

# Problem 486: Predict the Winner

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

You are given an integer array

nums

. Two players are playing a game with this array: player 1 and player 2.

Player 1 and player 2 take turns, with player 1 starting first. Both players start the game with a score of

0

. At each turn, the player takes one of the numbers from either end of the array (i.e.,

nums[0]

or

nums[nums.length - 1]

) which reduces the size of the array by

1

. The player adds the chosen number to their score. The game ends when there are no more elements in the array.

Return

true

if Player 1 can win the game. If the scores of both players are equal, then player 1 is still the winner, and you should also return

true

. You may assume that both players are playing optimally.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [1,5,2]

Output:

false

Explanation:

Initially, player 1 can choose between 1 and 2. If he chooses 2 (or 1), then player 2 can choose from 1 (or 2) and 5. If player 2 chooses 5, then player 1 will be left with 1 (or 2). So, final score of player 1 is  $1 + 2 = 3$ , and player 2 is 5. Hence, player 1 will never be the winner and you need to return false.

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [1,5,233,7]

Output:

true

Explanation:

Player 1 first chooses 1. Then player 2 has to choose between 5 and 7. No matter which number player 2 choose, player 1 can choose 233. Finally, player 1 has more score (234) than player 2 (12), so you need to return True representing player1 can win.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 20$

$0 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10$

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## Code Snippets

**C++:**

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

**Java:**

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

**Python3:**

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

**Python:**

```
class Solution(object):  
    def predictTheWinner(self, nums):
```

```
"""
:type nums: List[int]
:rtype: bool
"""
```

### JavaScript:

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

### TypeScript:

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

### C#:

```
public class Solution {
public bool PredictTheWinner(int[] nums) {

}
```

### C:

```
bool predictTheWinner(int* nums, int numsSize) {
}
```

### Go:

```
func predictTheWinner(nums []int) bool {
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun predictTheWinner(nums: IntArray): Boolean {  
        // Implementation  
    }  
}
```

## Swift:

```
class Solution {
    func predictTheWinner(_ nums: [Int]) -> Bool {
        // Implementation
    }
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {
    pub fn predict_the_winner(nums: Vec<i32>) -> bool {
        let mut dp = vec![0; nums.len()];
        for i in (0..=dp.len() - 1).rev() {
            if i == 0 {
                dp[i] = nums[0];
            } else {
                dp[i] = std::cmp::max(
                    nums[i] + dp[i + 1],
                    nums[i + 1] + dp[i + 2]
                );
            }
        }
        dp[0] >= dp[dp.len() - 1]
    }
}
```

## Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} nums
# @return {Boolean}
def predict_the_winner(nums)
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $nums  
     * @return Boolean  
     */  
  
    function predictTheWinner($nums) {  
  
        }  
    }  
}
```

### Dart:

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

### Scala:

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

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
    @spec predict_the_winner(list :: [integer]) :: boolean  
    def predict_the_winner(list) do  
  
    end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec predict_the_winner(list :: [integer()]) -> boolean().  
predict_the_winner(list) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (predict-the-winner list)  
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) boolean?)  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```

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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, dp, math
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 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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class Solution:

def predictTheWinner(self, nums: List[int]) -> bool:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

```

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