

2936. Number of Equal Numbers Blocks

Description

You are given a **0-indexed** array of integers, `nums` . The following property holds for `nums` :

- All occurrences of a value are adjacent. In other words, if there are two indices `i < j` such that `nums[i] == nums[j]` , then for every index `k` that `i < k < j` , `nums[k] == nums[i]` .

Since `nums` is a very large array, you are given an instance of the class `BigArray` which has the following functions:

- `int at(long long index)` : Returns the value of `nums[i]` .
- `void size()` : Returns `nums.length` .

Let's partition the array into **maximal** blocks such that each block contains **equal values** . Return *the number of these blocks*.

Note that if you want to test your solution using a custom test, behavior for tests with `nums.length > 10` is undefined.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [3,3,3,3,3]`
Output: `1`
Explanation: There is only one block here which is the whole array (because all numbers are equal) and that is: `[3,3,3,3,3]`. So the answer would be 1.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [1,1,1,3,9,9,9,2,10,10]`
Output: `5`
Explanation: There are 5 blocks here:
Block number 1: `[1,1,1,3,9,9,9,2,10,10]`
Block number 2: `[1,1,1, 3,9,9,9,2,10,10]`
Block number 3: `[1,1,1,3, 9,9,9,2,10,10]`
Block number 4: `[1,1,1,3,9,9,9, 2,10,10]`
Block number 5: `[1,1,1,3,9,9,9,2, 10,10]`
So the answer would be 5.

Example 3:

Input: `nums = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7]`
Output: `7`
Explanation: Since all numbers are distinct, there are 7 blocks here and each element representing one block. So the answer would be 7.

Constraints:

- `1 <= nums.length <= 1015`
- `1 <= nums[i] <= 109`
- The input is generated such that all equal values are adjacent.
- The sum of the elements of `nums` is at most `1015` .

