

### \* Rotate array:-

- We have to rotate the input array to the right by  $k$  steps.
- $k$  is always +ve.
- Do it in-place without any extra space.

Eg:-  $\text{nums} = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]$      $k = 3$      $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$   
o/p =  $[5, 6, 7, 1, 2, 3, 4]$

### \* Generic approach towards rotating an array

$\text{arr} = [1, 2, 3, 4]$

$k = 0$      $[1, 2, 3, 4]$

$k = 1$      $[4, 1, 2, 3]$

$k = 2$      $[3, 4, 1, 2]$

$k = 3$      $[2, 3, 4, 1]$

$k = 4$      $[1, 2, 3, 4]$

$k = 5$      $[4, 1, 2, 3]$

$k = 6$      $[3, 4, 1, 2]$

-ve  $k$  indicates left rotation

$k = 0$      $[1, 2, 3, 4]$

$k = -1$      $[2, 3, 4, 1]$

$k = -2$      $[3, 4, 1, 2]$

$k = -3$      $[4, 1, 2, 3]$

$k = -4$      $[1, 2, 3, 4]$

$k = -5$      $[2, 3, 4, 1]$

$k = -6$      $[3, 4, 1, 2]$

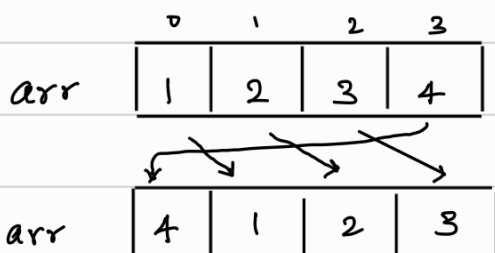
→ We see that  $k = 0$ ,  $k = 4$  &  $k = -4$  produce the same result, irrespective of the rotation direction.

→ Similarly,  $k = -2$ ,  $k = -6$ ,  $k = 2$  &  $k = 6$  produce same results.

∴ For large values of  $k$ ,

$$k = k \% \text{arr.length}$$

### \* Rotate right:-



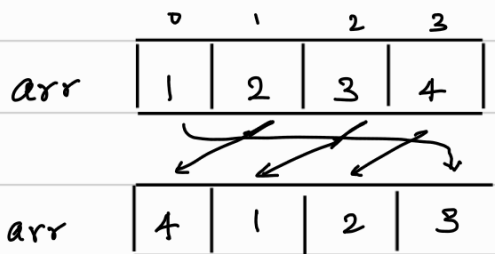
We need to store the last element somewhere in order to prevent it from getting overwritten.

- After storing the last element, shift all elements to right once.
- Doing this  $k$  times will eventually rotate array right by  $k$  times.

$$k = k \% n;$$

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for (int i=1; i<=k; i++) {
    int lastElement = arr[arr.length-1];
    for (int j=arr.length-1; j>=1; j--) {
        arr[j] = arr[j-1];
    }
    arr[0] = lastElement;
}
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### \* Rotate left :-



We need to store the first element somewhere in order to prevent it from getting overwritten.

- Approach will be similar as previous, just do left shifting.

Time complexity :-  $O(k \times n)$

Space complexity :-  $O(1)$

### \* Optimal approach :-

- Reuse the reverse array logic.

#### • Rotate right :-

arr = [1, 2, 3, 4]     $k = 3$

reverse arr = [4, 3, 2, 1]

reverse 0 to  $k-1$  = [2, 3, 4, 1]

reverse  $k$  to  $n-1$  = [2, 3, 4, 1]

arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]     $k = 6$  ( $k \% n = 1$ )

reverse arr = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

reverse 0 to  $k-1$  = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

reverse  $k$  to  $n-1$  = [5, 1, 2, 3, 4]

• Rotate left:-

$$\text{arr} = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] \quad k=3$$

$$\text{reverse of arr} = [\overset{0}{5}, \overset{1}{4}, \overset{2}{3}, \overset{3}{2}, \overset{4}{1}]$$

$$\text{reverse } n-k \text{ to } n-1 = [\overset{0}{5}, \overset{1}{4}, \overset{2}{1}, \overset{3}{2}, \overset{4}{3}]$$

$$\text{reverse } 0 \text{ to } n-k-1 = [4, 5, 1, 2, 3]$$

$$\text{arr} = [1, 2, 3, 4] \quad k=3$$

$$[\overset{0}{4}, \overset{1}{3}, \overset{2}{2}, \overset{3}{1}]$$

$$[4, 1, 2, 3]$$

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