

Bit-Manipulation



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Given an integer array `nums`, in which exactly two elements appear only once and all the other elements appear exactly twice. Find the two elements that appear only once. You can return the answer in **any order**.

You must write an algorithm that runs in linear runtime complexity and uses only constant extra space. ←

Example:- $nums = \{1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 5\}$

Output = $\{3, 5\}$

$\boxed{1, 1} \boxed{2, 2} 3, 5$

Brute Force :- Use a map $\hookleftarrow O(n)$ to store frequency.

or, Sort the array and find.
 $n \log n$

Optimal Approach

nums = {1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 5}

$\cancel{1} \wedge \cancel{2} \wedge \cancel{1} \wedge 3 \wedge \cancel{2} \wedge 5 = 3 \wedge 5$
 \downarrow
 $= (011) \wedge (101)$
 $= 011$
 101
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{110}$

1 \rightarrow 001

2 \rightarrow 010

1 \rightarrow 001

2nd

1st

0th

0

1

1

$\rightarrow 3$

XOR

1

0

1

$\rightarrow 5$

3 → 011
 2 → 010
 5 → 101

010
 010
 010

1 1 0

2 1 0
 mask = 0 1 0

Group A	Group B
2, 2 3	5 1, 1
$2 \wedge 2 \wedge 3$ = 5	$5 \wedge 1 \wedge 1$ = 5

2nd 1st 0th
 0 1 1 → x
 1 0 1 → y
 xor

1 1 0

right shift

0 1 1

1st bit

⇒ 0 1 0

1 shift

1 → 0 0 0 0 1

0 0 0 1 0

$$\text{XOR} = 3 \wedge 5 = 110$$

$$(110) \& (-110)$$

2's complement

$$(110) \& (010)$$

1 1 0
0 0 1
1
invert
+1

$$= \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

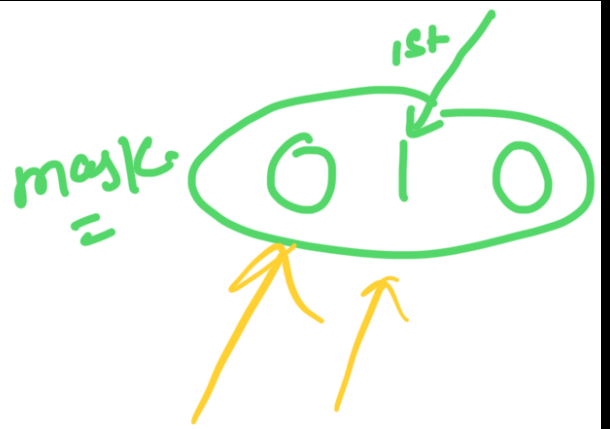
$$\text{mask} = \underline{010}$$

0 1 0



$$\text{XOR} \& (-\text{XOR})$$

1 1 0
↑



① XOR all numbers = xor

② mask = $(xor \& (-xor))$

③ mask & nums[i]

