

# Leetcode 2149. Rearrange Array Elements by Sign

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## Problem Description - Rearrange Array Elements by Sign

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array **nums** of even length consisting of an **equal** number of positive and negative integers.

You should return the array of **nums** such that the the array follows the given conditions:

- [1] Every consecutive pair of integers have opposite signs.
- [2] For all integers with the same sign, the order in which they were present in **nums** is preserved.
- [3] The rearranged array begins with a positive integer.

Return the modified array after rearranging the elements to satisfy the aforementioned conditions.

### Example:

Input: **nums** = [3,1,-2,-5,2,-4]

Output: [3,-2,1,-5,2,-4]



# Stable Sorting

- Rearrangement based on sign while preserving original order

**[DEF] stable sorting: if two elements have the same key, the one that appeared earlier in the input will also appear in the sorted output.**

E.g.

list=[1, 7(1), 3, 5, 4, 7(2), 9]

Stable sorting: list=[1, 3, 4, 5, 7(1), 7(2), 9]

Unstable sorting: list=[1, 3, 4, 5, 7(2), 7(1), 9]

[2] For all integers with the same sign, the order in which they were present in nums is preserved.

# 1

## [Approach 1] Separate positive and negative numbers

1. Separate positive and negative numbers (unstable sorting method)

```
positives = [i for i in nums if i > 0]  
negatives = [i for i in nums if i < 0]
```

2. Merge positive and negative numbers in alternating order

```
for pos, neg in zip(positives, negatives):  
    result.append(pos)  
    result.append(neg)
```

## 1

# [Approach 1] Solution

```
class Solution:
    def rearrangeArray_1(self, nums):
        # Runtime: Beats 97.89% of users with Python3
        # Memory: Beats 48.57% of users with Python3
        # Separate positive and negative numbers
        positives = [i for i in nums if i > 0]
        negatives = [i for i in nums if i < 0]

        result = []

        # Merge positive and negative numbers in alternating order, starting with pos
        for pos, neg in zip(positives, negatives):
            result.append(pos)
            result.append(neg)
        return result
```

# 2

## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

pos\_pt = 0  
neg\_pt = 1

nums

3	1	-2	-5	2	-4
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ans = [0] \* len(nums)



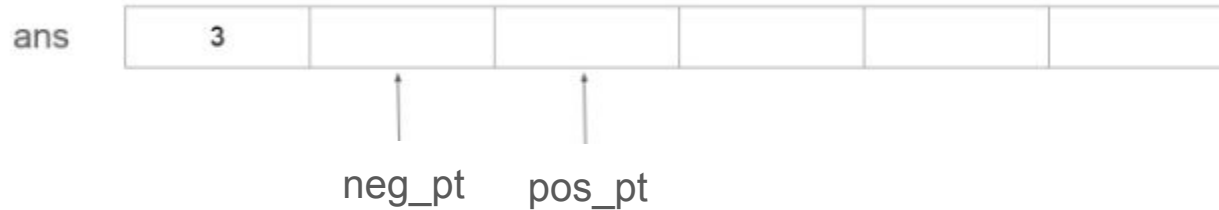
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## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

$\text{pos\_pt} = 0 + 2 = 2$   
 $\text{neg\_pt} = 1$



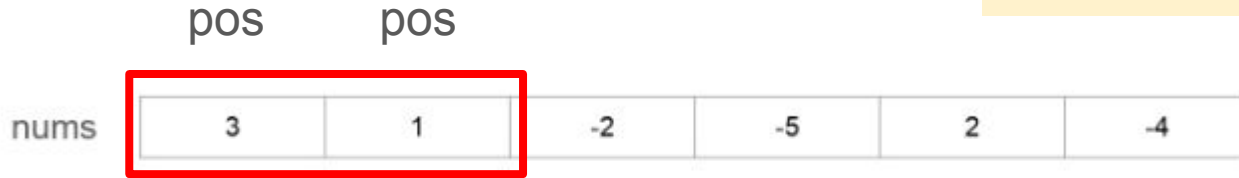
$\text{ans} = [0] * \text{len}(\text{nums})$



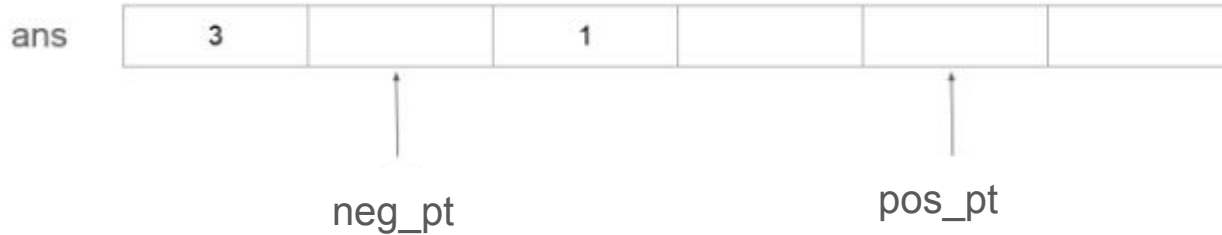
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## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

$\text{pos\_pt} = 2 + 2 = 4$   
 $\text{neg\_pt} = 1$



`ans = [0] * len(nums)`





# 2

## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

pos\_pt = 4  
neg\_pt = 1 + 2 = 3



```
ans = [0] * len(nums)
```



# 2

## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

pos\_pt = 4  
neg\_pt = 3 + 2 = 5



ans = [0] \* len(nums)



# 2

## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

pos\_pt = Done  
neg\_pt = 5



ans = [0] \* len(nums)



# 2

## [Approach 2] Two pointers approach

pos\_pt = Done  
neg\_pt = Done

	pos	pos	neg	neg	pos	neg
nums	3	1	-2	-5	2	-4

```
ans = [0] * len(nums)
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ans	3	-2	1	-5	2	-4
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## 2

## Approach 2 Solution (2 pointers)

```
def rearrangeArray_2_fixed(self, nums): # Two pointers approach modified
    # Runtime: Beats 89.67% of users with Python3
    # Memory: Beats 65.62% of users with Python3
    ans = [0] * len(nums)
    pos_pt, neg_pt = 0, 1 # Start pointers for positive and negative numbers

    for num in nums:
        if num > 0:
            ans[pos_pt] = num
            pos_pt += 2
        else:
            ans[neg_pt] = num
            neg_pt += 2

    return ans
```

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