

# 1464. Maximum product of two elements of arrays:

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Given the array of integers

nums

You will choose two different indices

i

and

j

of that array.

*Return the maximum value of*

(nums[i]-1)\*(nums[j]-1)

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**Example 1:**

Input: nums = [3,4,5,2]

Output: 12

Explanation: If you choose the indices i=1 and j=2 (indexed from 0), you will get the maximum value, that is, (nums[1]-1)\*(nums[2]-1) = (4-1)\*(5-1) = 3\*4 = 12.

**Example 2:**

Input: nums = [1,5,4,5]

Output: 16

Explanation: Choosing the indices  $i=1$  and  $j=3$  (indexed from 0), you will get the maximum value of  $(5-1)*(5-1) = 16$ .

### Example 3:

Input: `nums = [3,7]`  
Output: 12

### Constraints:

- `2 <= nums.length <= 500`
- `1 <= nums[i] <= 10^3`

### Solution: Time = O(n log n) and space=O(n)

```
class Solution:  
    def maxProduct(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:  
        nums.sort(reverse=True)  
        return (nums[0]-1)*(nums[1]-1)
```

### Optimal Solution: Time = O(n) and space = O(1)

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class Solution:  
    def maxProduct(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:  
        max1 = max2 = 0  
  
        for num in nums:  
            if num > max1:  
                max2 = max1  
                max1 = num  
            elif num > max2:  
                max2 = num  
  
        return (max1 - 1) * (max2 - 1)
```