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For this exercise, you will build an Express.js application that performs three statistical operations given an arbitrary amount of numbers:

- 1. mean (average)
- 2. median (midpoint)
- 3. mode (most frequent)

The operations are invoked via one route per operation.

Requirements

The three base routes are /mean, /median, /mode. All accept GET requests

Each route takes a query key of **nums** which is a comma-separated list of numbers. For example, if I want to get the mean of 1, 3, 5, and 7, that would look like be a GET request to **/mean?nums=1,3,5,7**.

The response of each operation should be JSON which looks like this:

```
response: {
  operation: "mean",
  value: 4
}
```

The app should "gracefully" handle the following errors:

- Passing in an invalid number (NaN errors). For instance, /mean?nums=foo,2,3 should respond with a 400 Bad Request status code and a response that saying something like: foo is not a number.
- Empty input: /mean without passing any nums should respond with a 400 Bad Request status code saying something like nums are required.

Make sure you have unit tests for *mean*, *median* and *mode*.

Further Study

• Make a route called /all that does all three operations at the same time, with the response from each of them as a key in the JSON response. It can look like this:

```
response: {
  operation: "all",
  mean: 12
  median: 10,
  mode: 8
}
```

- Provide special handling for an optional query key called **save** that can be set to **true**. This means the operation will write to a file. For example, **/median?nums=1,3,5&save=false** will return a json response and will write to a file called **results.json**.
- Insert a timestamp for every operation that writes to a file.
- Honor the Accept header. Return json if the client requests application/json and return html if the client requests text/html.

Solution

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