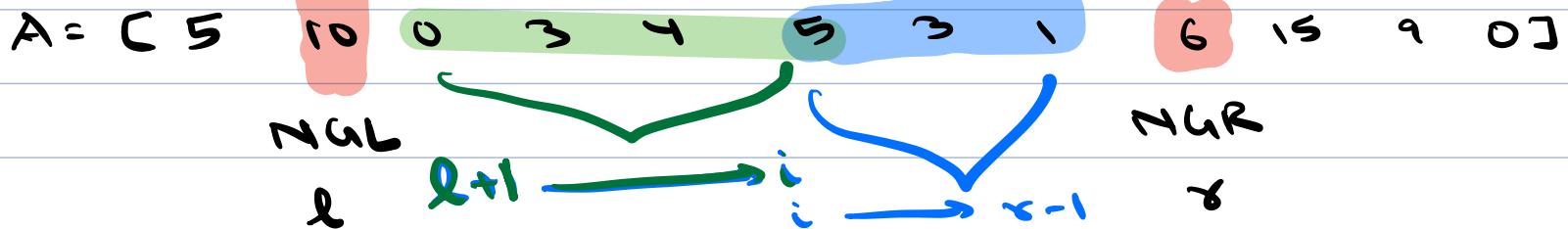
How many subarrays  $A[i:j]$  is max?



Starting + ending

$$4 \times 3 \\ = 12$$

start	end
0	5
3	3
4	1

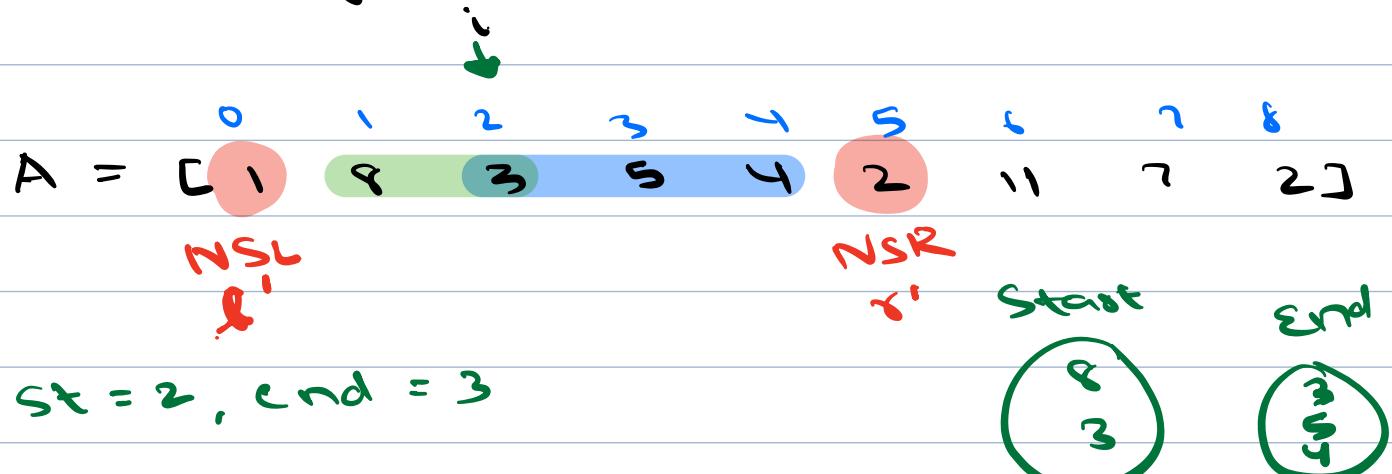


$$\text{No. of starting pts} = i - (l+1) + 1 \\ = i - l$$

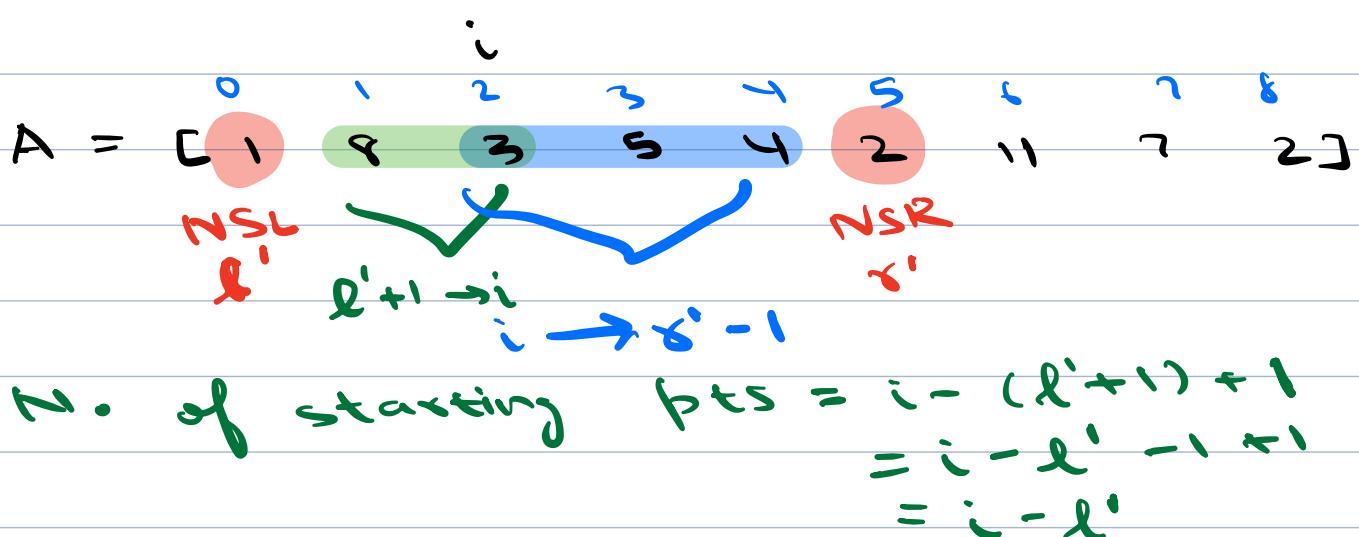
$$\text{No. of ending pts} = r - 1 - i + 1 \\ = r - i$$

$$\text{No. of subarrays} = (i - l) \times (r - i) \\ = (i - NGL(i)) \times (NGR(i))$$

How many subarrays  $A[i]$  is min?



No. of subarrays in which 3 is min is 6



$$\begin{aligned}\text{No. of ending pts} &= r' - 1 - i + 1 \\&= r' - i\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{No. of subarrays} &= (i - l') \times (r' - i) \\&= (i - NSL(i)) \times \\&\quad (NSR(i) - 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{\text{for all subarrays}} \min = a[0] \times \text{No. of subarrays in which } a[0] \text{ is min} + a[1] \times \text{No. of subarrays in which } a[1] \text{ is min}$$

$$a[i] \times \text{No. of subarrays in which } a[i] \text{ is min}$$

① // NSL, NSR, NGL, NGR

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{NSL}[N] = \langle -1 \rangle \\ \text{NGL}[N] = \langle -1 \rangle \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{NGR} = \langle N \rangle \\ \text{NAR} = \langle N \rangle \end{array}$$

int summat = 0

② for (i=0; i < N; i++) {

//  $A[i]$  is met in how many subarrays?

$$\text{cnt} = (i - \text{NGL}[i]) (\text{NAR}[i] - i)$$

$$\text{contri} = A[i] \times \text{cnt}$$

$$\text{summat} = \text{summat} + \text{contri}$$

(3)    int sum\_min = 0  
 for (i=0; i < n; i++) {  
 // A[i] is min in how many  
 subarrays?  
 cnt = (i - NSL[i]) (NSR[i] - i)  
 contri = A[i] \* cnt  
 summin = summin + contri  
 }  
 return summax - summin

$$TC: O(6N) = O(N)$$

$$SC: O(5N) = O(N)$$

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NGL, NGR, NSL, NSR, Stack

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