

## Assignment 02 Solutions

Q1. Given an integer array `nums` of  $2n$  integers, group these integers into  $n$  pairs  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$  such that the sum of  $\min(a_i, b_i)$  for all  $i$  is maximized. Return the maximized sum.

Example 1: Input: `nums = [1,4,3,2]` Output: 4

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In [17]: def arrayPairSum(nums):
         nums.sort()
         sum_min = 0

         for i in range(0, len(nums), 2):
             sum_min += nums[i]

         return sum_min
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In [18]: nums = [1, 4, 3, 2]
         print(arrayPairSum(nums))

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Q2. Alice has  $n$  candies, where the  $i$ th candy is of type `candyType[i]`. Alice noticed that she started to gain weight, so she visited a doctor. The doctor advised Alice to only eat  $n / 2$  of the candies she has ( $n$  is always even). Alice likes her candies very much, and she wants to eat the maximum number of different types of candies while still following the doctor's advice. Given the integer array `candyType` of length  $n$ , return the maximum number of different types of candies she can eat if she only eats  $n / 2$  of them.

Example 1: Input: `candyType = [1,1,2,2,3,3]` Output: 3

Explanation: Alice can only eat  $6 / 2 = 3$  candies. Since there are only 3 types, she can eat one of each type.

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In [19]: def distributeCandies(candyType):
         uniqueCandies = set() # Step 1

         for candy in candyType: # Step 2
             uniqueCandies.add(candy)

         limit = len(candyType) // 2 # Step 3
         return min(limit, len(uniqueCandies)) # Step 4
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In [20]: candyType = [1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3]
         print(distributeCandies(candyType))

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Q3. We define a harmonious array as an array where the difference between its maximum value and its minimum value is exactly 1. Given an integer array `nums`, return the length of its longest harmonious subsequence among all its possible subsequences. A subsequence of an array is a sequence that can be derived from the array by deleting some or no elements without changing the order of the remaining elements.

Example 1: Input: `nums = [1,3,2,2,5,2,3,7]` Output: 5

Explanation: The longest harmonious subsequence is `[3,2,2,2,3]`.

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In [21]: def findLHS(nums):
         numCount = {}
         for num in nums:
             numCount[num] = numCount.get(num, 0) + 1

         maxLength = 0
         for num in numCount.keys():
             if num + 1 in numCount:
                 maxLength = max(maxLength, numCount[num] + numCount[num + 1])

         return maxLength
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In [22]: nums = [1, 3, 2, 2, 5, 2, 3, 7]
print(findLHS(nums))
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Q4. You have a long flowerbed in which some of the plots are planted, and some are not. However, flowers cannot be planted in adjacent plots. Given an integer array `flowerbed` containing 0's and 1's, where 0 means empty and 1 means not empty, and an integer `n`, return true if `n` new flowers can be planted in the flowerbed without violating the no-adjacent-flowers rule and false otherwise.

Example 1: Input: `flowerbed = [1,0,0,0,1]`, `n = 1` Output: true

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In [23]: def canPlaceFlowers(flowerbed, n):
count = 0
length = len(flowerbed)
i = 0

while i < length:
    if flowerbed[i] == 0 and (i == 0 or flowerbed[i - 1] == 0) and (i == length - 1 or flowerbed[i + 1] == 0):
        count += 1
        i += 1
    i += 1

total = 0
i = 0

while i < length:
    if flowerbed[i] == 0 and (i == 0 or flowerbed[i - 1] == 0) and (i == length - 1 or flowerbed[i + 1] == 0):
        flowerbed[i] = 1
        total += 1

    if total == n:
        return True

    i += 1

return False
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In [24]: flowerbed = [1, 0, 0, 0, 1]
n = 1
print(canPlaceFlowers(flowerbed, n)) # Output: True
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True

Q5. Given an integer array `nums`, find three numbers whose product is maximum and return the maximum product.

Example 1: Input: `nums = [1,2,3]` Output: 6

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In [25]: def maximumProduct(nums):
nums.sort()
return max(nums[-1] * nums[-2] * nums[-3], nums[0] * nums[1] * nums[-1])
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In [26]: nums = [1, 2, 3]
print(maximumProduct(nums)) # Output: 6
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Q6. Given an array of integers `nums` which is sorted in ascending order, and an integer `target`, write a function to search `target` in `nums`. If `target` exists, then return its index. Otherwise, return -1. You must write an algorithm with  $O(\log n)$  runtime complexity.

Input: `nums = [-1,0,3,5,9,12]`, `target = 9` Output: 4

Explanation: 9 exists in `nums` and its index is 4

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In [27]: def search(nums, target):
left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1

while left <= right:
    mid = (left + right) // 2
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    if nums[mid] == target:
        return mid
    elif nums[mid] < target:
        left = mid + 1
    else:
        right = mid - 1

return -1

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In [28]: nums = [-1, 0, 3, 5, 9, 12]
        target = 9
        print(search(nums, target)) # Output: 4

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Q7. An array is monotonic if it is either monotone increasing or monotone decreasing. An array `nums` is monotone increasing if for all  $i \leq j$ , `nums[i] <= nums[j]`. An array `nums` is monotone decreasing if for all  $i \leq j$ , `nums[i] >= nums[j]`. Given an integer array `nums`, return `true` if the given array is monotonic, or `false` otherwise.

Example 1: Input: `nums = [1,2,2,3]` Output: `true`

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In [29]: def isMonotonic(nums):
        isIncreasing = True
        isDecreasing = True

        for i in range(1, len(nums)):
            if nums[i] < nums[i - 1]:
                isIncreasing = False
            if nums[i] > nums[i - 1]:
                isDecreasing = False

        return isIncreasing or isDecreasing

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In [30]: nums = [1, 2, 2, 3]
        print(isMonotonic(nums)) # Output: True

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True

Q8. You are given an integer array `nums` and an integer `k`. In one operation, you can choose any index  $i$  where  $0 \leq i < \text{nums.length}$  and change `nums[i]` to `nums[i] + x` where  $x$  is an integer from the range  $[-k, k]$ . You can apply this operation at most once for each index  $i$ . The score of `nums` is the difference between the maximum and minimum elements in `nums`. Return the minimum score of `nums` after applying the mentioned operation at most once for each index in it.

Example 1: Input: `nums = [1]`, `k = 0` Output: `0`

Explanation: The score is `max(nums) - min(nums) = 1 - 1 = 0`.

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In [31]: def minimumScore(nums, k):
        minVal = min(nums)
        maxVal = max(nums)

        if k >= maxVal - minVal:
            return 0

        target = (minVal + maxVal) / 2

        for i in range(len(nums)):
            if nums[i] < target:
                nums[i] = minVal + k if target - nums[i] <= k else target
            else:
                nums[i] = maxVal - k if nums[i] - target <= k else target

        return max(nums) - min(nums)

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In [32]: nums = [1]
        k = 0
        print(minimumScore(nums, k)) # Output: 0

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