

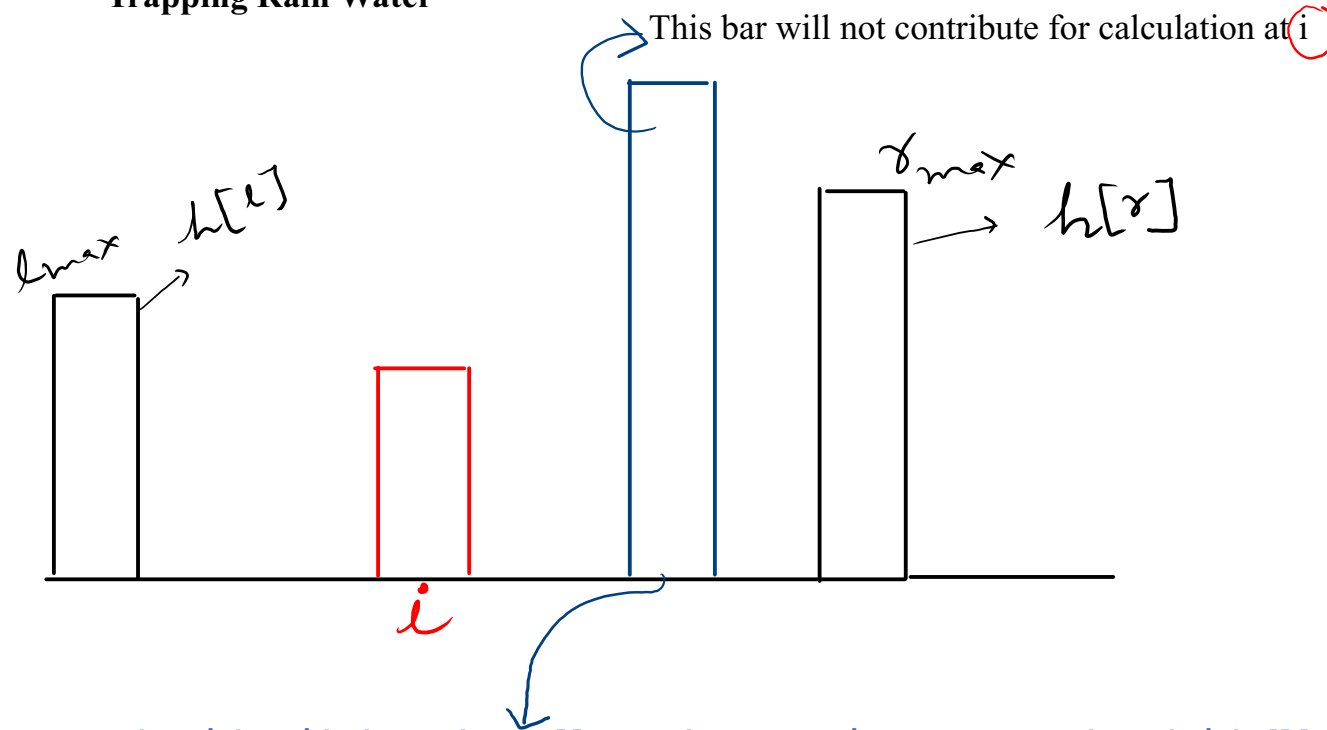
**Pre-two-pointer:**

**We can maintain two arrays one will store leftMax seen so far and other will store rightMax seen so far.**

**Now traverse the input array and use the formula  $\min(\text{left-max}, \text{right-max}) - \text{height}[i]$ .**

# Trapping Rain Water

## 1. Two pointer approach

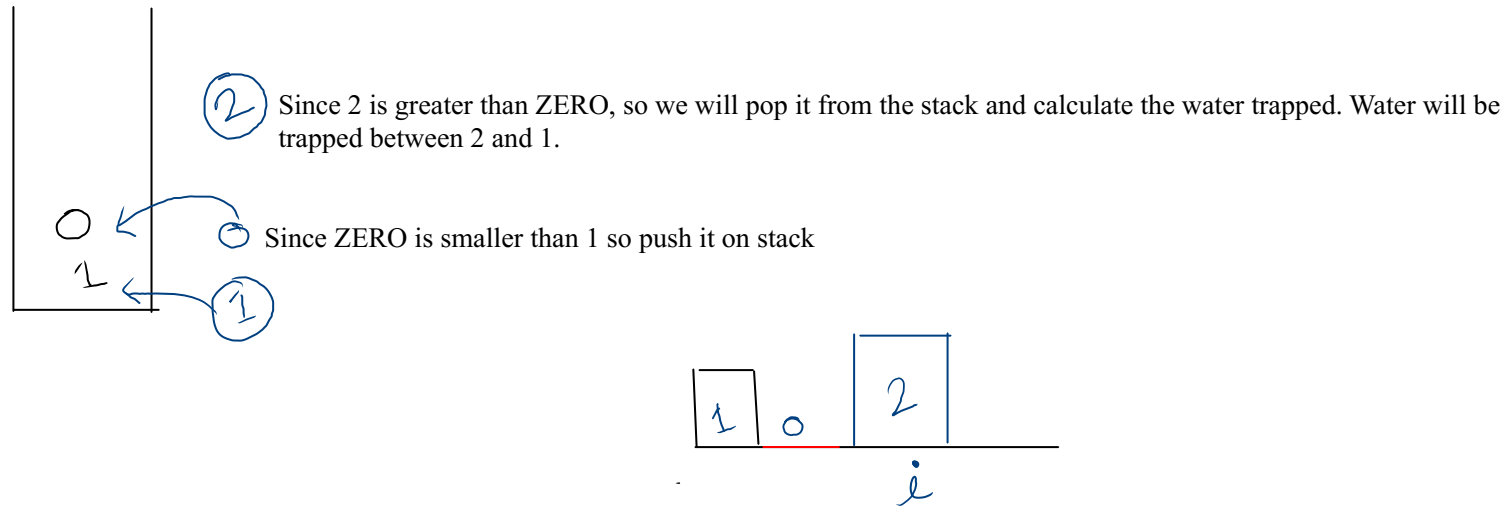


If  $height[l] < height[r]$ , means the right side has a bar tall enough to contain any water above  $height[l]$ . In this case, it doesn't matter whether there are bars between  $height[r]$  and the current pointer position ( $i$ ) that are taller or shorter than  $height[r]$ . Why? Because  $height[r]$  guarantees that no water will spill over it. This means that the water trapped at left depends solely on  $leftMax$ , not on  $rightMax$ .

```
public int trap2PApproach(int[] height) {
    int l = 0;
    int r = height.length - 1;
    int lmax = 0;
    int rmax = 0;

    int trappedWater = 0;
    while (l < r) {
        // trapping water happen because of lmax
        if (height[l] < height[r]) {
            if (height[l] >= lmax) {
                // adjust the lmax, water cannot be trapped
                lmax = height[l];
            } else {
                // water can be trapped
                trappedWater += lmax - height[l];
            }
            l++;
        } else {
            // trapping water happen because of rmax
            if (height[r] >= rmax) {
                // adjust the rmax, water cannot be trapped
                rmax = height[r];
            } else {
                // water can be trapped
                trappedWater += rmax - height[r];
            }
            r--;
        }
    }
}
```

## 2. Monotonic stack



```
public static class TrappingRainWaterWithStack {
    public int trap(int[] height) {
        if (height == null || height.length < 3)
            return 0;

        Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<>();
        int waterTrapped = 0;

        for (int i = 0; i < height.length; i++) {
            // While the current height is greater than the height at the top of the stack
            while (!stack.isEmpty() && height[i] > height[stack.peek()]) {
                int bottom = stack.pop(); // Pop the top (bottom of the valley)
                if (stack.isEmpty())
                    break; // No left boundary

                int left = stack.peek(); // Left boundary
                int width = i - left - 1; // Distance between left and current bar
                int boundedHeight = Math.min(height[left], height[i]) - height[bottom];
                waterTrapped += width * boundedHeight; // Add trapped water
            }
            stack.push(i); // Push the current bar onto the stack
        }

        return waterTrapped;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        TrappingRainWaterWithStack solution = new TrappingRainWaterWithStack();
        int[] height = { 0, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 1, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1 };
        System.out.println(solution.trap(height)); // Output: 6
    }
}
```