

# Problem 3684: Maximize Sum of At Most K Distinct Elements

## Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 73.93%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Hash Table, Greedy, Sorting

## Problem Description

You are given a **positive** integer array `nums` and an integer `k`.

Choose at most `k` elements from `nums` so that their sum is maximized. However, the chosen numbers must be **distinct**.

Return an array containing the chosen numbers in **strictly descending** order.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `nums = [84,93,100,77,90]`, `k = 3`

**Output:** `[100,93,90]`

**Explanation:**

The maximum sum is 283, which is attained by choosing 93, 100 and 90. We rearrange them in strictly descending order as `[100, 93, 90]`.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `nums = [84,93,100,77,93]`, `k = 3`

**Output:** `[100,93,84]`

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

The maximum sum is 277, which is attained by choosing 84, 93 and 100. We rearrange them in strictly descending order as `[100, 93, 84]`. We cannot choose 93, 100 and 93 because the chosen numbers must be distinct.

**\*\*Example 3:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** nums = [1,1,1,2,2,2], k = 6

**\*\*Output:\*\*** [2,1]

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

The maximum sum is 3, which is attained by choosing 1 and 2. We rearrange them in strictly descending order as `[2, 1]`.

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\* `1 <= nums.length <= 100` \* `1 <= nums[i] <= 109` \* `1 <= k <= nums.length`

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> maxKDistinct(vector<int>& nums, int k) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public int[] maxKDistinct(int[] nums, int k) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

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