

Problem 2357: Make Array Zero by Subtracting Equal Amounts

Problem Information

Difficulty: Easy

Acceptance Rate: 73.69%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Hash Table, Greedy, Sorting, Heap (Priority Queue), Simulation

Problem Description

You are given a non-negative integer array `nums`. In one operation, you must:

- * Choose a positive integer `x` such that `x` is less than or equal to the **smallest non-zero** element in `nums`.
- * Subtract `x` from every **positive** element in `nums`.

Return _the**minimum** number of operations to make every element in `nums` _equal to_ `0`.

Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,5,0,3,5] **Output:** 3 **Explanation:** In the first operation, choose $x = 1$. Now, nums = [0,4,0,2,4]. In the second operation, choose $x = 2$. Now, nums = [0,2,0,0,2]. In the third operation, choose $x = 2$. Now, nums = [0,0,0,0,0].

Example 2:

Input: nums = [0] **Output:** 0 **Explanation:** Each element in nums is already 0 so no operations are needed.

Constraints:

* `1 <= nums.length <= 100` * `0 <= nums[i] <= 100`

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:
```