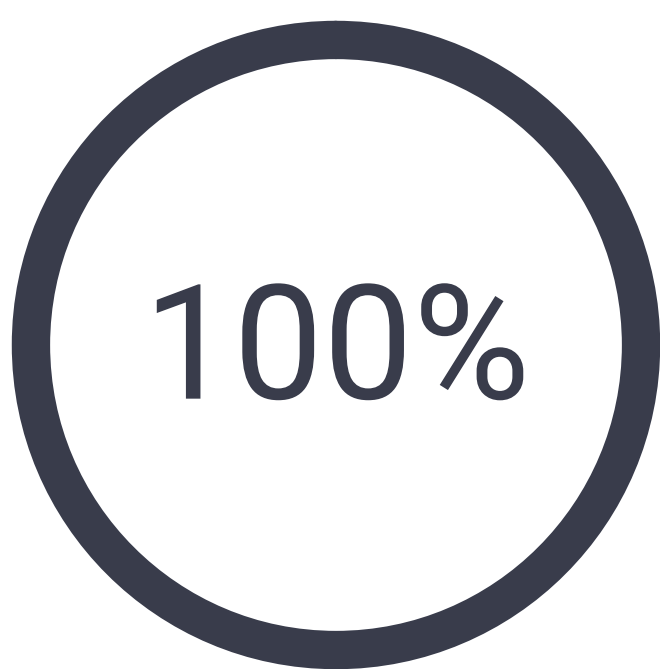


Tasks summary

Task	Time spent	Score
Peaks Python	7 min	100%

Total score



Tasks Details

Medium

1. Peaks

Divide an array into the maximum number of same-sized blocks, each of which should contain an index P such that $A[P - 1] < A[P] > A[P + 1]$.

Task Score

100%

Correctness

100%

Performance

100%

Task description

A non-empty array A consisting of N integers is given.

A *peak* is an array element which is larger than its neighbors. More precisely, it is an index P such that $0 < P < N - 1$, $A[P - 1] < A[P]$ and $A[P] > A[P + 1]$.

For example, the following array A:

```
A[0] = 1
A[1] = 2
A[2] = 3
A[3] = 4
A[4] = 3
A[5] = 4
A[6] = 1
A[7] = 2
A[8] = 3
A[9] = 4
A[10] = 6
A[11] = 2
```

has exactly three peaks: 3, 5, 10.

We want to divide this array into blocks containing the same number of elements. More precisely, we want to choose a number K that will yield the following blocks:

- A[0], A[1], ..., A[K - 1],
- A[K], A[K + 1], ..., A[2K - 1],
- ...
- A[N - K], A[N - K + 1], ..., A[N - 1].

What's more, every block should contain at least one peak. Notice that extreme elements of the blocks (for example A[K - 1] or A[K]) can also be peaks, but only if they have both neighbors (including one in an adjacent blocks).

The goal is to find the maximum number of blocks into which the array A can be divided.

Array A can be divided into blocks as follows:

- one block (1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 2). This block contains three peaks.
- two blocks (1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4) and (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 2). Every block has a peak.
- three blocks (1, 2, 3, 4), (3, 4, 1, 2), (3, 4, 6, 2). Every block has a peak. Notice in particular that the first block (1, 2, 3, 4) has a peak at A[3], because $A[2] < A[3] > A[4]$, even though A[4] is in the adjacent block.

However, array A cannot be divided into four blocks, (1, 2, 3), (4, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3) and (4, 6, 2), because the (1, 2, 3) blocks do not contain a peak. Notice in particular that the (4, 3, 4) block contains two peaks: A[3] and A[5].

The maximum number of blocks that array A can be divided into is three.

Write a function:

```
def solution(A)
```

that, given a non-empty array A consisting of N integers, returns the maximum number of blocks into which A can be divided.

If A cannot be divided into some number of blocks, the function should return 0.

For example, given:

```
A[0] = 1
A[1] = 2
A[2] = 3
A[3] = 4
A[4] = 3
A[5] = 4
A[6] = 1
A[7] = 2
A[8] = 3
A[9] = 4
A[10] = 6
A[11] = 2
```

the function should return 3, as explained above.

Write an **efficient** algorithm for the following assumptions:

- N is an integer within the range [1..100,000];
- each element of array A is an integer within the range [0..1,000,000,000].

Solution

Programming language used: Python

Total time used: 7 minutes



Effective time used: 7 minutes



Notes: not defined yet

Task timeline



Code: 19:53:22 UTC, py, final, score: 100 [show code in pop-up](#)

```
1 # you can write to stdout for debugging purposes, e.g.
2 # print("this is a debug message")
3
4 def solution(A):
5     # write your code in Python 3.6
6     N = len(A)
7     if N == 0:
8         return 0
9     elif N == 1:
10        return 0
11    elif N == 2:
12        return 0
13    elif N == 3:
14        if A[0] < A[1] > A[2]:
15            return 1
16        else:
17            return 0
18    else:
19        peaks = [0]*N
20        for i in range(1, N-1):
21            if A[i-1] < A[i] > A[i+1]:
22                peaks[i] = 1
23        if sum(peaks):
24            allowed_block_sizes = []
25            allowed_block_sizes.append(N)
26            for i in range(2, N//2+1):
27                if N/i - N//i == 0.0:
28                    allowed_block_sizes.append(N//i)
29            if len(allowed_block_sizes) == 1:
30                return 1
31            else:
32                for i in range(len(allowed_block_sizes)-1, -1,
33                               bool_ = False
34                               for j in range(N//allowed_block_sizes[i]):
35                                   k = j * allowed_block_sizes[i]
36                                   while True:
37                                       if peaks[k]:
38                                           break
39                                       if k == (j+1) * allowed_block_size
40                                           bool_ = True
41                                           break
42                                   k += 1
43                               if bool_:
44                                   break
45                               if not bool_:
46                                   return N//allowed_block_sizes[i]
47        else:
48            return 0
```

Analysis summary

The solution obtained perfect score.

Analysis

Detected time complexity: **O(N * log(log(N)))**

expand all	Example tests
▶ example example test	✓ OK
expand all	Correctness tests
▶ extreme_min extreme min test	✓ OK
▶ extreme_without_peaks test without peaks	✓ OK
▶ prime_length test with prime sequence length	✓ OK
▶ anti_bin_search anti bin_search test	✓ OK
▶ simple1 simple test	✓ OK
▶ simple2 second simple test	✓ OK
expand all	Performance tests
▶ medium_random chaotic medium sequences, length = ~5,000	✓ OK
▶ medium_anti_slow medium test anti slow solutions	✓ OK
▶ large_random chaotic large sequences, length = ~50,000	✓ OK
▶ large_anti_slow large test anti slow solutions	✓ OK
▶ extreme_max extreme max test	✓ OK