

6005. Minimum Operations to Make the Array Alternating

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You are given a **0-indexed** array `nums` consisting of `n` positive integers.

The array `nums` is called **alternating** if:

- `nums[i - 2] == nums[i]`, where $2 \leq i \leq n - 1$.
- `nums[i - 1] != nums[i]`, where $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

In one **operation**, you can choose an index `i` and **change** `nums[i]` into **any** positive integer.

Return the **minimum number of operations** required to make the array alternating.

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| User Accepted: | 0 |
| User Tried: | 0 |
| Total Accepted: | 0 |
| Total Submissions: | 0 |
| Difficulty: | Medium |

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [3,1,3,2,4,3]`
Output: 3
Explanation:
One way to make the array alternating is by converting it to `[3,1,3,1,3,1]`.
The number of operations required in this case is 3.
It can be proven that it is not possible to make the array alternating in less than 3 operations.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [1,2,2,2,2]`
Output: 2
Explanation:
One way to make the array alternating is by converting it to `[1,2,1,2,1]`.
The number of operations required in this case is 2.
Note that the array cannot be converted to `[2,2,2,2,2]` because in this case `nums[0] == nums[1]` which violates the conditions.

Constraints:

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

JavaScript   

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1 /**
2  * @param {number[]} nums
3  * @return {number}
4  */
5 var minimumOperations = function(nums) {
6
7  };
```