

Top K frequent element - using sorting

class Solution:

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def top_k_frequent_elem(self, nums: List[int], k: int) -> List[int]:
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    count = {}
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    for num in nums:
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        count[num] = 1 + count.get(num, 0)
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    arr = []
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    for num, cnt in count.items():
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        arr.append([cnt, num])
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    arr.sort()
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    result = []
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    while len(result) < k:
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        result.append(arr.pop()[1])
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    return result
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print(Solution().top_k_frequent_elem(nums=[1,2,2,3,3,3], k=2))
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Step 1:

self \rightarrow solution instance

nums $\rightarrow [1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3]$

k $\rightarrow 2$

count $\rightarrow \{\}$ - empty dictionary

Step 2: for num in nums: count[num] = 1 + count.get(num, 0)

- 1st iteration:

num $\rightarrow 1$

count[1] = 1 + count.get(1, 0)

count = {1: 1}

- 2nd iteration:

num $\rightarrow 2$

count[2] = 1 + count.get(2, 0)

count = {1: 1, 2: 1}

- 3rd iteration:

num $\rightarrow 2$

count[2] = 1 + count.get(2, 0)

count = {1: 1, 2: 2}

- 4th iteration:

num \rightarrow 3

count[3] = 1 + count.get(3, 0)

count = {1:1, 2:2, 3:1}

- 5th and 6th iteration;

num \rightarrow 3

count[3] = 1 + count.get(3, 0)

count = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3}

Step 6:

arr \rightarrow [] - empty list

INFO: items() method returns a view object (key-value pairs of the dictionary)

Step 7: for num, cnt in count.items():
 arr.append([cnt, num])
arr.sort()

- 1st iteration

num \rightarrow 1, cnt \rightarrow 1

arr \rightarrow [[1, 1]]

- 2nd iteration

num \rightarrow 2, cnt \rightarrow 2

arr \rightarrow [[1, 1], [2, 2]]

- 3rd iteration

num \rightarrow 3, cnt \rightarrow 3

arr \rightarrow $[[1,1], [2,2], [3,3]]$

Info: pop() method removes the element at the specified position.

Step 0:

result \rightarrow [] = empty list

Step 3: while len(result) < K:

result.append(arr.pop()[1])

\leftarrow last list \rightarrow index 1 (num)

1st iteration:

result \rightarrow [3]

2nd iteration

result \rightarrow [3, 2]

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