

# Problem 3265: Count Almost Equal Pairs I

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 37.96%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Hash Table, Sorting, Counting, Enumeration

## Problem Description

You are given an array `nums` consisting of positive integers.

We call two integers `x` and `y` in this problem **almost equal** if both integers can become equal after performing the following operation **at most once** :

\* Choose **either** `x` or `y` and swap any two digits within the chosen number.

Return the number of indices `i` and `j` in `nums` where `i < j` such that `nums[i]` and `nums[j]` are **almost equal**.

**Note** that it is allowed for an integer to have leading zeros after performing an operation.

**Example 1.**

**Input:** `nums = [3,12,30,17,21]`

**Output:** 2

**Explanation.**

The almost equal pairs of elements are:

\* 3 and 30. By swapping 3 and 0 in 30, you get 3. \* 12 and 21. By swapping 1 and 2 in 12, you get 21.

**\*\*Example 2:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** nums = [1,1,1,1,1]

**\*\*Output:\*\*** 10

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

Every two elements in the array are almost equal.

**\*\*Example 3:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** nums = [123,231]

**\*\*Output:\*\*** 0

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

We cannot swap any two digits of 123 or 231 to reach the other.

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

$2 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 100$   $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^6$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

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

    }
};
```

**Java:**

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

```
}  
}
```

### Python3:

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