

@LeetCode

Given an array *nums* and a value *val*, remove all instances of that value **in-place** and return the new length.

Do not allocate extra space for another array, you must do this by **modifying the input array in-place** with $O(1)$ extra memory.

The order of elements can be changed. It doesn't matter what you leave beyond the new length.

Example 1:

Given *nums* = [3,2,2,3], *val* = 3,

Your function should return length = 2, with the first two elements of *nums* being 2.

It doesn't matter what you leave beyond the returned length.

Example 2:

Given *nums* = [0,1,2,2,3,0,4,2], *val* = 2,

Your function should return length = 5, with the first five elements of *nums* containing 0, 1, 3, 0, and 4.

Note that the order of those five elements can be arbitrary.

It doesn't matter what values are set beyond the returned length.

Clarification:

Confused why the returned value is an integer but your answer is an array?

Note that the input array is passed in by **reference**, which means modification to the input array will be known to the caller as well.

Internally you can think of this:

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// nums is passed in by reference. (i.e., without making a copy)
int len = removeElement(nums, val);

// any modification to nums in your function would be known by the caller.
// using the length returned by your function, it prints the first len elements.
for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
    print(nums[i]);
}
```