

Problem 1 – Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

Description:

You are given a list called **prices** where **prices[i]** is the price of a given stock on the **i+1th** day i.e. **price[0]** represents price on day 1 (remember: list indices in python start with 0).

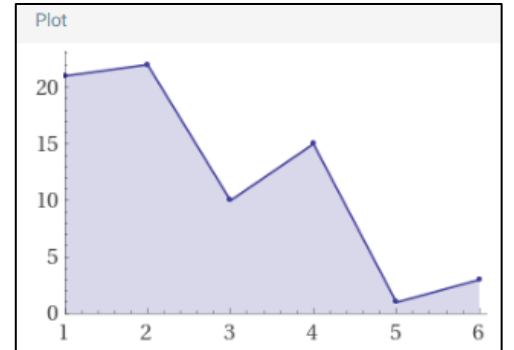
You want to maximise your profit by choosing a **single day** to buy one stock and choosing a **different day in the future** to sell that stock.

Your task:

Write a **Python** function that returns **the maximum profit you can achieve from this transaction**. If you cannot achieve any profit, return 0.

My solution:

```
1 def bestTimeToBuyAndSellStock(myList):
2     maxDiff = 0
3     minItem = myList[0]
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5     for i in range(len(myList)):
6         if myList[i] < minItem:
7             minItem = myList[i]
8
9         maxDiff = max(maxDiff, myList[i] - minItem)
10
11     return maxDiff
12
```



Unit tests:

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1 import unittest
2 from BestTimeToBuyAndSellStock_final import bestTimeToBuyAndSellStock
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4 test_cases = [
5     ([22,1,5], 4),
6     ([7,1,5,3,6,4], 5),
7     ([7,6,4,3,1], 0),
8     ([5,10,1,3,2,1,2], 5),
9     ([21,22,1,5,7,2], 6),
10    ([21,22,10,15,1,3], 5)
11 ]
12
13 class TestValidClockTimes(unittest.TestCase):
14     def test_all(self):
15         for stock, expected in test_cases:
16             with self.subTest(case=stock, expected=expected):
17                 result = bestTimeToBuyAndSellStock(stock)
18                 self.assertEqual(result, expected)
19
20 if __name__ == '__main__':
21     unittest.main()
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```