



# Diagonal Difference ☆

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Given a square matrix, calculate the absolute difference between the sums of its diagonals.

For example, the square matrix *arr* is shown below:

```
1 2 3
4 5 6
9 8 9
```

The left-to-right diagonal =  $1 + 5 + 9 = 15$ . The right to left diagonal =  $3 + 5 + 9 = 17$ . Their absolute difference is  $|15 - 17| = 2$ .

**Function description**

Complete the *diagonalDifference* function in the editor below. It must return an integer representing the absolute diagonal difference.

*diagonalDifference* takes the following parameter:

- arr*: an array of integers .

**Input Format**

The first line contains a single integer, *n*, the number of rows and columns in the matrix *arr*.

Each of the next *n* lines describes a row, *arr[i]*, and consists of *n* space-separated integers *arr[i][j]*.

**Constraints**

- $-100 \leq arr[i][j] \leq 100$

**Output Format**

Print the absolute difference between the sums of the matrix's two diagonals as a single integer.

**Sample Input**

```
3
11 2 4
4 5 6
10 8 -12
```

**Sample Output**

```
15
```



**Explanation**

The primary diagonal is:

```

11
 5
-12

```

Sum across the primary diagonal:  $11 + 5 - 12 = 4$

The secondary diagonal is:

```

 4
 5
10

```

Sum across the secondary diagonal:  $4 + 5 + 10 = 19$

Difference:  $|4 - 19| = 15$

**Note:**  $|x|$  is the [absolute value](#) of  $x$

Python 3



```

8
9
10 # Complete the diagonalDifference function below.
11 def diagonalDifference(arr):
12     arr2 = [item for sublist in arr for item in sublist]
13     diag1 = []
14     diag2 = []
15     #n_columns = len(arr[0])
16     diag1_counter = 0
17     diag2_counter = len(arr[0])-1
18     #d1 = len(arr[0]) + 1
19     #d2 = len(arr[0]) - 1
20
21     for i in range(len(arr[0])):
22         diag1.append(arr2[diag1_counter])
23         diag2.append(arr2[diag2_counter])
24         diag1_counter = diag1_counter + (len(arr[0]) + 1)
25         diag2_counter = diag2_counter + (len(arr[0]) - 1)
26
27     #print(abs(sum(diag1) - sum(diag2)))
28     return abs(sum(diag1) - sum(diag2))
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```

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