

TL SDET 4 - Assessment 2 75 minutes

# Question - 1 River Records

Given an array of integers, without reordering, determine the maximum difference between any element and any prior smaller element. If there is never a lower prior element, return -1.

#### Example

$$arr = [5, 3, 6, 7, 4]$$

There are no earlier elements than arr[0].

There is no earlier reading with a value lower than arr[1].

There are two lower earlier readings with a value lower than arr[2] = 6:

- arr[2] arr[1] = 6 3 = 3
- arr[2] arr[0] = 6 5 = 1

There are three lower earlier readings with a lower value than arr[3] = 7:

- arr[3] arr[2] = 7 6 = 1
- arr[3] arr[1] = 7 3 = 4
- arr[3] arr[0] = 7 5 = 2

There is one lower earlier reading with a lower value than arr[4] = 4:

• arr[4] - arr[1] = 4 - 3 = 1

The maximum trailing record is arr[3] - arr[1] = 4.

#### Example

$$arr = [4, 3, 2, 1]$$

No item in arr has a lower earlier reading, therefore return -1

## **Function Description**

Complete the function maximumTrailing in the editor below.

maximumTrailing has the following parameter(s):

int arr[n]: an array of integers

### Returns:

int: the maximum trailing difference, or -1 if no element in arr has a lower earlier value

## Constraints

- $1 \le n \le 2 \times 10^5$
- $-10^6 \le arr[i] \le 10^6$  and  $0 \le i < n$

# ▼ Input Format For Custom Testing

Input from stdin will be processed as follows and passed to the

The first line contains a single integer, *n*, the number of elements in the array *arr*.

Each of the n subsequent lines contains a single integer, each an element arr[i] where  $0 \le i < n$ .

# ▼ Sample Case 0

## Sample Input 0

```
STDIN Function

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7  → arr[] size n = 7

2  → arr = [2, 3, 10, 2, 4, 8, 1]

3

10

2

4

8

1
```

## **Sample Output**

```
8
```

## **Explanation**

Differences are calculated as:

- 3 [2] = [1]
- 10 [3, 2] = [7, 8]
- 4 [2, 3, 2] = [2, 1, 2]
- 8 [4, 2, 3, 2] = [4, 6, 5, 6]

The maximum trailing difference is 10 - 2 = 8.

# ▼ Sample Case 1

#### Sample Input 1

```
STDIN Function
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6 → arr[] size n = 6
7 → arr = [7, 9, 5, 6, 3, 2]
9
5
6
3
2
```

# **Sample Output**

```
2
```

# **Explanation**

Differences are calculated as:

- 9 [7] = 2
- 6 [5] = 1

The maximum trailing difference is 2.

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Question - 2
Project Estimates
```

A number of bids are being taken for a project. Determine the number of distinct pairs of project costs where their absolute difference

is some target value. Two pairs are distinct if they differ in at least one value.

## Example

```
n = 3
projectCosts = [1, 3, 5]
target= 2
```

There are 2 pairs [1,3], [3,5] that have the target difference target = 2, therefore a value of 2 is returned.

## **Function Description**

Complete the function countPairs in the editor below.

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countPairs has the following parameter(s):
  int projectCosts[n]: array of integers
  int target: the target difference
```

#### Returns

int: the number of distinct pairs in projectCosts with an absolute difference of target

#### **Constraints**

- 5 ≤ n ≤ 10<sup>5</sup>
- 0 < projectCosts[i] ≤ 2 × 10<sup>9</sup>
- Each projectCosts[i] is distinct, i.e. unique within projectCosts
- 1 ≤ target ≤ 10<sup>9</sup>

# ▼ Input Format for Custom Testing

Input from stdin will be processed as follows and passed to the function.

The first line contains an integer n, the size of the array projectCosts. The next n lines each contain an element projectCosts[i] where  $0 \le i < n$ .

The next line contains the integer target, the target difference.

# ▼ Sample Case 0

## Sample Input 0

```
STDIN Function

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5 → projectCosts[] size n = 5

1 → projectCosts = [1, 5, 3, 4, 2]

5

3

4

2

2 → target = 2
```

### Sample Output 0

```
3
```

### **Explanation 0**

Count the number of pairs in *projectCosts* whose difference is *target* = 2. The following three pairs meet the criterion: (1, 3), (5, 3), and (4, 2)

# ▼ Sample Case 1

# Sample Input 1

```
STDIN
                  Function
10
             → projectCosts[] size n = 10
363374326 \rightarrow \text{projectCosts} = [363374326,
364147530, 61825163, 107306571, 128124602,
139946991, 428047635, 491595254, 879792181,
106926279]
364147530
61825163
107306571
128124602
139946991
428047635
491595254
879792181
106926279
1
             \rightarrow target = 1
```

## Sample Output 1

```
0
```

## **Explanation 1**

Count the number of pairs in projectCosts whose difference is target = 1. Because no such pair of integers exists, return 0.

# ▼ Sample Case 2

## Sample Input 2

# Sample Output 2

```
5
```

# **Explanation 2**

Count the number of pairs in *projectCosts* whose difference is *target* = 2. The following five pairs meet the criterion: (2, 4), (4, 6), (6, 8), (8, 10), and (10, 12).