

# Assignment Questions 2



## Question 1

Given an integer array `nums` of  $2n$  integers, group these integers into  $n$  pairs  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$  such that the sum of  $\min(a_i, b_i)$  for all  $i$  is maximized. Return the maximized sum.

### Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,4,3,2]`

Output: 4

**Explanation:** All possible pairings (ignoring the ordering of elements) are:

1.  $(1, 4), (2, 3) \rightarrow \min(1, 4) + \min(2, 3) = 1 + 2 = 3$
  2.  $(1, 3), (2, 4) \rightarrow \min(1, 3) + \min(2, 4) = 1 + 2 = 3$
  3.  $(1, 2), (3, 4) \rightarrow \min(1, 2) + \min(3, 4) = 1 + 3 = 4$
- So the maximum possible sum is 4



## Question 2

Alice has  $n$  candies, where the  $i$ th candy is of type `candyType[i]`. Alice noticed that she started to gain weight, so she visited a doctor.

The doctor advised Alice to only eat  $n / 2$  of the candies she has ( $n$  is always even). Alice likes her candies very much, and she wants to eat the maximum number of different types of candies while still following the doctor's advice.

Given the integer array `candyType` of length  $n$ , return the maximum number of different types of candies she can eat if she only eats  $n / 2$  of them.

### Example 1:

Input: `candyType = [1,1,2,2,3,3]`

Output: 3

**Explanation:** Alice can only eat  $6 / 2 = 3$  candies. Since there are only 3 types, she can eat one of each type.

**Question 3**

We define a harmonious array as an array where the difference between its maximum value and its minimum value is exactly 1.

Given an integer array `nums`, return the length of its longest harmonious subsequence among all its possible subsequences.

A subsequence of an array is a sequence that can be derived from the array by deleting some or no elements without changing the order of the remaining elements.

**Example 1:**

Input: `nums = [1,3,2,2,5,2,3,7]`

Output: 5

**Explanation:** The longest harmonious subsequence is `[3,2,2,2,3]`.

**Question 4**

You have a long flowerbed in which some of the plots are planted, and some are not.

However, flowers cannot be planted in adjacent plots.

Given an integer array `flowerbed` containing 0's and 1's, where 0 means empty and 1 means not empty, and an integer `n`, return `true` if `n` new flowers can be planted in the flowerbed without violating the no-adjacent-flowers rule and `false` otherwise.

**Example 1:**

Input: `flowerbed = [1,0,0,0,1]`, `n = 1`

Output: `true`

**Question 5**

Given an integer array `nums`, find three numbers whose product is maximum and return the maximum product.

**Example 1:**

Input: `nums = [1,2,3]`

Output: 6

**Question 6**

Given an array of integers `nums` which is sorted in ascending order, and an integer `target`, write a function to search `target` in `nums`. If `target` exists, then return its index. Otherwise, return -1.

You must write an algorithm with  $O(\log n)$  runtime complexity.

Input: `nums = [-1,0,3,5,9,12]`, `target = 9`

Output: 4

**Explanation:** 9 exists in `nums` and its index is 4

**Question 7**

An array is monotonic if it is either monotone increasing or monotone decreasing.

An array `nums` is monotone increasing if for all  $i \leq j$ ,  $nums[i] \leq nums[j]$ . An array `nums` is monotone decreasing if for all  $i \leq j$ ,  $nums[i] \geq nums[j]$ .

Given an integer array `nums`, return `true` if the given array is monotonic, or `false` otherwise.

**Example 1:**

Input: `nums = [1,2,2,3]`

Output: `true`

**Question 8**

You are given an integer array `nums` and an integer `k`.

In one operation, you can choose any index  $i$  where  $0 \leq i < nums.length$  and change `nums[i]` to `nums[i] + x` where  $x$  is an integer from the range  $[-k, k]$ . You can apply this operation at most once for each index  $i$ .

The score of `nums` is the difference between the maximum and minimum elements in `nums`.

Return the minimum score of `nums` after applying the mentioned operation at