

Problem statement

Link:

https://www.naukri.com/code360/problems/frog-jump_3621012?source=youtube&campaign=striver_dp_videos&utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=striver_dp_videos&leftPanelTabValue=PROBLEM

There is a frog on the '1st' step of an 'N' stairs long staircase. The frog wants to reach the 'Nth' stair. 'HEIGHT[i]' is the height of the '(i+1)th' stair. If Frog jumps from 'ith' to 'jth' stair, the energy lost in the jump is given by absolute value of (HEIGHT[i-1] - HEIGHT[j-1]). If the Frog is on 'ith' staircase, he can jump either to '(i+1)th' stair or to '(i+2)th' stair. Your task is to find the minimum total energy used by the frog to reach from '1st' stair to 'Nth' stair.

For Example

If the given 'HEIGHT' array is [10,20,30,10], the answer 20 as the frog can jump from 1st stair to 2nd stair ($|20-10| = 10$ energy lost) and then a jump from 2nd stair to last stair ($|10-20| = 10$ energy lost). So, the total energy lost is 20.

Detailed explanation (Input/output format, Notes, Images)

Constraints:

$1 \leq T \leq 10$

$1 \leq N \leq 100000$.

$1 \leq \text{HEIGHTS}[i] \leq 1000$.

Time limit: 1 sec

Sample Input 1:

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2
4
10 20 30 10
3
10 50 10
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Sample Output 1:

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20
0
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Explanation of sample input 1:

For the first test case,

The frog can jump from 1st stair to 2nd stair ($|20-10| = 10$ energy lost).

Then a jump from the 2nd stair to the last stair ($|10-20| = 10$ energy lost).

So, the total energy lost is 20 which is the minimum.

Hence, the answer is 20.

For the second test case:

The frog can jump from 1st stair to 3rd stair ($|10-10| = 0$ energy lost).

So, the total energy lost is 0 which is the minimum.

Hence, the answer is 0.

Sample Input 2:

2

8

7 4 4 2 6 6 3 4

6

4 8 3 10 4 4

Sample Output 2:

7

2

Hints:

1. Think about all the possibilities at each stair.
2. Using recursion, try to divide the problem into subproblems and calculate the answer for each subproblem only once - store it for reusing in the future.
3. The above can also be done iteratively.