

# 1533. Find the Index of the Large Integer Premium

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We have an integer array `arr`, where all the integers in `arr` are equal except for one integer which is **larger** than the rest of the integers. You will not be given direct access to the array, instead, you will have an **API** `ArrayReader` which have the following functions:

- `int compareSub(int l, int r, int x, int y)`: where  $0 \leq l, r, x, y < \text{ArrayReader.length()}$ ,  $l \leq r$  and  $x \leq y$ . The function compares the sum of sub-array `arr[l..r]` with the sum of the sub-array `arr[x..y]` and returns:
  - 1** if `arr[l]+arr[l+1]+...+arr[r] > arr[x]+arr[x+1]+...+arr[y]`.
  - 0** if `arr[l]+arr[l+1]+...+arr[r] == arr[x]+arr[x+1]+...+arr[y]`.
  - 1** if `arr[l]+arr[l+1]+...+arr[r] < arr[x]+arr[x+1]+...+arr[y]`.
- `int length()`: Returns the size of the array.

You are allowed to call `compareSub()` **20 times** at most. You can assume both functions work in  $O(1)$  time.

Return the index of the array `arr` which has the largest integer.

## Example 1:

**Input:** `arr = [7,7,7,7,10,7,7,7]`

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:** The following calls to the API

`reader.compareSub(0, 0, 1, 1)` // returns 0 this is a query comparing the sub-array (0, 0) with the sub array (1, 1), (i.e. compares `arr[0]` with `arr[1]`).

Thus we know that `arr[0]` and `arr[1]` doesn't contain the largest element.

`reader.compareSub(2, 2, 3, 3)` // returns 0, we can exclude `arr[2]` and `arr[3]`.

`reader.compareSub(4, 4, 5, 5)` // returns 1, thus for sure `arr[4]` is the largest element in the array.

Notice that we made only 3 calls, so the answer is valid.

## Example 2:

**Input:** `nums = [6,6,12]`

**Output:** 2

## Constraints:

- $2 \leq \text{arr.length} \leq 5 * 10^5$
- $1 \leq \text{arr}[i] \leq 100$
- All elements of `arr` are equal except for one element which is larger than all other elements.

## Follow up:

- What if there are two numbers in `arr` that are bigger than all other numbers?
- What if there is one number that is bigger than other numbers and one number that is smaller than other numbers?

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