

Problem 1848: Minimum Distance to the Target Element

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Easy**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given an integer array

nums

(0-indexed)

and two integers

target

and

start

, find an index

i

such that

$\text{nums}[i] == \text{target}$

and

$\text{abs}(i - \text{start})$

is

minimized

. Note that

$\text{abs}(x)$

is the absolute value of

x

Return

$\text{abs}(i - \text{start})$

It is

guaranteed

that

target

exists in

nums

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [1,2,3,4,5], target = 5, start = 3

Output:

1

Explanation:

nums[4] = 5 is the only value equal to target, so the answer is $\text{abs}(4 - 3) = 1$.

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [1], target = 1, start = 0

Output:

0

Explanation:

nums[0] = 1 is the only value equal to target, so the answer is $\text{abs}(0 - 0) = 0$.

Example 3:

Input:

nums = [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1], target = 1, start = 0

Output:

0

Explanation:

Every value of nums is 1, but nums[0] minimizes $\text{abs}(i - \text{start})$, which is $\text{abs}(0 - 0) = 0$.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 1000$

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

4

$0 \leq \text{start} < \text{nums.length}$

target

is in

nums

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int getMinDistance(vector<int>& nums, int target, int start) {  
        }  
    };
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public int getMinDistance(int[] nums, int target, int start) {  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

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

Python:

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

```

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} nums
 * @param {number} target
 * @param {number} start
 * @return {number}
 */
var getMinDistance = function(nums, target, start) {
};


```

TypeScript:

```
function getMinDistance(nums: number[], target: number, start: number):
    number {

}
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public int GetMinDistance(int[] nums, int target, int start) {
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C:

```
int getMinDistance(int* nums, int numsSize, int target, int start) {
}
```

Go:

```
func getMinDistance(nums []int, target int, start int) int {  
}  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun getMinDistance(nums: IntArray, target: Int, start: Int): Int {  
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    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func getMinDistance(_ nums: [Int], _ target: Int, _ start: Int) -> Int {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn get_min_distance(nums: Vec<i32>, target: i32, start: i32) -> i32 {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} nums  
# @param {Integer} target  
# @param {Integer} start  
# @return {Integer}  
def get_min_distance(nums, target, start)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[] $nums
     * @param Integer $target
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     * @return Integer
     */
    function getMinDistance($nums, $target, $start) {

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Dart:

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class Solution {
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Scala:

```
object Solution {
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Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec get_min_distance(nums :: [integer], target :: integer, start :: integer) :: integer
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    end
  end
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Erlang:

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Racket:

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(define/contract (get-min-distance nums target start)
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Solutions

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