

LFU Cache

Try to solve the LFU Cache problem.

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Statement

Design and implement a data structure for a Least Frequently Used (LFU) cache.

Implement the **LFUCache** class. Here is how it should be implemented:

- **LFUCache(capacity)**: This function initializes the object with the **capacity** of the data structure.
- **get(key)**: This function gets the value of the **key** if it exists in the cache. Otherwise, it returns -1.
- **put(key, value)**: This function updates the value of the **key** if present, or inserts the **key** if it's not present. When the cache reaches its **capacity**, it should invalidate and remove the least frequently used key before inserting a new item. For this problem, when there's a tie, that is, two or more keys have the same frequency, the least recently used **key** is invalidated.

To determine the least frequently used key, a use counter is maintained for each key in the cache. The key with the smallest use counter is the least frequently used key. When a key is first inserted into the cache, its use counter is set to 1 (due to the **put()** operation). The use counter for a key in the cache is incremented and either a **get()** or **put()** operation is called on it.

The **get()** and **put()** functions should both run with an average time complexity of $O(1)$.

Constraints:

- $0 \leq \text{capacity} \leq 10^4$
- $0 \leq \text{key} \leq 10^5$
- $0 \leq \text{value} \leq 10^9$
- At most 2×10^5 calls will be made to **get()** and **put()**.

Examples





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Understand the problem

Let's take a moment to make sure you've correctly understood the problem. The quiz below helps you check if you're solving the correct problem:

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What is the output if the cache size is 2 and the following keys and values are given as input?

put → [1, 1]

put → [2, 2]

get → [2]

put → [3, 3]

get → [1]

get → [3]

put → [4, 4]

put → [5, 5]

get → [1]

get → [3]

get → [5]

A) [NULL, NULL, 2, NULL, 1, 3, NULL, NULL, -1, 3, 5]

B) [NULL, NULL, 2, NULL, -1, 3, NULL, NULL, -1, 3, 5]



c) [NULL, NULL, 2, NULL, -1, 3, NULL, NULL, 1, 3, 5]

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Figure it out!

We have a game for you to play. Rearrange the logical building blocks to develop a clearer understanding of how to solve this problem.

Note: As an additional challenge, we have intentionally hidden the solution to this puzzle.



Drag and drop the cards to rearrange them in the correct sequence.



key with the lowest use counter value. This is the least frequently used key. We evict this key-value pair and then add a new one.

If the key is present, update it. Otherwise, insert the key. Update the use counter for this key.

If two keys have the same frequency, remove the least recently used one.

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Try it yourself

Implement your solution in `LFUCache.java` in the following coding playground.

Note: We have left the solution to this challenge as an exercise for you. You may try to translate the logic of the solved puzzle into a coded solution.



Java



LFUCache.java

LinkedListNode.java

LinkedList.java

```
1 import java.util.*;
2 import java.util.*;
3
4 class LFUCache {
5     // Constructor that sets the size of the cache
6     public LFUCache(int size) {
```

