

2263. Make Array Non-decreasing or Non-increasing

Description

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums`. In one operation, you can:

- Choose an index `i` in the range `0 <= i < nums.length`
- Set `nums[i]` to `nums[i] + 1` or `nums[i] - 1`

Return *the minimum number of operations to make* `nums` *non-decreasing or non-increasing*.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [3,2,4,5,0]`

Output: 4

Explanation:

One possible way to turn `nums` into non-increasing order is to:

- Add 1 to `nums[1]` once so that it becomes 3.
- Subtract 1 from `nums[2]` once so it becomes 3.
- Subtract 1 from `nums[3]` twice so it becomes 3.

After doing the 4 operations, `nums` becomes `[3,3,3,3,0]` which is in non-increasing order.

Note that it is also possible to turn `nums` into `[4,4,4,4,0]` in 4 operations.

It can be proven that 4 is the minimum number of operations needed.

Example 2:

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

Output: 0

Explanation: `nums` is already in non-decreasing order, so no operations are needed and we return 0.

Example 3:

Input: `nums = [0]`

Output: 0

Explanation: `nums` is already in non-decreasing order, so no operations are needed and we return 0.

Constraints:

- `1 <= nums.length <= 1000`
- `0 <= nums[i] <= 1000`

Follow up: Can you solve it in `O(n*log(n))` time complexity?

