

- Given an array of numbers that contains  $[1 \dots n]$  inclusive w/  $n+1$  values.

We know there are at least one duplicate because:

$[1, 2, 3, x]$   $x$  has to be a value  $[1 \dots n]$   
all which already exist.  
 $n=3$

Input:  $[1, 3, 4, 2, 2]$

Output: 2

Approach #1

1) Sort array

2) Compare each  $i$  w/  $i-1$  to see if identical

At least 1 will match, return that match

Time:  $O(n \log n)$  Space: generally known to be  $O(n)$   
for sorting

We are also given restriction: we cannot modify array  
and can only use constant  
space.

[ 1 3 4 2 2 ]

$$\text{Potential Sum: } \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{4(4+1)}{2} = 10$$

Actual Sum: 12

Answer: Actual Sum - Potential Sum

[ 1 1 3 4 2 ]

$$PS = \frac{4(4+1)}{2} = 10$$

$$AS = 11$$

$$\text{Ans} = 11 - 10$$

This only works if All values are unique except duplicate

Input: [ 2 2 2 2 ]

Output: 2

I dk how to not manipulate array but I can keep  $O(n)$  time and  $O(1)$  space by manipulating.

Input: [ 1 3 4 2 2 ]

[ 1 -3 4 2 2 ]

[ -1 3 4 2 2 ]

[ 1 -3 4 -2 2 ]

[ -1 3 -4 2 2 ]

[ 1 -3 4 -2 -2 ]

[ -1 3 -4 -2 2 ]

[ 1 -3 -4 -2 -2 ]

[ -1 -3 -4 -2 2 ]

[ 1 -3 -4 -2 -2 ]

First idx that is already (-) is answer