

# Remove Element

Given an integer array `nums` and an integer `val`, remove all occurrences of `val` in `nums` **in-place**. The order of the elements may be changed. Then return *the number of elements in `nums` which are not equal to `val`*.

Consider the number of elements in `nums` which are not equal to `val` 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 elements which are not equal to `val`. 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 val = ...; // Value to remove
int[] expectedNums = [...]; // The expected answer with correct length.
// It is sorted with no values equaling val.

int k = removeElement(nums, val); // Calls your implementation

assert k == expectedNums.length;
sort(nums, 0, k); // Sort the first k elements of nums
for (int i = 0; i < actualLength; i++) {
    assert nums[i] == expectedNums[i];
}
```

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

### Example 1:

Input: nums = [3,2,2,3], val = 3

Output: 2, nums = [2,2,-,-]

Explanation: Your function should return k = 2, with the first two elements of nums being 2.

It does not matter what you leave beyond the returned k (hence they are underscores).

### Example 2:

Input: nums = [0,1,2,2,3,0,4,2], val = 2

Output: 5, nums = [0,1,4,0,3,-,-,-]

Explanation: Your function should return k = 5, with the first five elements of nums containing 0, 0, 1, 3, and 4.

Note that the five elements can be returned in any order.

It does not matter what you leave beyond the returned k (hence they are underscores).

First things first we will have two variables to solve this problem `index` and `i` where `index` is the last unique element and `i` is the current element we will use `i` and if `i` is not equal to the value we will set the next element to the current element and increment `index` by 1

```
class Solution:
```

```
    def removeElement(self, nums: List[int], val: int) → int:
```

```
        # index is the last unique element
```

```
        # i is the current element
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```
        index = 0
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```
        # iterate through the array
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```
        for i in nums:
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            # if the current element is not equal to the value to be removed
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```
            # set the next element to the current element
```

```
# increment index by one
if i != val:
    nums[index] = i
    index += 1
return index
```

Very easy problem this if you want to play around with the input and out puts just edit the nums array and the value you wish to remove

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    solution = Solution()

    # Example input
    nums = [3, 2, 2, 3] #change
    val = 3 #change

    # Call the removeElement method
    length = solution.removeElement(nums, val)

    # Print the result
    print("Length of array after removing elements:", length)
    print("Array after removing elements:", nums[:length])
```