2498. Frog Jump II

Description

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array stones sorted in **strictly increasing order** representing the positions of stones in a river.

A frog, initially on the first stone, wants to travel to the last stone and then return to the first stone. However, it can jump to any stone at most once.

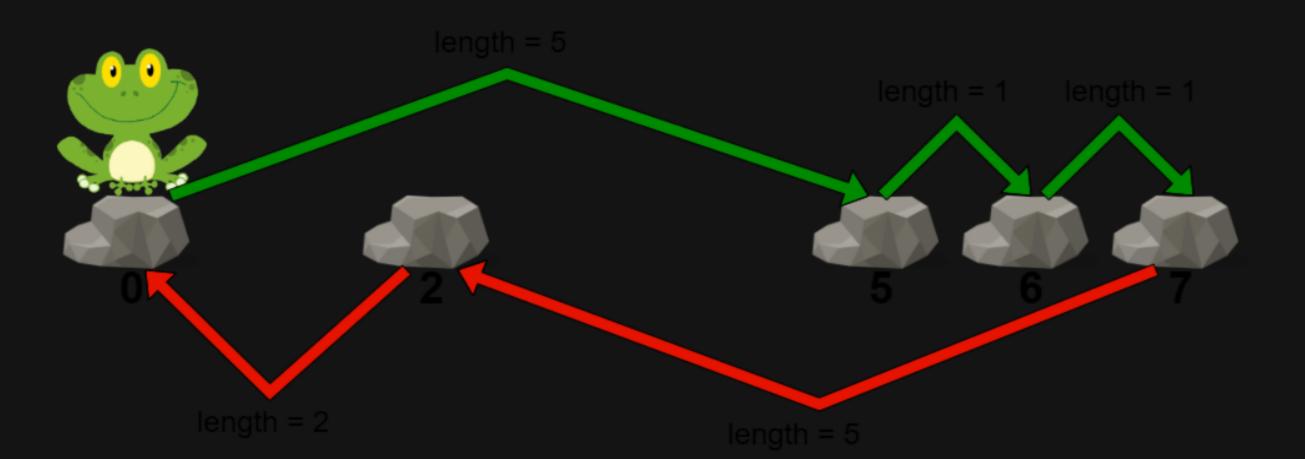
The length of a jump is the absolute difference between the position of the stone the frog is currently on and the position of the stone to which the frog jumps.

• More formally, if the frog is at stones[i] and is jumping to stones[j], the length of the jump is stones[i] - stones[j].

The **cost** of a path is the **maximum length of a jump** among all jumps in the path.

Return the minimum cost of a path for the frog.

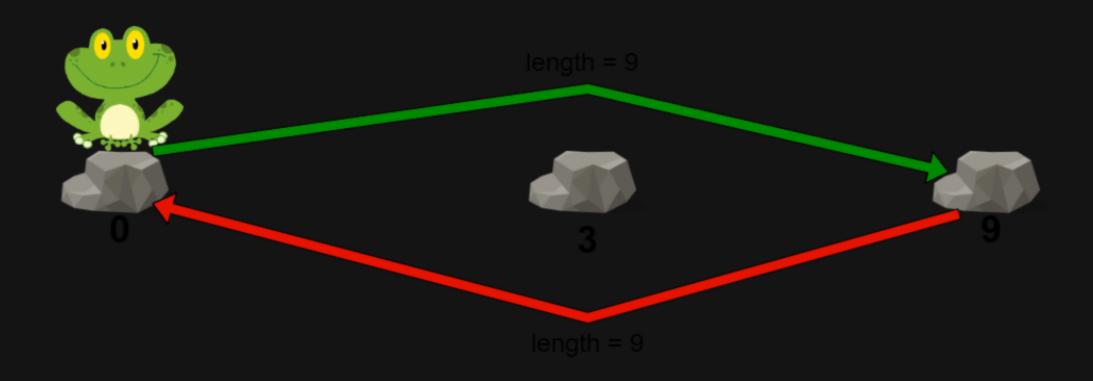
Example 1:



Since it is not possible to achieve a cost of less than 5, we return it.

Input: stones = [0,2,5,6,7]
Output: 5
Explanation: The above figure represents one of the optimal paths the frog can take.
The cost of this path is 5, which is the maximum length of a jump.

Example 2:



Input: stones = [0,3,9]
Output: 9
Explanation:

The frog can jump directly to the last stone and come back to the first stone.

In this case, the length of each jump will be 9. The cost for the path will be max(9, 9) = 9.

It can be shown that this is the minimum achievable cost.

Constraints:

- 2 <= stones.length <= 10^{5}
- 0 <= stones[i] <= 10 ⁹
- stones[0] == 0
- stones is sorted in a strictly increasing order.