

LONGEST CONSECUTIVE SEQUENCE

LANGUAGE: JAVA

Given an unsorted array of integers `nums`, return the length of the longest consecutive elements sequence.

You must write an algorithm that runs in $O(n)$ time.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [100,4,200,1,3,2]`

Output: 4

Explanation: The longest consecutive elements sequence is [1, 2, 3, 4]. Therefore its length is 4.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [0,3,7,2,5,8,4,6,0,1]`

Output: 9

Constraints:

- $0 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $-10^9 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^9$

IDEAS:

->Sorting the array will arrange the numbers either in ascending or descending order.

->Now,It becomes easy for us to find the consecutive numbers.

->If number gets repeated continue the loop or else use the loop and check the present number with the next number in the array by one and increment the count.

SOLUTION:

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class Solution
{
    public int longestConsecutive(int[] nums)
    {
        int n=nums.length;

        Arrays.sort(nums);
        int count=0;
        int x=0;

        if(n==0)
        {
            return 0;
        }
        if(n==1)
        {
            return 1;
        }
        for(int i=1;i<n;i++)
        {
            if(nums[i]==nums[i-1])
            {
                continue;
            }
            else if(nums[i]-1==nums[i-1])
            {
                count++;
                x=Math.max(x,count);
            }
            else
            {
                count=0;
            }
        }
    }
}
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    }  
  
    }  
    return x+1;  
  
    }  
}
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