

Remove duplicates in the array

BRUTE FORCE:

Push all elements into a hashset then iterate the hashset and initialise $k = \text{set.size}()$ and copy the elements of set to the array and then return $\text{set.size}()$ as ans

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class Solution {
public:
    int removeDuplicates(vector<int>& nums) {
        set<int> s;
        for(int i=0;i<nums.size();i++)
        {
            s.insert(nums[i]);
        }
        int i=0;
        for(auto it: s)
        {
            nums[i++]=it;
        }
        return s.size();
    }
};
```

- Time Complexity : $O(N \log N)$
- Space Complexity : $O(N)$

Optimal Approach :

Using two pointer keep a pointer j at 0th position and traverse the array using loop wherever the value of array at current position and j th positions does not match we increment the value of j and set it to the differentiating element.

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class Solution {
public:
    int removeDuplicates(vector<int>& nums) {
        int j=0;
        for(int i=0;i<nums.size();i++)
        {
            if(nums[i]!=nums[j])
            {
                j++;
                nums[j]=nums[i];
            }
        }
    }
};
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        }  
    }  
    return j+1;  
}  
};
```

- Time Complexity : $O(N)$
- Space Complexity : $O(1)$