

2078. Two Furthest Houses With Different Colors

Description

There are `n` houses evenly lined up on the street, and each house is beautifully painted. You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `colors` of length `n`, where `colors[i]` represents the color of the `ith` house.

Return *the maximum distance between two houses with different colors*.

The distance between the `ith` and `jth` houses is `abs(i - j)`, where `abs(x)` is the **absolute value** of `x`.

Example 1:



Input: `colors = [1,1,1, 6,1,1,1]`
Output: `3`
Explanation: In the above image, color 1 is blue, and color 6 is red. The furthest two houses with different colors are house 0 and house 3. House 0 has color 1, and house 3 has color 6. The distance between them is `abs(0 - 3) = 3`. Note that houses 3 and 6 can also produce the optimal answer.

Example 2:



Input: `colors = [1,8,3,8, 3]`
Output: `4`
Explanation: In the above image, color 1 is blue, color 8 is yellow, and color 3 is green. The furthest two houses with different colors are house 0 and house 4. House 0 has color 1, and house 4 has color 3. The distance between them is `abs(0 - 4) = 4`.

Example 3:

Input: `colors = [0, 1]`
Output: `1`
Explanation: The furthest two houses with different colors are house 0 and house 1. House 0 has color 0, and house 1 has color 1. The distance between them is `abs(0 - 1) = 1`.

Constraints:

- `n == colors.length`
- `2 <= n <= 100`
- `0 <= colors[i] <= 100`
- Test data are generated such that **at least** two houses have different colors.

