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Aggressive cows (min dist between <sup>2 cows</sup> cows) is max

arr[] = [0 3 4 7 9 10] cows = 4

first sort these there are all stalls (stops)

0 3 4 7 9 10  
↓  
first C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>2</sub> C<sub>3</sub> C<sub>4</sub> min 1  
but we want max(min)  
Here all cows

\* U needs to place all cows in stalls in a way to get max(min)

0 3 4 7 9 10  
C<sub>1</sub> ← 3 → C<sub>2</sub> ← 4 → C<sub>3</sub> ← 2 → C<sub>4</sub> min is 2

but we want max

0 3 4 7 9 10  
C<sub>1</sub> ← 3 → C<sub>2</sub> ← 4 → C<sub>3</sub> ← 3 → C<sub>4</sub> min is 3

but we still increase to find min

0 3 4 7 9 10  
C<sub>1</sub> ← 4 → C<sub>2</sub> ← 5 → C<sub>3</sub> ← 1 → C<sub>4</sub>  
not possible

So answer is 3



suppose take

arr[] = [0 3 4 7 9 10] cows=2

to get max(min)

U will place 1 cow in 1<sup>st</sup> stall  
and another cow in best stall

9 <  $\xrightarrow{10}$  6  
[0 3 4 7 9 10]

function to check whether we can  
place the cows // (such that we need to  
get max) all imp

boolean function checkPlaceCows (arr, dist, cows)

{

int countCows = 1;

last = arr[0];

for (int i = 1; i < arr.length; i++)

{

if (~~last~~ arr[i] - last >= dist)

~~continue~~

{

~~else~~

countCows++;

last = arr[i];

}

if (countCows >= cows)

return true

else

return false;

}



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public int solve(int[] a, int cows)
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{
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    int low = 1;
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    int high = max - min; // max in array a  
                    // min in array a
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    while (low <= high) {
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        {
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            int mid = low + (high - low) / 2;
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            if (canWePlaceCows(a, mid, cows))
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            {
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                low = mid + 1;
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            }
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            else {
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```
                high = mid - 1;
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            }
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        }
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```
        return low;
```

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    }
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|     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |      |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|------|
|     | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x  |      |
| low | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | high |

high low

at last high reaches

the possible one