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// Given an array of size N-1 such that it only contains
distinct integers in the range of 1 to N. Find the missing
element.
// Expected Time Complexity: O(N)
// Expected Auxiliary Space: O(1)
//  $1 \leq N \leq 10^6$  means  $O(n \log n)$ 
```

The length of the array is **n**. So, the sum of all **n+1** elements i.e. sum of numbers from **1** to **n+1** can be calculated using the formula **$n+1*(n+2)/2$** . Now find the sum of all the elements in the array and subtract it from the sum of the first **n+1** natural numbers, it will give us the value of the missing element.

Brute Force:

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int MissingNumber(vector<int> &array, int n) // My approach: O(nlogn)
{
    sort(array.begin(), array.end()); // nlog(n)
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) // O(N)
    {
        count++;
        if (array[i] != count)
            return count;
    }
}
```

Optimized: Time complexity: $O(n)$; Space complexity: $O(1)$

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int sumTotal = (n+1)*(n+2)/2;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    sumTotal = sumTotal - array[i];
}
return sumTotal;
```