

# Problem 2528: Maximize the Minimum Powered City

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 62.12%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Binary Search, Greedy, Queue, Sliding Window, Prefix Sum

## Problem Description

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `stations` of length `n`, where `stations[i]` represents the number of power stations in the `i`th city.

Each power station can provide power to every city in a fixed **range**. In other words, if the range is denoted by `r`, then a power station at city `i` can provide power to all cities `j` such that  $|i - j| \leq r$  and  $0 \leq i, j \leq n - 1$ .

\* Note that  $|x|$  denotes **absolute** value. For example,  $|7 - 5| = 2$  and  $|3 - 10| = 7$ .

The **power** of a city is the total number of power stations it is being provided power from.

The government has sanctioned building `k` more power stations, each of which can be built in any city, and have the same range as the pre-existing ones.

Given the two integers `r` and `k`, return the maximum possible minimum power of a city, if the additional power stations are built optimally.

**Note** that you can build the `k` power stations in multiple cities.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `stations = [1,2,4,5,0]`, `r = 1`, `k = 2` **Output:** 5 **Explanation:** One of the optimal ways is to install both the power stations at city 1. So stations will become `[1,4,4,5,0]`. - City 0 is provided by  $1 + 4 = 5$  power stations. - City 1 is provided by  $1 + 4 + 4 = 9$  power stations. - City 2 is provided by  $4 + 4 + 5 = 13$  power stations. - City 3 is provided by  $5 + 4 = 9$  power stations. - City 4 is provided by  $0 + 4 = 4$  power stations.

stations. - City 4 is provided by  $5 + 0 = 5$  power stations. So the minimum power of a city is 5. Since it is not possible to obtain a larger power, we return 5.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** stations = [4,4,4,4], r = 0, k = 3 **Output:** 4 **Explanation:** It can be proved that we cannot make the minimum power of a city greater than 4.

**Constraints:**

$n == \text{stations.length}$   $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$   $0 \leq \text{stations}[i] \leq 10^5$   $0 \leq r \leq n - 1$   $0 \leq k \leq 10^9$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    long long maxPower(vector<int>& stations, int r, int k) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public long maxPower(int[] stations, int r, int k) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def maxPower(self, stations: List[int], r: int, k: int) -> int:
```