

Problem 2170: Minimum Operations to Make the Array Alternating

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

You are given a

0-indexed

array

nums

consisting of

n

positive integers.

The array

nums

is called

alternating

if:

$\text{nums}[i - 2] \neq \text{nums}[i]$

, where

$$2 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

.

`nums[i - 1] != nums[i]`

, where

$$1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

.

In one

operation

, you can choose an index

`i`

and

change

`nums[i]`

into

any

positive integer.

Return

the

minimum number of operations

required to make the array alternating

.

Example 1:

Input:

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

Output:

3

Explanation:

One way to make the array alternating is by converting it to [3,1,3,

1

,

3

,

1

]. The number of operations required in this case is 3. It can be proven that it is not possible to make the array alternating in less than 3 operations.

Example 2:

Input:

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

Output:

2

Explanation:

One way to make the array alternating is by converting it to [1,2,

1

,2,

1

]. The number of operations required in this case is 2. Note that the array cannot be converted to [

2

,2,2,2,2] because in this case `nums[0] == nums[1]` which violates the conditions of an alternating array.

Constraints:

`1 <= nums.length <= 10`

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`1 <= nums[i] <= 10`

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Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:
```

```

int minimumOperations(vector<int>& nums) {

}

};

```

Java:

```

class Solution {
public int minimumOperations(int[] nums) {

}

}

```

Python3:

```

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

```

Python:

```

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

```

JavaScript:

```

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

};

```

TypeScript:

```

function minimumOperations(nums: number[]): number {

};

```

C#:

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

C:

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

Go:

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

Kotlin:

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

Swift:

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

Rust:

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

Ruby:

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

end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {

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

    }

}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {
  int minimumOperations(List<int> nums) {

  }
}
```

Scala:

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

  }
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```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec minimum_operations(nums :: [integer]) :: integer
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```
end  
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```

Erlang:

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-spec minimum_operations(Nums :: [integer()]) -> integer().  
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.
```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (minimum-operations nums)  
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)  
  )
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
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 * Tags: array, greedy, hash  
 *  
 * 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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Java Solution:

```
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# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

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