



## Max Min ☆

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You will be given a list of integers, **arr**, and a single integer **k**. You must create an array of length **k** from elements of **arr** such that its unfairness is minimized. Call that array **subarr**. Unfairness of an array is calculated as

$$\max(\text{subarr}) - \min(\text{subarr})$$

Where:

- max denotes the largest integer in **subarr**.
- min denotes the smallest integer in **subarr**.

As an example, consider the array **[1, 4, 7, 2]** with a **k** of **2**. Pick any two elements, test **subarr = [4, 7]**.

$$\text{unfairness} = \max(4, 7) - \min(4, 7) = 7 - 4 = 3$$

Testing for all pairs, the solution **[1, 2]** provides the minimum unfairness.

**Note:** Integers in **arr** may not be unique.

### Function Description

Complete the maxMin function in the editor below. It must return an integer that denotes the minimum possible value of unfairness.

maxMin has the following parameter(s):

- k: an integer, the number of elements in the array to create
- arr: an array of integers .

### Input Format

The first line contains an integer **n**, the number of elements in array **arr**.

The second line contains an integer **k**.

Each of the next **n** lines contains an integer **arr[i]** where  $0 \leq i < n$ .

### Constraints

$$2 \leq n \leq 10^5$$

$$2 \leq k \leq n$$

$$0 \leq \text{arr}[i] \leq 10^9$$

### Output Format

An integer that denotes the minimum possible value of unfairness.

### Sample Input 0

```
7
3
10
100
300
```



```
200
1000
20
30
```

**Sample Output 0**

```
20
```

**Explanation 0**

Here  $k = 3$ ; selecting the **3** integers **10, 20, 30**, unfairness equals

$$\max(10, 20, 30) - \min(10, 20, 30) = 30 - 10 = 20$$

**Sample Input 1**

```
10
4
1
2
3
4
10
20
30
40
100
200
```

**Sample Output 1**

```
3
```

**Explanation 1**

Here  $k = 4$ ; selecting the **4** integers **1, 2, 3, 4**, unfairness equals

$$\max(1, 2, 3, 4) - \min(1, 2, 3, 4) = 4 - 1 = 3$$

**Sample Input 2**

```
5
2
1
2
1
2
1
```

**Sample Output 2**

```
0
```

**Explanation 2**

Here  $k = 2$ .  $subarr = [2, 2]$  or  $subarr = [1, 1]$  give the minimum unfairness of **0**.



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```
1  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2
3  using namespace std;
4  // self
5  // Complete the maxMin function below.
6  int maxMin(int k, vector<int> arr) {
7      int n = arr.size();
8      sort(arr.begin(), arr.end()); //sorting to avoid using max and min func, this
      //allows us to keep k element in subarray always in order. Moreover, With sorting we are
      //sure that any other element cannot replace 0th and kth pos for best result in that subarr
9      int result = arr[k-1]-arr[0]; // first difference
10     for(int i=1; i<n-k+1;i++){
11         int temp = arr[i+k-1]-arr[i];
12         if(temp<result) result=temp;
13     }
14     return result;
15 }
16
17 int main()
18 {
19     ofstream fout(getenv("OUTPUT_PATH"));
```

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1	7
2	3
3	10
4	100
5	300
6	200
7	1000
8	20
9	30

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