

Problem 2826: Sorting Three Groups

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 42.55%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Binary Search, Dynamic Programming

Problem Description

You are given an integer array `nums`. Each element in `nums` is 1, 2 or 3. In each operation, you can remove an element from `nums`. Return the **minimum** number of operations to make `nums` **non-decreasing**.

Example 1:

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

Output: 3

Explanation:

One of the optimal solutions is to remove `nums[0]`, `nums[2]` and `nums[3]`.

Example 2:

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

Output: 2

Explanation:

One of the optimal solutions is to remove `nums[1]` and `nums[2]`.

Example 3:

****Input:**** nums = [2,2,2,2,3,3]

****Output:**** 0

****Explanation:****

`nums` is already non-decreasing.

****Constraints:****

* `1 <= nums.length <= 100` * `1 <= nums[i] <= 3`

****Follow-up:**** Can you come up with an algorithm that runs in `O(n)` time complexity?

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minimumOperations(vector<int>& nums) {
        }
    };
}
```

Java:

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

Python3:

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