



Minimum Distances

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Consider an array of n integers, $A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}]$. The distance between two indices, i and j , is denoted by $d_{i,j} = |i - j|$.

Given A , find the *minimum* $d_{i,j}$ such that $a_i = a_j$ and $i \neq j$. In other words, find the minimum distance between any pair of equal elements in the array. If no such value exists, print -1 .

Note: $|a|$ denotes the absolute value of a .

Input Format

The first line contains an integer, n , denoting the size of array A .

The second line contains n space-separated integers describing the respective elements in array A .

Constraints

- $1 \leq n \leq 10^3$
- $1 \leq a_i \leq 10^5$

Output Format

Print a single integer denoting the minimum $d_{i,j}$ in A ; if no such value exists, print -1 .

Sample Input

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6
7 1 3 4 1 7
```

Sample Output

```
3
```

Explanation

Here, we have two options:

- a_1 and a_4 are both 1 , so $d_{1,4} = |1 - 4| = 3$.
- a_0 and a_5 are both 7 , so $d_{0,5} = |0 - 5| = 5$.

The answer is $\min(3, 5) = 3$.

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Difficulty: Easy

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```
1 using System;
2 using System.Collections.Generic;
3 using System.IO;
4 using System.Linq;
5 class Solution {
6
7     static void Main(String[] args) {
8         int n = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
9         string[] A_temp = Console.ReadLine().Split(' ');
10        int[] A = Array.ConvertAll(A_temp, Int32.Parse);
11    }
12 }
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```

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