

1471. The k Strongest Values in an Array

Given an array of integers `arr` and an integer `k`.

A value `arr[i]` is said to be stronger than a value `arr[j]` if $|arr[i] - m| > |arr[j] - m|$ where `m` is the **median** of the array.

If $|arr[i] - m| == |arr[j] - m|$, then `arr[i]` is said to be stronger than `arr[j]` if `arr[i] > arr[j]`.

Return a list of the strongest `k` values in the array. return the answer in any arbitrary order.

Median is the middle value in an ordered integer list. More formally, if the length of the list is `n`, the median is the element in position $((n - 1) / 2)$ in the sorted list (**0-indexed**).

- For `arr = [6, -3, 7, 2, 11]`, `n = 5` and the median is obtained by sorting the array `arr = [-3, 2, 6, 7, 11]` and the median is `arr[m]` where $m = ((5 - 1) / 2) = 2$. The median is `6`.
- For `arr = [-7, 22, 17, 3]`, `n = 4` and the median is obtained by sorting the array `arr = [-7, 3, 17, 22]` and the median is `arr[m]` where $m = ((4 - 1) / 2) = 1$. The median is `3`.

Example 1:

Input: `arr = [1,2,3,4,5]`, `k = 2`

Output: `[5,1]`

Explanation: Median is 3, the elements of the array sorted by the strongest are `[5,1,4,2,3]`.

The strongest 2 elements are `[5, 1]`. `[1, 5]` is also **accepted** answer.

Please note that although $|5 - 3| == |1 - 3|$ but 5 is stronger than 1 because $5 > 1$.

Example 2:

Input: `arr = [1,1,3,5,5]`, `k = 2`

Output: `[5,5]`

Explanation: Median is 3, the elements of the array sorted by the strongest are `[5,5,1,1,3]`.

The strongest 2 elements are `[5, 5]`.

Example 3:

Input: `arr = [6,7,11,7,6,8]`, `k = 5`

Output: `[11,8,6,6,7]`

Explanation: Median is 7, the elements of the array sorted by the strongest are `[11,8,6,6,7,7]`.

Any permutation of `[11,8,6,6,7]` is **accepted**.

Example 4:

Input: arr = [6,-3,7,2,11], k = 3

Output: [-3,11,2]

Example 5:

Input: arr = [-7,22,17,3], k = 2

Output: [22,17]

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def getStrongest(self, arr: List[int], k: int) -> List[int]:
    #     n = len(arr)
    #     medidx = (n-1)//2
    #     arr = sorted(arr)
    #     median = arr[medidx]
    #     heap = []
    #     count = 0
    #     for i in range(len(arr)):
    #         heapq.heappush(heap, (abs(arr[i]-median), arr[i]))
    #         count = count+1
    #         if count == k:
    #             break
    #     for j in range(i+1, len(arr)):
    #         val, element = heap[0]
    #         if val < abs(arr[j]-median):
    #             heapq.heappop(heap)
    #             heapq.heappush(heap, (abs(arr[j]-median), arr[j]))
    #         elif val == abs(arr[j]-median) and element < arr[j]:
    #             heapq.heappop(heap)
    #             heapq.heappush(heap, (abs(arr[j]-median), arr[j]))
    #     res = []
    #     while heap:
    #         val, ele = heapq.heappop(heap)
    #         res.append(ele)
    #     return res

    arr = sorted(arr)
    medidx = (len(arr)-1)//2
    median = arr[medidx]
    res = []
    res = sorted(arr, reverse = True, key = lambda x: (abs(x-median), x))
    [:k]

    return res
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def getStrongest(self, arr: List[int], k: int) -> List[int]:
    arr.sort()
    n = len(arr)
    m = (n-1)//2
    median = arr[m]
    res = sorted(arr, key=lambda x: (-abs(x-median), -x))[:k]
    return res
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