

5971. Minimum Cost of Buying Candies With Discount

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A shop is selling candies at a discount. For **every two** candies sold, the shop gives a **third** candy for **free**.

The customer can choose **any** candy to take away for free as long as the cost of the chosen candy is less than or equal to the **minimum** cost of the two candies bought.

- For example, if there are 4 candies with costs 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the customer buys candies with costs 2 and 3, they can take the candy with cost 1 for free, but not the candy with cost 4.

Given a **0-indexed** integer array `cost`, where `cost[i]` denotes the cost of the i^{th} candy, return *the **minimum cost** of buying **all** the candies*.

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

Example 1:

Input: `cost = [1,2,3]`
Output: 5
Explanation: We buy the candies with costs 2 and 3, and take the candy with cost 1 for free. The total cost of buying all candies is 2 + 3 = 5. This is the **only** way we can buy the candies. Note that we cannot buy candies with costs 1 and 3, and then take the candy with cost 2 for free. The cost of the free candy has to be less than or equal to the minimum cost of the purchased candies.

Example 2:

Input: `cost = [6,5,7,9,2,2]`
Output: 23
Explanation: The way in which we can get the minimum cost is described below:
– Buy candies with costs 9 and 7
– Take the candy with cost 6 for free
– We buy candies with costs 5 and 2
– Take the last remaining candy with cost 2 for free
Hence, the minimum cost to buy all candies is 9 + 7 + 5 + 2 = 23.

Example 3:

Input: `cost = [5,5]`
Output: 10
Explanation: Since there are only 2 candies, we buy both of them. There is not a third candy we can take for free. Hence, the minimum cost to buy all candies is 5 + 5 = 10.

Constraints:

- 1 <= cost.length <= 100
- 1 <= cost[i] <= 100

Java

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1 class Solution {
2     public int minimumCost(int[] cost) {
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4     }
5 }
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