

Problem 575: Distribute Candies

Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Alice has

n

candies, where the

i

th

candy is of type

`candyType[i]`

. Alice noticed that she started to gain weight, so she visited a doctor.

The doctor advised Alice to only eat

$n / 2$

of the candies she has (

n

is always even). Alice likes her candies very much, and she wants to eat the maximum number of different types of candies while still following the doctor's advice.

Given the integer array

candyType

of length

n

, return

the

maximum

number of different types of candies she can eat if she only eats

$n / 2$

of them

.

Example 1:

Input:

candyType = [1,1,2,2,3,3]

Output:

3

Explanation:

Alice can only eat $6 / 2 = 3$ candies. Since there are only 3 types, she can eat one of each type.

Example 2:

Input:

candyType = [1,1,2,3]

Output:

2

Explanation:

Alice can only eat $4 / 2 = 2$ candies. Whether she eats types [1,2], [1,3], or [2,3], she still can only eat 2 different types.

Example 3:

Input:

candyType = [6,6,6,6]

Output:

1

Explanation:

Alice can only eat $4 / 2 = 2$ candies. Even though she can eat 2 candies, she only has 1 type.

Constraints:

$n == \text{candyType.length}$

$2 \leq n \leq 10$

4

n

is even.

-10

5

<= candyType[i] <= 10

5

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int distributeCandies(vector<int>& candyType) {  
  
    }  
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
public int distributeCandies(int[] candyType) {  
  
}  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def distributeCandies(self, candyType: List[int]) -> int:
```

Python:

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

JavaScript:

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

TypeScript:

```
function distributeCandies(candyType: number[]): number {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int DistributeCandies(int[] candyType) {  
  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
int distributeCandies(int* candyType, int candyTypeSize) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func distributeCandies(candyType []int) int {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun distributeCandies(candyType: IntArray): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func distributeCandies(_ candyType: [Int]) -> Int {  
          
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn distribute_candies(candy_type: Vec<i32>) -> i32 {  
          
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} candy_type  
# @return {Integer}  
def distribute_candies(candy_type)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $candyType  
     * @return Integer  
     */  
    function distributeCandies($candyType) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    int distributeCandies(List<int> candyType) {  
  
    }
```

```
}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def distributeCandies(candyType: Array[Int]): Int = {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
    @spec distribute_candies(candy_type :: [integer]) :: integer  
    def distribute_candies(candy_type) do  
  
    end  
    end
```

Erlang:

```
-spec distribute_candies(CandyType :: [integer()]) -> integer().  
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Racket:

```
(define/contract (distribute-candies candyType)  
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)  
)
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
/*  
 * Problem: Distribute Candies  
 * Difficulty: Easy  
 * Tags: array, hash  
 */
```

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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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Python3 Solution:

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class Solution:

    def distributeCandies(self, candyType: List[int]) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
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public class Solution {
    public int DistributeCandies(int[] candyType) {
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