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## **Check valid parenthesis**

- Approach
  - Optimal
    - If any opening bracket is encountered "(" "{" "[", push it onto the stack
    - If any closing bracket is encountered, check if stack is non-empty or not
    - Return False if stack is empty or the top element of stack is not opposite pair of closing bracket else move ahead
    - At last if the stack is empty, return True else return False
    - Time Complexity: O(n)
    - Space Complexity: O(n)

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
    stack<char> stc;
public:
    bool isValid(string s) {
        int i;
        for(i = 0; i < s.size(); i++)</pre>
        {
            if(s[i] == '(' || s[i] == '[' || s[i] == '{')
            {
                stc.push(s[i]);
            }
            else
            {
                if(s[i] == ')' || s[i] == ']' || s[i] == '}')
                {
                     if(stc.empty())
                     {
                         return false;
                     }
                     else
                     {
                         char t = stc.top();
                         if(s[i] == ')' && t != '(')
                         {
                             return false;
                         else if(s[i] == ']' && t != '[')
```

```
{
                              return false;
                          }
                          else if(s[i] == '}' && t != '{')
                          {
                              return false;
                          }
                          else
                          {
                              stc.pop();
                          }
                     }
                 }
            }
        }
        if(stc.empty()){
             return true;
        }
        return false;
    }
};
```

### **Min Stack**

- Approach
  - Optimal
    - Maintain pairs as elements in the stack that stores current value and minimum till now
    - Time Complexity: O(1)
    - Space Complexity: O(1)

```
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
```

```
class MinStack:
    def __init__(self):
        self.stack = []
    def push(self, val: int) -> None:
        if not self.stack:
            self.stack += (val, val),
        else:
            self.stack += (val, min(val, self.stack[-1][1])),
    def pop(self) -> None:
        if self.stack:
            self.stack.pop()
   def top(self) -> int:
        return self.stack[-1][0]
    def getMin(self) -> int:
        return self.stack[-1][1]
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class MinStack {
public:
    vector<pair<int, int>> s;
    MinStack() {
    }
   void push(int val) {
        if(s.empty()) {
```

```
s.push_back({val, val});
        }
        else {
            s.push_back({val, min(val, s.back().second)});
        }
    }
    void pop() {
        s.pop_back();
    }
    int top() {
        return s.back().first;
    }
    int getMin() {
        return s.back().second;
    }
};
```

### **Next Greater Element - 1**

- Approach
  - Brute-force
    - For each element, iterate over the right side of the array and find the next greater element and store it in a hashmap
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Optimal
    - We traverse the array from right to left and maintain a stack
    - while stack is not empty and the stack top is less than curr\_element, pop from stack

- if stack is not empty, then the stack top is the nge for curr\_element else -1
- push curr\_element onto stack
- Time Complexity: O(n)
- Space Complexity: O(n)

```
# Python3
# Brute-force Solution
class Solution:
    def nextGreaterElement(self, nums1, nums2):
        dic = \{\}
        for i in range(len(nums2)):
            nge = -1
            for j in range(i+1, len(nums2)):
                if nums2[j] > nums2[i]:
                     nge = nums2[j]
                    break
            dic[nums2[i]] = nge
        ans = []
        for i in nums1:
            ans.append(dic[i])
        return ans
```

```
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
class Solution:
    def nextGreaterElement(self, nums1, nums2):
        stack = []
        dic = {}
        for i in range(len(nums2)-1, -1, -1):
            while stack and stack[-1] <= nums2[i]:
            stack.pop()</pre>
```

```
if stack:
    dic[nums2[i]] = stack[-1]
    else:
        dic[nums2[i]] = -1

    stack.append(nums2[i])

ans = []
for i in nums1:
    ans.append(dic[i])
return ans
```

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> nextGreaterElement(vector<int>& nums1, vector<in
        stack<int> st;
        unordered_map<int,int> map;
        for(int i=nums2.size()-1;i>=0;i--) {
            while(!st.empty() && st.top()<=nums2[i])</pre>
                st.pop();
            if (st.empty()) {
                map[nums2[i]] = -1;
            }
            else {
                map[nums2[i]] = st.top();
            }
            st.push(nums2[i]);
        }
        vector<int> ans;
        for(int i=0;i<nums1.size();i++)</pre>
            ans.push_back(map[nums1[i]]);
        return ans;
```

```
};
```

#### **Next Greater Element - 2**

Return array of nge's for each element in a circular array

- Approach
  - Brute-force
    - Concatenate the arr nums with itself
    - Using two nested loops, find the nge for each element
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(2n)
  - Better
    - Instead of concatenating nums array with itself, we can traverse circularly using modulo operator
    - From each index i+1, we look for next n-1 elements circularly
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Optimal
    - We traverse the array from right to left with twice the size of original array and maintain a stack
    - while stack is not empty and the stack top is less than curr\_element, pop from stack
    - if i < arr.size() and if stack is not empty, then the stack top is the nge for curr\_element else -1
    - push curr\_element onto stack
    - Time Complexity: O(n)
    - Space Complexity: O(n)

```
# Python3
# Brute-force Solution
class Solution:
    def nextGreaterElements(self, nums: List[int]) -> List[int]
        arr = nums + nums
        ans = []
        for i in range(len(nums)):
            nge = -1
            for j in range(i+1, len(arr)):
                if arr[j] > arr[i]:
                    nge = arr[j]
                    break
            ans.append(nge)
        return ans
# Python3
# Better Solution
class Solution:
    def nextGreaterElements(self, nums: List[int]) -> List[int]
        n = len(nums)
        ans = []
        for i in range(len(nums)):
            nge = -1
            for j in range(1, n):
                if nums[(i + j) % n] > nums[i]:
                    nge = nums[(i + j) % n]
                    break
            ans.append(nge)
        return ans
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
class Solution:
    def nextGreaterElements(self, nums: List[int]) -> List[int]
```

```
n = len(nums)
stack = []
ans = [-1]*n

for i in range(2*n-1, -1, -1):
    while stack and stack[-1] <= nums[i%n]:
        stack.pop()

if i < n:
        if stack:
            ans[i] = stack[-1]
    stack.append(nums[i%n])</pre>
```

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
  public:
    vector<int> nextGreaterElements(vector<int>& nums) {
      int n = nums.size();
      vector<int> nge(n, -1);
      stack<int> st;
      for (int i = 2 * n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        while (!st.empty() && st.top() <= nums[i % n]) {</pre>
          st.pop();
        }
        if (i < n) {
          if (!st.empty()) nge[i] = st.top();
        }
        st.push(nums[i % n]);
      return nge;
```

```
};
```

#### **Nearest Smaller Element to the Left**

- Approach
  - Brute-force
    - A naive solution would be to take a nested loop, and for every element keep iterating back till we find a smaller element
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Optimal
    - We traverse the array and maintain a stack
    - while stack is not empty and the stack top is greater than curr\_element, pop from stack
    - if stack is not empty, then the stack top is the nse for curr\_element else -1
    - push curr\_element onto stack
    - Time Complexity: O(n)
    - Space Complexity: O(n)

```
# Python3
# Brute-force Solution
class Solution:
    def prevSmaller(self, A):
        ans = []

    for i in range(len(A)):
        nse = -1
        for j in range(i-1, -1, -1):
             if A[j] < A[i]:</pre>
```

```
nse = A[j]
                    break
            ans.append(nse)
        return ans
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
class Solution:
    def prevSmaller(self, A):
        stack = [A[0]]
        ans = [-1]
        for i in range(1, len(A)):
            while stack and stack[-1] >= A[i]:
                stack.pop()
            if stack:
                ans.append(stack[-1])
            else:
                ans.append(-1)
            stack.append(A[i])
        return ans
// C++
// Optimal Solution
vector<int> Solution::prevSmaller(vector<int> &A) {
    vector<int> ans;
    ans.resize(A.size());
    stack<int> st;
```

for (int i = 0; i < A.size(); i++) {

```
while (!st.empty() && st.top() >= A[i]) st.pop();
    if (st.empty()) {
        ans[i] = -1;
    } else {
        ans[i] = st.top();
    }
    st.push(A[i]);
}
return ans;
}
```

# **Sum of Subarray Minimums**

- Approach
  - Brute-force
    - Generate all subarrays
    - Traverse all subarrays and take minimum from each
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^3)$
    - Space Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
  - Better
    - Take minimum while generating all subarrays
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Optimal
    - For each element, we find the index on its left and right up to which the element itself will be minimum and maintain theirs indexes in two separate arrays
    - We do this by finding Previous Smaller Element (PSE) and Next Smaller Element (NSE) using monotonic stack

- To handle duplicate elements: Set strict less and non-strict less (less than or equal to) for finding NLE and PLE respectively. The order doesn't matter.
  - Let's Take Example : [1,5,6,5,4]
  - Now lets fill the left[] and right[] array for the index 2 and 4 which is arr[4]=arr[2]=5 //indexing starting from 1
  - We will do non-strict less condition for both left and right array
  - then left[4]=2 //which is {5,6}
  - right[4]=0 //no element right of index 4 is greater or equal to arr[4]=5
  - so possible subarray in this case which can be formed are {5,6,5},{6,5},{5}
     //(left[4]+1)\*(right[4]+1) elements
  - Now we will calculate left[2] and right[2]
  - left[2]=0 //no element left of index 2 is greater or equal to arr[2]=5
  - right[2]=2 //which is {6,5}
  - so possible subarray in this case which can be formed are {5},
     {5,6},{5,6,5}
  - Thus, you can see we are adding 2 times same set of sub array which is {5,6,5} which is extra and hence we have to do 1 Strict-less searching and 1 non-strict less
- Formula to find number of subarrays in which the element is minimum (num\_subarrays) = (idx\_of\_cur\_elm - index\_of\_PSE) \* (index\_of\_NSE idx\_of\_cur\_elm)
- And each element will contribute element \* num\_subarrays
   to the final sum
- Time Complexity:  $O(n^3)$
- Space Complexity: O(1)

```
# Python3
# Brute-force Solution
```

```
class Solution:
    def sumSubarrayMins(self, arr: List[int]) -> int:
        mod = 10**9 + 7
        n = len(arr)
        sub_arrays = []

    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(i, n):
            temp = []
            for k in range(i, j+1):
                temp += arr[k],
            sub_arrays += temp,

sum_ = 0
    for i in sub_arrays:
        sum_ += min(i)
    return sum_
```

```
# Python3
# Better Solution
class Solution:
    def sumSubarrayMins(self, arr: List[int]) -> int:
        mod = 10**9 + 7
        n = len(arr)
        sum_ = 0

    for i in range(n):
        mini = arr[i]
        for j in range(i, n):
              mini = min(mini, arr[j])
              sum_ += mini
    return sum_ % mod
```

```
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
class Solution:
    def sumSubarrayMins(self, arr: List[int]) -> int:
        n = len(arr)
        st1, st2 = [], []
        nse, pse = [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)], [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)]
        for i in range(n):
             nse[i] = n-i-1
             pse[i] = i
        for i in range(n):
             while st1 and arr[st1[-1]] > arr[i]:
                 nse[st1[-1]] = i - st1[-1] - 1
                 st1.pop()
             st1.append(i)
                 # notice ">="
        for i in range(n-1, -1, -1):
             while st2 and arr[st2[-1]] >= arr[i]:
                 pse[st2[-1]] = st2[-1] - i - 1
                 st2.pop()
             st2.append(i)
        ans = 0
        mod = 10**9 + 7
        for i in range(n):
             ans += (arr[i] * (nse[i] + 1) * (pse[i] + 1))
             ans %= mod
        return ans
```

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
int sumSubarrayMins(vector<int>& arr) {
        int n = arr.size();
        vector<int> left(n,-1), right(n,n);
        // for every i find the Next smaller element to left and
        // Left
        stack<int> st;
        for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
        {
            while(st.size() && arr[i] < arr[st.top()]) st.pop()</pre>
            if(st.size()) left[i] = i - st.top();
            else left[i] = i+1;
            st.push(i);
        }
        while(st.size()) st.pop();
        // Right
        for(int i=n-1; i>=0; i--)
        {
                         // notice "<="
            while(st.size() && arr[i] <= arr[st.top()]) st.pop()</pre>
            if(st.size()) right[i] = st.top() - i;
            else right[i] = n - i;
            st.push(i);
        }
        // for each i, contribution is (Left * Right) * Element
        int res = 0;
        for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
        {
            long long prod = (left[i]*right[i])%MOD;
            prod = (prod*arr[i])%MOD;
```

```
res = (res + prod)%MOD;
}
return res%MOD;
}
```

#### **Asteroid Collision**

- Approach
  - Optimal
    - Apply concept of relative velocity s.t. positive values remain fixed and only negative values move
    - Whenever we encounter a positive value, we will simply push it to the stack (or negative asteroid onto another negative asteroid e.g. [-2,-1,1,2])
    - The moment we encounter a negative value, we know some or all or zero positive values will be knocked out of the stack
    - We have to take care of the case when s.top() == asteroids[i]. In this case one positive element will pop out and negative asteroid won't enter the stack.
    - Time Complexity: O(n)
    - $\, \blacksquare \,$  Space Complexity: O(n) if using stack explicitly along side ans vector else O(1)

```
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
class Solution(object):
    def asteroidCollision(self, asteroids):
        res = []
        for asteroid in asteroids:
        while len(res) and asteroid < 0 and res[-1] > 0:
            if res[-1] == -asteroid:
                res.pop()
                 break
```

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> asteroidCollision(vector<int>& asteroids) {
        vector<int> st;
        int n = asteroids.size();
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            bool destroyed = false;
            while (st.size() != 0 && asteroids[i] < 0 && st.bacl</pre>
                // same size
                if (-asteroids[i] == st.back()) {
                     destroyed = true;
                    st.pop_back();
                     break;
                }
                // - (-5) > 4
                else if (-asteroids[i] > st.back()) {
                     st.pop_back();
                    continue;
                }
                // - (-3) < 4
                else {
                    destroyed = true;
                     break;
```

### **Sum of Subarray Ranges**

You are given an integer array nums. The **range** of a subarray of nums is the difference between the largest and smallest element in the subarray.

- Approach
  - Brute-force
    - Generate all subarrays
    - Traverse all subarrays and take difference of maximum and minimum from each subarray and add it to total
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^3)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Better
    - Take difference of maximum and minimum from each subarray and add it to total while traversing each element
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Optimal
    - Same logic as Sum of Subarray Minimum
    - Using monotonic stacks, we find use, pse and uge, pge
    - Time Complexity: O(n)
    - Space Complexity: O(n)

```
# Python3
# Brute-force Solution
class Solution:
    def subArrayRanges(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
        n = len(nums)
        sum = 0
        for i in range(n):
            for j in range(i, n):
                mini = float("inf")
                maxi = float("-inf")
                for k in range(i, j+1):
                     mini = min(mini, nums[k])
                    maxi = max(maxi, nums[k])
                sum += (maxi - mini)
        return sum
# Python3
# Better Solution
class Solution:
    def subArrayRanges(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
        n = len(nums)
        sum = 0
        for i in range(n):
            mini = nums[i]
            maxi = nums[i]
            for j in range(i, n):
                mini = min(mini, nums[j])
                maxi = max(maxi, nums[j])
                sum += (maxi - mini)
        return sum
# Python3
# Optimal Solution
class Solution:
```

```
def subArrayRanges(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
    n = len(nums)
    ## minimum sum
    left, right = [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)], [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)]
    st_l, st_r = [], []
    # left
    for i in range(n):
         while st_l and nums[i] < nums[st_l[-1]]:</pre>
              st_l.pop()
         if st 1:
              left[i] = i - st_l[-1]
         else:
             left[i] = i + 1
         st_l.append(i)
    # right
    for i in range(n-1, -1, -1):
         while st_r and nums[i] <= nums[st_r[-1]]:</pre>
              st_r.pop()
         if st r:
              right[i] = st_r[-1] - i
         else:
              right[i] = n - i
         st_r.append(i)
    min sum = 0
    for num, i, j in zip(nums, left, right):
         min_sum += num * i * j
    ## maximum sum
    left, right = [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)], [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)]
    st_1, st_r = [], []
    # left
```

```
for i in range(n):
    while st_l and nums[i] > nums[st_l[-1]]:
        st_l.pop()
    if st 1:
        left[i] = i - st_l[-1]
    else:
        left[i] = i + 1
    st_l.append(i)
# right
for i in range(n-1, -1, -1):
    while st_r and nums[i] >= nums[st_r[-1]]:
        st_r.pop()
    if st r:
        right[i] = st_r[-1] - i
    else:
        right[i] = n - i
    st_r.append(i)
\max sum = 0
for num, i, j in zip(nums, left, right):
    max sum += num * i * j
return max_sum - min_sum
```

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
public:
    long long subArrayRanges(vector<int>& nums) {
        int n = nums.size();

        // minimum sum
        vector<int> left(n, 0), right(n, 0);
        stack<int> l, r;
```

```
// left
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    while (l.size() && nums[i] < nums[l.top()]) {</pre>
        1.pop();
    }
    if (l.size()) {
        left[i] = i - 1.top();
    }
    else {
        left[i] = i + 1;
    1.push(i);
}
// right
for (int i = n-1; i \ge 0; i--) {
    while (r.size() \&\& nums[i] \le nums[r.top()]) 
        r.pop();
    }
    if (r.size()) {
        right[i] = r.top() - i;
    }
    else {
        right[i] = n - i;
    }
    r.push(i);
}
long long min_sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    min_sum += long(long(nums[i]) * long(left[i]) * long
}
// maximum sum
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

```
left[i] = 0;
    right[i] = 0;
}
while (l.size()) {l.pop();}
while (r.size()) {r.pop();}
// left
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    while (l.size() && nums[i] > nums[l.top()]) {
        1.pop();
    }
    if (l.size()) {
        left[i] = i - 1.top();
    }
    else {
        left[i] = i + 1;
    1.push(i);
}
// right
for (int i = n-1; i \ge 0; i--) {
    while (r.size() \&\& nums[i] >= nums[r.top()]) {
        r.pop();
    }
    if (r.size()) {
        right[i] = r.top() - i;
    }
    else {
        right[i] = n - i;
    }
    r.push(i);
}
long long max_sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

```
max_sum += long(long(nums[i]) * long(left[i]) * long
}

return max_sum - min_sum;
}
};
```

# Remove K digits

Given string num representing a non-negative integer num, and an integer k, return the smallest possible integer after removing k digits from num

- Approach
  - Optimal
    - If we are given a set of digits from which we have to create a number, then the smallest possible number that can be formed is a number of increasing sequence (e.g. 5324 → 2345)
    - Time Complexity: O(n)
    - Space Complexity: O(n)

```
while k and stack:
    stack.pop()
    k -= 1

if len(stack) == 1 and stack[0] == "0": return "0"

    # removing 0s from front

while stack:
    if stack[0] == "0":
        stack.pop(0)
    else:
        break

if not stack: return "0"
    return "".join(stack)
```

```
// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
public:
    string removeKdigits(string num, int k) {
        if (num.size() <= k) return "0";</pre>
        if (k == 0) return num;
        stack<char> st;
        for (int i = 0; i < num.size(); i++) {</pre>
            while (k && st.size() && num[i] < st.top())</pre>
             {
                 st.pop();
                 k--;
             }
             st.push(num[i]);
        }
        while (k && st.size()) {
```

```
st.pop();
            k--;
        }
        if (st.size() == 1 && st.top() == '0') return "0";
        stack<char> temp;
        while (!st.empty()) {
            temp.push(st.top());
            st.pop();
        }
        while (!temp.empty() && temp.top() == '0') temp.pop();
        if (temp.empty())
                             return "0";
        string ans = "";
        while (!temp.empty()) {
            ans += temp.top();
            temp.pop();
        }
        return ans;
    }
};
```

# **Largest Rectangle in Histogram**

- Approach
  - Brute-force
    - For each element, loop over left and right side of element to find index of its pse and nse
    - Time Complexity:  $O(n^2)$
    - Space Complexity: O(1)
  - Better

- Find nse and pse indices for every element using stack (with 2 separate loops)
- Time Complexity: O(n)
- Space Complexity: O(n)
- Optimal
  - https://takeuforward.org/data-structure/area-of-largest-rectangle-inhistogram/
  - Time Complexity: O(n)
  - Space Complexity: O(n)

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# Python3
# Brute-force Solution
class Solution:
    def largestRectangleArea(self, heights: List[int]) -> int:
        n = len(heights)
        ans = 0
        for i in range(n):
            pse = i
            nse = i
            # pse
            for j in range(i-1, -1, -1):
                if heights[j] >= heights[i]:
                     pse = j
                else:
                     break
            # nse
            for j in range(i+1, n):
                if heights[j] >= heights[i]:
                     nse = j
                else:
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break

ans = max(ans, heights[i] * (nse - pse + 1))
return ans
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# Python3
# Better Solution
class Solution:
    def largestRectangleArea(self, heights: List[int]) -> int:
         n = len(heights)
         pse, nse = [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)], [n-1 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in range}(n)]
         stack = []
         # pse
         for i in range(n):
             while stack and heights[i] <= heights[stack[-1]]:</pre>
                  stack.pop()
             if stack:
                  pse[i] = stack[-1]+1
             stack.append(i)
         stack.clear()
         # nse
         for i in range(n-1, -1, -1):
             while stack and heights[i] <= heights[stack[-1]]:</pre>
                  stack.pop()
             if stack:
                  nse[i] = stack[-1]-1
             stack.append(i)
         ans = 0
         for i in range(n):
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ans = max(ans, (nse[i] - pse[i] + 1) * heights[i])
return ans
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// C++
// Optimal Solution
class Solution {
  public:
    int largestRectangleArea(vector<int>& histo) {
      stack<int> st;
      int maxA = 0;
      int n = histo.size();
      for (int i = 0; i \le n; i++) {
        while (!st.empty() && (i == n \mid | histo[st.top()] >= hist
          int height = histo[st.top()];
          st.pop();
          int width;
          if (st.empty())
            width = i;
          else
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width = i - st.top() - 1;
    maxA = max(maxA, width * height);
}
    st.push(i);
}
return maxA;
}
```

# **Template**

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    Approach
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Brute-force

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- Space Complexity: O(1)
- Better

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