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287. Find the Duplicate Number

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Given an array of integers `nums` containing `n + 1` integers where each integer is in the range `[1, n]` inclusive.

There is only **one repeated number** in `nums`, return *this repeated number*.

You must solve the problem **without** modifying the array `nums` and uses only constant extra space.

Example 1:

```
Input: nums = [1,3,4,2,2]
Output: 2
```

Example 2:

```
Input: nums = [3,1,3,4,2]
Output: 3
```

Example 3:

```
Input: nums = [3,3,3,3,3]
Output: 3
```

Constraints:

- `1 <= n <= 10^5`
- `nums.length == n + 1`
- `1 <= nums[i] <= n`
- All the integers in `nums` appear only **once** except for **precisely one integer** which appears **two or more** times.

Follow up:

- How can we prove that at least one duplicate number must exist in `nums`?
- Can you solve the problem in linear runtime complexity?

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class Solution:
    def findDuplicate(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
        seen = set()
        for num in nums:
            if num in seen:
                return num
            seen.add(num)
        return None
```

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