

Reverse Words in a String

Given an input string, reverse the string word by word.

For example,

Given s = "the sky is blue",

return "blue is sky the".

```
public class Solution {
    public String reverseWords(String s) {
        StringBuffer revStr = new StringBuffer();

        if (s == null || s.length() == 0)
        {
            return "";
        }

        String[] str = s.split(" ");
        int n = str.length;

        for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--)
        {
            if (!str[i].equals(""))
            {
                revStr.append(str[i]).append(" ");
            }
        }

        return revStr.length() == 0 ? "" : revStr.substring(0, revStr.length() - 1);
    }
}
```

Evaluate Reverse Polish Notation

Evaluate the value of an arithmetic expression in [Reverse Polish Notation](#).

Valid operators are +, -, *, /. Each operand may be an integer or another expression.

Some examples:

```
["2", "1", "+", "3", "*"] -> ((2 + 1) * 3) -> 9
["4", "13", "5", "/", "+"] -> (4 + (13 / 5)) -> 6
```

```
public class Solution {
    public int evalRPN(String[] tokens) {
        String operator = "+*/-";
        Stack<String> bucket = new Stack<String>();

        for (String p : tokens)
        {
            if (!operator.contains(p))
            {
                bucket.push(p);
            }
            else
            {
                int n1 = Integer.parseInt(bucket.pop());
                int n2 = Integer.parseInt(bucket.pop());
                int out = operation(p, n2, n1);
                bucket.push(Integer.toString(out));
            }
        }
        return Integer.parseInt(bucket.pop());
    }

    private int operation(String operator, int a, int b)
    {
        int c = 0;

        if (operator.equals("+")) c = a + b;
        else if (operator.equals("-")) c = a - b;
        else if (operator.equals("*")) c = a * b;
        else if (operator.equals("/") && b != 0) c = a / b;

        return c;
    }
}
```

Sort List

Sort a linked list in $O(n \log n)$ time using constant space complexity.

```
/*
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode next;
 *   ListNode(int x) {
 *     val = x;
 *     next = null;
 *   }
 * }
 */
public class Solution {
    public ListNode sortList(ListNode head) {
        if (head == null || head.next == null)
        {
            return head;
        }

        ListNode fast = head;
        ListNode slow = head;
        while (fast.next != null && fast.next.next != null)
        {
            fast = fast.next.next;
            slow = slow.next;
        }
        fast = slow.next;
        slow.next = null;
        fast = sortList(fast);
        slow = sortList(head);
        return merge(slow, fast);
    }

    private ListNode merge(ListNode lo, ListNode hi)
    {
        ListNode head = new ListNode(0);
        ListNode cur = head;
        if (lo == null)
        {
            return hi;
        }
        else if (hi == null)
        {
            return lo;
        }
        while (lo != null && hi != null)
        {
            if (lo.val <= hi.val)
            {
                cur.next = lo;
                lo = lo.next;
            }
            else
            {
                cur.next = hi;
                hi = hi.next;
            }
        }
        if (lo != null)
        {
            cur.next = lo;
        }
        else
        {
            cur.next = hi;
        }
    }
}
```

```

        {
            cur.next = hi;
            hi = hi.next;
        }
        cur = cur.next;
    }

    if (lo != null)
    {
        cur.next = lo;
    }
    else if (hi != null)
    {
        cur.next = hi;
    }
    return head.next;
}
}

```

Reorder List

Given a singly linked list $L: L_0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_n$,

reorder it to: $L_0 \rightarrow L_n \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_{n-1} \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots$

You must do this in-place without altering the nodes' values.

For example,

Given $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, reorder it to $\{1, 4, 2, 3\}$.

1. break the linked list in the middle into two list;
2. reverse the second linked list
3. merge the two list by inserting the second one after the first one.

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode next;
 *   ListNode(int x) {
 *     val = x;
 *     next = null;
 *   }
 * }
 */
public class Solution {
    public void reorderList(ListNode head) {
        if (head == null && head.next == null && head.next.next != null)
        {
            ListNode slow = head;
            ListNode fast = head;
            while (fast != null && fast.next != null && fast.next.next != null)
            {
                fast = fast.next.next;
                slow = slow.next;
            }
            ListNode second = slow.next;
            slow.next = null;

            second = reverseOrder(second);
            ListNode curr = head;
            ListNode curr2 = second;
            while (curr2 != null)
            {
                ListNode temp1 = curr.next;
                ListNode temp2 = curr2.next;

                curr.next = curr2;
                curr = temp1;
                curr2.next = curr;

                curr2 = temp2;
            }
        }

        public ListNode reverseOrder(ListNode list)
        {
            if (list == null || list.next == null)
            {
                return list;
            }

            ListNode currNode, nextNode;
            currNode = list;
            nextNode = list.next;
            list.next = null;
            while (nextNode != null)
            {
                ListNode loopNode = nextNode.next;
                nextNode.next = currNode;
                currNode = nextNode;
                nextNode = loopNode;
            }
            list = currNode;
        }
        return list;
    }
}

```

Linked List Cycle II

Given a linked list, return the node where the cycle begins. If there is no cycle, return `null`.

Follow up:

Can you solve it without using extra space?

循环中奇数和偶数个结点:

1. 使用两个指针`slow, fast`。两个指针都从表头开始走，`slow`每次走一步，`fast`每次走两步，如果`fast`遇到`null`，则说明没有环，返回`false`；如果`slow == fast`，说明有环
2. 第一次相遇后，让`slow, fast`继续走。slow从head开始走，slow，fast各走一步，再次相遇的就是循环起始结点

```

/**
 * Definition for singly-linked list.
 * class ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode next;
 *   ListNode(int x) {
 *     val = x;
 *     next = null;
 *   }
 * }
 */
public class Solution {
    public ListNode detectCycle(ListNode head) {
        if (head == null || head.next == null)
        {
            return null;
        }

        ListNode slow = head;
        ListNode fast = head;
        while (true)
        {
            slow = slow.next;
            fast = fast.next.next;

            if (fast == null || fast.next == null)
            {
                return null;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

        if (fast == slow)
        {
            break;
        }
        slow = head;
        while (slow != fast)
        {
            slow = slow.next;
            fast = fast.next;
        }
        return slow;
    }
}

```

Linked List Cycle

Given a linked list, determine if it has a cycle in it.

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Can you solve it without using extra space?

```

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/**
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 * class ListNode {
 *   int val;
 *   ListNode next;
 *   ListNode(int x) {
 *     val = x;
 *     next = null;
 *   }
 * }
 */
public class Solution {
    public boolean hasCycle(ListNode head) {
        if (head == null || head.next == null)
        {
            return false;
        }
        ListNode slow = head;
        ListNode fast = head;
        while (true)
        {
            if (fast == null || fast.next == null)
            {
                return false;
            }
            slow = slow.next;
            fast = fast.next.next;
            if (slow == fast)
            {
                return true;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Binary Tree Preorder Traversal

Given a binary tree, return the *preorder* traversal of its nodes' values.

For example:

Given binary tree {1, #, 2, 3},

```

    1
   \
    2
   /
  3

```

return [1, 2, 3].

Recursive solution

```

/**
 * Definition for binary tree
 * public class TreeNode {
 *   int val;
 *   TreeNode left;
 *   TreeNode right;
 *   TreeNode(int x) { val = x; }
 * }
 */
public class Solution {
    public List<Integer> preorderTraversal(TreeNode root) {
        List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        if (root == null)
        {
            return Collections.EMPTY_LIST;
        }
        list.add(root.val);
        list.addAll(preorderTraversal(root.left));
        list.addAll(preorderTraversal(root.right));
        return list;
    }
}

```

Binary Tree Postorder Traversal

Given a binary tree, return the *postorder* traversal of its nodes' values.

For example:

Given binary tree {1, #, 2, 3},

```

    1
   \
    2
   /
  3

```

return [3, 2, 1].

Note: Recursive solution is trivial, could you do it iteratively?

recursive solution

```

/**
 * Definition for binary tree
 * public class TreeNode {
 *   int val;

```

Word Break

For example, given

```
dict = ["leet", "code"].
```

```
"leetcode": result = TFFFTFFFT
```

Word Break II

Return all such possible sentences.

For example, given

```
dict = ["cat", "cats", "and", "sand", "dog"]
```

A solution is ["cats and dog", "cat sand dog"].

[illegible]

Single Number

Note:

Your algorithm should have a linear runtime complexity. Could you implement it without using extra memory?

```
int cnt = 0;
int x = cnt++;
cnt = 0;
int y = ++cnt;
System.out.println(x + " " + y); //0 1

int cnt = 0;
```

```

        int x = cnt++;
        int y = ++cnt;
        System.out.println(x + " " + y); // 0 2//
//cnt++ increments cut by 1, but return the old value of cnt; ++cnt increments cnt by 1 and return the new value;//

public class Solution {
    public int singleNumber(int[] A) {
        if (A.length <= 1) {
            return A[0];
        }

        int len = A.length;
        HashMap<Integer, Integer> map = new HashMap<Integer, Integer>();

        for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
            if (!map.containsKey(A[i])) {
                int count = 0;
                map.put(A[i], ++count);
            }
            else {
                map.put(A[i], map.get(A[i]) + 1);
            }
        }

        int results = 0;
        for (Integer i : map.keySet()) {
            if (map.get(i) == 1) {
                results = i;
            }
        }

        return results;
    }
}

```

Candy

There are N children standing in a line. Each child is assigned a rating value.

You are giving candies to these children subjected to the following requirements:

- Each child must have at least one candy.
- Children with a higher rating get more candies than their neighbors.

What is the minimum candies you must give?

通常是要求的变量跟左右元素有关系的题目：两边扫描的方法

一些例子：

1 2 3 3 3 => 8 因为candy数可以是

1 2 3 1 1

1 2 3 2 3 => 9 因为candy数可以是

1 2 3 1 2

思路：

1

$d[i]$ 是给第 i 个小孩最少几块糖
 $rank[i] > rank[i - 1]$ ，必须比前一个多给一块， $d[i] = d[i - 1] + 1$
 $rank[i] <= rank[i - 1]$ ，两个排名一样，第二个就给一块就行了， $d[i] = 1$

基本思路就是进行两次扫描，一次从左往右，一次从右往左。第一次扫描的时候维护对于每一个小孩左边所需要最少的糖果数量，存入数组对应元素中，第二次扫描的时候维护右边所需的最少糖果数，并且比较将左边和右边大的糖果数量存入结果数组对应元素中。这样两遍扫描之后就可以得到每一个所需要的最少糖果量，从而累加得出结果。方法只需要两次扫描，所以时间复杂度是 $O(2n)=O(n)$ 。空间上需要一个长度为 n 的数组，复杂度是 $O(n)$ 。

```

public class Solution {
    public int candy(int[] ratings) {
        if (ratings.length == 0) {
            return 0;
        }

        int[] num = new int[ratings.length];
        num[0] = 1;

        for (int i = 1; i < ratings.length; i++) {
            if (ratings[i] > ratings[i - 1]) {
                num[i] = num[i - 1] + 1;
            }
            else if (ratings[i] == ratings[i - 1]) {
                num[i] = 1;
            }
            else if (ratings[i] < ratings[i - 1]) {
                num[i] = 1;
            }
        }

        int res = num[ratings.length - 1];
        for (int i = ratings.length - 2; i >= 0; i--) {
            int curr = 1;
            if (ratings[i] > ratings[i + 1]) {
                curr = num[i + 1] + 1;
            }
            res += Math.max(num[i], curr);
            num[i] = curr;
        }

        return res;
    }
}

```

Gas Station

There are N gas stations along a circular route, where the amount of gas at station i is `gas[i]`.

You have a car with an unlimited gas tank and it costs `cost[i]` of gas to travel from station i to its next station $(i+1)$. You begin the journey with an empty tank at one of the gas stations.

Return the starting gas station's index if you can travel around the circuit once, otherwise return -1.

Note:

The solution is guaranteed to be unique.

```

public class Solution {
    public int canCompleteCircuit(int[] gas, int[] cost) {
        if (gas.length == 0 || cost.length == 0 || gas.length != cost.length) {
            return -1;
        }

        int sum = 0;
        int total = 0;
        int start = 0;

        for (int i = 0; i < gas.length; i++) {
            sum += gas[i] - cost[i];
            total += sum;

            if (sum < 0) {

```

Palindrome Partitioning

Given a string *s*, partition *s* such that every substring of the partition is a palindrome.

Return all possible palindrome partitioning of *s*.

For example, given *s* = "aab",

Return

```
[
  ["aa","b"],
  ["a","a","b"]
]
```

recursive solution, two pointers; a start pointer that increases recursively, when the end index pointer is fixed(a,ab -> a,a,b); an end index pointer increases iteratively, when the start pointer is fixed (a->aa).

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Palindrome Partitioning II

Given a string s , partition s such that every substring of the partition is a palindrome.

Return the minimum cuts needed for a palindrome partitioning of s .

For example, given $s = \text{"aab"}$,

Return **1** since the palindrome partitioning `["aa", "b"]` could be produced using 1 cut.

Submission Result: Time Limit Exceeded

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Letter Combinations of a Phone Number

Given a digit string, return all possible letter combinations that the number could represent.

A mapping of digit to letters (just like on the telephone buttons) is given below.

```
Input:Digit string "23"
Output: ["ad", "ae", "af", "bd", "be", "bf", "cd", "ce", "cf"]
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```
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Output: ["ad", "ae", "af", "bd", "be", "bf", "cd", "ce", "cf"].
```

Note:

Although the above answer is in lexicographical order, your answer could be in any order you want.

DFS: add(ad), add(ae), add(af), add(bd).....

```
public class Solution {
    public List<String> letterCombinations(String digits) {
        String[] map = new String[10];
        map[0] = "";
        map[1] = "";
        map[2] = "abc";
        map[3] = "def";
        map[4] = "ghi";
        map[5] = "jkl";
        map[6] = "mno";
        map[7] = "pqrs";
        map[8] = "tuv";
        map[9] = "wxyz";

        int n = digits.length();
        List<String> comb = new ArrayList<String>();
        char[] trace = new char[n];

        if (digits == null || n == 0) {
            comb.add(new String(trace));
            return comb;
        }

        LC(digits, 0, 0, comb, trace, map);
        return comb;
    }

    private void LC(String digits, int l, int d, List<String> comb, char[] trace, String[] map) {
        int n = digits.length();
        if (l == n) {
            comb.add(new String(trace));
        } else {
            int ind = Integer.parseInt(digits.substring(l, l + 1));
            if (ind > 1) {
                String A = map[ind];
                for (int j = 0; j < A.length(); j++) {
                    trace[d] = A.charAt(j);
                    LC(digits, l + 1, d + 1, comb, trace, map);
                }
            } else {
                LC(digits, l + 1, d, comb, trace, map);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

String to Integer (atoi)

Implement `atoi` to convert a string to an integer.

Hint: Carefully consider all possible input cases. If you want a challenge, please do not see below and ask yourself what are the possible input cases.

Notes: It is intended for this problem to be specified vaguely (ie, no given input specs). You are responsible to gather all the input requirements up front.

[spoilers alert... click to show requirements for atoi.](#)

Requirements for atoi:

The function first discards as many whitespace characters as necessary until the first non-whitespace character is found. Then, starting from this character, takes an optional initial plus or minus sign followed by as many numerical digits as possible, and interprets them as a numerical value.

The string can contain additional characters after those that form the integral number, which are ignored and have no effect on the behavior of this function.

If the first sequence of non-whitespace characters in `str` is not a valid integral number, or if no such sequence exists because either `str` is empty or it contains only whitespace characters, no conversion is performed.

If no valid conversion could be performed, a zero value is returned. If the correct value is out of the range of representable values, `INT_MAX` (2147483647) or `INT_MIN` (-2147483648) is returned.

1. get rid of white space using `trim()`;
2. '+' '-' look at first char of the string, if it is '-' then return neg num; '+'- if the second char is not a digit, then return 0.

3. not valid digit char, ('0' ~ '9'), then not add. `num = num * 10 + charToInteger`;

a. `int add = str.charAt(i) - '0'`;

b. `int add = Character.getNumericValue(str.charAt(i))`;

c. `int add = Character.digit(str.charAt(i), 10)`;

4. overflow: `inter > (Integer.MAX_VALUE - add)/10`

`Integer.MAX_VALUE = 2147483647`

`Integer.MINVALUE = -2147483648`

```
public class Solution {
    public int atoi(String str) {
        int inter = 0;
        if (str == null || str.length() == 0) {
            return 0;
        }

        boolean overflow = false;
        str = str.trim();
        int n = str.length();
        int sign = 1;
        int k = 0;
        if (str.charAt(k) == '-') {
            sign = -1;
            k++;
        } else if (str.charAt(k) == '+') {
            sign = 1;
            k++;
        } else sign = 1;

        for (int l = k; l < n; l++) {
            char st = str.charAt(l);
            if (st < '0' || st > '9') break;

            int stToInt = (st - '0');
            if (inter > (Integer.MAX_VALUE - stToInt)/10 ) {
                overflow = true;
                break;
            }
            inter = inter * 10 + stToInt;
        }
    }
}
```

```

    }
    if (overflow) {
    if (sign == 1) {
        return Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    } else {
        return Integer.MIN_VALUE;
    }
    }
    return sign*inter;
}

```

Valid Parentheses

Given a string containing just the characters '(', ')', '{', '}', '[', and ']', determine if the input string is valid.

The brackets must close in the correct order, "()" and "{}[]" are all valid but "[(" and ")]" are not.

stack push in '(' and pop out '(' and check if that match with the current char ')', etc.

```

public class Solution {
    public boolean isValid(String s) {
        if (s == null || s.length() <= 0) {
            return false;
        }

        int n = s.length();
        Stack<Character> comp = new Stack<Character>();
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            char st = s.charAt(i);
            if (st == '(' || st == '[' || st == '{') {
                comp.push(st);
            }
            if (!comp.isEmpty()) {
                if (st == ')') {
                    char t = comp.pop();
                    if (t != '(') {
                        return false;
                    }
                }
                else if (st == ']') {
                    char t = comp.pop();
                    if (t != '[') {
                        return false;
                    }
                }
                else if (st == '}') {
                    char t = comp.pop();
                    if (t != '{') {
                        return false;
                    }
                }
            } else return false;
        }
        if (!comp.isEmpty()) return false;
        return true;
    }
}

```

Generate Parentheses

Given n pairs of parentheses, write a function to generate all combinations of well-formed parentheses.

For example, given $n = 3$, a solution set is:

"((()))", "(())()", "(()())", "()()", "()()()"

DFS, recursion, hash set to store unique string

add left parentheses first, left and right reaches n then add to hash set, if left reaches n then add right parentheses.

```

public class Solution {
    public List<String> generateParenthesis(int n) {
        List<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
        if (n == 0) {
            return list;
        }
        HashSet<String> hash = new HashSet<String>();
        dfs(n, 0, hash, "", list);
        return list;
    }

    private void dfs(int n, int left, int right, HashSet<String> hash, String s, List<String> list) {
        if (left < right) return;

        if (left == n && right == n) {
            if (!hash.contains(s)) {
                hash.add(s);
                list.add(s);
            }
            return;
        }

        if (left == n) {
            dfs(n, left, right + 1, hash, s + ")", list);
            return;
        }

        dfs(n, left + 1, right, hash, s + "(", list);
        dfs(n, left, right + 1, hash, s + ")", list);
    }
}

```

Add Binary

Given two binary strings, return their sum (also a binary string).

For example,

a = "11"

b = "1"

Return "100".

```

  11
+  1
----
100

```

0+1=1; 1+0=1; 0+0=0; 1+1=10 (last is 0 and add 1(carry) to front)

math: 个位数是 (a+b+carry) %2 and carry=(a+b+carry)/2; last step, if carry is 1, add one additional 1 to front


```

public class Solution {
    public String addBinary(String a, String b) {
        if (a == null && b == null) return "";
        if (a == null && b.length() > 0) return b;
        if (b == null && a.length() > 0) return a;

        int carry = 0;
        StringBuffer str = new StringBuffer();

        for (int i = a.length() - 1, j = b.length() - 1; i >= 0 || j >= 0; i--, j--) {
            int a2 = i >= 0 ? a.charAt(i) - '0' : 0;
            int b2 = j >= 0 ? b.charAt(j) - '0' : 0;
            str.insert(0, char)((a2 + b2 + carry) % 2 + '0');
            carry = (a2 + b2 + carry) / 2;
        }
        if (carry == 1) {
            str.insert(0, '1');
        }

        return str.toString();
    }
}

```

Restore IP Addresses

Given a string containing only digits, restore it by returning all possible valid IP address combinations.

For example:

Given `"25525511135"`,

return `["255.255.11.135", "255.255.111.35"]`. (Order does not matter)

brute-force algorithm,

valid IP address: each substring length < 4; no '00', i.e, if length>1 then the first char cannot be 0; each value<255

```

public class Solution {
    public List<String> restoreIpAddresses(String s) {
        List<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
        // s = s.trim();
        int n = s.length();
        if (s == null || (n < 4 || n > 12)){
            return list;
        }
        int i = 0;
        for (int j = i + 1; j < n - 2; j++) {
            for (int k = j + 1; k < n - 1; k++) {
                for (int z = k + 1; z < n; z++) {
                    String a = s.substring(i, j), b = s.substring(j, k), c = s.substring(k, z), d = s.substring(z);
                    if (isIP(a, b, c, d))
                        list.add(a + "." + b + "." + c + "." + d);
                }
            }
        }
        return list;
    }

    private boolean isIP(String a, String b, String c, String d) {
        if (a.length() > 4 || b.length() > 4 || c.length() > 4 || d.length() > 4)
            return false;
        if ((a.length() > 1 && a.charAt(0) == '0') || (b.length() > 1 && b.charAt(0) == '0') || (c.length() > 1 && c.charAt(0) == '0') || (d.length() > 1 && d.charAt(0) == '0'))
            return false;
        int a0 = Integer.parseInt(a);
        int b0 = Integer.parseInt(b);
        int c0 = Integer.parseInt(c);
        int d0 = Integer.parseInt(d);

        if (a0 > 255 || b0 > 255 || c0 > 255 || d0 > 255)
            return false;

        return true;
    }
}

```

Valid Palindrome

Given a string, determine if it is a palindrome, considering only alphanumeric characters and ignoring cases.

For example,

`"A man, a plan, a canal: Panama"` is a palindrome.

`"race a car"` is not a palindrome.

Note:

Have you consider that the string might be empty? This is a good question to ask during an interview.

For the purpose of this problem, we define empty string as valid palindrome.

test cases: ab@a, a, .a, ""

```

public class Solution {
    public boolean isPalindrome(String s) {
        s = s.replaceAll("[^a-zA-Z]", "");
        s = s.toLowerCase();
        if (s == null || s.length() <= 1) return true;

        int n = s.length();

        int i = 0;
        int j = n - 1 - i;
        while (i <= j) {
            char r = s.charAt(i);
            if (r < '0' || r > 'z' || (r < 'a' && r > '9')) {
                i++;
                continue;
            }

            r = s.charAt(j);
            if (r < '0' || r > 'z' || (r < 'a' && r > '9')) {
                j--;
                continue;
            }

            if (s.charAt(i) != s.charAt(j)) {
                return false;
            } else {
                i++;
                j--;
            }
        }

        return true;
    }
}

```

Remove Duplicates from Sorted Array

Given a sorted array, remove the duplicates in place such that each element appear only *once* and return the new length.

Do not allocate extra space for another array, you must do this in place with constant memory.

For example,

Given input array A = [1,1,2],

Your function should return length = 2, and A is now [1,2].

solution: remove duplicates in the sorted array and return the length;

test case: null, 1, [1, 2], [1,1,2], when duplicates occurs, take advantage of the sorted array, increase pointer i(i=0) until no duplicates, and assign A[j](j=0) as A[i], increase j, increase i.

```
public class Solution {
    public int removeDuplicates(int[] A) {
        int n = A.length;
        if (A == null || n == 0)
            return 0;

        int i = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            while (i + 1 < n && A[i] == A[i + 1]) {
                i++;
            }
            A[i] = A[i];
            i++;
        }
        return i;
    }
}
```

Remove Duplicates from Sorted Array II

Follow up for "Remove Duplicates":

What if duplicates are allowed at most *twice*?

For example,

Given sorted array A = [1,1,1,2,2,3],

Your function should return length = 5, and A is now [1,1,2,2,3].

solution: take the first two and add to the 'new' array, skip the redundant ones.

```
public class Solution {
    public int removeDuplicates(int[] A) {
        if (A == null || A.length == 0) return 0;

        int n = A.length;
        int i = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            A[i] = A[i];
            i++;

            while (i + 2 < n && A[i] == A[i + 1] && A[i] == A[i + 2]) {
                i++;
            }
        }
        return i;
    }
}
```

Remove Element

Given an array and a value, remove all instances of that value in place and return the new length.

The order of elements can be changed. It doesn't matter what you leave beyond the new length.

将没有elem的新数组覆盖原数组，num记录新的数组修改的位置，同时也表示新数组元素的个数

```
public class Solution {
    public int removeElement(int[] A, int elem) {
        int n = A.length;
        if (A == null || n == 0) return 0;

        int i = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            if (A[i] != elem) {
                A[i] = A[i];
                i++;
            }
        }
        return i;
    }
}
```

Merge Sorted Array

Given two sorted integer arrays A and B, merge B into A as one sorted array.

Note:

You may assume that A has enough space (size that is greater or equal to $m + n$) to hold additional elements from B. The number of elements initialized in A and B are m and n respectively.

从a的最后一位开始赋值，哪个大的assign哪个到a的第k位，k递减，另一指针递减，直到其中一个array exhausted，从剩下那个array赋值；考虑两种情况，其中一个array是空的

```
public class Solution {
    public void merge(int A[], int m, int B[], int n) {
        int i = m - 1;
        int j = n - 1;
        int k = m + n - 1;

        while (k >= 0) {
            if ((i >= 0 && j >= 0 && A[i] < B[j]) || i < 0) {
                A[k] = B[j];
                j--;
            } else if ((j >= 0 && i >= 0 && A[i] >= B[j]) || j < 0) {
                A[k] = A[i];
                i--;
            }
        }

        if (m == 0) {
            for (int z = k; z >= 0; z--) {
                A[z] = B[j];
                j--;
            }
            return;
        } else if (n == 0) {
            return;
        }
    }
}
```

3Sum Closest

Given an array S of n integers, find three integers in S such that the sum is closest to a given number, target. Return the sum of the three integers. You may assume that each input would have exactly one solution.
For example, given array $S = \{-1\ 2\ 1\ -4\}$, and target = 1.

The sum that is closest to the target is 2. $(-1 + 2 + 1 = 2)$.

solution: three pointers: move $j++$ or $k--$, compare mindiff

```
public class Solution {
    public int threeSumClosest(int[] num, int target) {
        int n = num.length;
        if (n < 3) return Integer.MIN_VALUE;

        Arrays.sort(num);

        int min = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        int mindiff = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            int j = i + 1;
            int k = n - 1;

            while (j < k) {
                int sum = num[i] + num[j] + num[k];
                if (sum == target) return sum;
                else if (sum < target) j++;
                else if (sum > target) k--;

                int y = Math.abs(sum - target);
                if (y < mindiff) {
                    mindiff = y;
                    min = sum;
                }
            }
        }
        return min;
    }
}
```

3Sum

Given an array S of n integers, are there elements a, b, c in S such that $a + b + c = 0$? Find all unique triplets in the array which gives the sum of zero.

Note:

- Elements in a triplet (a,b,c) must be in non-descending order. (ie, $a \leq b \leq c$)
- The solution set must not contain duplicate triplets.

For example, given array $S = \{-1\ 0\ 1\ 2\ -1\ -4\}$,

A solution set is:

$(-1, 0, 1)$
 $(-1, -1, 2)$

解法同3sum closest, while里面避免无限循环, 当 $sum = 0$ 时, $j++$, $k--$

```
public class Solution {
    public List<List<Integer>> threeSum(int[] num) {
        HashSet<HashSet> hash = new HashSet();
        List list = new ArrayList();
        int n = num.length;
        if (n < 3) return list;

        Arrays.sort(num);

        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            int j = i + 1;
            int k = n - 1;

            while (j < k) {
                int sum = num[i] + num[j] + num[k];
                if (sum == 0) {
                    List<Integer> s = new ArrayList<Integer>();
                    s.add(num[i]);
                    s.add(num[j]);
                    s.add(num[k]);

                    if (!hash.contains(s)) {
                        hash.add(s);
                        list.add(s);
                    }
                    j++;
                    k--;
                } else if (sum < 0) {
                    j++;
                } else if (sum > 0) {
                    k--;
                }
            }
        }
        return list;
    }
}
```