

# 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:\*\***

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* `1 <= prices.length == n <= 105` * `1 <= prices[i] <= 109` * `1 <= queries.length <= 105` *
`queries[i].length == 2` * `1 <= ki <= 109` * `1 <= mi <= 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]:
```