

Test Name:

Summary    Timeline

Tasks summary

Task	Time spent	Score
MaxProfit Python	8 min	100%

Total score

100%

Tasks Details

Easy

1. MaxProfit

Given a log of stock prices compute the maximum possible earning.

Task Score

Correctness

Performance

100%

100%

100%

Task description

An array A consisting of N integers is given. It contains daily prices of a stock share for a period of N consecutive days. If a single share was bought on day P and sold on day Q, where  $0 \leq P \leq Q < N$ , then the *profit* of such transaction is equal to  $A[Q] - A[P]$ , provided that  $A[Q] \geq A[P]$ . Otherwise, the transaction brings *loss* of  $A[P] - A[Q]$ .

For example, consider the following array A consisting of six elements such that:

A[0] = 23171  
A[1] = 21011  
A[2] = 21123  
A[3] = 21366  
A[4] = 21013  
A[5] = 21367

If a share was bought on day 0 and sold on day 2, a loss of 2048 would occur because  $A[2] - A[0] = 21123 - 23171 = -2048$ . If a share was bought on day 4 and sold on day 5, a profit of 354 would occur because  $A[5] - A[4] = 21367 - 21013 = 354$ . Maximum possible profit was 356. It would occur if a share was bought on day 1 and sold on day 5.

Write a function,

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def solution(A)
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that, given an array A consisting of N integers containing daily prices of a stock share for a period of N consecutive days, returns the maximum possible profit from one transaction during this period. The function should return 0 if it was impossible to gain any profit.

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the function should return 356, as explained above.

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

- N is an integer within the range [0..400,000];
- each element of array A is an integer within the range [0..200,000].

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Solution

Programming language used:

Python

Total time used:

8 minutes

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Effective time used:

8 minutes

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Notes:

not defined yet

Task timeline

01:34:3901:42:01

Code: 01:42:00 UTC, py, final, score:

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1 # you can write to stdout for debugging purposes, e.g.
2 # print("this is a debug message")
3
4 def mp(B):
5     if not B:
6         return 0
7     N = len(B)
8     if N == 1:
9         return 0
10    if N == 2:
11        if B[0] > B[1]:
12            return 0
13        else:
14            return B[1]-B[0]
15
16    min_ = min(B)
17    idx_min = 0
18    for i in range(N):
19        if B[i] == min_:
20            idx_min = i
21            break
22    max_ = max(B)
23    idx_max = 0
24    for i in range(N-1, -1, -1):
25        if B[i] == max_:
26            idx_max = i
27            break
28    max_profit = 0
29    if idx_max > idx_min:
30        max_profit = max(max_profit, B[idx_max]-B[idx_min])
31    else:
32        if B[idx_min+1:]:
33            max_profit = max(max_profit, max(B[idx_min+1:])-B[
34            if B[:idx_max]:
35                max_profit = max(max_profit, B[idx_max]-max(B[:idx
36                max_profit = max(max_profit, mp(B[idx_max+1:idx_min]))
37    if max_profit > 0:
38        return max_profit
39    else:
40        return 0
41
42 def solution(A):
43     # write your code in Python 3.6
44     max_profit = mp(A)
45     if max_profit > 0:
46         return max_profit
47     else:
48         return 0
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Analysis summary

The solution obtained perfect score.

Analysis

Detected time complexity:

O(N)

expand all

Example tests

▶ example

example, length=6

OK

expand all

Correctness tests

▶ simple\_1

V-pattern sequence, length=7

OK

▶ simple\_desc

descending and ascending sequence, length=5

OK

▶ simple\_empty

empty and [0,200000] sequence

OK

▶ two\_hills

two increasing subsequences

OK

▶ max\_profit\_after\_max\_and\_before\_min

max profit is after global maximum and before global minimum

OK

expand all

Performance tests

▶ medium\_1

large value (99) followed by short V-pattern (values from [1..5]) repeated 100 times

OK

▶ large\_1

large value (99) followed by short pattern (values from [1..6]) repeated 10K times

OK

▶ large\_2

chaotic sequence of 200K values from [100K..120K], then 200K values from [0..100K]

OK

▶ large\_3

chaotic sequence of 200K values from [1..200K]

OK