

Tasks summary

Task	Time spent	Score
TapeEquilibrium Python	5 min	100%

Total score

100%

Tasks Details

Easy

1. TapeEquilibrium

Minimize the value $| (A[0] + \dots + A[P-1]) - (A[P] + \dots + A[N-1]) |$.

Task Score

Correctness

Performance

100%

100%

100%

Task description

A non-empty array A consisting of N integers is given. Array A represents numbers on a tape.

Any integer P, such that $0 < P < N$, splits this tape into two non-empty parts: $A[0], A[1], \dots, A[P - 1]$ and $A[P], A[P + 1], \dots, A[N - 1]$.

The *difference* between the two parts is the value of: $| (A[0] + A[1] + \dots + A[P - 1]) - (A[P] + A[P + 1] + \dots + A[N - 1]) |$

In other words, it is the absolute difference between the sum of the first part and the sum of the second part.

For example, consider array A such that:

A[0] = 3
A[1] = 1
A[2] = 2
A[3] = 4
A[4] = 3

We can split this tape in four places:

- P = 1, difference = $|3 - 10| = 7$
- P = 2, difference = $|4 - 9| = 5$
- P = 3, difference = $|6 - 7| = 1$
- P = 4, difference = $|10 - 3| = 7$

Write a function:

def solution(A)

that, given a non-empty array A of N integers, returns the minimal difference that can be achieved.

For example, given:

A[0] = 3
A[1] = 1
A[2] = 2
A[3] = 4
A[4] = 3

the function should return 1, as explained above.

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

- N is an integer within the range $[2..100,000]$;
- each element of array A is an integer within the range $[-1,000..1,000]$.

Solution

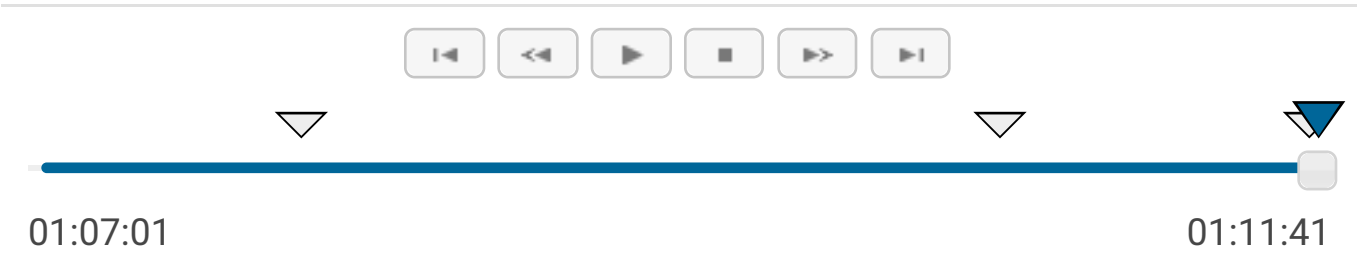
Programming language used:	Python
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Total time used:	5 minutes	?
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Effective time used:	5 minutes	?
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Notes:	<i>not defined yet</i>
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Task timeline



Code: 01:11:41 UTC, py, final, score: 100 [show code in pop-up](#)

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1 # you can write to stdout for debugging purposes, e.g.
2 # print("this is a debug message")
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4 def solution(A):
5     # write your code in Python 3.6
6     if len(A) < 2:
7         return -1
8     elif len(A) == 2:
9         return abs(A[0]-A[1])
10    else:
11        left_sum = 0
12        right_sum = sum(A)
13        diff = 1000*len(A)
14        for el in A[:-1]:
15            left_sum += el
16            right_sum -= el
17            diff = min(diff, abs(left_sum - right_sum))
18        return diff
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Analysis summary

The solution obtained perfect score.

Analysis

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

expand all	Example tests
▶ example	✓ OK
example test	
expand all	Correctness tests
▶ double	✓ OK
two elements	
▶ simple_positive	✓ OK
simple test with positive numbers, length = 5	
▶ simple_negative	✓ OK
simple test with negative numbers, length = 5	
▶ simple_boundary	✓ OK
only one element on one of the sides	
▶ small_random	✓ OK
random small, length = 100	
▶ small_range	✓ OK
range sequence, length = ~1,000	
▶ small	✓ OK
small elements	
expand all	Performance tests
▶ medium_random1	✓ OK
random medium, numbers from 0 to 100, length = ~10,000	
▶ medium_random2	✓ OK
random medium, numbers from -1,000 to 50, length = ~10,000	
▶ large_ones	✓ OK
large sequence, numbers from -1 to 1, length = ~100,000	
▶ large_random	✓ OK
random large, length = ~100,000	
▶ large_sequence	✓ OK
large sequence, length = ~100,000	
▶ large_extreme	✓ OK
large test with maximal and minimal values, length = ~100,000	