

Problem 287: Find the Duplicate Number

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given an array of integers

nums

containing

$n + 1$

integers where each integer is in the range

$[1, n]$

inclusive.

There is only

one repeated number

in

nums

, return

this repeated number

You must solve the problem

without

modifying the array

nums

and using only constant extra space.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [1,3,4,2,2]

Output:

2

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [3,1,3,4,2]

Output:

3

Example 3:

Input:

nums = [3,3,3,3,3]

Output:

3

Constraints:

$1 \leq n \leq 10$

5

`nums.length == n + 1`

$1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq n$

All the integers in

`nums`

appear only

once

except for

precisely one integer

which appears

two or more

times.

Follow up:

How can we prove that at least one duplicate number must exist in

`nums`

?

Can you solve the problem in linear runtime complexity?

Code Snippets

C++:

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

Java:

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

Python3:

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

Python:

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

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {number[]} nums  
 * @return {number}  
 */
```

```
var findDuplicate = function(nums) {  
};
```

TypeScript:

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

C#:

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

C:

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

Go:

```
func findDuplicate(nums []int) int {  
}
```

Kotlin:

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

Swift:

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

```
}
```

```
}
```

Rust:

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

Ruby:

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

end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[] $nums
     * @return Integer
     */
    function findDuplicate($nums) {

    }
}
```

Dart:

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

Scala:

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

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
  @spec find_duplicate(list :: [integer]) :: integer  
  def find_duplicate(list) do  
  
  end  
end
```

Erlang:

```
-spec find_duplicate(list :: [integer()]) -> integer().  
find_duplicate(List) ->  
.
```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (find-duplicate list)  
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)  
)
```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
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 * Tags: array, search  
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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 {  
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}
```

Python3 Solution:

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"""  
  
class Solution:  
    def findDuplicate(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:  
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution  
        pass
```

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