

# Problem: Find the Majority Element

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## Scenario

You are given a list of integers. A *majority element* in a list is defined as the element that appears more than  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  times, where  $n$  is the length of the list. You can assume that such an element always exists.

## Problem Statement

Given a list of elements, find the majority element, which appears more than half the time ( $\geq \text{floor}(\text{len}(\text{lst}) / 2.0)$ ).

You can assume that such element exists.

For example, given [1, 2, 1, 1, 3, 4, 0], return 1.

## Input Format

- First line: An integer  $n$  (size of the list).
- Second line:  $n$  space-separated integers representing the elements of the list.

## Output Format

- Print the majority element.

## Example

### Input

```
7
1 2 1 1 3 4 0
```

### Output

```
1
```

## Constraints

- $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$
- $-10^9 \leq A[i] \leq 10^9$

## Hints

- Use a HashMap / dictionary to count frequencies, or
  - Use the Boyer–Moore Majority Vote Algorithm for  $O(n)$  time and  $O(1)$  space.
- LeetCode link : ["Majority Element" – LeetCode 169](#)