2604. Minimum Time to Eat All Grains Premium

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There are `n` hens and `m` grains on a line. You are given the initial positions of the hens and the grains in two integer arrays `hens` and `grains` of size `n` and `m` respectively.

Any hen can eat a grain if they are on the same position. The time taken for this is negligible. One hen can also eat multiple grains.

In `1` second, a hen can move right or left by `1` unit. The hens can move simultaneously and independently of each other.

Return *the **minimum** time to eat all grains if the hens act optimally.*

Example 1:

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Input: hens = [3,6,7], grains = [2,4,7,9]
Output: 2
Explanation:
One of the ways hens eat all grains in 2 seconds is described below:
- The first hen eats the grain at position 2 in 1 second.
- The second hen eats the grain at position 4 in 2 seconds.
- The third hen eats the grains at positions 7 and 9 in 2 seconds.
So, the maximum time needed is 2.
It can be proven that the hens cannot eat all grains before 2 seconds.
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Example 2:

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Input: hens = [4,6,109,111,213,215], grains = [5,110,214]
Output: 1
Explanation:
One of the ways hens eat all grains in 1 second is described below:
- The first hen eats the grain at position 5 in 1 second.
- The fourth hen eats the grain at position 110 in 1 second.
- The sixth hen eats the grain at position 214 in 1 second.
- The other hens do not move.
So, the maximum time needed is 1.
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Constraints:

- `1 <= hens.length, grains.length <= 2*10^4`
- `0 <= hens[i], grains[j] <= 10^9`

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Hint 1

Binary search the answer.

Hint 2

To check if an answer is possible, for the ith hen check how far right it can go after ensuring that it eats the leftmost uneaten grain.

Hint 3

If the last grain is eaten in this process, the answer is possible.

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