

# Problem 2170: Minimum Operations to Make the Array Alternating

## Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given a

0-indexed

array

nums

consisting of

n

positive integers.

The array

nums

is called

alternating

if:

$\text{nums}[i - 2] == \text{nums}[i]$

, where

$2 \leq i \leq n - 1$

.

$\text{nums}[i - 1] \neq \text{nums}[i]$

, where

$1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

.

In one

operation

, you can choose an index

i

and

change

$\text{nums}[i]$

into

any

positive integer.

Return

the

minimum number of operations

required to make the array alternating

.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [3,1,3,2,4,3]

Output:

3

Explanation:

One way to make the array alternating is by converting it to [3,1,3,

1

,

3

,

1

]. The number of operations required in this case is 3. It can be proven that it is not possible to make the array alternating in less than 3 operations.

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [1,2,2,2,2]

Output:

2

Explanation:

One way to make the array alternating is by converting it to [1,2,

1

,2,

1

]. The number of operations required in this case is 2. Note that the array cannot be converted to [

2

,2,2,2,2] because in this case  $\text{nums}[0] == \text{nums}[1]$  which violates the conditions of an alternating array.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10$

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$1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10$

5

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:
```

```
int minimumOperations(vector<int>& nums) {  
}  
};
```

### Java:

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

### Python3:

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

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def minimumOperations(self, nums):  
        """  
        :type nums: List[int]  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {number[]} nums  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var minimumOperations = function(nums) {  
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function minimumOperations(nums: number[]): number {  
};
```

**C#:**

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

**C:**

```
int minimumOperations(int* nums, int numSize) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func minimumOperations(nums []int) int {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun minimumOperations(nums: IntArray): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func minimumOperations(_ nums: [Int]) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn minimum_operations(nums: Vec<i32>) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {Integer[]} nums
# @return {Integer}
def minimum_operations(nums)

end
```

**PHP:**

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[] $nums
     * @return Integer
     */
    function minimumOperations($nums) {

    }
}
```

**Dart:**

```
class Solution {
    int minimumOperations(List<int> nums) {
    }
}
```

**Scala:**

```
object Solution {
    def minimumOperations(nums: Array[Int]): Int = {
    }
}
```

**Elixir:**

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec minimum_operations(nums :: [integer]) :: integer
  def minimum_operations(nums) do
```

```
end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec minimum_operations(Nums :: [integer()]) -> integer().  
minimum_operations(Nums) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (minimum-operations nums)  
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)  
 )
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
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 * Difficulty: Medium  
 * Tags: array, greedy, hash  
 *  
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
 * Space Complexity: O(n) for hash map  
 */  
  
class Solution {  
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        }  
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```
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```

```

class Solution {
public int minimumOperations(int[] nums) {

}
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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class Solution:
    def minimumOperations(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

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