

Problem 2293: Min Max Game

Problem Information

Difficulty: Easy

Acceptance Rate: 64.05%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Simulation

Problem Description

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums` whose length is a power of `2`.

Apply the following algorithm on `nums`:

1. Let `n` be the length of `nums`. If `n == 1`, **end** the process. Otherwise, **create** a new **0-indexed** integer array `newNums` of length `n / 2`.
2. For every **even** index `i` where `0 <= i < n / 2`, **assign** the value of `newNums[i]` as `min(nums[2 * i], nums[2 * i + 1])`.
3. For every **odd** index `i` where `0 <= i < n / 2`, **assign** the value of `newNums[i]` as `max(nums[2 * i], nums[2 * i + 1])`.
4. **Replace** the array `nums` with `newNums`.
5. **Repeat** the entire process starting from step 1.

Return the last number that remains in `nums` after applying the algorithm.

Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,3,5,2,4,8,2,2] **Output:** 1 **Explanation:** The following arrays are the results of applying the algorithm repeatedly. First: nums = [1,5,4,2] Second: nums = [1,4] Third: nums = [1] 1 is the last remaining number, so we return 1.

Example 2:

Input: nums = [3] **Output:** 3 **Explanation:** 3 is already the last remaining number, so we return 3.

****Constraints:****

* `1 <= nums.length <= 1024` * `1 <= nums[i] <= 109` * `nums.length` is a power of `2`.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minMaxGame(vector<int>& nums) {
        ...
    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int minMaxGame(int[] nums) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def minMaxGame(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
```