

121. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

Solved

Easy Topics Companies

You are given an array `prices` where `prices[i]` is the price of a given stock on the i^{th} day.

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

Return the maximum profit you can achieve from this transaction. If you cannot achieve any profit, return 0.

Example 1:

Input: `prices = [7,1,5,3,6,4]`

Output: 5

Explanation: Buy on day 2 (price = 1) and sell on day 5 (price = 6), profit = 6-1 = 5.

Note that buying on day 2 and selling on day 1 is not allowed because you must buy before you sell.

Example 2:

Input: `prices = [7,6,4,3,1]`

Output: 0

Explanation: In this case, no transactions are done and the max profit = 0.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{prices.length} \leq 10^5$
- $0 \leq \text{prices}[i] \leq 10^4$

Code

Java Auto

```
1 class Solution {
2     public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {
3         if (prices == null || prices.length <= 1) {
4             return 0; // If there are no prices or only one price, no profit can be made
5         }
6
7         int buy = prices[0]; // Initial buy price
8         int maxProfit = 0; // Initialize maximum profit
9
10        // Iterate through the prices to find the maximum profit
11        for (int i = 1; i < prices.length; i++) {
12            if (prices[i] < buy) {
13                buy = prices[i]; // Update buy price to the lowest possible price found so far
14            } else {
15                int currentProfit = prices[i] - buy; // Calculate current profit if we sell at current price
16                if (currentProfit > maxProfit) {
17                    maxProfit = currentProfit; // Update maximum profit if current profit is higher
18                }
19            }
20        }
21
22        return maxProfit;
23    }
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Testcase Test Result

Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

• Case 1 • Case 2

Input

prices =
[7,1,5,3,6,4]

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input

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Output = 5

Explanation: Buy on day 2 (Price = 1) and sell on day 5 (Price = 6), profit = $6 - 1 = 5$

Remember > you must buy before you sell.

Solution >

If prices == null || prices.length < = 1 }
return 0; // If there is no price or only one price no profit can be made }

```

i2 = 0
int buy = prices[0] // initial buy Price
int maxProfit = 0 // Initialize max profits

// Iterate through the Prices to find max profit
for (int i = 1; i < prices.length; i++) {
    if (prices[i] < buy) {
        buy = prices[i] // update buy price to the lowest
        // possible price found so far
    } else {
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        profit if we sell at current price
        if (currentProfit > maxProfit) {
            maxProfit = currentProfit // update maximum profit
        } if current profit is higher
    }
}
return maxProfit
}

```

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Editorial

Solution

Runtime

2 ms | Beats 70.16%

Analyze Complexity

Memory

61.56 MB | Beats 53.66%

Analyze Complexity



Code | Java

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        if (prices == null || prices.length <= 1) {
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