

## Find the number of zeroes

Given an array of 1s and 0s which has all 1s first followed by all 0s. Find the number of 0s. Count the number of zeroes in the given array.

Examples:

Input: arr[] = {1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0}  
Output: 2

Input: arr[] = {1, 0, 0, 0, 0}  
Output: 4

Input: arr[] = {0, 0, 0}  
Output: 3

Input: arr[] = {1, 1, 1, 1}  
Output: 0

**We strongly recommend to minimize the browser and try this yourself in time complexity better than  $O(n)$ .**

A **simple solution** is to traverse the input array. As soon as we find a 0, we return  $n - \text{index of first 0}$ . Here  $n$  is number of elements in input array. Time complexity of this solution would be  $O(n)$ .

Since the input array is sorted, we can use **Binary Search** to find the first occurrence of 0. Once we have index of first element, we can return count as  $n - \text{index of first zero}$ .

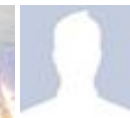
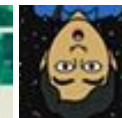
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```
// A divide and conquer solution to find count of zeroes in an array
// where all 1s are present before all 0s
#include <stdio.h>

/* if 0 is present in arr[] then returns the index of FIRST occurrence
   of 0 in arr[low..high], otherwise returns -1 */
int firstZero(int arr[], int low, int high)
{
    if (high >= low)
    {
        // Check if mid element is first 0
        int mid = low + (high - low)/2;
        if ((mid == 0 || arr[mid-1] == 1) && arr[mid] == 0)
            return mid;

        if (arr[mid] == 1) // If mid element is not 0
            return firstZero(arr, (mid + 1), high);
        else // If mid element is 0, but not first 0
            return firstZero(arr, low, (mid - 1));
    }
    return -1;
}
```

```
// A wrapper over recursive function firstZero()
int countOnes(int arr[], int n)
{
    // Find index of first zero in given array
    int first = firstZero(arr, 0, n-1);

    // If 0 is not present at all, return 0
    if (first == -1)
        return 0;

    return (n - first);
}

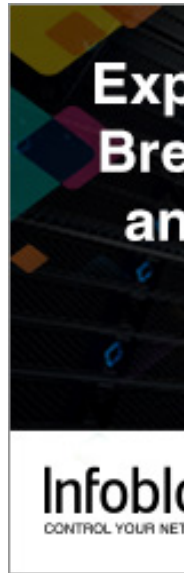
/* Driver program to check above functions */
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0};
    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);
    printf("Count of zeroes is %d", countOnes(arr, n));
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

Count of zeroes is 5

Time Complexity:  $O(\log n)$  where  $n$  is number of elements in `arr[]`.

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```
import java.io.*;
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class NumberOfZeros{
```

```
    public static int getNumberOfZeros(int[] a){
```

```
        if(a.length == 0){
```

```
            return 0;
```

```
        }
```

```
        int count = 0;
```

```
        for(int i=a.length-1;i!=-1&& a[i]!=1;i--){
```

```
            count++;
```

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        }
```

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```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int getposition(int,int,int*);
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```
int main()
```

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{
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```
int a[ ]={1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0};
```

```
int n,k;
```

```
n = sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]);
```

```
k = getposition(0,n,a);
```

```
printf("no of zeros=%d",n-k);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

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```
public class FindZero{
```

```
public static void main(String []args){
```

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```
int one = findSumOfArr(arr);

int two = findLengthOfArr(arr);

int zero = two - one;

System.out.println(zero);

}

public static int findLengthOfArr(int[] a){

int j = 0;

for(int i=0;i<a.length;i++) j++;return j;}

public static int findSumOfArr(int[] a){

int temp=0;for(int i=0;i<a.length;i++){temp+=a[i];}return temp;}

}
```

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In an interview I was asked this question with the additional constraint that the (Determining N, size, will take usually O(N)) Any ideas on how to approach this?

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You can use the idea discussed in the below post.

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i think this code will not work for an array which contains only zero. Need to ad

```
if(arr[low] == 0){  
    return low;  
}
```

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Please take a closer look. It works for all 0s also. Sample run <http://ide>

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```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
int findzeros(int arr[],int n);
```

```
int arr[9]={1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1};
```

```
printf("Number of zeros: %d",findzeros(arr,9));
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
int findzeros(int arr[],int n)
```

```
{
```

```
if(n>-1)
```

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Another possible way is ..first you check in the following way

1 2 4 8 16 32 ... $2^k$

stop when  $\text{arr}[i] == 0$  and then do binary search on sub array  $i/2$  to  $i$  for finding case complexity of  $O(n)$  and i think average case complexity is less.

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Siva Krishna, Thanks for suggesting this. This solution can be combined with  $O(\log n)$ . See <http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/f...>

It can in fact be a good solution if we don't know size of array.

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it may overflow the boundary of the input array

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that's an idea..not the exact implementation. You have to do something to implement that.

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well, it's really a good idea, this idea has been used in some of them?

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For thé simple solution, you return  $n - \text{index} + 1$

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