

169. Majority Element

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Given an array `nums` of size `n`, return *the majority element*.

The majority element is the element that appears more than $\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor$ times. You may assume that the majority element always exists in the array.

Example 1:

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

Output: `3`

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [2,2,1,1,1,2,2]`

Output: `2`

Constraints:

- $n == \text{nums.length}$
- $1 \leq n \leq 5 \times 10^4$
- $-10^9 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^9$

Follow-up: Could you solve the problem in linear time and in $O(1)$ space?

Python:

```
from typing import List
```

```
class Solution:
```

```
    def majorityElement(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
```

```
        count = 0
```

```
        candidate = None
```

```
        for num in nums:
```

```
            if count == 0:
```

```
                candidate = num
```

```
            count += (1 if num == candidate else -1)
```

```
        return candidate
```

JavaScript:

```
/**
```

```
 * @param {number[]} nums
```

```
 * @return {number}
```

```
*/
```

```
var majorityElement = function(nums) {
```

```
    let candidate = null;
```

```
    let count = 0;
```

```
    for (let num of nums) {
```

```
        if (count === 0) {
```

```
            candidate = num; // choose a new candidate
```

```
        }
```

```
        count += (num === candidate) ? 1 : -1;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return candidate;
```

```
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
```

```
    public int majorityElement(int[] nums) {
```

```
        int candidate = 0;
```

```
        int count = 0;
```

```
        for (int num : nums) {
```

```
            if (count == 0) {
```

```
        candidate = num;
    }
    if (num == candidate) {
        count++;
    } else {
        count--;
    }
}

return candidate;
}
}
```