

# Problem 1413: Minimum Value to Get Positive Step by Step Sum

## Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 64.52%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Prefix Sum

## Problem Description

Given an array of integers `nums`, you start with an initial **positive** value `_startValue_`.

In each iteration, you calculate the step by step sum of `_startValue_` plus elements in `nums` (from left to right).

Return the minimum **positive** value of `_startValue_` such that the step by step sum is never less than 1.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `nums = [-3,2,-3,4,2]` **Output:** 5 **Explanation:** If you choose `startValue = 4`, in the third iteration your step by step sum is less than 1. **step by step sum** `startValue = 4 | startValue = 5 | nums`  
 $(4 - 3) = 1$  |  $(5 - 3) = 2$  |  $-3 (1 + 2) = 3$  |  $(2 + 2) = 4$  |  $2 (3 - 3) = 0$  |  $(4 - 3) = 1$  |  $-3 (0 + 4) = 4$  |  $(1 + 4) = 5$  |  $4 (4 + 2) = 6$  |  $(5 + 2) = 7$  | 2

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `nums = [1,2]` **Output:** 1 **Explanation:** Minimum start value should be positive.

**Example 3:**

**Input:** `nums = [1,-2,-3]` **Output:** 5

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

**\*`1` <= nums.length <= 100` \*`-100 <= nums[i] <= 100`**

## Code Snippets

### C++:

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

    }
};
```

### Java:

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

    }
}
```

### Python3:

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