

283. Move zeroes:

I/P: $\text{nums} = [0, 1, 0, 3, 12]$

O/P: $[1, 3, 12, 0, 0]$

we need to:

- * Move all zeros to end
- * keep relative order of non-zero elements
- * Do this in-place (modify the original array)

Brute force:

1. create a new array
2. copy all non-zero elements in order
3. Fill remaining positions with zeros.

But according to the problem statement we shouldn't use extra array.

Efficient two-pointers approach:

use two pointers:

- * $\text{lastNonZeroFoundAt}$ \rightarrow points to the index where the next non-zero should go.
- * current \rightarrow loops through the array.

Steps:

1. Loop through array with current
2. If $\text{nums}[\text{current}]$ is non-zero:
 - * swap $\text{nums}[\text{lastNonZeroFoundAt}]$ and $\text{nums}[\text{current}]$
 - * Increment $\text{lastNonZeroFoundAt}$
3. Continue until the end.

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class solution {
public void moveZeros (int [] nums) {
    int lastNonZeroFoundAt = 0;
    for (int current = 0; current < nums.length; current++) {
        if (nums[current] != 0) {
            int temp = nums[lastNonZeroFoundAt];
            nums[lastNonZeroFoundAt] = nums[current];
            nums[current] = temp;
            lastNonZeroFoundAt++;
        }
    }
}
}

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Dry Run:

nums = [0, 1, 0, 3, 12]
 lastNonZeroFoundAt = 0
 current = 0 → nums[0] = 0 → skip
 current = 1 → nums[1] = 1 → swap nums[0] and nums[1] →
 nums = [1, 0, 0, 3, 12], lastNonZeroFoundAt = 1
 current = 2 → nums[2] = 0 → skip
 current = 3 → nums[3] = 3 → swap nums[1] and nums[3] →
 nums = [1, 3, 0, 0, 12], lastNonZeroFoundAt = 2
 current = 4 → nums[4] = 12 → swap nums[2] and nums[4] →
 nums = [1, 3, 12, 0, 0], lastNonZeroFoundAt = 3
 Result = [1, 3, 12, 0, 0]

Time → $O(n)$ space → $O(1)$.