

* input = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3]

Count the frequency of each element

<u>element</u>	<u>frequency</u>
1	3
2	2
3	1

Sorting elements by frequency

<u>element</u>	<u>frequency</u>
1	3
2	2
3	1

Take top ($k=2$) elements

In this case $\Rightarrow [1, 2]$

Chatgpt python code

```
import heapq
from collections import Counter
def topKFrequent(nums, k):
    # Step 1: Count the frequency of each element
    counts = Counter(nums)

    # Step 2: Build a min-heap of size k
    heap = []
    for num, count in counts.items():
        heapq.heappush(heap, (count, num))
        if len(heap) > k:
            heapq.heappop(heap)

    # Step 3: Retrieve the top k frequent elements from the heap
    top_k = []
    while heap:
        top_k.append(heapq.heappop(heap)[1])

    return top_k[::-1]
nums = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3]
k = 2
output = topKFrequent(nums, k)
print(output)
```

Tests case

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with a Python file named `week9hw1.py` open. The file contains a function `topKFrequent` that uses a min-heap to find the top k frequent elements in a list of numbers. The script includes two test cases: one for `nums = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3]` with `k = 2`, and another for `nums = [1]` with `k = 1`. The output of the script is displayed in the terminal window at the bottom.

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1 import heapq
2 from collections import Counter
3 def topKFrequent(nums, k):
4     # Step 1: Count the frequency of each element
5     counts = Counter(nums)
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7     # Step 2: Build a min-heap of size k
8     heap = []
9     for num, count in counts.items():
10         heapq.heappush(heap, (count, num))
11         if len(heap) > k:
12             heapq.heappop(heap)
13
14     # Step 3: Retrieve the top k frequent elements from the heap
15     top_k = []
16     while heap:
17         top_k.append(heapq.heappop(heap)[1])
18
19     return top_k[::-1]
20 nums = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3]
21 k = 2
22 output = topKFrequent(nums, k)
23 print('result of first test case',output)
24 nums = [1]
25 k = 1
26 output = topKFrequent(nums, k)
27 print('result of 2nd test case',output)
```

The terminal output shows the following results:

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[Done] exited with code=0 in 0.228 seconds

[Running] python -u "c:\Users\cheth\OneDrive\Desktop\SFBU\SEM3\ALGORITHMS\week9hw1.py"
result of first test case [1, 2]
result of 2nd test case [1]

[Done] exited with code=0 in 0.184 seconds
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the file is at line 27, column 40, using UTF-8 encoding and CRLF line endings. The Python interpreter is 3.9.13 64-bit (microsoft store). The system clock shows 5:02 PM on 7/13/2023.