

Problem 2293: Min Max Game

Problem Information

Difficulty: Easy

Acceptance Rate: 64.05%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Simulation

Problem Description

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums`` whose length is a power of `2``.

Apply the following algorithm on `nums``:

1. Let `n`` be the length of `nums``. If `n == 1``, **end** the process. Otherwise, **create** a new **0-indexed** integer array `newNums`` of length `n / 2``.
2. For every **even** index `i`` where `0 <= i < n / 2``, **assign** the value of `newNums[i]` as `min(nums[2 * i], nums[2 * i + 1])``.
3. For every **odd** index `i`` where `0 <= i < n / 2``, **assign** the value of `newNums[i]` as `max(nums[2 * i], nums[2 * i + 1])``.
4. **Replace** the array `nums`` with `newNums``.
5. **Repeat** the entire process starting from step 1.

Return `_`` the last number that remains in `nums`` after applying the algorithm.

Example 1:

<https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2022/04/13/example1drawio-1.png>

Input: `nums = [1,3,5,2,4,8,2,2]` **Output:** `1` **Explanation:** The following arrays are the results of applying the algorithm repeatedly. First: `nums = [1,5,4,2]` Second: `nums = [1,4]` Third: `nums = [1]` 1 is the last remaining number, so we return 1.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [3]` **Output:** `3` **Explanation:** 3 is already the last remaining number, so we return 3.

****Constraints:****

*`1` <= nums.length <= 1024` *`1` <= nums[i] <= 109` *`nums.length` is a power of `2`.

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minMaxGame(vector<int>& nums) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int minMaxGame(int[] nums) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

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