

## Best time to buy and sell stock

### 121. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

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

```
1 class Solution {
2     public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {
3
4         int profit = 0;
5         int minimum = prices[0];
6         for(int i=1; i<prices.length; i++) {
7             int cost = prices[i] - minimum;
8             profit = Math.max(cost, profit);
9             minimum = Math.min(minimum, prices[i]);
10        }
11        return profit;
12    }
```

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Accepted Runtime: 0 ms

Your input [7,1,5,3,6,4]

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Language: java

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```
1 class Solution {
2     public int maxProfit(int[] prices) {
3         int smallestPrice = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
4         int output = 0;
5         for(int i=0; i<prices.length; i++){
6             if(prices[i]<smallestPrice){
7                 smallestPrice = prices[i];
8             }
9             else {
10                output = Math.max(output, prices[i]-smallestPrice);
11            }
12        }
13        return output;
14    }
15 }
16
17 // [7,1,5,3,6,4]
18 // search for the smallest number, then search for the biggest number
19 // after the smallest number.
```

## Best time to buy and sell stock 2

### 122. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock II

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

On each day, you may decide to buy and/or sell the stock. You can only hold **at most one** share of the stock at any time. However, you can buy it then immediately sell it on the **same day**.

Find and return the **maximum** profit you can achieve.

#### Example 1:

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

**Output:** 7

**Explanation:** Buy on day 2 (price = 1) and sell on day 3 (price = 5), profit =  $5 - 1 = 4$ .

Then buy on day 4 (price = 3) and sell on day 5 (price = 6), profit =  $6 - 3 = 3$ .

Total profit is  $4 + 3 = 7$ .

#### Example 2:

**Input:** `prices = [1,2,3,4,5]`

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:** Buy on day 1 (price = 1) and sell on day 5 (price = 5), profit =  $5 - 1 = 4$ .

Total profit is 4.

#### Example 3:

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

**Output:** 0

**Explanation:** There is no way to make a positive profit, so we never buy the stock to achieve the maximum profit of 0.

#### Constraints:

→ Index is definitely changing  
→ Buy / Sell option  
live Buy / sell

if Buy = 1

Buy = True ✓ Buy

Buy = False  $\Rightarrow$  sell

$f(\text{ind}, \text{Buy})$  {

// Base case

$\hookrightarrow$  if  $\text{ind} == n$   
return 0

7, 1, 5, 3, 6, 4  
 $\xrightarrow{\quad}$

if Buy:

$$\text{Max} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\text{price}[\text{ind}] + f(\text{ind}+1, F) \\ 0 + f(\text{ind}+1, T) \end{array} \right\}$$

else:

$$\text{Max} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} +\text{price}[\text{ind}] + f(\text{ind}+1, T) \\ +0 + f(\text{ind}+1, F) \end{array} \right\}$$

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### 123. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock III

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

Find the maximum profit you can achieve. You may complete **at most two transactions**.

**Note:** You may not engage in multiple transactions simultaneously (i.e., you must sell the stock before you buy again).

#### Example 1:

**Input:** `prices = [3,3,5,0,0,3,1,4]`

**Output:** 6

**Explanation:** Buy on day 4 (price = 0) and sell on day 6 (price = 3), profit = 3-0 = 3.

Then buy on day 7 (price = 1) and sell on day 8 (price = 4), profit = 4-1 = 3.

#### Example 2:

**Input:** `prices = [1,2,3,4,5]`

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:** Buy on day 1 (price = 1) and sell on day 5 (price = 5), profit = 5-1 = 4.

Note that you cannot buy on day 1, buy on day 2 and sell them later, as you are engaging multiple transactions at the same time. You must sell before buying again.

#### Example 3:

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

**Output:** 0

**Explanation:** In this case, no transaction is done, i.e. max profit = 0.

$f(\text{ind}, \text{buy}, \text{cap})$

// Base case

If ( $\text{ind} == n$ )  
    return 0  
If ( $\text{cap} == 0$ )  
    return 0;

If ( $\text{buy}$ )

Max {  
     $-\text{price}[\text{ind}] + f(\text{ind}+1, 0, \text{cap})$   
     $0 + f(\text{ind}+1, 1, \text{cap})$   
}

sell



else

$$\text{Max} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{price}(\text{ind}) + f(\text{ind}+1, 1, \text{cap}-1) \\ 0 + f(\text{ind}+1, 0, \text{cap}) \end{array} \right\}$$

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You are given an integer array `prices` where `prices[i]` is the price of a given stock on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  day, and an integer `k`.

Find the maximum profit you can achieve. You may complete at most `k` transactions.

**Note:** You may not engage in multiple transactions simultaneously (i.e., you must sell the stock before you buy again).

#### Example 1:

**Input:** `k = 2, prices = [2,4,1]`

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** Buy on day 1 (price = 2) and sell on day 2 (price = 4), profit = 4-2 = 2.

#### Example 2:

**Input:** `k = 2, prices = [3,2,6,5,0,3]`

**Output:** 7

**Explanation:** Buy on day 2 (price = 2) and sell on day 3 (price = 6), profit = 6-2 = 4. Then buy on day 5 (price = 0) and sell on day 6 (price = 3), profit = 3-0 = 3.

#### Constraints:

- `1 <= k <= 100`
- `1 <= prices.length <= 1000`
- `0 <= prices[i] <= 1000`

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