

Majority Element ($> \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ times)

$$n = 9 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} = \frac{9}{2} = 4$$

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4	6	7	6	7	7	7	8	7
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

• Brute Force :-

In this approach we ~~compare~~ start from index 0 and every element with every other element and in this process we keep on increasing count by 1 whenever that element is repeated. As soon as we get count $> \frac{n}{2}$, we return the element.

$$T = O(n^2)$$

$$S = O(1)$$

• Better Approach :-

i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i
4	6	7	6	7	7	7	8	7
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

HashMap<Integer, Integer>

(4, 1)	
(6, 1)	(6, 2)
(7, 1)	(7, 2) (7, 3) (7, 4) (7, 5)
(8, 1)	

Now, we can iterate over the hashmap and check which element has count $> \frac{n}{2}$.

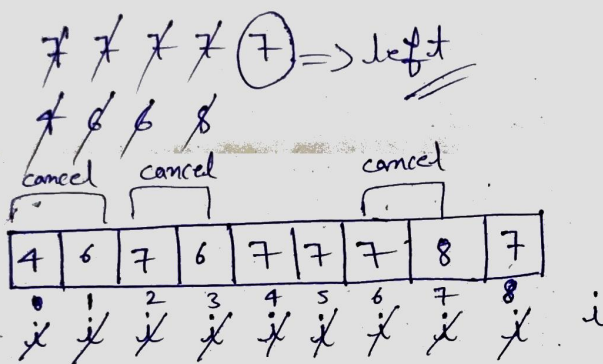
$$S, T = O(n + n) = O(2n) \approx O(n)$$

We can optimize this approach. When we will iterate the array and increase the count of elements. After increasing the count, there itself we can check if $\text{count} > n/2$.

So, with this approach, $T = O(n)$

$S = O(1)$

• Best Approach :- (Moore's Voting Algorithm)
or Cancel Out Algorithm



element = ~~-6~~ // Anything which is not in the array

~~4~~

~~7~~

7

count = ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~

So, here, element = 7 is the answer

Note: count can be anything depending on order of elements.

$T = O(n)$

$S = O(1)$