

PROBLEM

Minimize the Difference



Medium Accuracy: 54.13% Submissions: 21K+ Points: 4

You are given an array **arr** of size **n**. You have to remove a **subarray** of size **k**, such that the difference between the maximum and minimum values of the **remaining array** is **minimized**.

Find the **minimum** value obtained after performing the operation of the removal of the subarray and return it.

Example 1:

Input:

$n = 5$

$k = 3$

$arr = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

Output:

1

Explanation:

We can remove first subarray of length 3(i.e. $\{1, 2, 3\}$) then remaining array will be $\{4,5\}$ and the difference of maximum and minimum element will be 1 i.e $5 - 4 = 1$

Example 2:

Input:

$n = 6$

$k = 3$

$arr = \{2, 3, 1, 4, 6, 7\}$

Output:

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Explanation:

If we remove the subarray $\{2,3,1\}$ then remaining array will be $\{4,6,7\}$ and the difference = $7-4 = 3$

If we remove the subarray $\{3,1,4\}$ then remaining array will be $\{2,6,7\}$ and the difference = $7-2 = 5$

If we remove the subarray $\{1,4,6\}$ then remaining array will be $\{2,3,7\}$ and the difference = $7-2 = 5$

If we remove the subarray $\{4,6,7\}$ then remaining array will be $\{2,3,1\}$ and the difference = $3-1 = 2$

So the answer will be $\min(3,5,5,2) = 2$

Your Task:

You have to complete the function **minimizeDifference()**, which takes two integers **n** and **k** and an integer array **arr** of size **n**. You have to return the **minimum difference** of maximum and minimum elements of the remaining array after removing one **k** length subarray of it.

Expected Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Expected Auxiliary Space: $O(n)$

Constraints:

$2 \leq n \leq 10^5$

$1 \leq k \leq n-1$

$0 \leq arr[i] \leq 10^9$

CODE

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from typing import List
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class Solution:
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    def minimizeDifference(self, n : int, k : int, arr : List[int]) -> int:
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        # code here
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        post_max = [0]*n
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        post_max[n-1] = arr[n-1]
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        post_min = [0]*n
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        post_min[n-1] = arr[n-1]
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        for i in range(n-2,-1,-1):
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            post_max[i] = max(post_max[i+1],arr[i])
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            post_min[i] = min(post_min[i+1],arr[i])
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        maxi = arr[0]
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        mini = arr[0]
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        ans = post_max[k] - post_min[k]
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        for i in range(1,n-k):
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            ans = min(ans, max(maxi,post_max[i+k])-min(mini,post_min[i+k]))
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            maxi = max(maxi,arr[i])
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            mini = min(mini,arr[i])
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        ans = min(ans,maxi-mini)
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        return ans
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