

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(list :: [integer]) :: integer  
  def min_difference(nums) do  
  
  end  
end
```

Erlang:

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

Racket:

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

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Minimum Difference Between Largest and Smallest Value in Three
 * Moves
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, greedy, sort
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

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

Java Solution:

```
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class Solution {  
    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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