

6022. Minimum Operations to Halve Array Sum

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You are given an array `nums` of positive integers. In one operation, you can choose **any** number from `nums` and reduce it to **exactly** half the number. (Note that you may choose this reduced number in future operations.)

Return the **minimum** number of operations to reduce the sum of `nums` by **at least** half.

Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [5,19,8,1]`

**Output:** 3

**Explanation:** The initial sum of `nums` is equal to  $5 + 19 + 8 + 1 = 33$ . The following is one of the ways to reduce the sum by at least half:

Pick the number 19 and reduce it to 9.5.

Pick the number 9.5 and reduce it to 4.75.

Pick the number 8 and reduce it to 4.

The final array is `[5, 4.75, 4, 1]` with a total sum of  $5 + 4.75 + 4 + 1 = 14.75$ . The sum of `nums` has been reduced by  $33 - 14.75 = 18.25$ , which is at least half of the initial sum.

Overall, 3 operations were used so we return 3.

It can be shown that we cannot reduce the sum by at least half in less than 3 operations.

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Example 2:

**Input:** `nums = [3,8,20]`

**Output:** 3

**Explanation:** The initial sum of `nums` is equal to  $3 + 8 + 20 = 31$ . The following is one of the ways to reduce the sum by at least half:

Pick the number 20 and reduce it to 10.

Pick the number 10 and reduce it to 5.

Pick the number 3 and reduce it to 1.5.

The final array is `[1.5, 8, 5]` with a total sum of  $1.5 + 8 + 5 = 14.5$ . The sum of `nums` has been reduced by  $31 - 14.5 = 16.5$ , which is at least half of the initial sum,  $16.5 \geq 31/2 = 15.5$ .

Overall, 3 operations were used so we return 3.

It can be shown that we cannot reduce the sum by at least half in less than 3 operations.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^7$

JavaScript

```
1 const sm = (a) => a.reduce(((x, y) => x + y), 0);
2
3 const halveArray = (a) => {
4   let sum = sm(a), half = sum / 2, pq = new MaxPriorityQueue(), res = 0;
5   for (const x of a) pq.enqueue(x);
6   while (sum > half) {
7     let cur = pq.dequeue().element;
8     pq.enqueue(cur / 2);
9     sum = sum + cur / 2 - cur;
10    res++;
11  }
12  return res;
13 };
```

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