# 1658. Minimum Operations to Reduce X to Zero

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You are given an integer array  $_{\text{nums}}$  and an integer  $_{\text{x}}$  . In one operation, you can either remove the leftmost or the rightmost element from the array  $_{\text{nums}}$  and subtract its value from  $\,\times\,$  . Note that this modifies the array for future operations.

Return the **minimum number** of operations to reduce  $\times$  to **exactly** 0 if it is possible, otherwise, return -1.

## Constraints:

- 1 <= nums.length <= 10<sup>5</sup>
- 1 <= nums[i] <= 10<sup>4</sup>
- 1 <= x <= 10<sup>9</sup>

### Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,1,4,2,3], x = 5Output: 2
Explanation: The optimal solution is to remove the last two elements to reduce x to zero.

#### Example 2:

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Input: nums = [5,6,7,8,9], x = 4
Output: -1
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#### Example 3:

Input: nums = [3,2,20,1,1,3], x = 10
Output: 5
Explanation: The optimal solution is to remove the last three elements and the first two elements (5 operations in total) to reduce x to zero.

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int minOperations(vector<int>& nums, int x) {
    int sum = accumulate(nums.begin(), nums.end(), 0);
    int l = 0, r = 0, res = INT MAX, sz = nums.size();
    while (1 <= r)
       if (sum >= x) {
            if (sum == x){
                 res = min(res, l + sz - r);
            if (r < sz) {
                sum = sum - nums[r++];
            } else {
                break;
       } else {
            sum = sum + nums[1++];
    return res == INT_MAX ? -1 : res;
```

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