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> Given an array a that contains only numbers in the range from 1 to a.length, find the first duplicate number for which the second occurrence has the minimal index. In other words, if there are more than 1 duplicated numbers, return the number for which the second occurrence has a smaller index than the second occurrence of the other number does. If there are no such elements, return -1.

Example

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• For a = [2, 1, 3, 5, 3, 2], the output should be firstDuplicate(a) = 3.

There are 2 duplicates: numbers 2 and 3. The second occurrence of 3 has a smaller index than the second occurrence of 2 does, so the answer is 3.

- For a = [2, 2], the output should be firstDuplicate(a) = 2;
- For a = [2, 4, 3, 5, 1], the output should be firstDuplicate(a) = -1.

Input/Output

- [execution time limit] 20 seconds (scala)
- [input] array.integer a

Guaranteed constraints:

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1 ≤ a.length ≤ 10<sup>5</sup>,
1 \le a[i] \le a.length.
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• [output] integer

The element in a that occurs in the array more than once and has the minimal index for its second occurrence. If there are no such elements, return -1.

[Scala] Syntax Tips

```
def helloWorld(name: String): String = {
   println("This prints to the console when you Run Tests")
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