

Tasks Details

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Easy	1.	Task Score	Correctness	Performance
	MaxProductOfThree			
	Maximize $A[P] * A[Q] * A[R]$ for any triplet (P, Q, R).	100%	100%	100%

Task description

A non-empty array A consisting of N integers is given. The *product* of triplet (P, Q, R) equates to $A[P] * A[Q] * A[R]$ ($0 \leq P < Q < R < N$).

For example, array A such that:

```
A[0] = -3
A[1] = 1
A[2] = 2
A[3] = -2
A[4] = 5
A[5] = 6
```

contains the following example triplets:

- (0, 1, 2), product is $-3 * 1 * 2 = -6$
- (1, 2, 4), product is $1 * 2 * 5 = 10$
- (2, 4, 5), product is $2 * 5 * 6 = 60$

Your goal is to find the maximal product of any triplet.

Write a function:

```
def solution(A)
```

that, given a non-empty array A, returns the value of the maximal product of any triplet.

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the function should return 60, as the product of triplet (2, 4, 5) is maximal.

Write an **efficient** algorithm for the following assumptions:

- N is an integer within the range [3..100,000];
- each element of array A is an integer within the range [-1,000..1,000].

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Solution

Programming language used: Python

Total time used: 6 minutes ?

Effective time used: 6 minutes ?

Notes: *not defined yet*

Task timeline ?

00:37:45

00:43:09

Code: 00:43:09 UTC, py, final,
score: 100

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```
1 # you can write to stdout for debugging purposes, e.g.
2 # print("this is a debug message")
3 import math
4 def solution(A):
5     # write your code in Python 3.6
6     s = 1
7     L = len(A)
8     i = 0
9     if L <= 3:
10         while i < L:
11             s = s * A[i]
12             i = i + 1
13         return s
14     i = 0
15     s = 1
16     arr = sorted(A)
17     mx = -math.inf
18     positive = []
19     negative = []
20     zeros = []
21     while i < L:
22         v = arr[i]
23         if v > 0:
24             positive.append(v)
25         elif v < 0:
26             negative.append(v)
27         else:
28             zeros.append(v)
```

```
29         i = i + 1
30     #print(positive, negative, zeros)
31     L1 = len(positive)
32     L2 = len(negative)
33     L3 = len(zeros)
34     if L1>=3:
35         tmp = positive[-1]*positive[-2]*positive[-3]
36         #print(tmp)
37         if tmp>mx:
38             mx = tmp
39     if L2>=2 and L1>=1:
40         tmp = negative[0]*negative[1]*positive[-1]
41         #print(tmp)
42         if tmp>mx:
43             mx = tmp
44     elif L2>=3 and L1==0:
45         tmp = negative[-1]*negative[-2]*negative[-3]
46         if tmp>mx:
47             mx = tmp
48     if L3>0:
49         mx = max(mx, 0)
50     return mx
```

Analysis summary

The solution obtained perfect score.

Analysis

Detected time complexity:

$O(N * \log(N))$

expand all	Example tests	
▶ example	example test	✓ OK
expand all	Correctness tests	
▶ one_triple	three elements	✓ OK
▶ simple1	simple tests	✓ OK
▶ simple2	simple tests	✓ OK
▶ small_random	random small, length = 100	✓ OK
expand all	Performance tests	
▶ medium_range	-1000, -999, ... 1000, length = ~1,000	✓ OK
▶ medium_random	random medium, length = ~10,000	✓ OK
▶ large_random	random large, length = ~100,000	✓ OK
▶ large_range	2000 * (-10..10) + [-1000, 500, -1]	✓ OK
▶ extreme_large	(-2, .., -2, 1, .., 1) and (MAX_INT)..	✓ OK

(MAX_INT), length = ~100,000

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