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# Practice Problem PC Maxdifficent Group

Given an array of integers  $A_{1..N}$  where  $N \ge 2$ . Each element in A should be assigned into a group while satisfying the following rules.

- · Each element belongs to exactly one group.
- If  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  where i < j belongs to the same group, then  $A_k$  where  $i \le k \le j$  also belongs to the same group as  $A_i$  and  $A_j$ .
- There is at least one pair of elements that belong to a different group.

Let  $G_i$  denotes the group ID of element  $A_i$ . The cost of a group is equal to the sum of all elements in A that belong to that group.

$$cost(x) = \sum_{i \text{ s.t. } G_i = x} A_i$$

Two different group IDs,  $G_i$  and  $G_j$  (where  $G_i \neq G_j$ ), are **adjacent** if and only if  $G_k$  is either  $G_i$  or  $G_j$  for every  $i \leq k \leq j$ . Finally, the  $\operatorname{diff}()$  value of two group IDs x and y is defined as the absolute difference between  $\operatorname{cost}(x)$  and  $\operatorname{cost}(y)$ .

$$diff(x, y) = |cost(x) - cost(y)|$$

Your task in this problem is to find a group assignment such that the largest diff() value between any pair of adjacent group IDs is maximized; you only need to output the largest diff() value.

For example, let  $A_{1..4} = \{100, -30, -20, 70\}$ . There are 8 ways to assign each element in A into a group in this example; some of them are shown as follows.

- $G_{1...4} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . There are 3 pairs of group IDs that are adjacent and their diff() values are:
  - $\cdot \operatorname{diff}(1,2) = |\cot(1) \cot(2)| = |(100) (-30)| = 130,$
  - $\cdot \operatorname{diff}(2,3) = |\cos(2) \cos(3)| = |(-30) (-20)| = 10$ , and
  - $\cdot \operatorname{diff}(3,4) = |\cos(3) \cos(4)| = |(-20) (70)| = 90.$

The largest diff() value in this group assignment is 130.

- $G_{1..4} = \{1, 2, 2, 3\}$ . There are 2 pairs of group IDs that are adjacent and their diff() values are:
  - $\cdot \operatorname{diff}(1,2) = |\cos(1) \cos(2)| = |(100) (-30 + (-20))| = 150$ , and
  - $\cdot \operatorname{diff}(2,3) = |\cos(2) \cos(3)| = |(-30 + (-20)) (-20)| = 70.$

The largest diff() value in this group assignment is 150.

The other 6 group assignments are:  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 1, 1, 2\}$ ,  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 1, 2, 2\}$ ,  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 2, 2, 2\}$ ,  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 1, 2, 2\}$ ,  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 2, 3, 3\}$ . Among all possible group assignments in this example, the maximum largest diff() that can be obtained is 150 from the group assignment  $G_{1..4} = \{1, 2, 2, 3\}$ .

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#### Input

Input begins with a line containing an integer N ( $2 \le N \le 100\,000$ ) representing the number of elements in array A. The next line contains N integers  $A_i$  ( $-10^6 \le A_i \le 10^6$ ) representing the array A.

#### Output

Output contains an integer in a line representing the maximum possible largest  $\operatorname{diff}()$  that can be obtained from a group assignment.

#### Sample Input #1

4 100 -30 -20 50

#### Sample Output #1

150

Explanation for the sample input/output #1

This is the example from the problem statement.

#### Sample Input #2

5 12 7 4 32 9

#### Sample Output #2

46

Explanation for the sample input/output #2

The maximum possible largest diff() of 45 can be obtained from the group assignment  $G_{1..5} = \{1, 1, 1, 1, 2\}$ . The diff() value of the only adjacent group IDs is: diff(1, 2) = 45.

#### Sample Input #3

6 -5 10 -5 45 -20 15

#### Sample Output #3

70

Explanation for the sample input/output #3

The maximum possible largest diff() of 70 can be obtained from the group assignment  $G_{1..6} = \{1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4\}$ . The diff() values of any two adjacent group IDs are: diff(1, 2) = 55, diff(2, 3) = 70, and diff(3, 4) = 35.