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Introduction to Competitive Programming

Get started with competitive programming - part 2

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Statement

http://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/796/A





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Statement - Story

A. Buying A House

time limit per test: 2 seconds memory limit per test: 256 megabytes input: standard input output: standard output

Zane the wizard had never loved anyone before, until he fell in love with a girl, whose name remains unknown to us.



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Statement - Input format

Input

The first line contains three integers n, m, and k ($2 \le n \le 100$, $1 \le m \le n$, $1 \le k \le 100$) — the number of houses in the village, the house where the girl lives, and the amount of money Zane has (in dollars), respectively.

The second line contains n integers $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$ ($0 \le a_i \le 100$) — denoting the availability and the prices of the houses.

It is guaranteed that $a_m = 0$ and that it is possible to purchase some house with no more than k dollars.

Statement - Output format

Output

Print one integer — the minimum distance, in meters, from the house where the girl Zane likes lives to the house Zane can buy.



Statement - Examples

Examples

```
input
5 1 20
9 27 32 21 19
output
40
```

```
input
7 3 50
62 0 0 0 99 33 22
output
30
```

```
input
```

```
10 5 100
1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
output
```

Note

In the first sample, with k = 20 dollars, Zane can buy only house 5. The distance from house m = 1 to house 5 is 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 = 40 meters.

In the second sample, Zane can buy houses 6 and 7. It is better to buy house 6 than house 7, since house m = 3 and house 6 are only 30 meters away, while house m = 3 and house 7 are 40 meters away.





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Statement - solution

```
1 #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2 using namespace std;
4 int main() {
      int n, m, k, a, ans = 100000;
      cin >> n >> m >> k;
      for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
          cin >> a;
          if(a != 0 \&\& a <= k) ans = min(ans, 10 * abs(m - i)):
10
      cout << ans << endl;</pre>
11
12
      return 0:
13
14 }
```



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Binary/classical

- Either correct or wrong no partial
- Most common form





Subtasks

- Multiple subtasks with different constraints
- Each subtasks has some points





Subtasks - example

https://www.codechef.com/problems/XENTASK

Constraints

Subtask 1: 40 points

- 1 ≤ T ≤ 10
- 1 ≤ N ≤ 3
- $1 \le X_i, Y_i \le 10^5$

Subtask 2: 60 points

- 1 < T < 10
- $1 \le N \le 2*10^4$
- $1 \le X_i, Y_i \le 10^5$



Approximate

- There can be many valid solution
- Each valid output may be assigned a score





Approximate - example

https://www.codechef.com/problems/FACTORIZ

Scoring

For each individual file, your score will be calculated as the sum of \mathbf{M}^2 over all the test cases in this file. Your score for the problem is the average of individual testcases' files scores. The number of points you'll get in the ranklist will be equal to

YourScore/BestScore, where YourScore is naturally your score and BestScore is the best score, gained so far in this problem.

Please note that the score you get during the competition is the score on the 20% of the test data. The score on the complete test data will be available after the contest.



Multiple outputs

Multiple valid outputs possible





Multiple outputs

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http://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/534/A Output

In the first line print integer k — the maximum number of students who can be seated so that no two students with adjacent numbers sit next to each other.

In the second line print k distinct integers $a_1, a_2, ..., a_k$ ($1 \le a_i \le n$), where a_i is the number of the student on the i-th position. The students on adjacent positions mustn't have adjacent numbers. Formally, the following should be true: $|a_i - a_{i+1}| \neq 1$ for all i from 1 to k-1

If there are several possible answers, output any of them.



Problem types - interactive

Output and input are mixed





http://codeforces.com/gym/101021/problem/A

Input

Use standard input to read the responses to the gueries.

The input will contain responses to your gueries — strings "<" and ">=". The i-th string is a response to the i-th your guery. When your program will guess the number print "! x", where X is the answer and terminate your program.

The testing system will allow you to read the response on the query only after your program print the query for the system and perform flush operation.

Output

To make the gueries your program must use standard output.

Your program must print the queries — integer numbers x_i ($1 \le x_i \le 10^6$), one query per line. After printing each line your program must perform operation flush.

Each of the values X_i mean the guery to the testing system. The response to the guery will be given in the input file after you flush output. In case your program guessed the number X, print string "! x", where X — is the answer, and terminate your program.



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Common mistakes - printing message

```
int main() {
int t;
cout << "Enter number of test cases"; // DO NOT DO THIS
cin >> t;
// ...
}
```





Common mistakes - not returning 0

```
int main() {
2    //...
3
4    return 0; // DO THIS
5}
```



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Common mistakes - wrong I/O format

of test cases



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Common mistakes - wrong I/O format

- # of test cases
- Outputting doubles, newlines etc.





Common mistakes - wrong I/O format

- # of test cases
- Outputting doubles, newlines etc.
- Input whole lines, strings etc.





Common mistakes - edge cases

Only testing on sample case



Common mistakes - edge cases

- Only testing on sample case
- Pay attention to constraints and input sections





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Thank you



