

Majority Element II - LeetCode 229

Problem: Find all elements that appear more than $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor$ times in the array.

Key Idea: At most 2 elements can appear more than $n/3$ times.

We explore two solutions:

1. HashMap Counting ($O(n)$ time, $O(n)$ space)
2. Boyer-Moore Voting Algorithm ($O(n)$ time, $O(1)$ space)

Solution 1: HashMap Counting

Idea: Count frequencies of each element using a HashMap. Any element with frequency $\geq \lfloor n/3 \rfloor + 1$ is added to the answer.

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(n)$

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class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> majorityElement(vector<int>& nums) {
        int n = nums.size();
        int minimum = n / 3 + 1;
        unordered_map<int, int> hashMap;
        vector<int> ans;
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
            hashMap[nums[i]]++;
            if(hashMap[nums[i]] == minimum){
                ans.push_back(nums[i]);
            }
        }
        return ans;
    }
};
```

Solution 2: Boyer-Moore Voting Algorithm

Idea: At most 2 majority elements exist. Track two candidates with counters. After one pass to select candidates, perform a second pass to verify counts.

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

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class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> majorityElement(vector<int>& nums) {
        int count1 = 0, count2 = 0;
        int element1 = INT_MIN, element2 = INT_MIN, n = nums.size();
        vector<int> ans;

        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
            if(count1 == 0 && nums[i] != element2){
                count1 = 1;
                element1 = nums[i];
            }
            else if(count2 == 0 && nums[i] != element1){
                count2 = 1;
                element2 = nums[i];
            }
        }

        // Verify counts
        int minCount = min(count1, count2);
        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
            if(nums[i] == element1) minCount--;
            if(nums[i] == element2) minCount--;
        }

        if(minCount > 0){
            ans.push_back(element1);
            if(element1 != element2) ans.push_back(element2);
        }

        return ans;
    }
};
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        }
        else if(nums[i] == element1){
            count1++;
        }
        else if(nums[i] == element2){
            count2++;
        }
        else{
            count1--;
            count2--;
        }
    }

    int minimum = n / 3 + 1;
    count1 = 0, count2 = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
        if(nums[i] == element1) count1++;
        else if(nums[i] == element2) count2++;
    }

    if(count1 >= minimum) ans.push_back(element1);
    if(count2 >= minimum) ans.push_back(element2);

    return ans;
}
};

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