

Problem 3281: Maximize Score of Numbers in Ranges

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 35.27%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Binary Search, Greedy, Sorting

Problem Description

You are given an array of integers `start` and an integer `d`, representing `n` intervals `[start[i], start[i] + d]`.

You are asked to choose `n` integers where the `i`th integer must belong to the `i`th interval. The **score** of the chosen integers is defined as the **minimum** absolute difference between any two integers that have been chosen.

Return the **maximum** possible score of the chosen integers.

Example 1:

Input: `start = [6,0,3], d = 2`

Output: 4

Explanation:

The maximum possible score can be obtained by choosing integers: 8, 0, and 4. The score of these chosen integers is $\min(|8 - 0|, |8 - 4|, |0 - 4|)$ which equals 4.

Example 2:

Input: `start = [2,6,13,13], d = 5`

****Output:**** 5

****Explanation:****

The maximum possible score can be obtained by choosing integers: 2, 7, 13, and 18. The score of these chosen integers is $\min(|2 - 7|, |2 - 13|, |2 - 18|, |7 - 13|, |7 - 18|, |13 - 18|)$ which equals 5.

****Constraints:****

$2 \leq \text{start.length} \leq 105$ $0 \leq \text{start}[i] \leq 109$ $0 \leq d \leq 109$

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int maxPossibleScore(vector<int>& start, int d) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int maxPossibleScore(int[] start, int d) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def maxPossibleScore(self, start: List[int], d: int) -> int:
```