

→ Given an array which only contains 0s & 1s in a random shuffled order, rearrange the array such that all the 0s are placed before 1s.

Input :- [1, 0, 0, 1, 0]

Output :- [0, 0, 0, 1, 1]

- Conditions :- 1) You can iterate over the array only once.
2) Do not create any additional array. Do it in-place.

* Solution :-

Approach 1 :- Brute force

→ Consider if we don't have to follow the mentioned condition, then we can just iterate over the array, count the no. of 0s & update the first count elements of the array with 0 & the next count elements to 1.

function sort01(arr) {

let countZero = 0;

for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {

if (arr[i] === 0) countZero++;

}

for (let i = 0; i < countZero; i++) {

arr[i] = 0;

}

for (let i = countZero; i < arr.length; i++) {

arr[i] = 1;

}

}

Time complexity = $O(n)$

Space complexity = $O(1)$

Approach 2 :- Simplest approach

[1, 0, 1, 1, 0]

→ The element at index 0 is not at its correct position.

→ We don't know how many 0s exist in the array but we are sure that

at index 0, 0 should be placed.

→ We create a variable `currentNonZero`, which keeps a track on where we need to place 0.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ [1, & 0, & 1, & 1, & 0] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ c \end{array}$$

$$\text{currentNonZero} = 0$$

→ We iterate over the array & check if the current element is 0

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ [1, & 0, & 1, & 1, & 0] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ c & i \end{array}$$

$$\text{currentNonZero} = 0$$

$$i = 0$$

→ Check if `arr[i] === 0` → false, then do `i++`.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ [1, & 0, & 1, & 1, & 0] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ c & i \end{array}$$

$$\text{currentNonZero} = 0$$

$$i = 1$$

→ Check if `arr[i] === 0`, true, swap (`arr[i]`, `arr[currentNonZero]`).

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ [0, & 1, & 1, & 1, & 0] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ c & i \end{array}$$

$$\text{currentNonZero} = 1$$

$$i = 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ [0, & 1, & 1, & 1, & 0] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ c & i \end{array}$$

↓

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ [0, & 1, & 1, & 1, & 0] \Rightarrow [0, & 0, & 1, & 1, & 1] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ c & i & \end{array}$$

Code :-

function sort01(arr) {

let currentNonZero = 0;

for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {

if (arr[i] === 0) {

[arr[i], arr[currentNonZero]] = [arr[currentNonZero], arr[i]];

currentNonZero++;

Approach 3:- Two pointer approach

arr = [1, 1, 0, 0]

→ Consider $i = 0$ & $j = \text{arr.length} - 1$.

→ By observations, we see that at $\text{arr}[i]$, 0 should be placed & at $\text{arr}[j]$, 1 should be placed.

→ Since, $\text{arr}[i] = 1$ & $\text{arr}[j] = 0$, we can swap there.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} [1, & 1, & 0, & 0] & \xrightarrow{\text{swap}} & [0, & 1, & 0, & 1] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ i & & j & & & i & & j \end{array}$$

→ Since, $\text{arr}[i] == 0$, $i++$ & $\text{arr}[j] == 1$, $j--$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} [0, & 1, & 0, & 1] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ i & & j \end{array}$$

→ Same steps to be followed.

→ But what if $\text{arr}[i] = 1$ & $\text{arr}[j] = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} [1, & 0, & 1] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ i & & j \end{array}$$

→ In this case, if $\text{arr}[i] = 1$, then swap it with j

→ We don't know what element is at j , but one thing is assured that after swapping, $\text{arr}[j] = 1$ & it will be at its correct position.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} [1, & 0, & 1] & \xrightarrow{\text{swap}} & [1, & 0, & 1] \Rightarrow j-- \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ i & & j & & i & & j \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} [1, & 0, & 1] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ i & & j \end{array}$$

→ Check if $\text{arr}[i] = 1 \rightarrow \text{true}$, swap $\text{arr}[j]$ then $j--$

" " " → false, $i++$ because 0 will be present at i .

Code :-

```
function sort01(arr) {  
  let i = 0, j = arr.length - 1;  
  while (i <= j) {  
    if (arr[i] === 1) {  
      [arr[i], arr[j]] = [arr[j], arr[i]];  
      j--;  
    } else {  
      i++;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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