

# Arrays: Carry Forward

↳, carrying information forward

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"First show up, then do it, then do it right,  
then only do it better"

Q. Given a string of lowercase alphabets.  
Return count of  $(i, j)$ , such that **AMAZON**

ex. S: a b e g a g      ans = 3

0 1 2 3 4 5

$i < j$   
 $S[i] \rightarrow 'a'$   
 $S[j] \rightarrow 'g'$

$(0, 3), (0, 5), (4, 5)$

Quiz : bc aggaag      ans = 5

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

10 year old kid soln

$N \in [1, 10^5]$

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ans = 0
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    if (S[i] == 'a') {
        for (j = i + 1; j < N; j++) {
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if ( s[j] == 'g' ) {
    ans += 1
}

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T.C =  $O(N^2)$  — TLE  
S.C =  $O(1)$

~~return~~ ans;

obs<sup>n</sup>:

① starting index always contains 'a'

N	String	ans
0	[]	0
1	[b]	0
1	[x]	0
2	[ab]	0
2	[ga]	0
2	[ag]	1
3	[abg]	1
3	[aag]	2
3	[agb]	1
3	[aga]	1

3 [agg] → 2

4 [aag] 3

4 [aagg] → 4

[abagcdagg] → 8

ex.

a c b a g k a g g g  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Count 'a' 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 3

ans

0 0 0 0 2 2 2<sup>+3</sup> 5<sup>+3</sup> 8

ans = 0

count\_a = 0

```
for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    if (S[i] == 'a') {  
        count_a += 1  
    }  
}
```

a b a g a  
0 1 2 3 4

ans → 2  
count\_a → 1 → 2 → 3  
i → 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5

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    else if (s[i] == 'g') {
        ans += count_g
    }
}
return ans;

```

T.C. =  $O(N)$   
S.C. =  $O(1)$

H.W try to  
do this using  
count\_g

Q. Given an array. Return the length of smallest subarray which contains both the max & min of the array.

Subarray: any contiguous chunk of the array

[2, 1, 3, 4]  $\Rightarrow [2, 4] \times$

$\Rightarrow [1, 3, 4] \checkmark$

$\Rightarrow [2] \checkmark$

$[L, R]$   
 $\Rightarrow R - L + 1$

?

b c d a  
0 1 2 3

0 1 2 3  
0 1 2 3  
0 1 2 3

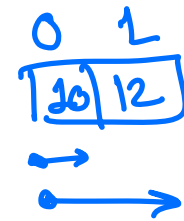
Sub arrays which starts with index '0'

$\Rightarrow 4$

$[ [b], [bc], [bcd], ([bcda]) ]$

Sub arrays which starts with index '1' subarray

$\Rightarrow [ [c], [c,d], [c,d,a] ] \Rightarrow 3$



Sub arrays starting with index '0'  $\Rightarrow N$

Sub arrays starting with index '1'  $\Rightarrow N-1$

Sub arrays starting with index '2'  $\Rightarrow N-2$

$\vdots$

Sub arrays starting with index 'N-1'  $\Rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{count of all subarrays} &\Rightarrow \frac{N * (N+1)}{2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{O(N^2)}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 1

[1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 4, 6, 4, 6, 3]  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Array max  $\rightarrow 6$

Array min  $\rightarrow 1$

ans = 4

ans = 3

Quiz

[2, 2, 6, 4, 5, 1, 5, 2, 6, 4, 1]  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

max  $\rightarrow 6$   
min  $\rightarrow 1$

Brute force:

for every subarray, check if it  
contains both max & min

① find max & min  $\rightarrow O(N)$   $\times$   $\rightarrow O(N^2)$

② for every subarray, check if it  
contains max & min  $(O(N))$   $\times$

T.C =  $O(N^3)$

S.C =  $O(1)$

S.F.E expected

Obs<sup>n</sup>

N

0

1

2

2

2

3

3

3

Array

[ ]

[4]

[2, 13]

[13, 15]

[10, 10]

[10, 15, 19]

[19, 10, 15]

[10, 10, 15]

→ output

ans

-1 / 0

1

2

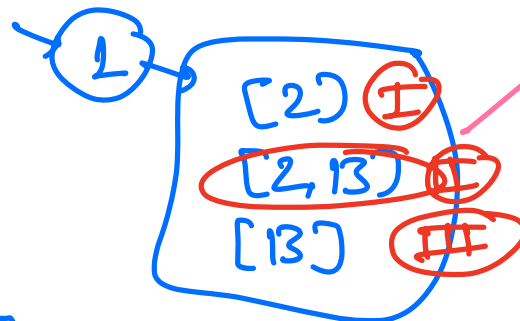
2

1

3

2

2





3      [11, 10, 15]      →      2

4      [50, 9, 7, 18] →      3

4      [5, 5, 7, 7, 9, 11, 18, 19] → 4

Obs<sup>n</sup>

① subarray corners should be (max, min)

[mid, max — min] (max, min)

[mid, min ... max] (min, max)

✗

② there would be exactly one min and one max in our answer (smallest length subarray)

[1 1 3 4 6]

ans = ? [min - ... min - ... max] x

x ans

✓ ans

[min - ... max - ... max]

x ans

✓ ans

ex.

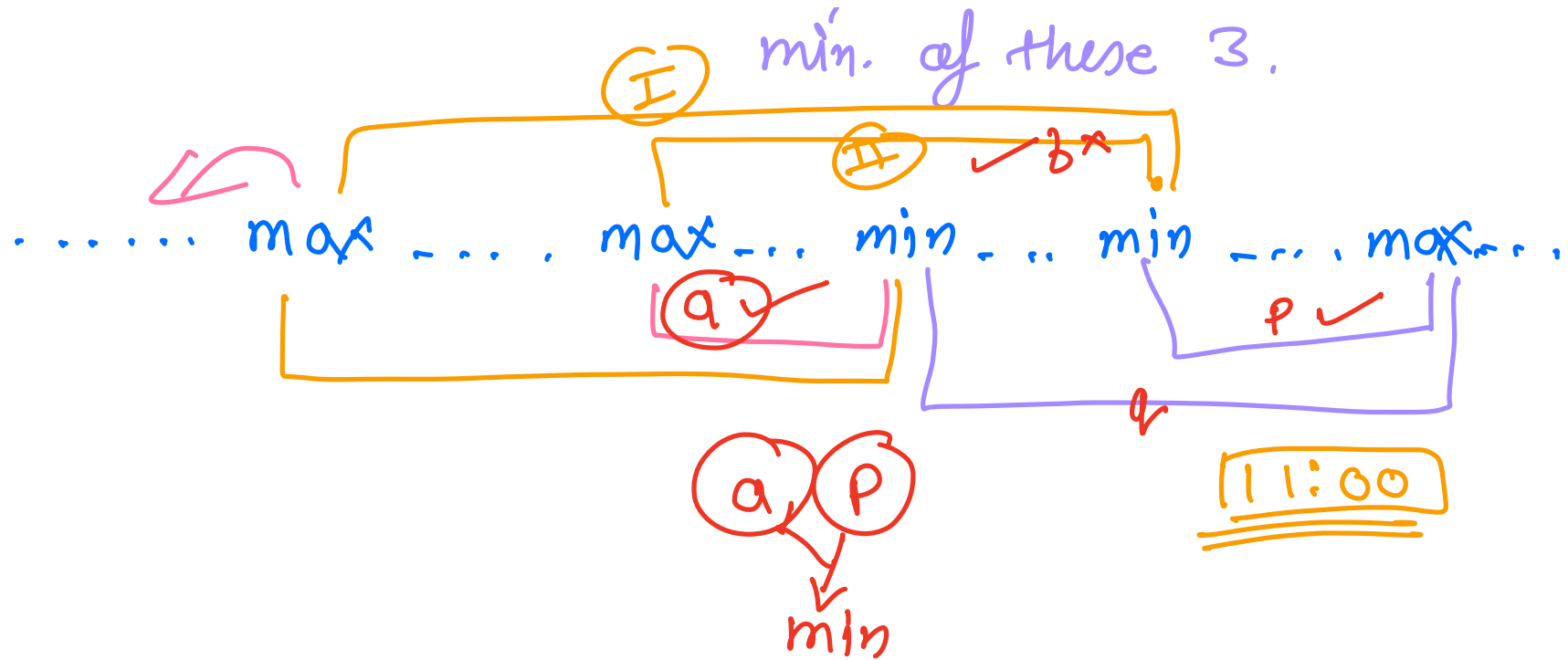
2, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 5

x ans

[max - min - max - min]

✓

✓



going left to right

→ max ⇒ latest min before

→ min ⇒ latest max before

[max ... max ... min] x am

am

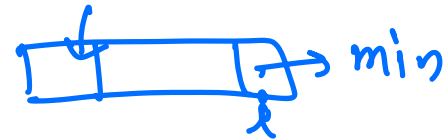
[5 4 3 -1 20]

// find the max  $\rightarrow A_{max}$   
// find the min  $\rightarrow A_{min}$

$\rightarrow$  latestMinIndex = ~~0~~ -1 (Have n't found any max)  
latestMaxIndex = ~~0~~ -1

-1 denotes

found any max



ans = N

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

if (A[i] == A<sub>min</sub>) {

latestMinIndex = i

if (latestMaxIndex  $\geq$  0) {

am = min ( ans,   
 (i - latestMaxIndex + 1) )

}

~~else~~ if ( $A[i] == A_{max}$ ) {

latestMaxIndex = i

if (latestMinIndex  $\geq$  0) {

ans = min(ans,  $(i - \text{latestMinIndex} + 1)$ )

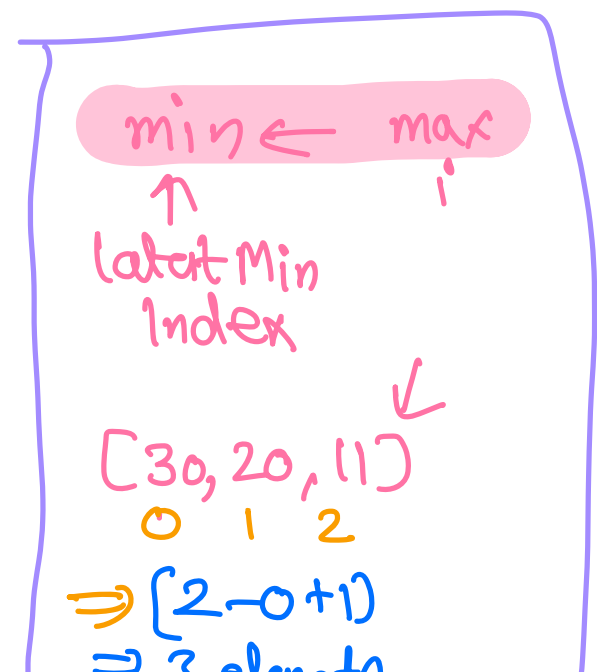
}

}

}

return ans;

TC =  $O(n)$   
SC =  $O(1)$



$A =$ 

<del>x</del>	<del>p</del>	✓	<del>x</del>	<del>x</del>	✓	<del>x</del>	<del>x</del>	✓	<del>x</del>	✓
2	2	6	4	5	1	5	2	6	4	1
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

$N = 11$   
 $A_{\max} = 6, A_{\min} = 1$

$L_{\min} = \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 10$

$L_{\max} = \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 8$

$ans = 4 \rightarrow 3$

$i = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 10$

$ans = 3$

$A =$ 

7	7	7	7	7
0	1	2	3	4

$L_{\min} = \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$

$L_{\max} = -1$

$ans = 5$

$i = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$

$ans = 1$   
 $A_{\min} = 7, A_{\max} = 7$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $(A_{\max} == A_{\min})$   
 return 1

Q. Give an array, find no. of leaders.

leader: an element which is greater than all the elements on the left side,

$$A[i] > A[0, i-1]$$

ex.

✓ ✓  
2, 5, 3, 4, 17, 16  
0 1 2 3 4 5

[2, 5, 17], ans = 3

H.w. ⇒ Using carry forward to find the optimal soln

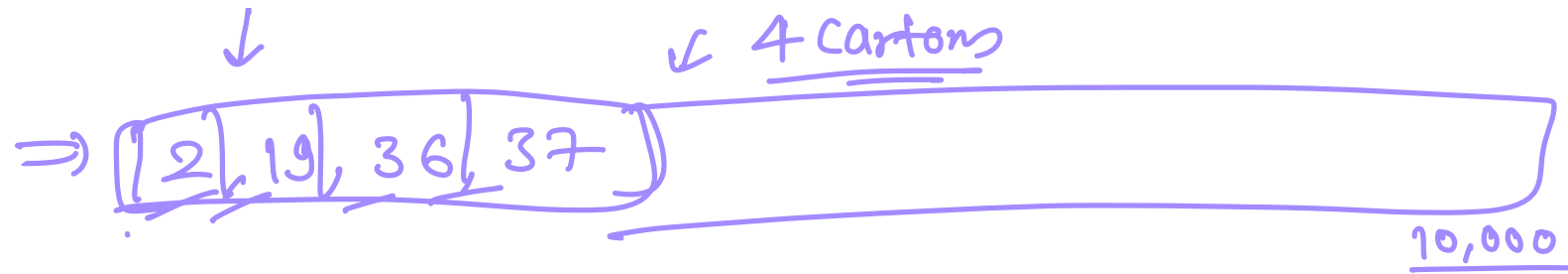
Doubt Session → X

C++, 1 sec  
pyth 3 sec

Q1 Yes, it is acceptable

Q2 (2, 17, 17, 1) \_\_\_\_\_

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Space req<sup>n</sup>  $\propto$  input (N)

O(N)