

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[] $nums  
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     */  
    function findDuplicate($nums) {  
  
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Dart:

```
class Solution {  
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Scala:

```

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

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Racket:

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Solutions

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        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

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