

Squares of a Sorted Array

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Given an integer array `nums` sorted in **non-decreasing** order, return an array of **the squares of each number** sorted in non-decreasing order.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [-4,-1,0,3,10]`

Output: `[0,1,9,16,100]`

Explanation: After squaring, the array becomes `[16,1,0,9,100]`.

After sorting, it becomes `[0,1,9,16,100]`.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [-7,-3,2,3,11]`

Output: `[4,9,9,49,121]`

Constraints:

- `1 <= nums.length <= 104`
- `-104 <= nums[i] <= 104`
- `nums` is sorted in **non-decreasing** order.

Follow up: Squaring each element and sorting the new array is very trivial, could you find an **$O(n)$** solution using a different approach?

From <<https://leetcode.com/explore/learn/card/fun-with-arrays/521/introduction/3240/>>

First approach

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> sortedSquares(vector<int>& nums) {
        int n=nums.size();
        for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
            nums[i]=nums[i]*nums[i];
        }
        sort(nums.begin(),nums.end());
        return nums;
    }
};
```

The most basic way to solve this solution is

->Run a loop

->Traverse each element of vector and multiple it same element and store at same position

->Sort the vector

Time Complexity - $O(n \log n)$

Space Complexity $O(1)$

Second approach

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> sortedSquares(vector<int>& nums) {
        //we are given that vector is given in sorted ascending order
        int n=nums.size()-1;
        int s=0,e=n;
        vector<int> res(nums.size());
        for(int i=n;i>=0;i--){
            if(abs(nums[e])>abs(nums[s])){
                res[i]=nums[e]*nums[e];
                e--;
            }
            else{
                res[i]=nums[s]*nums[s];
                s++;
            }
        }
        return res;
    }
};
```

Since in Question it is given that vector is in ascending order

-4	-1	0	3	10
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We will use Absolute function to change sign of -ve integers

4	1	0	3	10
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Now take start and end pointers (start=0,end=len-1)

Create a result vector

->Run a loop

->check if end element>start element

If true

->store the square of end element (i.e `v[end]`) since it is largest

-> decrement end-- so it must be pointing to next element to

Else

->store the square of start element (i.e `v[start]`) since it is largest

->increment start to point next element

Time Complexity- $O(n)$

Space complexity - $O(n)$