## 1046. Last Stone Weight

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We have a collection of stones, each stone has a positive integer weight.

Each turn, we choose the two **heaviest** stones and smash them together. Suppose the stones have weights  $\times$  and y with  $\times <= y$ . The result of this smash is:

- If x == y, both stones are totally destroyed;
- If x = y, the stone of weight x = y is totally destroyed, and the stone of weight y = y has new weight y = x.

At the end, there is at most 1 stone left. Return the weight of this stone (or 0 if there are no stones left.)

## Example 1:

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Input: [2,7,4,1,8,1]
Output: 1
Explanation:
We combine 7 and 8 to get 1 so the array converts to [2,4,1,1,1] then,
we combine 2 and 4 to get 2 so the array converts to [2,1,1,1] then,
we combine 2 and 1 to get 1 so the array converts to [1,1,1] then,
we combine 1 and 1 to get 0 so the array converts to [1] then that's the value of last stone.
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## Note:

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1. 1 <= stones.length <= 30
2. 1 <= stones[i] <= 1000
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Simulate the process. We can do it with a heap, or by sorting some list of stones every time we take a turn.