

5987. Minimum Difference in Sums After Removal of Elements

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You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums` consisting of $3 * n$ elements.

You are allowed to remove any **subsequence** of elements of size **exactly** n from `nums`. The remaining $2 * n$ elements will be divided into two **equal** parts:

- The first n elements belonging to the first part and their sum is `sumfirst`.
- The next n elements belonging to the second part and their sum is `sumsecond`.

The **difference in sums** of the two parts is denoted as `sumfirst - sumsecond`.

- For example, if `sumfirst = 3` and `sumsecond = 2`, their difference is `1`.
- Similarly, if `sumfirst = 2` and `sumsecond = 3`, their difference is `-1`.

Return the **minimum difference** possible between the sums of the two parts after the removal of n elements.

User Accepted:	0
User Tried:	0
Total Accepted:	0
Total Submissions:	0
Difficulty:	Hard

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [3,1,2]`
Output: `-1`
Explanation: Here, `nums` has 3 elements, so $n = 1$.
Thus we have to remove 1 element from `nums` and divide the array into two equal parts.
- If we remove `nums[0] = 3`, the array will be `[1,2]`. The difference in sums of the two parts will be `1 - 2 = -1`.
- If we remove `nums[1] = 1`, the array will be `[3,2]`. The difference in sums of the two parts will be `3 - 2 = 1`.
- If we remove `nums[2] = 2`, the array will be `[3,1]`. The difference in sums of the two parts will be `3 - 1 = 2`.
The minimum difference between sums of the two parts is `min(-1,1,2) = -1`.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [7,9,5,8,1,3]`
Output: `1`
Explanation: Here $n = 2$. So we must remove 2 elements and divide the remaining array into two parts containing two elements.
If we remove `nums[2] = 5` and `nums[3] = 8`, the resultant array will be `[7,9,1,3]`. The difference in sums will be `(7+9) - (1+3) = 12 - 4 = 8`.
To obtain the minimum difference, we should remove `nums[1] = 9` and `nums[4] = 1`. The resultant array becomes `[7,5,8,3]`. The difference in sums will be `(7+8) - (5+3) = 15 - 8 = 7`.
It can be shown that it is not possible to obtain a difference smaller than 1.

Constraints:

- `nums.length == 3 * n`
- $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$
- $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^5$

JavaScript

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1 /**
2  * @param {number[]} nums
3  * @return {number}
4  */
5 var minimumDifference = function(nums) {
6
7  };
```