## **Duplicate-Number**

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## 0.0.1 Problem Statement

You have been given an array of length = n. The array contains integers from 0 to n - 2. Each number in the array is present exactly once except for one number which is present twice. Find and return this duplicate number present in the array

**Example:** \* arr = [0, 2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 3] \* output = 3 (because 3 is present twice)

The expected time complexity for this problem is O(n) and the expected space-complexity is O(1).

## **Hide Solution**

The second occurance of a particular number (say `x`) is actually occupying the space

```
current\_sum = 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-2) + x
        expected\_sum = 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-2)
        current_sum - expected_sum = x
        Tada!!! :)
        def duplicate_number(arr):
            current_sum = 0
            expected_sum = 0
            # Traverse the original array in the forward direction
            for num in arr:
                current sum += num
            # Traverse from 0 to (length of array-1) to get the expected_sum
            # Alternatively, you can use the formula for sum of an Arithmetic Progression to get
            # The argument of range() functions are:
            # starting index [OPTIONAL], ending index (non exclusive), and the increment/decrement
            # It means that if the array length = n, loop will run form 0 to (n-2)
            for i in range(len(arr) - 1):
                expected_sum += i
            # The difference between the
            return current_sum - expected_sum
In [16]: def test_function(test_case):
             arr = test_case[0]
             solution = test_case[1]
             output = duplicate_number(arr)
             if output == solution:
                 print("Pass")
             else:
                 print("Fail")
In [17]: arr = [0, 0]
         solution = 0
         test_case = [arr, solution]
         test_function(test_case)
Pass
In [18]: arr = [0, 2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 3]
         solution = 3
```

that would have been utilized by the number (n-1). This leads to:

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test_function(test_case)
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