

Assignment 11 Solutions

Question 1 Given a non-negative integer x , return *the square root of x rounded down to the nearest integer*. The returned integer should be **non-negative** as well.

You **must not use** any built-in exponent function or operator.

- For example, do not use `pow(x, 0.5)` in c++ or `x ** 0.5` in python.

Example 1:

Input: $x = 4$

Output: 2

Explanation: The square root of 4 is 2, so we return 2.

Example 2:

Input: $x = 8$

Output: 2

Explanation: The square root of 8 is 2.82842..., and since we round it down to the nearest integer, 2 is returned.

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In [1]: def mySqrt(x):
        if x == 0:
            return 0

        left, right = 1, x
        while left <= right:
            mid = left + (right - left) // 2
            if mid * mid == x:
                return mid
            elif mid * mid < x:
                left = mid + 1
            else:
                right = mid - 1

        return right
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In [2]: print(mySqrt(4))
        print(mySqrt(8))
```

2
2

Question 2

A peak element is an element that is strictly greater than its neighbors.

Given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums`, find a peak element, and return its index. If the array contains multiple peaks, return the index to **any of the peaks**.

You may imagine that `nums[-1] = nums[n] = -∞`. In other words, an element is always considered to be strictly greater than a neighbor that is outside the array.

You must write an algorithm that runs in $O(\log n)$ time.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,2,3,1]`

Output: 2

Explanation: 3 is a peak element and your function should return the index number 2.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [1,2,1,3,5,6,4]`

Output: 5

Explanation: Your function can return either index number 1 where the peak element is 2, or index number 5 where the peak element is 6.

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In [3]: def findPeakElement(nums):
        left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1

        while left < right:
            mid = left + (right - left) // 2

            if nums[mid] < nums[mid + 1]:
                left = mid + 1
            else:
                right = mid

        return left
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In [5]: print(findPeakElement([1, 2, 3, 1])) # Output: 2
        print(findPeakElement([1, 2, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4])) # Output: 5

2
5
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Question 3 Given an array `nums` containing `n` distinct numbers in the range `[0, n]`, return *the only number in the range that is missing from the array*.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [3,0,1]`

Output: 2

Explanation: `n = 3` since there are 3 numbers, so all numbers are in the range `[0,3]`. 2 is the missing number in the range since it does not appear in `nums`.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [0,1]`

Output: 2

Explanation: `n = 2` since there are 2 numbers, so all numbers are in the range `[0,2]`. 2 is the missing number in the range since it does not appear in `nums`.

Example 3:

Input: `nums = [9,6,4,2,3,5,7,0,1]`

Output: 8

Explanation: `n = 9` since there are 9 numbers, so all numbers are in the range `[0,9]`. 8 is the missing number in the range since it does not appear in `nums`.

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In [6]: def missingNumber(nums):
        missing = len(nums) # Initialize missing as the last element in the range [0, n]

        for i, num in enumerate(nums):
            missing ^= i ^ num # XOR the index and the element with missing

        return missing
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In [7]: print(missingNumber([3, 0, 1])) # Output: 2
        print(missingNumber([0, 1])) # Output: 2
        print(missingNumber([9, 6, 4, 2, 3, 5, 7, 0, 1])) # Output: 8

2
2
8
```

Question 4 Given an array of integers `nums` containing `n + 1` integers where each integer is in the range `[1, n]` inclusive.

There is only **one repeated number** in `nums`, return *this repeated number*.

You must solve the problem **without** modifying the array `nums` and uses only constant extra space.

Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,3,4,2,2]

Output: 2

Example 2:

Input: nums = [3,1,3,4,2]

Output: 3

```
In [8]: def findDuplicate(nums):
        slow = fast = nums[0] # Start with the first element as both slow and fast pointers

        # Move slow and fast pointers until they meet in the cycle
        while True:
            slow = nums[slow] # Move slow pointer by one step
            fast = nums[nums[fast]] # Move fast pointer by two steps

            if slow == fast:
                break

        # Move the slow pointer to the beginning of the array
        slow = nums[0]

        # Move both pointers at the same speed until they meet at the entrance of the cycle
        while slow != fast:
            slow = nums[slow]
            fast = nums[fast]

        return slow
```

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In [9]: print(findDuplicate([1, 3, 4, 2, 2])) # Output: 2
        print(findDuplicate([3, 1, 3, 4, 2])) # Output: 3
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2
3
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Question 5 Given two integer arrays `nums1` and `nums2`, return *an array of their intersection*. Each element in the result must be **unique** and you may return the result in **any order**.

Example 1:

Input: nums1 = [1,2,2,1], nums2 = [2,2]

Output: [2]

Example 2:

Input: nums1 = [4,9,5], nums2 = [9,4,9,8,4]

Output: [9,4]

Explanation: [4,9] is also accepted.

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In [10]: def intersection(nums1, nums2):
        set1 = set(nums1) # Convert nums1 to a set
        set2 = set(nums2) # Convert nums2 to a set

        return list(set1.intersection(set2)) # Find the intersection of the two sets and convert it back to a list
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In [11]: print(intersection([1, 2, 2, 1], [2, 2])) # Output: [2]
        print(intersection([4, 9, 5], [9, 4, 9, 8, 4])) # Output: [9, 4]

[2]
[9, 4]
```

Question 6 Suppose an array of length `n` sorted in ascending order is **rotated** between `1` and `n` times. For example, the array `nums = [0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` might become:

- `[4,5,6,7,0,1,2]` if it was rotated `4` times.
- `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` if it was rotated `7` times.

Notice that **rotating** an array `[a[0], a[1], a[2], ..., a[n-1]]` 1 time results in the array `[a[n-1], a[0], a[1], a[2], ..., a[n-2]]`.

Given the sorted rotated array `nums` of **unique** elements, return *the minimum element of this array*.

You must write an algorithm that runs in $O(\log n)$ time.

Example 1:

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

Output: 1

Explanation: The original array was `[1,2,3,4,5]` rotated 3 times.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [4,5,6,7,0,1,2]`

Output: 0

Explanation: The original array was `[0,1,2,4,5,6,7]` and it was rotated 4 times.

Example 3:

Input: `nums = [11,13,15,17]`

Output: 11

Explanation: The original array was `[11,13,15,17]` and it was rotated 4 times.

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In [12]: def findMin(nums):
        left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1

        while left < right:
            mid = left + (right - left) // 2

            if nums[mid] < nums[right]:
                right = mid
            else:
                left = mid + 1

        return nums[left]
```

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In [13]: print(findMin([3, 4, 5, 1, 2])) # Output: 1
        print(findMin([4, 5, 6, 7, 0, 1, 2])) # Output: 0
        print(findMin([11, 13, 15, 17])) # Output: 11

1
0
11
```

Question 7 Given an array of integers `nums` sorted in non-decreasing order, find the starting and ending position of a given `target` value.

If `target` is not found in the array, return `[-1, -1]`.

You must write an algorithm with $O(\log n)$ runtime complexity.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10]`, `target = 8`

Output: `[3,4]`

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [5,7,7,8,8,10]`, `target = 6`

Output: `[-1,-1]`

Example 3:

Input: `nums = []`, `target = 0`

Output: `[-1,-1]`

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In [15]: def searchRange(nums, target):
def findLeftmost(nums, target):
    left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1
    index = -1

    while left <= right:
        mid = left + (right - left) // 2

        if nums[mid] >= target:
            right = mid - 1
        else:
            left = mid + 1

        if nums[mid] == target:
            index = mid

    return index

def findRightmost(nums, target):
    left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1
    index = -1

    while left <= right:
        mid = left + (right - left) // 2

        if nums[mid] <= target:
            left = mid + 1
        else:
            right = mid - 1

        if nums[mid] == target:
            index = mid

    return index

leftmost = findLeftmost(nums, target)
rightmost = findRightmost(nums, target)

return [leftmost, rightmost]
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In [16]: print(searchRange([5, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10], 8)) # Output: [3, 4]
print(searchRange([5, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10], 6)) # Output: [-1, -1]
print(searchRange([], 0)) # Output: [-1, -1]

[3, 4]
[-1, -1]
[-1, -1]
```

Question 8 Given two integer arrays `nums1` and `nums2`, return *an array of their intersection*. Each element in the result must appear as many times as it shows in both arrays and you may return the result in **any order**.

Example 1:

Input: `nums1 = [1,2,2,1]`, `nums2 = [2,2]`

Output: `[2,2]`

Example 2:

Input: `nums1 = [4,9,5]`, `nums2 = [9,4,9,8,4]`

Output: `[4,9]`

Explanation: `[9,4]` is also accepted.

```
In [17]: from collections import Counter

def intersect(nums1, nums2):
    freq = Counter(nums1)
    result = []

    for num in nums2:
        if freq.get(num, 0) > 0:
            result.append(num)
            freq[num] -= 1

    return result
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In [18]: print(intersect([1, 2, 2, 1], [2, 2])) # Output: [2, 2]
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print(intersect([4, 9, 5], [9, 4, 9, 8, 4])) # Output: [4, 9]
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[2, 2]
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[9, 4]
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