121. Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

👍 1319   👎 71   ♡   ▾

📖 Description (/problems/best-time-to-buy-and-sell-stock/description/)   💡 Hints (/problems/b

⤬ Pick One (/problems/random-one-question/)

Say you have an array for which the ith element is the price of a given stock on day i.

If you were only permitted to complete at most one transaction (i.e., buy one and sell one share of the stock), design an algorithm to find the maximum profit.

Note that you cannot sell a stock before you buy one.

Example 1:

```
Input: [7,1,5,3,6,4]
Output: 5
Explanation: Buy on day 2 (price = 1) and sell on day 5 (price = 6), profit = 6-1 = 5.
             Not 7-1 = 6, as selling price needs to be larger than buying price.
```

Example 2:

```
Input: [7,6,4,3,1]
Output: 0
Explanation: In this case, no transaction is done, i.e. max profit = 0.
```

Seen this question in a real interview before?   Yes No   ⊗

Subscribe (/subscribe/) to see which companies asked this question.

Related Topics ▾

Similar Questions ▾

❓ Python   ▾   ⟨⟩   ⟳   >_   ⚙

```python
1 ▾ class Solution(object):
2 ▾     def maxProfit(self, prices):
3           maxDiff = prices[1]-prices[0]
4 ▾         for i in range(len(prices)):
5 ▾             for j in range(i+1, len(prices)):
```

```
 6 ▾              if (prices[j]-prices[i]) > maxDiff:
 7                     maxDiff = prices[j]-prices[i]
 8 ▾        if maxDiff < 0:
 9              maxDiff = 0
10        return maxDiff
```

Notes

☐ **Custom Testcase** (**Contribute** ❶)   ❓   ▶ Run Code   ☁ Submit Solution

Submission Result: Runtime Error (/submissions/detail/163405074/)

More Details ❯ (/submissions/detail/163405074/)   **>_**

Runtime Error Message: **Line 3: IndexError: list index out of range**

Last executed input: **[]**