

# Problem 1887: Reduction Operations to Make the Array Elements Equal

## Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

Given an integer array

nums

, your goal is to make all elements in

nums

equal. To complete one operation, follow these steps:

Find the

largest

value in

nums

. Let its index be

i

(

0-indexed

) and its value be

largest

. If there are multiple elements with the largest value, pick the smallest

i

Find the

next largest

value in

nums

strictly smaller

than

largest

. Let its value be

nextLargest

Reduce

nums[i]

to

nextLargest

.

Return

the number of operations to make all elements in

nums

equal

.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [5,1,3]

Output:

3

Explanation:

It takes 3 operations to make all elements in nums equal: 1. largest = 5 at index 0.  
nextLargest = 3. Reduce nums[0] to 3. nums = [

3

,1,3]. 2. largest = 3 at index 0. nextLargest = 1. Reduce nums[0] to 1. nums = [

1

,1,3]. 3. largest = 3 at index 2. nextLargest = 1. Reduce nums[2] to 1. nums = [1,1,

1

].

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [1,1,1]

Output:

0

Explanation:

All elements in nums are already equal.

Example 3:

Input:

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

Output:

4

Explanation:

It takes 4 operations to make all elements in nums equal: 1. largest = 3 at index 4.  
nextLargest = 2. Reduce nums[4] to 2. nums = [1,1,2,2,

2

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1

,2,2]. 3. largest = 2 at index 3. nextLargest = 1. Reduce nums[3] to 1. nums = [1,1,1,

1

,2]. 4. largest = 2 at index 4. nextLargest = 1. Reduce nums[4] to 1. nums = [1,1,1,1,  
1  
].

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 5 * 10^4$

$1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 5 * 10^4$

## Code Snippets

### C++:

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

### Java:

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

### Python3:

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

**Python:**

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

```

**JavaScript:**

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

}
```

**TypeScript:**

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

}
```

**C#:**

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

**C:**

```
int reductionOperations(int* nums, int numsSize) {
}
```

**Go:**

```
func reductionOperations(nums []int) int {
```

```
}
```

### Kotlin:

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

### Swift:

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

### Rust:

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

### Ruby:

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

### PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $nums  
     * @return Integer  
     */
```

```
function reductionOperations($nums) {  
}  
}  
}
```

### Dart:

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

### Scala:

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

### Elixir:

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

### Erlang:

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

### Racket:

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

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, sort
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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 reductionOperations(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
```

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