

Majority Element - II

$N = \text{length of array}$

A majority element is, having a frequency $> \frac{N}{3}$

* We use same approach - "Boyer's Moore Voting Algo"

But with additional components

* previously if two distinct elements occurred, we cancelled them

* Now, if three distinct elements occurs, we will cancel them

Let's split the solution into 2 phases:

- ① Identifying potential candidates
- ② Verifying the candidates

① Identifying potential Candidates

* Use 2 Variables to Store potential Candidates & their Counts

* Traverse the array,

- If one counter is zero, Update it with Current Element and Set freq to 1
- If current element matches with one of the Candidates, increment its count
- Otherwise, decrement the count

② Verifying the Candidates

* Initialise counts for the two Candidates

* Traverse array, to Count every Candidate Occurance

* Check if any Candidates count is $(\geq \frac{n}{3})$

Ex:-

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	3	2	4	2	3	5	3	3	2	4

Candidate - I
Candidate - II

⇒ Candidates Box

if we observe
3 Candidates having
3 distinct values, So
reduce count of
Both

Candidate - 3
⇒ 4
arr[i] ↑

i=0

Val = 2 Count = 1
Val = 2 Count = 0

i=1

Val = 2 Count = 1
Val = 3 Count = 1

i=2

Val = 2 Count = 2
Val = 3 Count = 1

i=3

Val = 2 Count = 2 1
Val = 3 Count = 1 0

i=4

Val = 2 Count = 2
Val = 3 Count = 0

i=5

Val = 2 Count = 2
Val = 3 Count = 1

i=6

Val = 2 Count = 2 1
Val = 3 Count = 1 0

i=7

Val = 2 Count = 1
Val = 3 Count = 1

i=8

Val = 2 Count = 1
Val = 3 Count = 2

i=9

Val = 2 Count = 2
Val = 3 Count = 2

i=10

Val = 2 Count = 2 1
Val = 3 Count = 2 1

first Set
val as
nums[0]
don't increase
count

* At last, for value = 2, 3 \Rightarrow we are having counts > 0

So, these are possible Candidates for majority elements

Hence, travel through the array, and check whether {2, 3} are appearing ($> \frac{n}{3}$) times or not,

Which ever element from {2, 3} appears ($> \frac{n}{3}$) times that element is a majority Element

```
1 class Solution {
2     public List<Integer> majorityElement(int[] nums) {
3         List<Integer> ans = new ArrayList<>();
4         int n = nums.length;
5
6         int val1 = nums[0];
7         int cnt1 = 1;
8         int val2 = nums[0];
9         int cnt2 = 0;
10
11         for(int i = 1; i < n; i++){
12             if(nums[i] == val1) cnt1++;
13             else if(nums[i] == val2) cnt2++;
14             else if(cnt1 == 0){
15                 val1 = nums[i];
16                 cnt1++;
17             }
18             else if(cnt2 == 0){
19                 val2 = nums[i];
20                 cnt2++;
21             }
22             else if(val1 != nums[i] && val2 != nums[i]){
23                 cnt1--;
24                 cnt2--;
25             }
26         }
27     }
```

phase - I

```
28     int candidate1 = 0;
29     int candidate2 = 0;
30
31     for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
32         if(val1 == nums[i]) candidate1++;
33         else if(val2 == nums[i]) candidate2++;
34     }
35     if(candidate1 > n/3){
36         ans.add(val1);
37     }
38     if(candidate2 > n/3){
39         ans.add(val2);
40     }
41
42     return ans;
43 }
44 }
```

Phase - II