

1522. Stone Game III

Difficulty : Hard

<https://leetcode.com/problems/stone-game-iii>

Alice and Bob continue their games with piles of stones. There are several stones **arranged in a row**, and each stone has an associated value which is an integer given in the array `stoneValue`.

Alice and Bob take turns, with Alice starting first. On each player's turn, that player can take 1, 2, or 3 stones from the **first** remaining stones in the row.

The score of each player is the sum of the values of the stones taken. The score of each player is 0 initially.

The objective of the game is to end with the highest score, and the winner is the player with the highest score and there could be a tie. The game continues until all the stones have been taken.

Assume Alice and Bob **play optimally**.

Return "Alice" *if Alice will win*, "Bob" *if Bob will win*, or "Tie" *if they will end the game with the same score*.

Example 1:

Input: `stoneValue = [1,2,3,7]`

Output: "Bob"

Explanation: Alice will always lose. Her best move will be to take three piles and the score become 6. Now the score of Bob is 7 and Bob wins.

Example 2:

Input: `stoneValue = [1,2,3,-9]`

Output: "Alice"

Explanation: Alice must choose all the three piles at the first move to win and leave Bob with negative score.

If Alice chooses one pile her score will be 1 and the next move Bob's score becomes 5. In the next move, Alice will take the pile with value = -9 and lose.

If Alice chooses two piles her score will be 3 and the next move Bob's score becomes 3. In the next move, Alice will take the pile with value = -9 and also lose.

Remember that both play optimally so here Alice will choose the scenario that makes her win.

Example 3:

Input: `stoneValue = [1,2,3,6]`

Output: "Tie"

Explanation: Alice cannot win this game. She can end the game in a draw if she decided to choose all the first three piles, otherwise she will lose.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{stoneValue.length} \leq 5 \cdot 10^4$
- $-1000 \leq \text{stoneValue}[i] \leq 1000$