

Problem 1509: Minimum Difference Between Largest and Smallest Value in Three Moves

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

You are given an integer array

`nums`

.

In one move, you can choose one element of

`nums`

and change it to

any value

.

Return

the minimum difference between the largest and smallest value of

`nums`

after performing at most three moves

.

Example 1:

Input:

nums = [5,3,2,4]

Output:

0

Explanation:

We can make at most 3 moves. In the first move, change 2 to 3. nums becomes [5,3,3,4]. In the second move, change 4 to 3. nums becomes [5,3,3,3]. In the third move, change 5 to 3. nums becomes [3,3,3,3]. After performing 3 moves, the difference between the minimum and maximum is $3 - 3 = 0$.

Example 2:

Input:

nums = [1,5,0,10,14]

Output:

1

Explanation:

We can make at most 3 moves. In the first move, change 5 to 0. nums becomes [1,0,0,10,14]. In the second move, change 10 to 0. nums becomes [1,0,0,0,14]. In the third move, change 14 to 1. nums becomes [1,0,0,0,1]. After performing 3 moves, the difference between the minimum and maximum is $1 - 0 = 1$. It can be shown that there is no way to make the difference 0 in 3 moves.

Example 3:

Input:

nums = [3,100,20]

Output:

0

Explanation:

We can make at most 3 moves. In the first move, change 100 to 7. nums becomes [3,7,20]. In the second move, change 20 to 7. nums becomes [3,7,7]. In the third move, change 3 to 7. nums becomes [7,7,7]. After performing 3 moves, the difference between the minimum and maximum is $7 - 7 = 0$.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{nums.length} \leq 10$

5

-10

9

$\leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10$

9

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minDifference(vector<int>& nums) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```

class Solution {
public int minDifference(int[] nums) {

}

}

```

Python3:

```

class Solution:
def minDifference(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:

```

Python:

```

class Solution(object):
def minDifference(self, nums):
"""
:type nums: List[int]
:rtype: int
"""

```

JavaScript:

```

/**
 * @param {number[]} nums
 * @return {number}
 */
var minDifference = function(nums) {

};

```

TypeScript:

```

function minDifference(nums: number[]): number {

};

```

C#:

```

public class Solution {
public int MinDifference(int[] nums) {

}

}

```

C:

```
int minDifference(int* nums, int numsSize) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func minDifference(nums []int) int {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minDifference(nums: IntArray): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minDifference(_ nums: [Int]) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn min_difference(nums: Vec<i32>) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} nums  
# @return {Integer}  
def min_difference(nums)  
  
end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer[] $nums  
     * @return Integer  
     */  
    function minDifference($nums) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {  
    int minDifference(List<int> nums) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {  
    def minDifference(nums: Array[Int]): Int = {  
  
    }  
}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
    @spec min_difference(nums :: [integer]) :: integer  
    def min_difference(nums) do  
  
    end  
end
```

Erlang:

```
-spec min_difference(Nums :: [integer()]) -> integer().  
min_difference(Nums) ->  
.
```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (min-difference nums)
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)
  )
```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
/*
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 * Moves
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, greedy, sort
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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 */

class Solution {
public:
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Java Solution:

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public int minDifference(int[] nums) {

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Python3 Solution:

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class Solution:
def minDifference(self, nums: List[int]) -> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

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