

## 264. Ugly Number II

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Hint

An **ugly number** is a positive integer whose prime factors are limited to 2, 3, and 5.

Given an integer  $n$ , return the  $n^{\text{th}}$  ugly number.

### Example 1:

**Input:**  $n = 10$

**Output:** 12

**Explanation:** [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12] is the sequence of the first 10 ugly numbers.

### Example 2:

**Input:**  $n = 1$

**Output:** 1

**Explanation:** 1 has no prime factors, therefore all of its prime factors are limited to 2, 3, and 5.

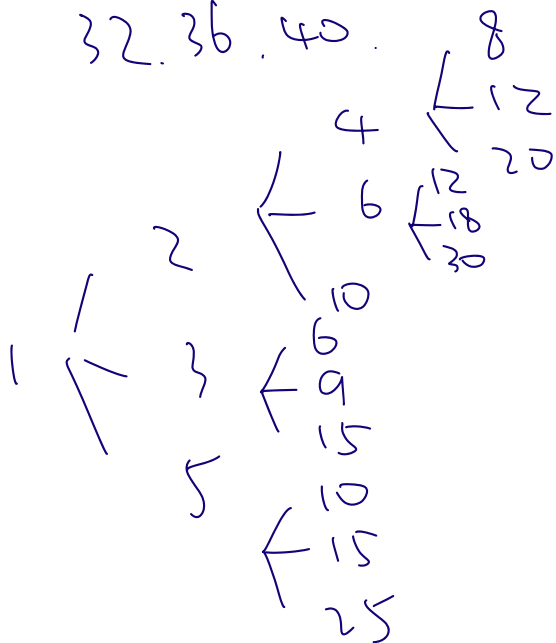
$$2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c$$

$$\text{LCM}(2, 3, 5) = 30$$

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 9. 10. 12. 15. 16. 18.

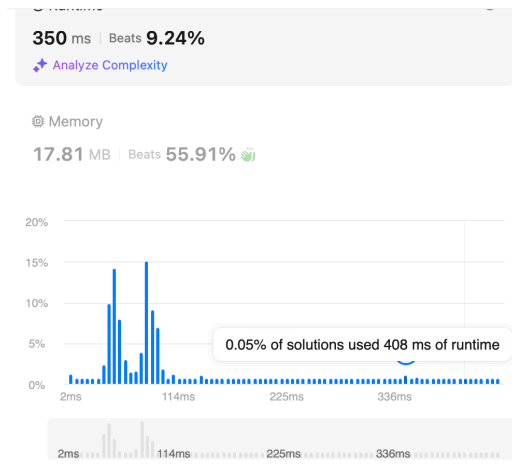
20. 24. 25. 27. 30

32. 36. 40.



→ min-heap  
visited-set

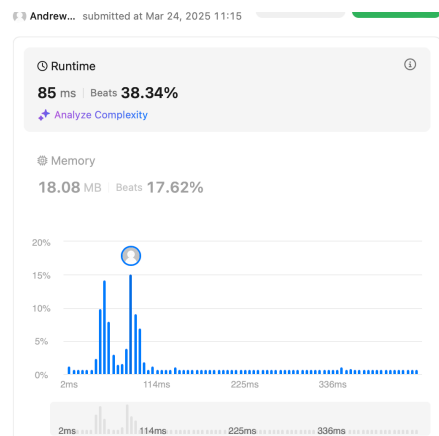
法1: min to consuming.



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1 class Solution:
2     def nthUglyNumber(self, n: int) -> int:
3         q = set()
4         q.add(1)
5         curr = 1
6         for i in range(n):
7             curr = min(q)
8             q.remove(curr)
9             q.add(curr * 2)
10            q.add(curr * 3)
11            q.add(curr * 5)
12
13        return curr
14
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→  $O(n^2)$

法2: min-heap / priority-queue



```
1 class Solution:
2     def nthUglyNumber(self, n: int) -> int:
3         mh = []
4         seen = set()
5         factors = [2, 3, 5]
6
7         heapq.heappush(mh, 1)
8         seen.add(1)
9         curr = 1
10
11        for i in range(n):
12            curr = heapq.heappop(mh)
13
14            for f in factors:
15                new = f * curr
16                if new not in seen:
17                    heapq.heappush(mh, new)
18                    seen.add(new)
19
20        return curr
21
```

$\frac{O(n)}{O(1)}$  时间复杂度

法3: DP.

#### Algorithm

1. Initialize a vector `uglyNumbers` of size `n` to store the ugly numbers, with the first ugly number set to `1`.
2. Set up three pointers (`indexMultipleOf2`, `indexMultipleOf3`, `indexMultipleOf5`) to track the next multiples of 2, 3, and 5, respectively.
3. Assign initial values to `nextMultipleOf2`, `nextMultipleOf3`, and `nextMultipleOf5` (i.e., 2, 3, and 5).
4. For `i` from 1 to `n-1`:
  - Determine the next ugly number by taking the minimum of `nextMultipleOf2`, `nextMultipleOf3`, and `nextMultipleOf5`.
  - Store this value in `uglyNumbers[i]`.
  - Update the corresponding pointer and multiple:
    - If the next ugly number equals `nextMultipleOf2`, increment `indexMultipleOf2` and update `nextMultipleOf2`.
    - If the next ugly number equals `nextMultipleOf3`, increment `indexMultipleOf3` and update `nextMultipleOf3`.
    - If the next ugly number equals `nextMultipleOf5`, increment `indexMultipleOf5` and update `nextMultipleOf5`.
5. After completing the loop, return the last element in `uglyNumbers`, which is the `n`th ugly number.

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23 class Solution:
24     def nthUglyNumber(self, n: int) -> int:
25         ugly_numbers = [0] * n # DP array to store ugly numbers
26         ugly_numbers[0] = 1 # The first ugly number is 1
27
28         # Three pointers for the multiples of 2, 3, and 5
29         index_multiple_of_2, index_multiple_of_3, index_multiple_of_5 = 0, 0, 0
30         next_multiple_of_2, next_multiple_of_3, next_multiple_of_5 = 2, 3, 5
31
32         # Generate ugly numbers until we reach the nth one
33         for i in range(1, n):
34             # Find the next ugly number as the minimum of the next multiples
35             next_ugly_number = min(
36                 [next_multiple_of_2, next_multiple_of_3, next_multiple_of_5]
37             )
38             ugly_numbers[i] = next_ugly_number
39
40             # Update the corresponding pointer and next multiple
41             if next_ugly_number == next_multiple_of_2:
42                 index_multiple_of_2 += 1
43                 next_multiple_of_2 = ugly_numbers[index_multiple_of_2] * 2
44             if next_ugly_number == next_multiple_of_3:
45                 index_multiple_of_3 += 1
46                 next_multiple_of_3 = ugly_numbers[index_multiple_of_3] * 3
47             if next_ugly_number == next_multiple_of_5:
48                 index_multiple_of_5 += 1
49                 next_multiple_of_5 = ugly_numbers[index_multiple_of_5] * 5
50
51         return ugly_numbers[n - 1] # Return the nth ugly number
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$O(n)$