

# Problem 1570: Dot Product of Two Sparse Vectors

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 89.94%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Hash Table, Two Pointers, Design

## Problem Description

Given two sparse vectors, compute their dot product.

Implement class `SparseVector` :

\* `SparseVector(nums)` Initializes the object with the vector `nums` \* `dotProduct(vec)`  
Compute the dot product between the instance of `_SparseVector_` and `vec`

A **sparse vector** is a vector that has mostly zero values, you should store the sparse vector **efficiently** and compute the dot product between two `_SparseVector_`.

**Follow up:** What if only one of the vectors is sparse?

**Example 1:**

**Input:** nums1 = [1,0,0,2,3], nums2 = [0,3,0,4,0] **Output:** 8 **Explanation:** v1 = SparseVector(nums1) , v2 = SparseVector(nums2) v1.dotProduct(v2) = 1\*0 + 0\*3 + 0\*0 + 2\*4 + 3\*0 = 8

**Example 2:**

**Input:** nums1 = [0,1,0,0,0], nums2 = [0,0,0,0,2] **Output:** 0 **Explanation:** v1 = SparseVector(nums1) , v2 = SparseVector(nums2) v1.dotProduct(v2) = 0\*0 + 1\*0 + 0\*0 + 0\*0 + 0\*2 = 0

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

**\*\*Input:\*\*** nums1 = [0,1,0,0,2,0,0], nums2 = [1,0,0,0,3,0,4] **\*\*Output:\*\*** 6

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

\* `n == nums1.length == nums2.length` \* `1 <= n <= 10^5` \* `0 <= nums1[i], nums2[i] <= 100`

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class SparseVector {
public:

    SparseVector(vector<int> &nums) {

    }

    // Return the dotProduct of two sparse vectors
    int dotProduct(SparseVector& vec) {

    }

};

// Your SparseVector object will be instantiated and called as such:
// SparseVector v1(nums1);
// SparseVector v2(nums2);
// int ans = v1.dotProduct(v2);
```

**Java:**

```
class SparseVector {

    SparseVector(int[] nums) {

    }

    // Return the dotProduct of two sparse vectors
    public int dotProduct(SparseVector vec) {
```

```
}

}

// Your SparseVector object will be instantiated and called as such:
// SparseVector v1 = new SparseVector(nums1);
// SparseVector v2 = new SparseVector(nums2);
// int ans = v1.dotProduct(v2);
```

### Python3:

```
class SparseVector:

    def __init__(self, nums: List[int]):

        # Return the dotProduct of two sparse vectors
        def dotProduct(self, vec: 'SparseVector') -> int:

            # Your SparseVector object will be instantiated and called as such:
            # v1 = SparseVector(nums1)
            # v2 = SparseVector(nums2)
            # ans = v1.dotProduct(v2)
```