

Find the Majority Element that occurs more than  $n/2$  times

### Problem Statement

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You are given an array 'a' of 'n' integers.

A majority element in the array 'a' is an element that appears more than 'n' / 2 times.

Find the majority element of the array.

It is guaranteed that the array 'a' always has a majority element.

Example:

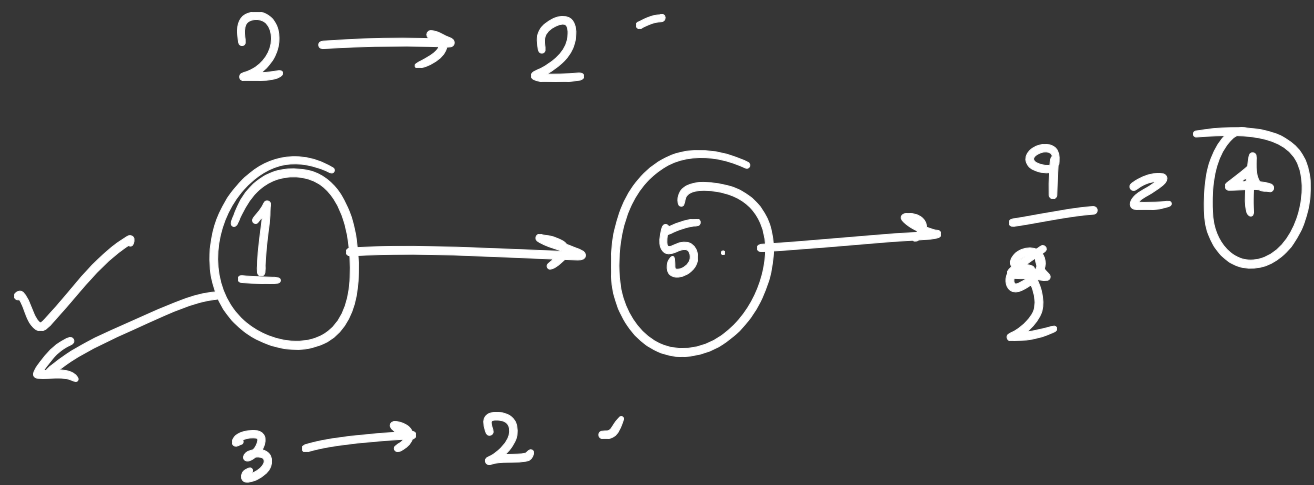
Input: 'n' = 9, 'a' = [2, 2, 1, 3, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1]

Output: 1

Explanation: The frequency of '1' is 5, which is greater than  $9 / 2$ .  
Hence '1' is the majority element.

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$$9/2 = 4$$



ans: 1

eg:  $n = 5$

arr:  $\{-53, 75, 56, 56, 56\}$

$$n/2 = 5/2 = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

$56$

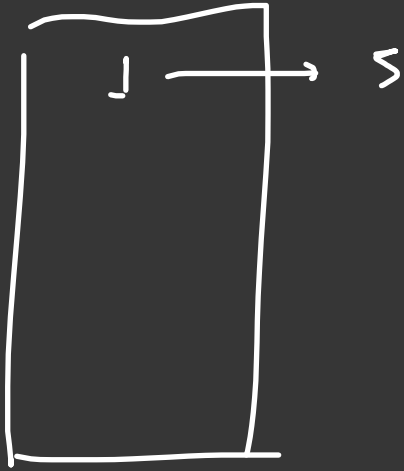
$-53 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{0}}$

$75 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{1}}$

$56 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{3}} \rightarrow$

Brute force:

hashmap [arr[i], freq]



Count the freq  $\rightarrow O(N^2)$

Hashmap  $\rightarrow O(2N)$

## Optimal Approach:

### • Moore's Voting Algorithm:

arr[] = { 7, 7, 5, 7, 5, 2, 5, 7, 5, 5, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5, 5 }

Annotations: Blue vertical lines above the array. Blue arrows pointing to the first occurrence of each unique element (7, 5, 2, 7, 5, 5, 7, 5, 5, 7, 5, 5, 5, 5). A blue bracket groups the first 6 elements. A blue bracket groups the last 4 elements.

ele = 7, 5, 2, 7, 5, 2, 7, 5, 5, 7, 5, 5, 5, 5

count = 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1

Annotations: Blue circles around the first occurrence of each unique element (7, 5, 2, 7, 5, 2, 7, 5, 5, 7, 5, 5, 5, 5). A blue bracket groups the first 6 elements. A blue bracket groups the last 4 elements.

5 → only majority

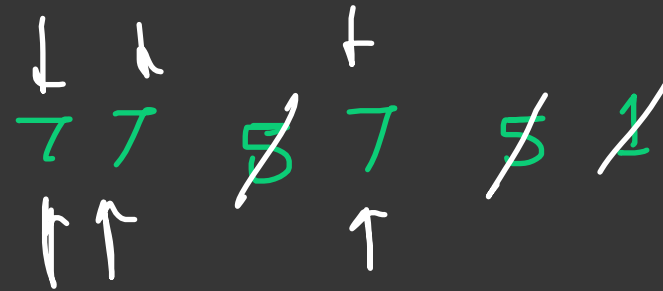
$a > n/2$

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## • Moore's Voting Algorithm:

→ We count the current element ~~when~~ and when element is not found we reduce the count, when count we reaches zero, we update the element.



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 7 \rightarrow 3 \\ 5, 1 \rightarrow 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{It } \underline{\underline{\text{cancel out}}}$$



Pseudo code:-

ele, count = 0

for (i = 0  $\longrightarrow$  n)

if (count == 0) ele = arr[i], count = 1.

else if (arr[i] == ele) count++.

else count--.

int count1 = 0

for (i = 0  $\longrightarrow$  n)

if (arr[i] == ele) count1++.

if (count1 > 0) return ele,

else return -1.