

# Problem 710: Random Pick with Blacklist

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 34.40%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Hash Table, Math, Binary Search, Sorting, Randomized

## Problem Description

You are given an integer `n` and an array of \*\*unique\*\* integers `blacklist`. Design an algorithm to pick a random integer in the range `[0, n - 1]` that is \*\*not\*\* in `blacklist`. Any integer that is in the mentioned range and not in `blacklist` should be \*\*equally likely\*\* to be returned.

Optimize your algorithm such that it minimizes the number of calls to the \*\*built-in\*\* random function of your language.

Implement the `Solution` class:

\* `Solution(int n, int[] blacklist)` Initializes the object with the integer `n` and the blacklisted integers `blacklist`. \* `int pick()` Returns a random integer in the range `[0, n - 1]` and not in `blacklist`.

**Example 1:**

```
**Input** ["Solution", "pick", "pick", "pick", "pick", "pick", "pick", "pick"]
[[7, [2, 3, 5]], [], [], [], [], [], []]
**Output** [null, 0, 4, 1, 6, 1, 0, 4]
**Explanation**
Solution solution = new Solution(7, [2, 3, 5]);
solution.pick(); // return 0, any integer from [0,1,4,6] should be ok. Note that for every
call of pick, // 0, 1, 4, and 6 must be equally likely to be returned (i.e., with probability 1/4).
solution.pick(); // return 4
solution.pick(); // return 1
solution.pick(); // return 6
solution.pick(); // return 1
solution.pick(); // return 0
solution.pick(); // return 4
```

**Constraints:**

\* `1 <= n <= 109` \* `0 <= blacklist.length <= min(105, n - 1)` \* `0 <= blacklist[i] < n` \* All the values of `blacklist` are \*\*unique\*\*. \* At most `2 \* 104` calls will be made to `pick`.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    Solution(int n, vector<int>& blacklist) {

    }

    int pick() {

    }
};

/***
 * Your Solution object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * Solution* obj = new Solution(n, blacklist);
 * int param_1 = obj->pick();
 */

```

### Java:

```
class Solution {

    public Solution(int n, int[] blacklist) {

    }

    public int pick() {

    }
};

/***
 * Your Solution object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * Solution obj = new Solution(n, blacklist);
 * int param_1 = obj.pick();
 */

```

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### Python3:

```
class Solution:

def __init__(self, n: int, blacklist: List[int]):


def pick(self) -> int:

# Your Solution object will be instantiated and called as such:
# obj = Solution(n, blacklist)
# param_1 = obj.pick()
```