

## 26. Remove Duplicates from Sorted Array

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Given an integer array `nums` sorted in **non-decreasing order**, remove the duplicates **in-place** such that each unique element appears only **once**. The **relative order** of the elements should be kept the **same**. Then return *the number of unique elements in `nums`* .

Consider the number of unique elements of `nums` to be `k` , to get accepted, you need to do the following things:

- Change the array `nums` such that the first `k` elements of `nums` contain the unique elements in the order they were present in `nums` initially. The remaining elements of `nums` are not important as well as the size of `nums` .
- Return `k` .

### Custom Judge:

The judge will test your solution with the following code:

```
int[] nums = [...]; // Input array
int[] expectedNums = [...]; // The expected answer with correct length

int k = removeDuplicates(nums); // Calls your implementation

assert k == expectedNums.length;
for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {
    assert nums[i] == expectedNums[i];
}
```

If all assertions pass, then your solution will be **accepted**.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [1,1,2]`  
**Output:** `2`, `nums = [1,2,_]`  
**Explanation:** Your function should return `k = 2`, with the first two elements of `nums` being `1` and `2` respectively.  
It does not matter what you leave beyond the returned `k` (hence they are underscores).

### Example 2:

**Input:** `nums = [0,0,1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4]`  
**Output:** `5`, `nums = [0,1,2,3,4,_,_,_,_,_,_]`

```
1 class Solution:
2     def removeDuplicates(self, nums):
3         if not nums:
4             return 0
5
6         k = 1
7
8         for i in range(1, len(nums)):
9             if nums[i] != nums[i - 1]:
10                 nums[k] = nums[i]
11                 k += 1
12
13         return k
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```

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