

MAJORITY ELEMENT - II

* Majority element where number occurring more than $N/2$ times was to be returned used Moore's Voting Algorithm. Here we will try to return elements which occur more than $N/3$ times.

Brute force solution is to traverse through the array and check for each element occurs more than $N/3$ times. Time complexity is $O(N^2)$ in worst case

Better solution is to use a hashmap. In first iteration we store each element's no. of occurrences. While doing this we check if the count in the hashmap is exceeding 3 and if it does, we add it to the answer array. Time complexity is $O(N)$ but we have space complexity as well now : $O(N)$.

Optimal Solution is using Moore's Voting Algorithm. We just change it to such that instead of 1 counter, we will work with two counters.

Pseudo code :

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majorityElement(arr, N) {
    count1 = 0, count2 = 0
    el1 = -1, el2 = -1
    for (i = 0 → N) {
        if (count1 == 0 && arr[i] != el2) {
            count1 = 1
            el1 = arr[i]
        } else if (count2 == 0 && arr[i] != el1) {
            count2 = 1
            el2 = arr[i]
        } else if (arr[i] == el1) {
            count1 += 1
        } else if (arr[i] == el2) {
            count2 += 1
        } else {
            count1 -= 1
            count2 -= 1
        }
    }
}

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