

# 2022. Maximum Alternating Subsequence Sum

## Difficulty : Medium

<https://leetcode.com/problems/maximum-alternating-subsequence-sum>

The **alternating sum** of a **0-indexed** array is defined as the **sum** of the elements at **even** indices **minus** the **sum** of the elements at **odd** indices.

- For example, the alternating sum of  $[4, 2, 5, 3]$  is  $(4 + 5) - (2 + 3) = 4$ .

Given an array `nums`, return the **maximum alternating sum** of any subsequence of `nums` (after **reindexing** the elements of the subsequence).

A **subsequence** of an array is a new array generated from the original array by deleting some elements (possibly none) without changing the remaining elements' relative order. For example,  $[2, 7, 4]$  is a subsequence of  $[4, \underline{2}, 3, \underline{7}, 2, 1, \underline{4}]$  (the underlined elements), while  $[2, 4, 2]$  is not.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [4, 2, 5, 3]`

**Output:** 7

**Explanation:** It is optimal to choose the subsequence  $[4, 2, 5]$  with alternating sum  $(4 + 5) - 2 = 7$ .

### Example 2:

**Input:** `nums = [5, 6, 7, 8]`

**Output:** 8

**Explanation:** It is optimal to choose the subsequence  $[8]$  with alternating sum 8.

### Example 3:

**Input:** `nums = [6, 2, 1, 2, 4, 5]`

**Output:** 10

**Explanation:** It is optimal to choose the subsequence  $[6, 1, 5]$  with alternating sum  $(6 + 5) - 1 = 10$ .

### Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^5$