



Move zeroes

Given an integer array `nums`, move all 0's to the end of it while maintaining the relative order of the non-zero elements.

Note: You must do this in-place without making a copy of the array.

Examples

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [0,1,0,3,12]`

Output: `[1,3,12,0,0]`

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [0]`

Output: `[0]`

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^4$

$-2^{31} \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 2^{31} - 1$

Optimal Approach – Two Pointers

Initialize a pointer `x = 0`.

Loop through the array:

If the current element is not 0, assign it to `nums[x]` and increment `x`.

After the loop, from index `x` to the end of the array, fill all values with 0.

Dry Run

Input: `nums = [0, 1, 0, 3, 12]`

`x = 0`

Loop:

`i = 0` → `nums[0] = 0` → skip

`i = 1` → `nums[1] = 1` → `nums[0] = 1`, `x = 1`

$i = 2 \rightarrow \text{nums}[2] = 0 \rightarrow \text{skip}$

$i = 3 \rightarrow \text{nums}[3] = 3 \rightarrow \text{nums}[1] = 3, x = 2$

$i = 4 \rightarrow \text{nums}[4] = 12 \rightarrow \text{nums}[2] = 12, x = 3$

Fill remaining with 0s from index 3 onward:

$\text{nums}[3] = 0$

$\text{nums}[4] = 0$

Final: $\text{nums} = [1, 3, 12, 0, 0]$

Time and Space Complexity

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

One pass to shift non-zero elements.

Another pass to fill in zeros.

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

In-place modifications with constant extra space.

JavaScript

C++

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Python

```
var moveZeroes = function(nums) {  
    let x = 0;  
    for (let i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {  
        if (nums[i] !== 0) {  
            nums[x] = nums[i];  
            x++;  
        }  
    }  
    for (let i = x; i < nums.length; i++) {  
        nums[i] = 0;  
    }  
};
```

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