

# Lab 6 B

## The Mystery of the Missing Clue

Detective Narain needs your help! He's following a trail of clues, each connected in a sequence (a linked list). But to solve the case, he must find the third-to-last clue in the sequence. Can you crack the case?

### Your Task:

- Create a linked list based on the clues (numbers) provided.
- Find the third-to-last clue in the sequence.

If the sequence is too short (fewer than three clues), you must report: "The trail's gone cold!"

### Input Format:

- The first line contains an integer **N**, representing the number of elements.
- The second line contains an integer array **clues[]**, representing the clues.

### Output Format:

Print the third-to-last clue. **3rd last clue.**

### Constraints:

- $0 \leq N \leq 10^6$
- $0 \leq \text{clues} \leq 10^{18}$

### Example:

#### Input 1:

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5
10 22 35 41 15
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#### Output 1:

35

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Help Narain solve the case before the trail goes cold! 🔍

## Problem 2: Group Bills

You and your friends recently went on a group trip. At the end of the trip you want to add up the total expenditure. During the trip, each person maintained their bills as a sorted linked list. You want to merge everyone's linked list while maintaining it in sorted order.

### Input Format:

$n$  (Total number of people in the group  $1 \leq n \leq 1e3$ )

$k_1$  (The number of bills of the  $i_{th}$  person.)

$b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_{k_1}$  (The value of the  $k_1$  bills paid by person 1. The bills are in sorted order  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_{k_1}$ )

$k_2$  (The number of bills of the  $i_{th}$  person.)

$b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_{k_2}$  (The value of the  $k_2$  bills paid by person 2. The bills are in sorted order  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_{k_2}$ )

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$k_n$  (The number of bills of the  $i_{th}$  person.)

$b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_{k_n}$  (The value of the  $k_n$  bills paid by person  $n$ . The bills are in sorted order  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_{k_n}$ )

Each  $k_i$  satisfies  $1 \leq k_i \leq 1e4$

And  $N = k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + \dots + k_n \leq 1e5$

Each  $b_i$  satisfies  $1 \leq b_i \leq 1e9$

### Output Format:

$o_1 \ o_2 \ \dots \ o_N$  (A sorted list of all the bills.  $o_1 \leq o_2 \leq o_N$ )

### Input 1:

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3
2
4 6
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```
3
1 4 7
4
9 10 11 14
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### Output 1:

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1 4 4 6 7 9 10 11 14
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## Problem 3: Highest Gap Between Peaks in a Linked List

You are given a sequence of integers stored in a linked list, and you need to find the highest gap between consecutive peak nodes. A node is considered a peak if it is greater than both its immediate neighbor elements. For the first node, assume its previous neighbor is  $-\infty$  (negative infinity), and for the last node, assume its next neighbor is  $-\infty$  as well.

You need to:

- Traverse the list to identify the peak nodes.
- Calculate the gaps between consecutive peak nodes.
- Print the highest gap between these peaks. If number of peaks is less than two peaks, Print -1.

### Input Format:

- A sequence of integers where the last element is -1, which indicates the end of the input. - The sequence will be entered one number at a time and stored in a linked list.

### Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{Number of nodes in a LinkedList} \leq 10^6$

### Output Format:

- Print the highest gap between consecutive peak nodes. - If there are fewer than two peaks, print -1

### Input 1:

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1 3 5 2 4 1 -1
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**Output 1:**

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2
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**Explanation:**

- Peaks: 5 (index 2), 4 (index 4).
- Gaps between consecutive peaks:
  - Gap between 5 and 4:  $4 - 2 = 2$
- The highest gap is 2.

**Input 2:**

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1 2 3 4 -1
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**Output 2:**

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-1
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**Explanation:**

- There is only one peak in this sequence, so the result is -1.

**Input 3:**

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4 -1
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**Output 3:**

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-1
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**Explanation:**

- There is only one peak in this sequence, so the result is -1.