

# Interview Problems

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Contest : 23<sup>nd</sup> may ( 7:00 - 8:30 am)

Post contest, contest discussion class from 8:30am on  
23<sup>rd</sup>

Advance module starts : 27<sup>th</sup> may.



< Question > : Given a binary array [ ]. We can atmost replace a single 0 with 1. Find the

maximum consecutive 1's we can get in the array[ ] after the replacement.

$1 \leq N \leq 10^3$



[ 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 ]

1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 → 5

ans : 6

1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 → 6

Quiz 1:

[ 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 ]

1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 → 4

0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 → 6

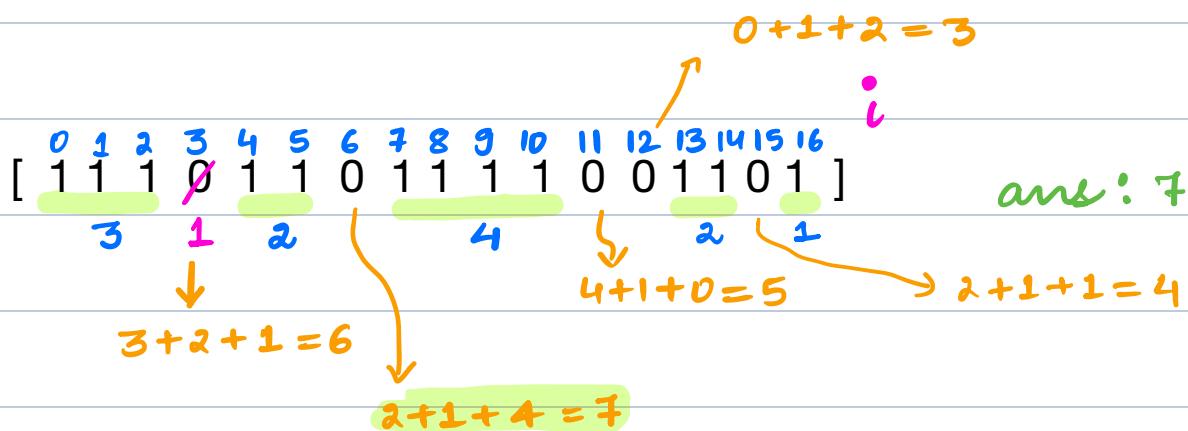
0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 → 5

0 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 → 3

ans : 6



[1 1 1 1 1 1 1] ans : n



Approach:

$$\text{ans} = 0$$

For every 0 in the array :

Count of 1's on left side : l

Count of 1's on right side : n

$$\text{If } (l+n+1) > \text{ans} \rightarrow \text{ans} = l+n+1$$



int findmaxconsecutiveOnes(int arr [ ]) {

    int totalOnes = 0, n = arr.length();

    for (i=0 ; i < n ; i++) {

        if (arr[i] == 1)

            totalOnes++;

}

*n iterations*

    if (totalOnes == n)

        return n;

    int ans = 0;

    for (i=0 ; i < n ; i++) {

        if (arr[i] == 0) {

            // Count no of consecutive 1's on left

            j = i-1, l = 0;

            while (j >= 0 & & arr[j] == 1) {

                l++;

            j--;

            // Count no of consecutive 1's on right

            j = i+1, r = 0;

```
while (j < n & & arr[j] == 1) {
```

```
    r++;  
    j++;  
}
```

```
ans = max(ans, l + n + 1);
```

y

y

```
return ans;
```

y



Quiz 2:

- doop
- Right
- Left



each element is accessed at max 3 times.

$$T.C : O(n + 3n) = O(4n) = O(n)$$

$$S.C : O(1)$$



< Question > : Given a binary array [ ]. We can swap a single 0 with 1. Find the

maximum consecutive 1's we can get in the array [ ] after atmost 1 swap.



arr[ ] → [ <sup>0</sup> 1 1 0 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 0 1 1 1 ]

$\langle 2, 8 \rangle$  1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 → 5

ans: 6

$\langle 0, 5 \rangle$  0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 → 6

### Quiz 3:

arr[ ] → [ <sup>0</sup> 1 1 0 1 1 1 ]

$\langle 2, 5 \rangle$  1 1 1 1 1 0 ans: 5

$$l = 2$$

$$r = 3$$

$l+r =$  no of 1's in array.

$$\text{count} = l+r$$

$l+r <$  no of 1's in array  
 $\text{count} = l+r+1$



Approach:

Count total no of 1's in array : c

ans = 0

For every 0 in the array :

Count of 1's on left side : l

Count of 1's on right side : n

count = 0 // Store length of 1's in current window

If  $\begin{cases} l+n == c & \text{count} = l+n \\ l+n < c & \text{count} = l+n + 1 \end{cases}$

If count > ans

ans = count



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    int totalOnes = 0, n = arr.length();

    for (i=0 ; i < n ; i++) {

        if (arr[i] == 1)

            totalOnes++;

}

n iterations

    if (totalOnes == n)

        return n;

    int ans = 0;

    for (i=0 ; i < n ; i++) {

        if (arr[i] == 0) {

            // Count no of consecutive 1's on left

            j = i-1, l = 0;

            while (j >= 0 && arr[j] == 1) {

                l++;

                j--;

}

            // Count no of consecutive 1's on right

$j = i + 1, r = 0;$

while ( $j < n \text{ & } arr[j] == 1$ ) {

|  
|       $r++;$   
|  
y       $j++;$

int count = 0;

if ( $l + r == \text{total Ones}$ )  
    count =  $l + r;$

else

    count =  $l + r + 1;$  //  $l+r < \text{total Ones}$

ans = max(ans, count)

y

y

return ans;

y

T.C : O(N)

S.C : O(1)

Break till 8:30



# Majority Element



< Question > : Given array [ N ]. Find the majority element



Elements which occurs more than  $N/2$  times.

- You can assume that majority element always exists.

eg:  $[ \overset{0}{3}, \overset{1}{4}, \overset{2}{3}, \overset{3}{2}, \overset{4}{4}, \overset{5}{4}, \overset{6}{4}, \overset{7}{4} ] \quad N=8 \quad N/2=4$

$\text{freq}(3) = 2$       freq(4) = 5      freq(2) = 1  
ans : 4

$[ \overset{0}{3}, \overset{1}{3}, \overset{2}{4}, \overset{3}{2}, \overset{4}{4}, \overset{5}{4}, \overset{6}{2}, \overset{7}{4} ] \quad N=8 \quad N/2=4$

$\text{freq}(3) = 2$       freq(2) = 2      no majority element  
 $\text{freq}(4) = 4$

Quiz

$0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10$   
 $\text{arr[ ]} \rightarrow [ 3, 4, 3, 6, 1, 3, 2, 5, 3, 3, 3 ] \quad N=11 \quad N/2=5$

ans : 3

Quiz

$0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9$   
 $\text{arr[ ]} \rightarrow [ 4, 6, 5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 4, 4, 4 ] \quad N=10 \quad N/2=5$

no majority element



Brute Force Solution: Check frequency of each element. If any element has frequency  $> N/2$  i.e. majority element.

```
int majorityElement ( int arr[], int n) {
```

```
    for ( i = 0 ; i < n ; i ++ ) {
```

```
        int count = 0 ;
```

```
        for ( j = 0 ; j < n ; j ++ ) {
```

```
            if ( arr[ j ] == arr[ i ] )
```

```
                count ++ ;
```

y

```
        if ( count > n / 2 )
```

```
            return arr[ i ] ;
```

y

y

T.C : O(N<sup>2</sup>)

S.C : O(1)



## Observations :

Quiz :

At max, how many majority elements are possible?

Obs 1: There will be only 1 majority element in array.

Let's say there are 2 majority elements :  $m_1$  &  $m_2$

$$\text{freq}(m_1) > N/2$$

$$\text{freq}(m_2) > N/2$$

Adding both

$$\text{freq}(m_1) + \text{freq}(m_2) > \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{2}$$

$$> N$$

not Possible

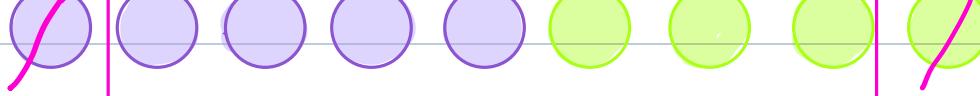


Obs2: If we remove 2 distinct elements, majority remains same.

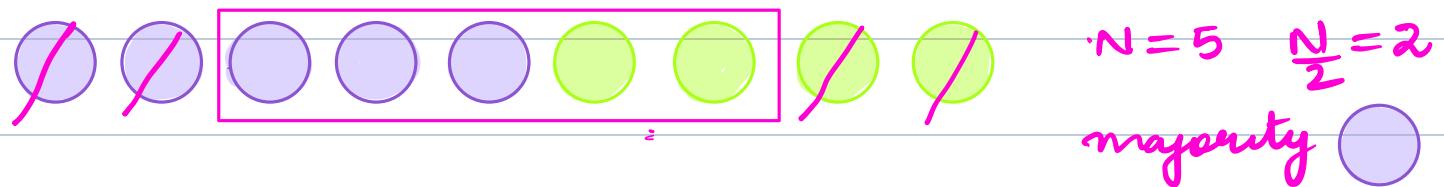
Purple = 5

Green = 4

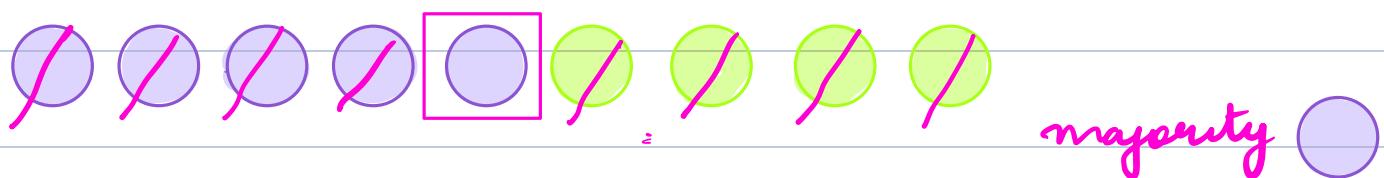
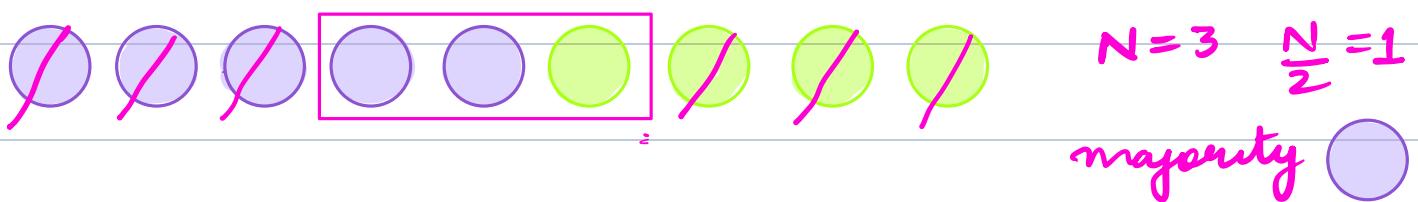
$N=9 \frac{N}{2}=4$



$N=7 \frac{N}{2}=3$



$N=5 \frac{N}{2}=2$





Suppose there are 4 parties participating in election

OP : ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀

BP : ♂ ♀ ♀

RP : ♂ ♀

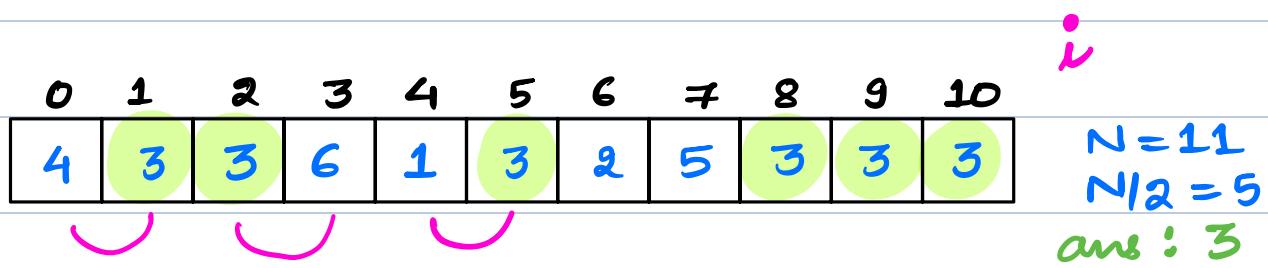
GP : ♂ ♀ ♀

Remove	Available				Winner
	OP	BP	RP	GP	
	9	3	2	3	OP
1OP & 1BP	8	2	2	3	OP
1OP & 1GP	7	2	2	2	OP
1OP & 1RP	6	2	1	2	OP

After removing 2 distinct party votes, majority remains same.



## moore's algorithm :



majority element =  $\emptyset$   
index

$\neq$   
 $\neq$   
 $\neq$   
 $\neq$   
8

count =  $\neq$  0

$\neq$  0  
 $\neq$  0  
 $\neq$  0  
 $\neq$  0  
 $\neq$  3

Returns Possible candidate of majority element.

we have to check if that is actual majority element or not.

If freq >  $N/2$ .  $\rightarrow$  MAJORITY ELEMENT



```
int majority_element ( int arr[ ], int n ) {
```

// Assuming 1<sup>st</sup> element to be ME.

```
int majority_index = 0 , count = 1 ;
```

```
for ( i = 1 ; i < n ; i++ ) {
```

```
    if ( count == 0 ) {
```

```
        majority_index = i ;
```

```
        count = 1 ;
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        if ( arr [ i ] == arr [ majority_index ] )
```

```
            count++ ;
```

```
        else
```

```
            count-- ;
```

```
}
```

// Check if majority element has occurrence > N/2 .

```
count = 0 ;
```

```
for ( i = 0 ; i < n ; i++ ) {
```

```
| if (arr[i] == arr[majority-index])
|     count++;
|
| if (count > N/2)
|     return arr[majority-index];
else
    return -1; // ME not present
}
}
```

T.C : O(N)

S.C : O(1)



< Question > : Given array [ N ] [ M ].

Make all elements in a row and column zero if  $\text{arr}[ i ][ j ] == 0$ . Specifically make entire other row and jth column zero. All elements are positive.



1	2	3	4
0	5	6	7
9	2	0	4

→

0	2	0	4
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Approach :

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

0

Issue : if we make elements 0 on the go 0's will lose track of original 0.

So instead we can mark elements which needs to be modified first & once we have iterated complete matrix or I can say marked all elements then I can change my marked elements to 0.



&lt;/&gt; Code

```
void transform(int arr[ ][ ], int n, int m){
```

// Iterate on rows & mark col.

```
for (i=0 ; i<n ; i++) {
```

```
    int flag = 0;
```

```
    for (j=0 ; j<m ; j++) {
```

```
        if (arr[i][j] == 0) flag = 1;
```

```
}
```

```
    if (flag = 1)
```

```
        for (j=0 ; j<m ; j++) {
```

```
            if ((A[i][j]) != 0) A[i][j] = -1;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

// Iterate on col & mark rows

```
for (j=0 ; j<m ; j++) {
```

```
    int flag = 0;
```

```
    for (i=0 ; i<n ; i++) {
```

if ( $\text{arr}[i][j] == 0$ ) flag = 1;

}

if (flag = 1)

for (j = 0; j < m; j++) {

    if ( $(\text{A}[i][j] != 0)$     $\text{A}[i][j] = -1$ ;

}

y

// Change all marked elements to 0.

for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {

    for (j = 0; j < m; j++) {

        if ( $\text{arr}[i][j] == -1$ )

            arr[i][j] = 0;

}

y

y

T.C :  $(3N * M) = N * M$

S.C :  $O(1)$

## Doubts:

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

$$N = 9$$

$$N/2 = 4$$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
 3 4 3 6 3 1 3 2 3 5 3

$$N = 11 \quad N/2 = 5$$

ans : 3

$$M_i = \emptyset$$

$$\text{count} = 0$$

$\neq$

$$\neq 0$$

$\neq$

$$\neq 0$$

$\neq$

$$\neq 0$$

$\neq$

$$\neq 0$$

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