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Test score

100%

100 out of 100 points

EASY

1. MaxProductOfThree

Maximize A[P] * A[Q] * A[R] for any triplet (P, Q, R).

score: 100 of 100

Task description

A non-empty zero-indexed array A consisting of N integers is given. The *product* of triplet (P, Q, R) equates to A[P] * A[Q] * A[R] (0 ≤ P < Q < R < N).
For example, array A such that:

```
A[0] = -3
A[1] = 1
A[2] = 2
A[3] = -2
A[4] = 5
A[5] = 6
```

contains the following example triplets:

- (0, 1, 2), product is −3 * 1 * 2 = −6
- (1, 2, 4), product is 1 * 2 * 5 = 10
- (2, 4, 5), product is 2 * 5 * 6 = 60

Your goal is to find the maximal product of any triplet.
Write a function:

```
def solution(A)
```

that, given a non-empty zero-indexed array A, returns the value of the maximal product of any triplet.
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Solution

Programming language used: Python

Total time used: 10 minutes

Effective time used: 10 minutes

Notes: correct functionality and scalability

Task timeline

18:44:11 18:53:22

Code: 18:53:22 UTC, py, final, score: **100.00**

```
1.  def solution(A):
2.      n = len(A)
3.      A.sort()
4.      return max(A[0] * A[1] * A[n-1], A[n-1] * A[n-2] *
        A[n-3])
```

Analysis

Detected time complexity:

O(N * log(N))

the function should return 60, as the product of triplet (2, 4, 5) is maximal.
Assume that:

- N is an integer within the range [3..100,000];
- each element of array A is an integer within the range [−1,000..1,000].

Complexity:

- expected worst-case time complexity is O(N*log(N));
- expected worst-case space complexity is O(1), beyond input storage (not counting the storage required for input arguments).

Elements of input arrays can be modified.

test	time	result
Example tests		
example example test	0.060 s.	**OK**
Correctness tests		
one_triple three elements	0.060 s.	**OK**
simple1 simple tests	0.060 s.	**OK**
simple2 simple tests	0.060 s.	**OK**
small_random random small, length = 100	0.056 s.	**OK**
Performance tests		
medium_range -1000, -999, ... 1000, length = ~1,000	0.060 s.	**OK**
medium_random random medium, length = ~10,000	0.076 s.	**OK**
large_random random large, length = ~100,000	0.252 s.	**OK**
large_range 2000 * (-10..10) + [-1000, 500, -1]	0.132 s.	**OK**
extreme_large (-2, .., -2, 1, .., 1) and (MAX_INT)..(MAX_INT), length = ~100,000	0.208 s.	**OK**

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