Experiment 1.4

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1) Aim: To efficiently merge two sorted arrays nums1 and nums2 into nums1 in a nondecreasing order without using extra space.

Objective:

- Understand and implement the **two-pointer approach** to merge two sorted arrays efficiently.
- Modify `nums1` **in-place**, ensuring the correct order is maintained.
- Optimize the merging process by starting from the **end of the arrays** to avoid unnecessary shifting.

Code:

```
class Solution { public:     void merge(vector<int>& nums1, int m,

vector<int>& nums2, int n) {

    int i = m - 1;

    int j = n - 1;

    int k = m + n - 1;

    while (i >= 0 && j >= 0) {

      if (nums1[i] > nums2[j]) {

        nums1[k] = nums1[i];
```

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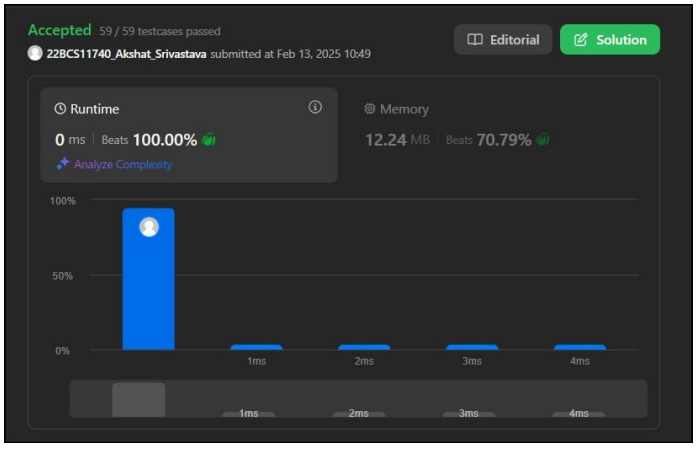
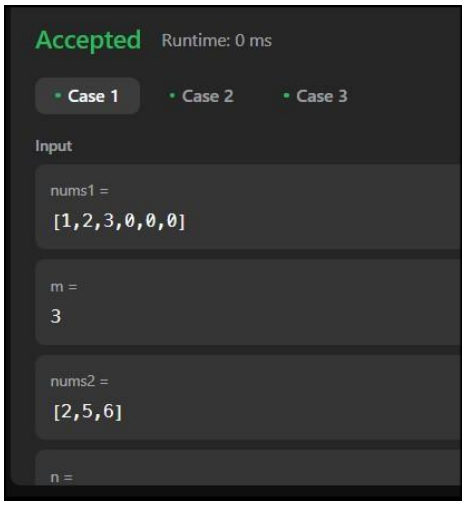
            i--;
        } else {
            nums1[k] = nums2[j];
            j--;
    }
        k--; }
    while (j >= 0) {
        nums1[k] = nums2[j];
        j--;
        k--;
    }}};
```

Output:





Learning Outcome:

- Gain an understanding of **in-place merging** in arrays.
- Learn how to use the **two-pointer technique** efficiently.
- Improve problem-solving skills by **handling edge cases** like empty arrays and different lengths.
- Enhance your ability to **write optimized algorithms** with **O(m + n) time complexity** and **O(1) space complexity**.

2) Aim: To efficiently find the first bad version using the **minimum number of API calls** by implementing an optimized search algorithm.

Objective:

- Utilize **binary search** to minimize API calls while searching for the first bad version.
- Reduce the search space efficiently instead of checking each version sequentially.
- Implement an **O(log n) solution** instead of a naive **O(n) approach**.

Code:

```
class Solution { public:     int
firstBadVersion(int n) {
      int left = 1, right = n;

      while (left < right) {              int
mid = left + (right - left) / 2;

          if (isBadVersion(mid)) {
             right = mid;
          } else {
             left = mid + 1;
          }
}
       return left;
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    } };
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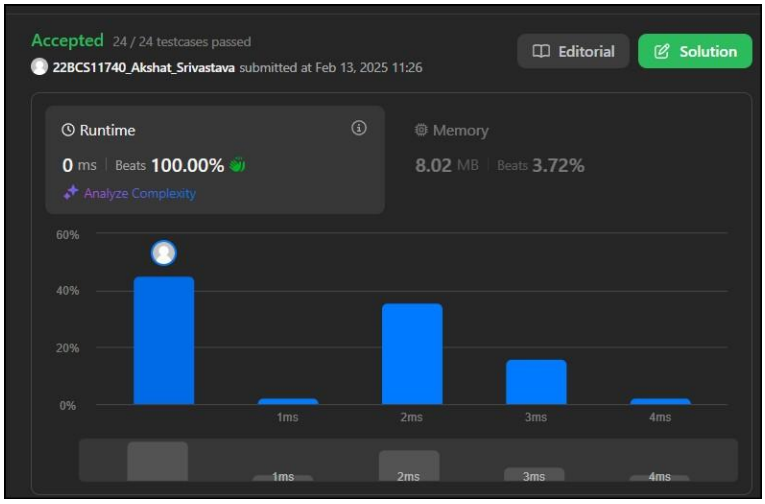

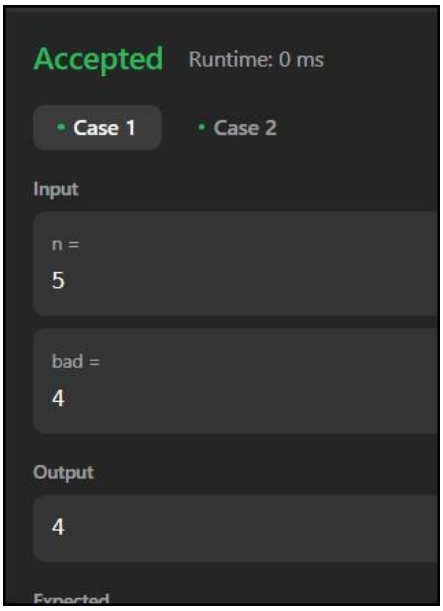

Learning Outcome:

- Understand **binary search** and its applications in optimization problems.
- Learn how to **interact with external APIs** efficiently.
- Improve problem-solving skills by working with **search space reduction techniques**.
- Learn how to handle **edge cases** where the first version itself is bad.

3) Aim: To implement an efficient **in-place sorting algorithm** to sort an array containing three distinct values (0, 1, and 2) without using built-in sorting functions.

Objective:

- To understand and apply Dutch National Flag Algorithm for sorting a three-element array efficiently.
- To sort the array in O(n) time complexity using a constant amount of extra space (O(1)).
- To learn how to manipulate array elements in-place while maintaining correct order.
- To practice optimizing sorting algorithms for real-world problems.
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Code:

```
class Solution { public:     void
sortColors(vector<int>& nums) {
        int low = 0, mid = 0, high = nums.size() - 1;
       while (mid <= high) {
          if (nums[mid] == 0) {
             swap(nums[mid], nums[low]);
             low++;
             mid++;
          }
          else if (nums[mid] == 1) {
             mid++;
}
          else {
             swap(nums[mid], nums[high]);
             high--;
} } } }; Output:
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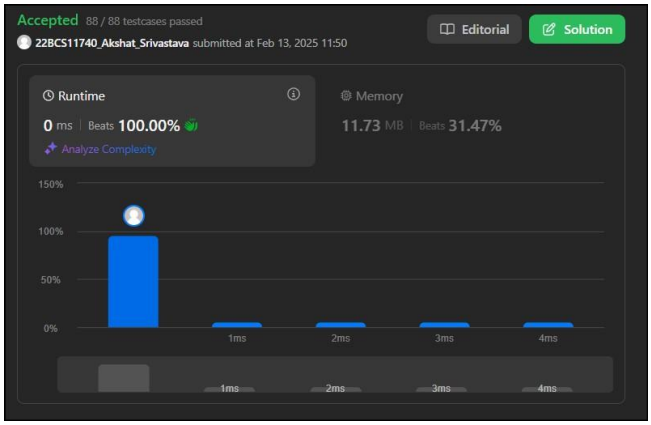

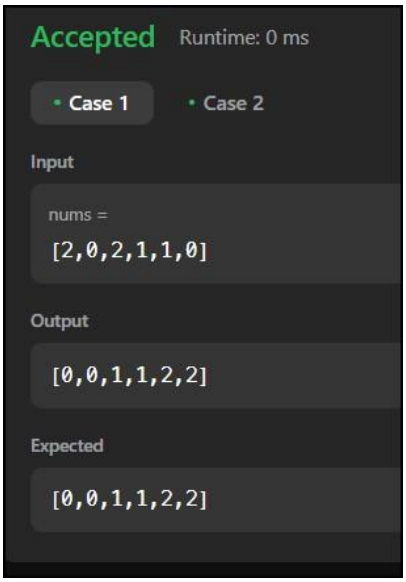

Learning Outcome:

- **Understanding of the Dutch National Flag Algorithm** and how it partitions an array into three sections.
- **Efficient array manipulation techniques** for solving problems in-place.
- **Comparison of different sorting approaches** (counting sort, two-pass sort, one-pass sort).
- **Improved problem-solving skills** in competitive programming and technical interviews.