

1848. Minimum Distance to the Target Element

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Given an integer array `nums` (**0-indexed**) and two integers `target` and `start`, find an index `i` such that `nums[i] == target` and `abs(i - start)` is **minimized**. Note that `abs(x)` is the absolute value of `x`.

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Return abs(i - start) .
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It is **guaranteed** that `target` exists in `nums`.

Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,2,3,4,5], target = 5, start = 3

Output: 1

Explanation: `nums[4] = 5` is the only value equal to `target`, so the answer is `abs(4 - 3) = 1`.

Example 2:

Input: nums = [1], target = 1, start = 0

Output: 0

Explanation: `nums[0] = 1` is the only value equal to `target`, so the answer is `abs(0 - 0) = 1`.

Example 3:

Input: nums = [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1], target = 1, start = 0

Output: 0

Explanation: Every value of nums is 1, but nums[0] minimizes $\text{abs}(i - \text{start})$, which is $\text{abs}(0 - 0) = 0$.

Constraints:

- `1 <= nums.length <= 1000`
- `1 <= nums[i] <= 104`
- `0 <= start < nums.length`
- `target` is in `nums`.

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Java

```
1 class Solution {
2     public int getMinDistance(int[] nums, int target, int start) {
3
4     }
5 }
```

User Accepted:	5281
User Tried:	5483
Total Accepted:	5382
Total Submissions:	8578
Difficulty:	Easy