

# Problem 3396: Minimum Number of Operations to Make Elements in Array Distinct

## Problem Information

Difficulty: [Easy](#)

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given an integer array

nums

. You need to ensure that the elements in the array are

distinct

. To achieve this, you can perform the following operation any number of times:

Remove 3 elements from the beginning of the array. If the array has fewer than 3 elements, remove all remaining elements.

Note

that an empty array is considered to have distinct elements. Return the

minimum

number of operations needed to make the elements in the array distinct.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [1,2,3,4,2,3,3,5,7]

Output:

2

Explanation:

In the first operation, the first 3 elements are removed, resulting in the array

[4, 2, 3, 3, 5, 7]

.

In the second operation, the next 3 elements are removed, resulting in the array

[3, 5, 7]

, which has distinct elements.

Therefore, the answer is 2.

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [4,5,6,4,4]

Output:

2

Explanation:

In the first operation, the first 3 elements are removed, resulting in the array

[4, 4]

.

In the second operation, all remaining elements are removed, resulting in an empty array.

Therefore, the answer is 2.

Example 3:

Input:

nums = [6,7,8,9]

Output:

0

Explanation:

The array already contains distinct elements. Therefore, the answer is 0.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 100$

$1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 100$

## 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:
```

### 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 = {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Elixir:**

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

**Erlang:**

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

### Racket:

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

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Minimum Number of Operations to Make Elements in Array Distinct
 * Difficulty: Easy
 * Tags: array, hash
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(n) for hash map
 */

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

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class Solution {
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```

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```

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### Python3 Solution:

```
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```
class Solution:
    def minimumOperations(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass
```

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