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## Maximum Difference (maxdifference)

You are given an array A of N integers. Your goal is to split the array into one or more non-empty contiguous subarrays.

The value of a subarray is defined as the difference between its maximum and minimum elements.



Figure 1: Can you find an optimal split?

Your task is to determine the best way to split the array to maximize the sum of these values. Write a program which computes these optimal sums!

Among the attachments of this task you may find a template file maxdifference.\* with a sample incomplete implementation.

### Input

The first line of the input file contains a single integer T, the number of test cases. T test cases follow. Each test case consists of:

- a line containing a single integer N.
- a line containing the array  $A: A_0, A_1, \dots A_{N-1}$ .

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## Output

The output file must contain T lines corresponding to the test cases, each consisting of integer P, the maximum sum of subarrays with an optimal construction.

#### **Constraints**

- $1 \le N \le 200\,000$ .
- $1 \le A_i \le 1\,000\,000\,000$  for each  $i = 0 \dots N 1$ .
- The sum of N across all testcases does not exceed 200 000.

### **Scoring**

Your program will be tested against several test cases grouped in subtasks. In order to obtain the score of a subtask, your program needs to correctly solve all of its test cases.

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- Subtask 1 (0 points) Examples.

- Subtask 2 (30 points) The sum of N across all testcases does not exceed 5000.

- Subtask 3 (30 points) 1 \le A_i \le 2.

- Subtask 4 (40 points) No additional limitations.
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# **Examples**

input	output
7 4 2 1 4 3 5 1 2 2 1 2 6 1 3 6 2 4 5 6 1 4 6 2 5 3 10 7 1 10 9 4 2 8 5 3 6 10 3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3 6 1000000000 1 1000000000 1 1000000000 1	3 2 8 9 23 17 299999997

## **Explanation**

In the first testcase of the example, the value of the whole array is 4 - 1 = 3.

In the **second testcase**, splitting A into [1, 2] and [2, 1, 2] gives the total value 1 + 1 = 2.

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In the **third testcase**, splitting A into [1,3,6], and [2,4,5] gives the total value 3+5=8. It can be proven that the total values above are optimal.

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