

1766. Minimum Number of Removals to Make Mountain Array

Difficulty : Hard

<https://leetcode.com/problems/minimum-number-of-removals-to-make-mountain-array>

You may recall that an array `arr` is a **mountain array** if and only if:

- `arr.length >= 3`
- There exists some index `i` (**0-indexed**) with $0 < i < arr.length - 1$ such that:
 - `arr[0] < arr[1] < ... < arr[i - 1] < arr[i]`
 - `arr[i] > arr[i + 1] > ... > arr[arr.length - 1]`

Given an integer array `nums`, return *the **minimum** number of elements to remove to make `nums` a **mountain array**.*

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,3,1]`

Output: `0`

Explanation: The array itself is a mountain array so we do not need to remove any elements.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [2,1,1,5,6,2,3,1]`

Output: `3`

Explanation: One solution is to remove the elements at indices 0, 1, and 5, making the array `nums = [1,5,6,3,1]`.

Constraints:

- $3 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 1000$
- $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^9$
- It is guaranteed that you can make a mountain array out of `nums`.