

Problem 1887: Reduction Operations to Make the Array Elements Equal

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

Given an integer array

`nums`

, your goal is to make all elements in

`nums`

equal. To complete one operation, follow these steps:

Find the

largest

value in

`nums`

. Let its index be

`i`

(

0-indexed

) and its value be

largest

. If there are multiple elements with the largest value, pick the smallest

i

.

Find the

next largest

value in

nums

strictly smaller

than

largest

. Let its value be

nextLargest

.

Reduce

nums[i]

to

nextLargest

.

Return

the number of operations to make all elements in

nums

equal

.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [5,1,3]

Output:

3

Explanation:

It takes 3 operations to make all elements in nums equal: 1. largest = 5 at index 0. nextLargest = 3. Reduce nums[0] to 3. nums = [

3

,1,3]. 2. largest = 3 at index 0. nextLargest = 1. Reduce nums[0] to 1. nums = [

1

,1,3]. 3. largest = 3 at index 2. nextLargest = 1. Reduce nums[2] to 1. nums = [1,1,

1

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Example 2:

Input:

nums = [1,1,1]

Output:

0

Explanation:

All elements in nums are already equal.

Example 3:

Input:

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

Output:

4

Explanation:

It takes 4 operations to make all elements in nums equal: 1. largest = 3 at index 4. nextLargest = 2. Reduce nums[4] to 2. nums = [1,1,2,2,

2

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Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 5 * 10$

4

$1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 5 * 10$

4

Code Snippets

C++:

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

    }
};
```

Java:

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

    }
}
```

Python3:

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

Python:

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

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} nums
 * @return {number}
 */
var reductionOperations = function(nums) {

};
```

TypeScript:

```
function reductionOperations(nums: number[]): number {

};
```

C#:

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

    }
}
```

C:

```
int reductionOperations(int* nums, int numsSize) {

}
```

Go:

```
func reductionOperations(nums []int) int {
```

```
}
```

Kotlin:

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

Swift:

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

Rust:

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

Ruby:

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

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $nums  
     * @return Integer  
     */  
}
```

```
function reductionOperations($nums) {

}

}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {
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Scala:

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

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Elixir:

```
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Racket:

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Solutions

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 * Tags: array, sort
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        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

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