

Largest Rectangle in Histogram

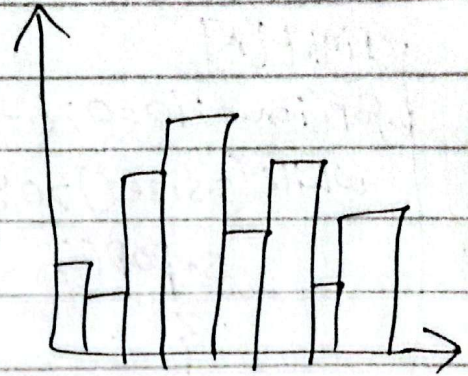
height = [2, 1, 5, 6, 2, 3]

→ Return largest rectangle area

$$\text{Area} = \text{ht} * \text{width}$$



Maximum



① Brute Force - $O(n^2)$

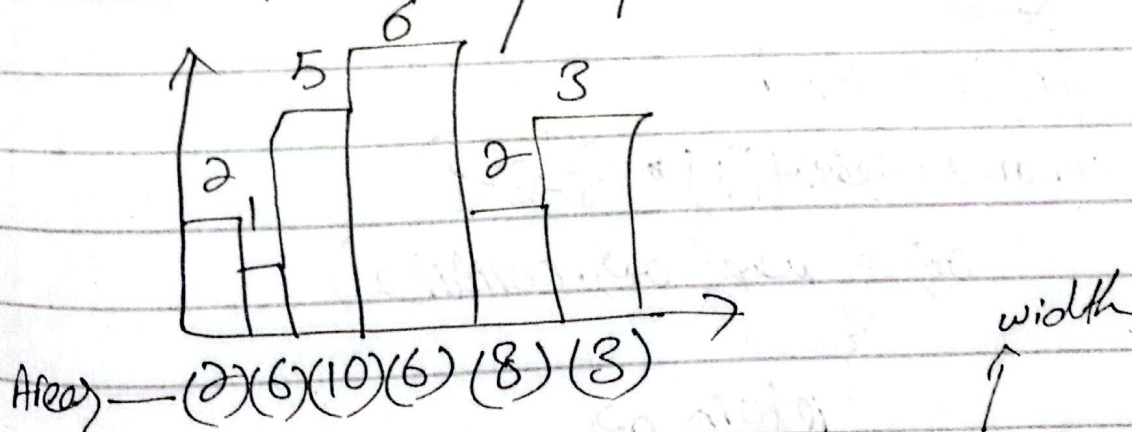
→ Find all the rectangles areas and return largest rectangle area.

Outer loop (start)

Inner loop (end)

② Optimal Approach $O(n)$

Make the rectangle for each bar.



$$\text{currArea} = \text{height}[i] * (i - j - 1)$$

← left smaller nearest
right smaller nearest
Find left smaller nearest (Reverse Traversal) Find right smaller nearest

Right Smaller Nearest

stack <int> s

1	-1	4	4	-1	-1
0	1	2	3	4	5

right[n]

for(i=n-1; i>=0; i--)

while(s.size()>0 && ht[s.top()]>=ht[i])

s.pop()

}

right[i] = s.empty() ? -1;

s.top();

s.push(i)

Left Smaller Nearest

left[n]

for(i=0 to n)

width = r-l-1

right[i] left[i]

ans = 0

for(i=0 to n)

currarea = height[i] * (r-l-1)

ans = max(ans, currarea)

}

return ans

T.C = $O(n)$

S.C = $O(n)$