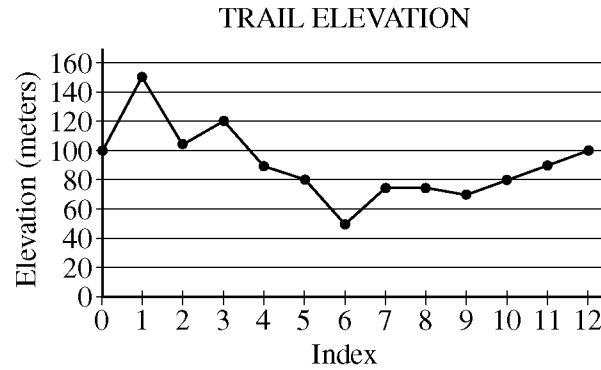


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3. A hiking trail has elevation markers posted at regular intervals along the trail. Elevation information about a trail can be stored in an array, where each element in the array represents the elevation at a marker. The elevation at the first marker will be stored at array index 0, the elevation at the second marker will be stored at array index 1, and so forth. Elevations between markers are ignored in this question. The graph below shows an example of trail elevations.



The table below contains the data represented in the graph.

Trail Elevation (meters)

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Elevation	100	150	105	120	90	80	50	75	75	70	80	90	100

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The declaration of the `Trail` class is shown below. You will write two unrelated methods of the `Trail` class.

```
public class Trail
{
    /** Representation of the trail. The number of markers on the trail is markers.length. */
    private int[] markers;

    /** Determines if a trail segment is level. A trail segment is defined by a starting marker,
     *  an ending marker, and all markers between those two markers.
     *  A trail segment is level if it has a difference between the maximum elevation
     *  and minimum elevation that is less than or equal to 10 meters.
     *  @param start the index of the starting marker
     *  @param end the index of the ending marker
     *  Precondition: 0 <= start < end <= markers.length - 1
     *  @return true if the difference between the maximum and minimum
     *          elevation on this segment of the trail is less than or equal to 10 meters;
     *          false otherwise.
     */
    public boolean isLevelTrailSegment(int start, int end)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** Determines if this trail is rated difficult. A trail is rated by counting the number of changes in
     *  elevation that are at least 30 meters (up or down) between two consecutive markers. A trail
     *  with 3 or more such changes is rated difficult.
     *  @return true if the trail is rated difficult; false otherwise.
     */
    public boolean isDifficult()
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

- (a) Write the `Trail` method `isLevelTrailSegment`. A trail segment is defined by a starting marker, an ending marker, and all markers between those two markers. The parameters of the method are the index of the starting marker and the index of the ending marker. The method will return `true` if the difference between the maximum elevation and the minimum elevation in the trail segment is less than or equal to 10 meters.

For the trail shown at the beginning of the question, the trail segment starting at marker 7 and ending at marker 10 has elevations ranging between 70 and 80 meters. Because the difference between 80 and 70 is equal to 10, the trail segment is considered level.

The trail segment starting at marker 2 and ending at marker 12 has elevations ranging between 50 and 120 meters. Because the difference between 120 and 50 is greater than 10, this trail segment is not considered level.