

## PROBLEM 4

## Beautiful Buildings

Input File: buildin.txt

Output File: buildout.txt

Time and Memory Limits: 1 second, 1 GB

There are  $N$  buildings in a row, numbered 1 to  $N$  from left to right. The  $i$ th building has height  $H_i$ , and you believe that adjacent buildings of a similar height look beautiful.

The *ugliness* of the buildings is the sum of the absolute differences<sup>1</sup> of the heights of adjacent buildings.

The ugliness can be expressed as  $|H_1 - H_2| + |H_2 - H_3| + \dots + |H_{N-1} - H_N|$ .

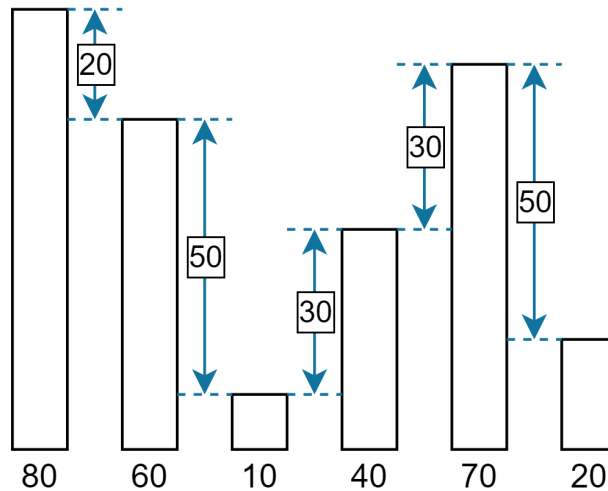


Figure 1: The blue arrows represent the absolute differences between the heights of adjacent buildings. Their values sum to 180: the initial ugliness of the buildings in the test case.

You may change the height of up to one building. What is the minimum ugliness you can achieve?

## Input

- The first line of input contains the integer  $N$ .
- The second line of input contains  $N$  integers describing the heights of the buildings. They are  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_N$ .

## Output

Your program must output one integer: the minimum ugliness you can achieve.

<sup>1</sup>The absolute value of a real number (denoted by vertical bars) is equivalent to its distance from 0. For example,  $|2| = |-2| = 2$ . The absolute difference between two numbers is equivalent to the distance between them. For example,  $|5 - 10| = |-5| = 5$ .

**Sample Input 1**

6  
80 60 10 40 70 20

**Sample Input 2**

3  
5 10 15

**Sample Input 3**

4  
2 2 2 2

**Sample Output 1**

120

**Sample Output 2**

5

**Sample Output 3**

0

**Explanation**

In the first sample case, you can achieve an ugliness of 120 by changing the height of the third building to 50.

- The initial ugliness is  $|80 - 60| + |60 - 10| + |10 - 40| + |40 - 70| + |70 - 20| = 180$ .
- The modified ugliness is  $|80 - 60| + |60 - 50| + |50 - 40| + |40 - 70| + |70 - 20| = 120$ .

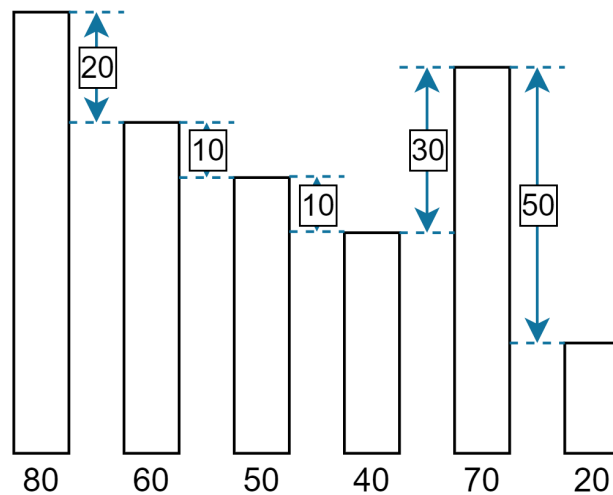


Figure 2: Sample Input 1 after modification.

In the second sample case, you can achieve an ugliness of 5 by changing the height of the first building to 10.

- The initial ugliness is  $|5 - 10| + |10 - 15| = 10$ .
- The modified ugliness is  $|10 - 10| + |10 - 15| = 5$ .

In the third sample case, you can achieve an ugliness of 0 by choosing not to change the height of any buildings.

- The initial ugliness is  $|2 - 2| + |2 - 2| + |2 - 2| = 0$ .

**Subtasks & Constraints**

For all subtasks:

- $2 \leq N \leq 100\,000$ .
- $1 \leq H_i \leq 10\,000$  for all  $i$ .

Additionally:

- For Subtask 1 (25 marks),  $H_i \leq H_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ . That is, the heights are non-decreasing.
- For Subtask 2 (20 marks),  $N \leq 100$  and  $H_i \leq 100$  for all  $i$ .
- For Subtask 3 (20 marks),  $N \leq 1000$  and  $H_i \leq 1000$  for all  $i$ .
- For Subtask 4 (35 marks), no special constraints apply.