

# Problem 2819: Minimum Relative Loss After Buying Chocolates

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 45.44%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Binary Search, Sorting, Prefix Sum

## Problem Description

You are given an integer array `prices`, which shows the chocolate prices and a 2D integer array `queries`, where `queries[i] = [ki, mi]`.

Alice and Bob went to buy some chocolates, and Alice suggested a way to pay for them, and Bob agreed.

The terms for each query are as follows:

\* If the price of a chocolate is **less than or equal to** `ki`, Bob pays for it. \* Otherwise, Bob pays `ki` of it, and Alice pays the **rest**.

Bob wants to select **exactly** `mi` chocolates such that his **relative loss** is **minimized**, more formally, if, in total, Alice has paid `ai` and Bob has paid `bi`, Bob wants to minimize `bi - ai`.

Return `an integer array ans` where `ans[i]` is Bob's **minimum relative loss** possible for `queries[i]`.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `prices = [1,9,22,10,19]`, `queries = [[18,4],[5,2]]` **Output:** `[34,-21]` **Explanation:**  
For the 1st query Bob selects the chocolates with prices `[1,9,10,22]`. He pays `1 + 9 + 10 + 18 = 38` and Alice pays `0 + 0 + 0 + 4 = 4`. So Bob's relative loss is `38 - 4 = 34`. For the 2nd query Bob selects the chocolates with prices `[19,22]`. He pays `5 + 5 = 10` and Alice pays `14 + 17 = 31`. So Bob's relative loss is `10 - 31 = -21`. It can be shown that these are the minimum

possible relative losses.

**Example 2.**

**Input:** prices = [1,5,4,3,7,11,9], queries = [[5,4],[5,7],[7,3],[4,5]] **Output:** [4,16,7,1]

**Explanation:** For the 1st query Bob selects the chocolates with prices [1,3,9,11]. He pays  $1 + 3 + 5 + 5 = 14$  and Alice pays  $0 + 0 + 4 + 6 = 10$ . So Bob's relative loss is  $14 - 10 = 4$ . For the 2nd query Bob has to select all the chocolates. He pays  $1 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 28$  and Alice pays  $0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 6 + 4 = 12$ . So Bob's relative loss is  $28 - 12 = 16$ . For the 3rd query Bob selects the chocolates with prices [1,3,11] and he pays  $1 + 3 + 7 = 11$  and Alice pays  $0 + 0 + 4 = 4$ . So Bob's relative loss is  $11 - 4 = 7$ . For the 4th query Bob selects the chocolates with prices [1,3,7,9,11] and he pays  $1 + 3 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 16$  and Alice pays  $0 + 0 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 15$ . So Bob's relative loss is  $16 - 15 = 1$ . It can be shown that these are the minimum possible relative losses.

**Example 3.**

**Input:** prices = [5,6,7], queries = [[10,1],[5,3],[3,3]] **Output:** [5,12,0] **Explanation:** For the 1st query Bob selects the chocolate with price 5 and he pays 5 and Alice pays 0. So Bob's relative loss is  $5 - 0 = 5$ . For the 2nd query Bob has to select all the chocolates. He pays  $5 + 5 + 5 = 15$  and Alice pays  $0 + 1 + 2 = 3$ . So Bob's relative loss is  $15 - 3 = 12$ . For the 3rd query Bob has to select all the chocolates. He pays  $3 + 3 + 3 = 9$  and Alice pays  $2 + 3 + 4 = 9$ . So Bob's relative loss is  $9 - 9 = 0$ . It can be shown that these are the minimum possible relative losses.

**Constraints:**

$1 \leq \text{prices.length} == n \leq 10^5$   $1 \leq \text{prices}[i] \leq 10^9$   $1 \leq \text{queries.length} \leq 10^5$   $1 \leq \text{queries}[i].\text{length} == 2$   $1 \leq k_i \leq 10^9$   $1 \leq m_i \leq n$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<long long> minimumRelativeLosses(vector<int>& prices,
    vector<vector<int>>& queries) {

    }
```

```
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public long[] minimumRelativeLosses(int[] prices, int[][] queries) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minimumRelativeLosses(self, prices: List[int], queries: List[List[int]])  
    -> List[int]:
```