

Naive Solution

Make a frequency vector of size n to store frequency of elements at $fq[elem]$

Traverse through the fq vector
elem with 0 freq \rightarrow Missing elem
elem with 2 freq \rightarrow Repeating elem

T.C $\rightarrow O(n)$

S.C $\rightarrow O(n)$

Optimised Solution

→ Use the tortoise-hare method to find out the repeating element
ref :: (2 - duplicate in n+1 integer array)

→ We know $Sum(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

if there were no missing elem,
sum of array would be

$$Original_sum = n(n+1) / 2$$

→ Find current_sum of array

This current_sum contains repeated elem, remove it

$$curr_sum = curr_sum - repeated_elem$$

→ Now, Missing element will be.

$$missing_element = Original_sum - curr_sum$$

Dry Run :

[4, 3, 6, 2, 1, 1]

repeated_elem using slow-fast ptrs
repeated_elem = 1

$$\text{original_sum} = n(n+1)/2 = (6 \times 7)/2 = 21$$

$$\text{curr_sum} = 4 + 3 + 6 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 17$$

remove the repeated element

$$\text{curr_sum} = 17 - \text{repeated_elem} = 16$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Missing_elem} &= \text{original_sum} - \text{curr_sum} \\ &= 21 - 16\end{aligned}$$

$$= 5$$

5 is the missing element.

$$\text{T.C} \rightarrow O(n)$$

$$\text{S.C} \rightarrow O(1)$$