

42. Trapping rain water:

I/p: height = [0, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 1, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1]

O/p: 6.

Brute force:

For every block (index i), water trapped above it depends on:

- * Tallest bar on the left
- * Tallest bar on the right

Water at i :

$$\text{water} = \min(\text{maxLeft}, \text{maxRight}) - \text{height}[i]$$

If result is negative \rightarrow take 0.

Do this for every index and add.

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class Solution {
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    public int trap(int[] height) {
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        int n = height.length;
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        int totalWater = 0;
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        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
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            int leftMax = 0;
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            int rightMax = 0;
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            for (int j = 0; j <= i; j++) {
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                leftMax = Math.max(leftMax, height[j]);
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            }
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```
            for (int j = i; j < n; j++) {
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```
                rightMax = Math.max(rightMax, height[j]);
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            }
```

totalWater += Math.min(leftMax, rightMax) - height[i];

}
return totalWater;

}

}

Time $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

optimized: (Two pointers):

* left pointer (start of array)

* right pointer (end of array)

* Track leftMax and rightMax

Always move smaller side.

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class Solution {
    public int trap(int[] height) {
        int left = 0, right = height.length - 1;
        int leftMax = 0, rightMax = 0;
        int totalWater = 0;

        while (left < right)
            if (height[left] < height[right]) {
                if (height[left] >= leftMax) {
                    leftMax = height[left];
                } else {
                    totalWater += leftMax - height[left];
                }
                left++;
            } else {
                if (height[right] >= rightMax) {
                    rightMax = height[right];
                } else {
                    totalWater += rightMax - height[right];
                }
                right--;
            }
    }
}
```

```
rightMax = height[right];
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} else {
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```
    totalWater += rightMax - height[right];
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}
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```
right --;
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}
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}
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```
return totalWater;
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}
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}
```

Time $\rightarrow O(n)$

space $\rightarrow O(1)$.