

# Move zeroes

Given an integer array `nums`, move all 0's to the end of it while maintaining the relative order of the non-zero elements.

**Note:** You must do this in-place without making a copy of the array.

## Examples

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [0,1,0,3,12]`

Output: `[1,3,12,0,0]`

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [0]`

Output: `[0]`

## Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^4$   
 $-2^{31} \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 2^{31} - 1$

## Optimal Approach – Two Pointers

Initialize a pointer `x = 0`.

Loop through the array:

If the current element is not 0, assign it to `nums[x]` and increment `x`.

After the loop, from index `x` to the end of the array, fill all values with 0.

## Dry Run

Input: `nums = [0, 1, 0, 3, 12]`

`x = 0`

**Loop:**

`i = 0` → `nums[0] = 0` → skip

`i = 1` → `nums[1] = 1` → `nums[0] = 1`, `x = 1`

`i = 2` → `nums[2] = 0` → skip

`i = 3` → `nums[3] = 3` → `nums[1] = 3`, `x = 2`

`i = 4` → `nums[4] = 12` → `nums[2] = 12`, `x = 3`

**Fill remaining with 0s from index 3 onward:**

`nums[3] = 0`

`nums[4] = 0`

**Final:** `nums = [1, 3, 12, 0, 0]`

## Time and Space Complexity

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$

One pass to shift non-zero elements.

Another pass to fill in zeros.

**Space Complexity:**  $O(1)$

In-place modifications with constant extra space.

JavaScript

C++

C

Java

Python

```
var moveZeroes = function(nums) {  
    let x = 0;  
    for (let i = 0; i < nums.length; i++) {  
        if (nums[i] !== 0) {  
            nums[x] = nums[i];  
            x++;  
        }  
    }  
    for (let i = x; i < nums.length; i++) {  
        nums[i] = 0;  
    }  
};
```