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Arrays problems:

Q1. Largest element in the array.

arr[] = {2, 5, 1, 3, 0}
output = 5

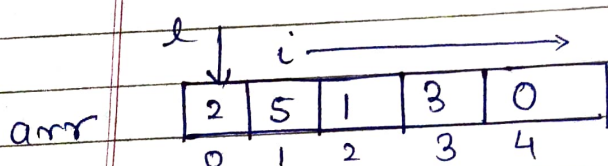
arr = {8, 10, 5, 7, 9}
output = 10

2	5	1	3	0
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Approach-1
Sorting

but: time: $O(N \log N)$

So, best approach



- largest = arr[0]
- i \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow n-1

i largest arr[i] is arr[i] > largest
so, arr[i] = 1 | largest = arr[0]

1	2	5	5
2	5	1	5
3	5	3	5
4	5	0	5

loop ends: largest = 5.

Pseudocode:

largest = arr[0]

for (i = 1; i < n; i++)

if (arr[i] > largest)

largest = arr[i]

return largest

time: $O(N)$
space: $O(1)$

Q2 find second largest and second smallest

eg: [1, 2, 4, 7, 7, 5]

second smallest = 2

second largest = 5

eg: [1]

" " = -1

" " = -1

Brute approach.

- find smallest, then find number just greater. \rightarrow second smallest.
- find largest, then find number just smaller \rightarrow second largest.

0 1 2 3 4 5

1 2 4 7 7 5

i Small sec small large sec large

i arr[i] 1 0 1 1

2 1 1 2

4 2 1 4

7 3 1 7

7 4 1 7

5 5 1 7

Small = min(Small, arr[i])

large = max(large, arr[i])

Small large

(1, 2) 1 (1, 2) 2

(1, 4) 1 (2, 4) 4

(1, 7) 1 (4, 7) 7

(1, 7) 1 (7, 7) 7

(1, 5) 1 (7, 5) 7

first traversal:

small = 1

large = 7.

↓

next step ignore this, and
check again

in next iteration: first (smallest, largest)
will get removed

On Pseudocode:

small

largest

sec_small, sec_large

i

$O(N)$

for($i = 0; i < n; i++$) {

if small $= \text{math.min}(\text{small}, \text{arr}[i])$

large $= \text{math.max}(\text{large}, \text{arr}[i])$

for($i = 0; i < n; i++$)

if ($\text{arr}[i] < \text{sec_small} \ \&\& \ \text{arr}[i] \neq \text{small}$)

sec_small $= \text{arr}[i]$

if ($\text{arr}[i] > \text{sec_large} \ \&\& \ \text{arr}[i] \neq \text{largest}$)

sec_large $= \text{arr}[i]$

}

time: $O(2n) \approx O(N)$

space: $O(1)$

Q3. check if array is sorted.

Q. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]		[5, 4, 6, 7, 8]
output = true		output : false

code:

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for (i = 1; i < n; i++)  
    if (arr[i] < arr[i-1])  
        return false
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return true.

time: $O(N)$

space: $O(1)$

Q4. Remove Duplications in-place from Sorted array. (Two pointers)

eg arr [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3]
arr [1, 2, 3, -, -, -, -] output = 3.

eg arr [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4]
arr [1, 2, 3, 4, -, -, -, -] output = 4.

Best approach: two pointers.

arr = [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3]

arr

1	1	2	2	2	3	3
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 i j
 1 2
 2 3
 3 3

Variables
i, j, arr[i],
arr[j]

when
unequal.

↳ arr[i] == arr[j]

1	2	2	2	2	3	3
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 i j

1	2	2	2	2	3	3
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 i j

1	2	2	2	2	3	3
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 i j

1	2	2	2	2	3	3
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

 i j

↳

1	2	2	2	2	3	3
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1	2	3	2	2	3	3
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 i j

return

3

j ⇒ 2 + 1

so, return i + 1

pseudocode

remove Duplicates (int[] arr)

i = 0

for (j = 1; j < n; j++)

if (arr[i] != arr[j])

i++

arr[i] = arr[j]

}

}

return i + 1

time : $O(N)$

Space : $O(1)$

Q5. Left Rotate the Array by one

given array =

1	2	3	4	5
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 \leftarrow

=

\Rightarrow

2	3	4	5	1
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• brute:

0	1	2	3	4	← nums
1	2	3	4	5	← test
2	3	4	5		

test[0] = nums[1]
test[1] = nums[2]
test[2] = nums[3]
test[k] = nums[i]
tem[i-1] = arr[i]
tem[n-1] = arr[0]

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for(i=1; i<n; i++)
    temp[i-1] = arr[i]
temp[i-1] = arr[0]
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Time : $O(n)$

Space : $O(N)$