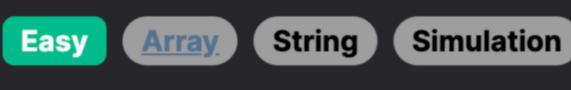
# 2899. Last Visited Integers



**Problem Description** 

The problem provides us with an array of strings where each element is either a string that represents a positive integer or the string "prev". We're required to iterate through this array and, whenever we encounter the string "prev", we must find the last visited integer

according to specific rules. For a sequence of one or more "prev" strings, the number of consecutive "prev" strings (including the current "prev") is counted as k. We have to look at the integers seen so far in reverse order. The last visited integer is the (k-1)th integer in this reversed order. If k

Our goal is to return an array of integers, which includes the last visited integer for each "prev" string found in the input array.

For example, given an input array of ["1", "2", "prev", "prev", "3", "prev"], our output should be [2, 1, -1].

exceeds the total number of integers we've seen, then the last visited integer is to be considered -1.

## Intuition

integers we have seen (in order) and the current sequence length of "prev" strings (k). To achieve this, we can keep an array called nums to store all the integers we have encountered so far in the order they were visited.

The intuition behind the solution is to simulate the process described, keeping track of two essential pieces of information: the

We also keep a count k, which is reset to 0 every time we encounter an integer and is incremented when we encounter a "prev". Whenever we bump into a "prev", we look k elements back from the end of our stored integers—if there are enough elements—and add that to the result array. If there are not enough elements (k is greater than the number of integers encountered), we add -1 to the result. Essentially, we are creating a stack of numbers encountered, and for every "prev", we are performing a lookup that acts like indexing

from the back of the stack by k positions, simulating the process of tracking the last visited integers. **Solution Approach** 

## The solution follows a simple simulation approach that revolves around keeping track of the visited integers and the number of consecutive occurrences of "prev". This approach can be outlined as follows:

1. We initialize an array nums to store integers that have been seen. This array acts as a stack where we can easily add new integers and look up past integers.

- 2. A variable k is used to keep count of consecutive "prev" strings. It is reset to 0 whenever a non-"prev" string (i.e., an integer) is encountered.
- 3. We iterate through the words array, processing one string at a time. 4. If the current word is not "prev" (it is a positive integer), we reset k to 0 and append the integer form of the word to nums.

nums = [] # Step 1: initialize the stack of seen integers

ans = [] # Initialize the array for storing last visited integers

# Initialize the count of consecutive "prev"

- 5. If the current word is "prev", we increment k by 1 to account for the new "prev" string in the sequence. 6. We then attempt to retrieve the last visited integer by looking k places from the end of nums using the index len(nums) - k. If k is
- within the range of nums, we append the desired integer to ans; otherwise, we append -1, indicating that there are not enough
- visited integers to satisfy the "prev" condition. 7. After processing all words in the array, we return the ans array, which contains the last visited integer for each "prev" encountered.
- The solution uses straightforward array manipulation and conditions to achieve the objective, employing basic data structures (lists in Python), and index manipulation. The primary pattern this solution leverages is iteration with condition checks, ensuring the last visited integer is correctly identified and handled according to the problem's rules.

Here's a breakdown of the code corresponding to the steps above: class Solution: def lastVisitedIntegers(self, words: List[str]) -> List[int]:

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for w in words: # Step 3: iterate through each word
               if w == "prev": # Step 4 and 5: handle "prev"
                   k += 1 # Increment count for consecutive "prev"
                   i = len(nums) - k # Calculate index for the last visited integer
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                   ans.append(-1 if i < 0 else nums[i]) # Append the last visited integer or -1
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               else: # Step 6: reset k and add new integer to nums
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                   k = 0
                  nums.append(int(w)) # Convert string to integer and add to nums
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           return ans # Step 7: return the result
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Example Walkthrough
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### 1. Initialize nums as an empty array to represent the stack of seen integers, ans as an empty array for the last visited integers, and k as 0 for the count of consecutive "prev" strings.

2. Iterate through each element in words:

Let's go through an example to illustrate the solution approach using a small input array: ["10", "prev", "20", "prev", "prev"].

◦ For the first element "10", since it is not "prev", reset k to 0 (it's already 0). Convert "10" to an integer and append it to nums. Now nums = [10].

• The second element is "prev". Increment k to 1 (k was 0). Calculate the index: len(nums) - k which is 0. There is an

- available integer, so append nums [0] (which is 10) to ans. Now ans = [10]. ○ The third element "20" is not "prev", so reset k to 0 and append 20 to nums. Now nums = [10, 20]. ○ The fourth element is again "prev". Increment k to 1. Calculate index len(nums) - k which is 1. Append nums [1] (which is 20)
  - to ans. Now ans = [10, 20]. • The last element is "prev" again. Increment k to 2 (since we do not reset k as the element is "prev"). Calculate index

len(nums) - k which is 0. Append nums [0] (which is 10) to ans. Now ans = [10, 20, 10].

can efficiently simulate the process and determine the last visited integer or -1 when required.

# Initialize a list to keep track of the outputs for each "prev" command.

# Increment the 'prev' counter if the current word is "prev".

// Variable to keep track of how many 'prev' operations have been encountered.

# Compute the index of the integer to access based on 'prev\_count'.

def lastVisitedIntegers(self, words: List[str]) -> List[int]:

# Initialize a list to keep track of the integers seen so far.

"prev". By processing each element one by one and keeping track of the seen integers (nums) and the consecutive count of "prev" (k), we

3. Finally, we end up with ans = [10, 20, 10], which is the output, with each entry representing the last visited integer for each

Python Solution

#### # Counter to keep track of how many "prev" commands have been seen consecutively. prev\_count = 0 # Iterate through each word in the words list. 9

seen\_numbers = []

for word in words:

if word == "prev":

prev\_count += 1

List<Integer> result = new ArrayList<>();

// Iterate over each word in the input list.

int prevCount = 0;

for (String word : words) {

prevCount++;

if (word == "prev") {

prevCounter = 0;

nums.push\_back(stoi(word));

return ans; // Return the result vector

} else {

++prevCounter; // Increment counter for each "prev"

ans.push\_back(index < 0 ? -1 : nums[index]);</pre>

if ("prev".equals(word)) {

output = []

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index = len(seen_numbers) - prev_count
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                   # Append the number to the output if it exists, otherwise append -1.
                   output.append(-1 if index < 0 else seen_numbers[index])</pre>
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               else:
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                   # Reset 'prev_count' to 0 since the current word is a number.
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                   prev_count = 0
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                   # Convert the word to an integer and append it to the seen_numbers.
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                   seen_numbers.append(int(word))
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           # Return the output list which contains the integers or -1 for each "prev".
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           return output
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Java Solution
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
   import java.util.List;
   class Solution {
       // Method to find the last visited integers based on given words
       public List<Integer> lastVisitedIntegers(List<String> words) {
           // A list to store the actual numbers seen so far.
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           List<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<>();
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           // A list to store the result of previously visited numbers.
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### **if** (index < 0) { 23 24 // If the index is out of bounds, add -1 to the result. result.add(-1); 25 26 } else { 27 // Otherwise, add the number at the calculated index to the result. 28 result.add(numbers.get(index)); 29 } else { 30 // If the word is a number, reset the counter and add the number to our number list. 32 prevCount = 0; 33 numbers.add(Integer.valueOf(word)); 34 35 36 // Return the result list containing the last visited numbers. 37 38 return result; 39 40 } 41 C++ Solution 1 #include <vector> 2 #include <string> 3 using namespace std; class Solution { public: // Function to process a list of strings and return a vector representing the last visited integers vector<int> lastVisitedIntegers(vector<string>& words) { vector<int> nums; // Vector to store parsed integers from the 'words' vector 9 vector<int> ans; // Vector to store answers for each "prev" command 10 int prevCounter = 0; // Counter to keep track of the "prev" commands 11 12 13 // Iterate over the words 14 for (auto& word : words) { // If the current word is "prev", find the previously encountered integer 15

// If the word is 'prev', increment the counter and get the last visited number.

int index = numbers.size() - prevCount; // Calculate the index for previously visited number.

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Typescript Solution
   function lastVisitedIntegers(words: string[]): number[] {
       // Initialize a list to keep track of numeric inputs
       const numberList: number[] = [];
       // Initialize a list for the answer which will hold the last visited integers
       const answerList: number[] = [];
       // Initialize a counter to keep track of the "prev" commands
       let prevCounter = 0;
       // Iterate through each word in the input array
       for (const word of words) {
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           // Check if the current word is the 'prev' command
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           if (word === 'prev') {
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               // Increment the counter as we've encountered a 'prev'
               ++prevCounter;
               // Calculate the index we want to access
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               const indexToAccess = numberList.length - prevCounter;
               // Check if the index is valid, if not, push -1 to answerList
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               answerList.push(indexToAccess < 0 ? -1 : numberList[indexToAccess]);</pre>
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           } else {
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               // Reset the counter since a number is encountered
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               prevCounter = 0;
               // Convert the string to a number and push to the numberList
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               numberList.push(Number(word));
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       // Return the answer list containing all last visited integers on encountering 'prev'
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       return answerList;
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int index = nums.size() - prevCounter; // Calculate the index for the previously visited integer

// If the index is valid, push the found integer to the 'ans' vector; otherwise push -1

// Reset the prevCounter and add the numeric value of the word to the 'nums' vector

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iteration, the operations we perform, such as checking the value of w and updating the nums list or the index k, all have constant time complexity (0(1)). Even when we access nums [i] the time complexity is 0(1) because list indexing is a constant time operation in Python. Hence, the main contributing factor to the time complexity is the single loop through the words array, resulting in O(n) time complexity.

The space complexity of the code is also 0(n). We use additional data structure nums to store the integers as they appear when they

elements in the words list. The ans list at most will contain n "-1" integers when all elements in words are "prev". The sum of the size of

nums and ans lists dictates the space complexity. Therefore, the space complexity is O(n) due to the storage requirements that scale

are not "prev". Thus, in the worst-case scenario where there is no "prev", nums will have the same number of integers as there are

**Space Complexity** 

linearly with the input size.

Time and Space Complexity **Time Complexity** The time complexity of the code is O(n), where n is the length of the words array. We iterate over each word in the array once. In the