

ASSIGNMENT 2

Question 1

Given an integer array `nums` of $2n$ integers, group these integers into n pairs (a_1, b_1) , $(a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$ such that the sum of $\min(a_i, b_i)$ for all i is maximized. Return the maximized sum

Answer:

```
def arrayPairSum(nums):  
    nums.sort() # Sort the array in ascending order  
    total_sum = 0  
    for i in range(0, len(nums), 2):  
        total_sum += nums[i]  
    return total_sum
```

In [2]:

```
nums = [1, 4, 3, 2] # Given result = arrayPairSum(nums)  
print(result)  
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```

Question 2

Alice has n candies, where the i th candy is of type `candyType[i]`. Alice noticed that she started to gain weight, so she visited a doctor.

The doctor advised Alice to only eat $n / 2$ of the candies she has (n is always even). Alice likes her candies very much, and she wants to eat the maximum number of different types of candies while still following the doctor's advice.

Given the integer array `candyType` of length n , return the maximum number of different types of candies she can eat if she only eats $n / 2$ of them.

Answer

In [3]:

```
def distributeCandies(candyType):  
    max_candies = len(candyType) // 2  
    unique_candies = len(set(candyType))  
    return min(unique_candies, max_candies)
```

In [4]:

```
candyType = [1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3] # Given result = distributeCandies(candyType)
print(result)

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```

Question 3

We define a harmonious array as an array where the difference between its maximum value and its minimum value is exactly 1.

Given an integer array `nums`, return the length of its longest harmonious subsequence among all its possible subsequences.

A subsequence of an array is a sequence that can be derived from the array by deleting some or no elements without changing the order of the remaining elements.

Answer

In [5]:

```
def findLHS(nums):
    num_freq = {} # Dictionary to store the frequency of numbers
    max_length = 0

    # Count the frequency of each number
    for num in nums:
        num_freq[num] = num_freq.get(num, 0) + 1

    # Check for each number and its complement
    for num in num_freq:
        if num + 1 in num_freq:
            length = num_freq[num] + num_freq[num + 1]
            max_length = max(max_length, length)

    return max_length
```

In [6]:

```
nums = [1, 3, 2, 2, 5, 2, 3, 7] # Given result = findLHS(nums)
print(result)

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```

Question 4

You have a long flowerbed in which some of the plots are planted, and some are not. However, flowers cannot be planted in adjacent plots. Given an integer array `flowerbed` containing 0's and 1's, where 0 means empty and 1 means not empty, and an integer `n`, return `true` if `n` new flowers can be planted in the flowerbed without violating the no-adjacent-flowers rule and `false` otherwise

Answer

In [7]:

```
def canPlaceFlowers(flowerbed, n):
    length = len(flowerbed)
    count = 0
    i = 0

    while i < length:
        if flowerbed[i] == 0 and (i == 0 or flowerbed[i - 1] == 0) and
(i == length - 1 or flowerbed[i + 1] == 0):
            flowerbed[i] = 1
            count += 1
            i += 2
        else:
            i += 1

    return count >= n
```

In [8]:

```
flowerbed = [1, 0, 0, 0, 1] # Given n = 1 # Given result =
canPlaceFlowers(flowerbed, n)
print(result)

True
```

Question 5

Given an integer array nums, find three numbers whose product is maximum and return the maximum product.

Answer

In [9]:

```
def maximumProduct(nums):
    nums.sort()

    # Maximum product will either be the product of three largest numbers# or the product of two
smallest numbers and the largest number return max(nums[-1] * nums[-2] *
nums[-3], nums[0] * nums[1] * nums[-1])
```

In [10]:

```
nums = [1, 2, 3] # Given result = maximumProduct(nums)
print(result)

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```

Question 6

Given an array of integers `nums` which is sorted in ascending order, and an integer `target`, write a function to search the `target` in `nums`. If a `target` exists, then return its index. Otherwise, return `-1`.

You must write an algorithm with $O(\log n)$ runtime complexity.

Answer

In [11]:

```
def search(nums, target):
    left = 0
    right = len(nums) - 1

    while left <= right:
        mid = left + (right - left) // 2

        if nums[mid] == target:
            return mid
        elif nums[mid] < target:
            left = mid + 1
        else:
            right = mid - 1

    return -1
```

In [12]:

```
nums = [-1, 0, 3, 5, 9, 12] # Given target = 9 # Given result = search(nums,
target)
print(result)

4
```

Question 7

An array is monotonic if it is either monotone increasing or monotone decreasing.

An array `nums` is monotone increasing if for all $i \leq j$, `nums[i] <= nums[j]`. An array `nums` is monotone decreasing if for all $i \leq j$, `nums[i] >= nums[j]`.

Given an integer array `nums`, return `true` if the given array is monotonic, or `false` otherwise

Answer

In [13]:

```
def isMonotonic(nums):
    is_increasing = True
    is_decreasing = True
    for i in range(1, len(nums)):
        if nums[i] > nums[i - 1]:
            is_decreasing = False
        if nums[i] < nums[i - 1]:
            is_increasing = False
    return is_increasing or is_decreasing
```

In [14]:

```
nums = [1, 2, 2, 3] # Given result = isMonotonic(nums)
print(result)

True
```

Question 8

You are given an integer array `nums` and an integer `k`.

In one operation, you can choose any index `i` where $0 \leq i < \text{nums.length}$ and change `nums[i]` to `nums[i] + x` where `x` is an integer from the range `[-k, k]`. You can apply this operation at most once for each index `i`.

The score of `nums` is the difference between the maximum and minimum elements in `nums`.

Return the minimum score of `nums` after applying the mentioned operation at most once for each index in it.

Answer

In [15]:

```
def minimumScore(nums, k):
    min_num = float('inf')
    max_num = float('-inf')

    for num in nums:
        min_num = min(min_num, num)
        max_num = max(max_num, num)

    if min_num + k >= max_num - k:
        return max_num - k - (min_num + k)
    else:
        return 0
```

In [16]:

```
nums = [1] # Given k = 0 # Given print(minimumScore(nums, k))
```

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