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## Alternate positive and negative numbers

Difficulty: Easy Accuracy: 33.86% Submissions: 194K+ Points: 2

Given an unsorted array **arr** containing both **positive** and **negative** numbers. Your task is to create an array of alternate positive and negative numbers without changing the relative order of positive and negative numbers.

**Note:** Array should start with a positive number and 0 (zero) should be considered a positive element.

## Examples:

**Input:** arr[] = [9, 4, -2, -1, 5, 0, -5, -3, 2]**Output:** 9 -2 4 -1 5 -5 0 -3 2**Explanation:** Positive elements : [9,4,5,0,2]

Negative elements : [-2,-1,-5,-3]

As we need to maintain the relative order of positive elements and negative elements we will pick each element from the positive and negative and will store them. If any of the positive and negative numbers are completed, we will continue with the remaining signed elements.

The output is 9,-2,4,-1,5,-5,0,-3,2.

**Input:** arr[] = [-5, -2, 5, 2, 4, 7, 1, 8, 0, -8]**Output:** 5 -5 2 -2 4 -8 7 1 8 0**Explanation :** Positive elements : [5,2,4,7,1,8,0]

Negative elements : [-5,-2,-8]

The output is 5, -5, 2, -2, 4, -8, 7, 1, 8, 0.

**Expected Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$ **Expected Auxiliary Space:**  $O(n)$ 

## Constraints:

$$1 \leq \text{arr.size}() \leq 10^7$$

$$-10^6 \leq \text{arr}[i] \leq 10^7$$

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Java (1.8)

Average Time: 10m

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1- //{ Driver Code Starts
2- // Initial Template for Java
3-
4- import java.io.*;
5- import java.util.*;
6-
7- public class Main {
8-
9-     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
10-         BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
11-         int tc = Integer.parseInt(br.readLine().trim());
12-         while (tc-- > 0) {
13-             String input = br.readLine();
14-             String[] inputArray = input.split("\\s+");
15-             ArrayList<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<>();
16-
17-             for (String s : inputArray) {
18-                 arr.add(Integer.parseInt(s));
19-             }
20-
21-             new Solution().rearrange(arr);
22-             for (int num : arr) {
23-                 System.out.print(num + " ");
24-             }
25-             System.out.println();
26-         }
27-     }
28- }
29-
30- //{ Driver Code Ends
31-
32- // User function Template for Java
33-
34- class Solution {
35-     void rearrange(ArrayList<Integer> arr) {
36-         // Generate positive and negative numbers into two lists
```

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