

Problem 2944: Minimum Number of Coins for Fruits

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

You are given an

0-indexed

integer array

prices

where

prices[i]

denotes the number of coins needed to purchase the

(i + 1)

th

fruit.

The fruit market has the following reward for each fruit:

If you purchase the

(i + 1)

th

fruit at

prices[i]

coins, you can get any number of the next

i

fruits for free.

Note

that even if you

can

take fruit

j

for free, you can still purchase it for

prices[j - 1]

coins to receive its reward.

Return the

minimum

number of coins needed to acquire all the fruits.

Example 1:

Input:

prices = [3,1,2]

Output:

4

Explanation:

Purchase the 1

st

fruit with

prices[0] = 3

coins, you are allowed to take the 2

nd

fruit for free.

Purchase the 2

nd

fruit with

prices[1] = 1

coin, you are allowed to take the 3

rd

fruit for free.

Take the 3

rd

fruit for free.

Note that even though you could take the 2

nd

fruit for free as a reward of buying 1

st

fruit, you purchase it to receive its reward, which is more optimal.

Example 2:

Input:

prices = [1,10,1,1]

Output:

2

Explanation:

Purchase the 1

st

fruit with

prices[0] = 1

coin, you are allowed to take the 2

nd

fruit for free.

Take the 2

nd

fruit for free.

Purchase the 3

rd

fruit for

prices[2] = 1

coin, you are allowed to take the 4

th

fruit for free.

Take the 4

t

h

fruit for free.

Example 3:

Input:

prices = [26,18,6,12,49,7,45,45]

Output:

39

Explanation:

Purchase the 1

st

fruit with

$\text{prices}[0] = 26$

coin, you are allowed to take the 2

nd

fruit for free.

Take the 2

nd

fruit for free.

Purchase the 3

rd

fruit for

$\text{prices}[2] = 6$

coin, you are allowed to take the 4

th

, 5

th

and 6

th

(the next three) fruits for free.

Take the 4

t

h

fruit for free.

Take the 5

t

h

fruit for free.

Purchase the 6

th

fruit with

prices[5] = 7

coin, you are allowed to take the 8

th

and 9

th

fruit for free.

Take the 7

t

h

fruit for free.

Take the 8

t

h

fruit for free.

Note that even though you could take the 6

th

fruit for free as a reward of buying 3

rd

fruit, you purchase it to receive its reward, which is more optimal.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{prices.length} \leq 1000$

$1 \leq \text{prices}[i] \leq 10$

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Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:
```



```
int minimumCoins(vector<int>& prices) {

}

};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
public int minimumCoins(int[] prices) {

}

}
```

Python3:

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

Python:

```
class Solution(object):
def minimumCoins(self, prices):
"""
:type prices: List[int]
:rtype: int
"""
```

JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[]} prices
 * @return {number}
 */
var minimumCoins = function(prices) {

};
```

TypeScript:

```
function minimumCoins(prices: number[]): number {

};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int MinimumCoins(int[] prices) {  
  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
int minimumCoins(int* prices, int pricesSize) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func minimumCoins(prices []int) int {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minimumCoins(prices: IntArray): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minimumCoins(_ prices: [Int]) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn minimum_coins(prices: Vec<i32>) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} prices
# @return {Integer}
def minimum_coins(prices)

end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[] $prices
     * @return Integer
     */
    function minimumCoins($prices) {

    }

}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {
  int minimumCoins(List<int> prices) {

  }
}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {
  def minimumCoins(prices: Array[Int]): Int = {

  }
}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec minimum_coins(prices :: [integer]) :: integer
  def minimum_coins(prices) do
```

```
end  
end
```

Erlang:

```
-spec minimum_coins(Prices :: [integer()]) -> integer().  
minimum_coins(Prices) ->  
.
```

Racket:

```
(define/contract (minimum-coins prices)  
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)  
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Solutions

C++ Solution:

```
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 * Tags: array, dp, queue, heap  
 *  
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
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 */  
  
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public:  
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Java Solution:

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Python3 Solution:

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

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