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# Find non duplicate number in an array

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Learn how to find the non duplicate number from the given array.

Given an array of n integers, every number in it appears twice expect for one. we have to find the one with single occurrence.

## Example

**Input:**

[2, 1, 2]

[3, 5, 5, 6, 6]

**Output:**

1

3

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There are two ways of solving this problem

1. By using nested loops to check the frequency of array elements, but it will take  $O(n^2)$  which is not so efficient.

2. We iterate all the elements of the array and keep track of their count using an hash map and then return the element with single occurrence. This is a more optimized way because it will  $O(n)$  time but we will also need  $O(n)$  extra space to keep the elements counts.

## Find non duplicate number in an array

If you read the problem statement carefully then you will find out that it is not mentioned that the count of the number will not repeated, for example



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```
Input:
[2, 2, 1, 1, 1]

Output:
1
```

In this case **1** was repeated thrice so actually as per the question it is twice plus once. So we have to return the **1**.

## Implementation

- Iterate all the elements of the array and keep the track of the count using a hashmap.
- Find the element with odd count in the hashmap and return it.

We will be using [javascript objects](#) as a hash map.

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```
const singleNumber = (nums) => {
  //Hashmap
  const track = {};

  //Count the frequency
  for(let i = 0; i < nums.length; i++){
    if(track[nums[i]]){
      track[nums[i]]++;
    }else{
      track[nums[i]] = 1;
    }
  }

  //Return the element with odd frequency
  for(let key in track){
    if(track[key] % 2 !== 0){
      return key;
    }
  }
};
```

Time complexity:  $O(n + n) \Rightarrow O(n)$ .

Space complexity:  $O(n)$ .

We can highly reduce the lines of code by using the new [ES6 features](#).

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```
const singleNumber = (nums) => {  
  //Hashmap  
  const track = nums.reduce((a, b) => {  
    a[b] ? a[b]++ : a[b] = 1;  
    return a;  
  }, {});  
  
  //Return the element with odd count  
  return Object.keys(track).filter(e => track[e] % 2 !== 0)[0];  
};
```

We are using array reduce method to aggregate the elements count in the array and then returning the element with odd frequency by filtering the hash map elements.

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