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### **Profit Maximization**

Emilia, a quantitative researcher, predicts how the closing share price of a stock moves over time.

She wants to find the maximum possible profit of a stock over a given period of time, using only **one** buy and **one** sell operation according to a given sequence of predicted share prices.

## **Constraints**

- · Short selling is not allowed.
- All of the predicted share prices are positive integers.

# Input format

The first integer input is the number of predicted days.

The subsequent integer input is a sequence of positive integers. The element at position i refers to the predicted share price of a given stock on the ith day.

# **Output format**

An integer which is the maximum possible profit with only **one** buy and **one** sell operation.

## **Examples**

#### Example 1

#### Input

14 5 1 6 3 2 5 6 1 3 6 2 5 5 10

Number of predicted days = 14

Sequence of predicted share prices = [5,1,6,3,2,5,6,1,3,6,2,5,5,10]

## Output

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i.e. Buy the stock on day 1 for \$1 and sell the stock on the last day at \$10.

## Example 2

#### Input

8 100 10 12 5 6 14 5 6

Number of predicted days = 8

A sequence of predicted share prices = [100, 10, 12, 5, 6, 14, 5, 6]

### Output

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i.e. Buy the stock on day 3 for \$5 and sell the stock on day 5 at \$14.

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