

5496. Maximum Number of Coins You Can Get

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There are $3n$ piles of coins of varying size, you and your friends will take piles of coins as follows:

- In each step, you will choose **any** 3 piles of coins (not necessarily consecutive).
- Of your choice, Alice will pick the pile with the maximum number of coins.
- You will pick the next pile with maximum number of coins.
- Your friend Bob will pick the last pile.
- Repeat until there are no more piles of coins.

Given an array of integers `piles` where `piles[i]` is the number of coins in the i^{th} pile.

Return the maximum number of coins which you can have.

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

Example 1:

Input: `piles = [2,4,1,2,7,8]`

Output: 9

Explanation: Choose the triplet (2, 7, 8), Alice Pick the pile with 8 coins, you the pile with 7 coins, Bob the pile with 2 coins.
Choose the triplet (1, 2, 4), Alice Pick the pile with 4 coins, you the pile with 2 coins, Bob the pile with 1 coin.
The maximum number of coins which you can have are: 7 + 2 = 9.

On the other hand if we choose this arrangement (1, 2, 8), (2, 4, 7) you only get 2 + 4 = 6.

Example 2:

Input: `piles = [2,4,5]`

Output: 4

Example 3:

Input: `piles = [9,8,7,6,5,1,2,3,4]`

Output: 18

Constraints:

- $3 \leq \text{piles.length} \leq 10^5$
- $\text{piles.length} \% 3 == 0$

- $1 \leq \text{piles}[i] \leq 10^4$

JavaScript



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

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