

Majority element ($> \lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$)

8

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

$$n = 8$$

$$\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor = 2$$

Brute Force :-

We iterate over the array and count the frequency of each element. As soon as count is greater than $\frac{n}{3}$, we store it. And then again we find the frequency of each elements ~~previously~~ (except previously stored element) and as soon as we get count $> \frac{n}{3}$, we store it.

Here, we are finding two elements because we can have maximum 2 elements whose count $> \frac{n}{3}$.

$$\text{So, } T = O(n^2)$$

$$S = O(1)$$

Better Approach :-

Same as the approach we used for majority element ($> \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$)

— Refer to majority element ($> \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$)

Best Approach (Moore's Voting Algorithm) Cancel Out Algorithm

Example 1 :-

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

$$n = 8$$

$$\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor = 2$$

$$\text{ele1} = \cancel{2} \cancel{4} \cancel{6}$$

$$\text{ele2} = 1$$

$$\text{count1} = \cancel{1} \cancel{3} \cancel{5}$$

$$\text{count2} = \cancel{2} \cancel{4} \cancel{6}$$

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int ele1 = ∞; // Anything which is not in the array.
int ele2 = ∞-1; // Anything which is not in the array & ≠ ele1
for(int i=0; i < arr.length; i++) {

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    if (count1 == 0 && arr[i] != ele2) {

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        ele1 = arr[i];

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        count1 = 1;

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    } else if (count2 == 0 && arr[i] != ele1) {

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        ele2 = arr[i];

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        count2 = 1;

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    } else if (ele1 == arr[i]) {

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        count1++;

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    } else if (ele2 == arr[i]) {

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        count2++;

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    } else {

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        count1--;

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        count2--;

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    }

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}

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After, this step, we have ele1 and ele2 with some value in it.

Now we will find count of ele1 and ele2 in $O(n)$ time. And if $\text{count} > \frac{n}{3}$ then we will store that element (or elements)

$$T = O(n) + O(n) = O(2n) = O(n) \quad S = O(1)$$

Example 2: (Just for more clarity)

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

ele1 = 6

ele2 = 8

count1 = 4

count2 = 3

$n = 8$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor = \frac{8}{3} = 2$$