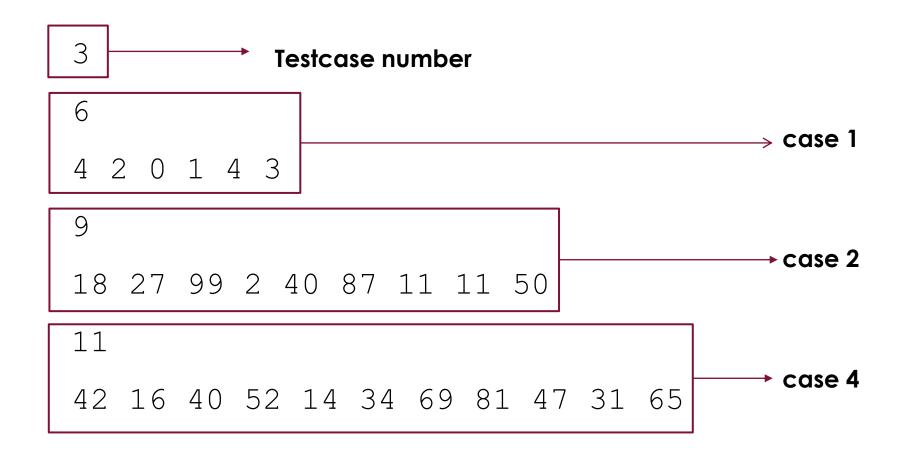
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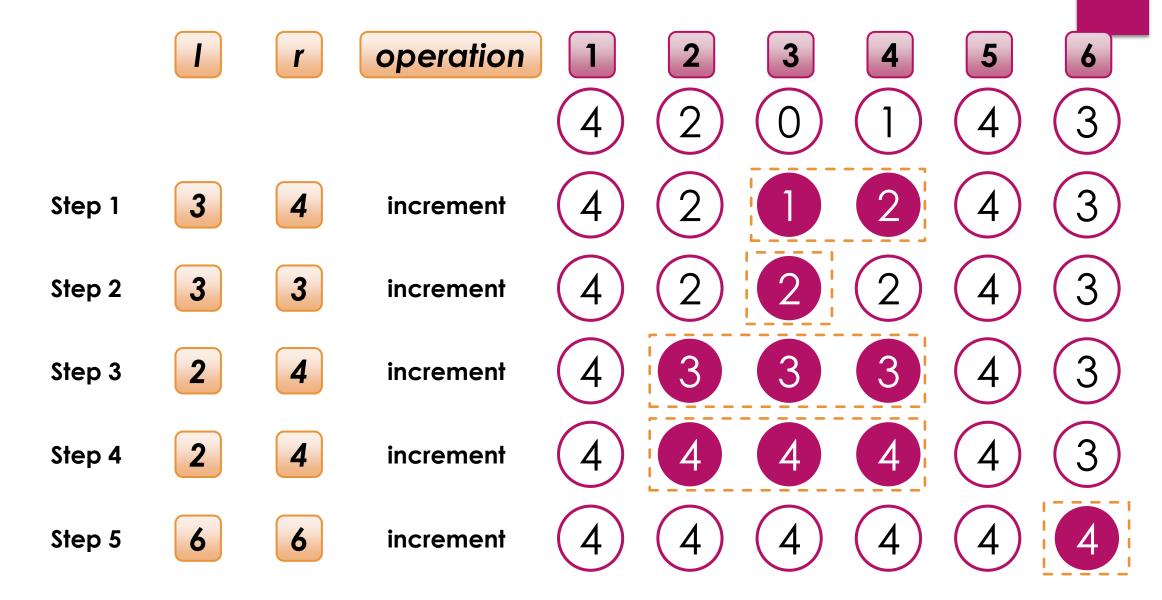
Lab4 A: Block

- ▶ Given a sequence of length n, denoted by $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n$. Each step you can choose an interval [l, r], $(1 \le l \le r \le n)$, such that all elements within this interval are either incremented by one or decremented by one.
- ▶ The task is to find out the minimal steps to make all the numbers in the sequence same.

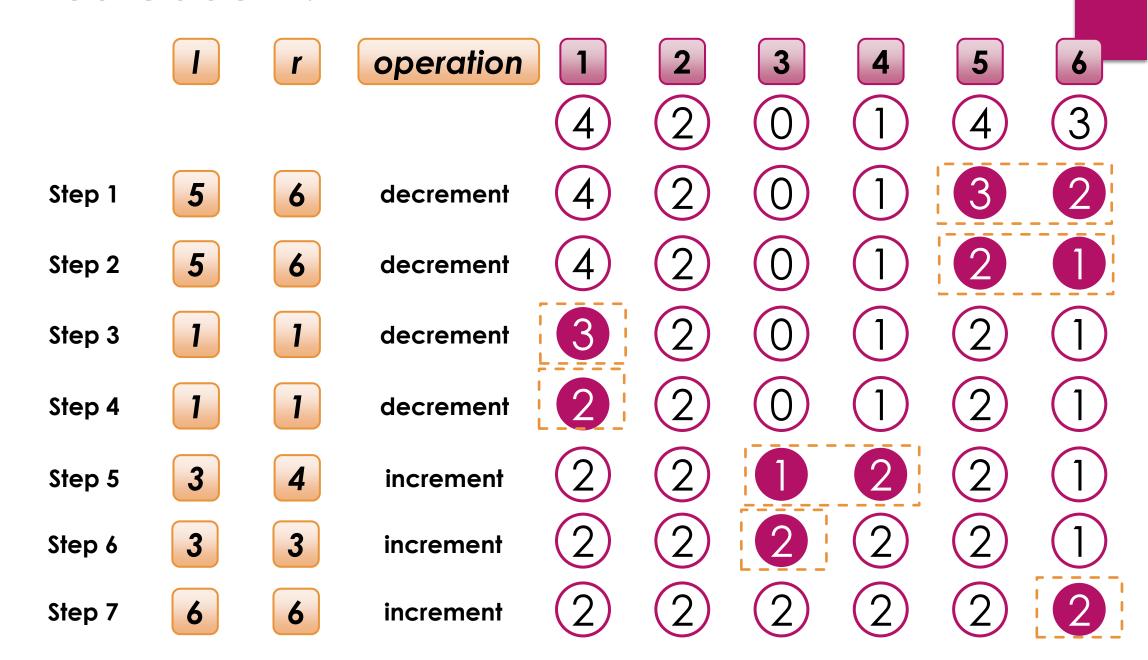
Sample Input:



Testcase 1



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6

4 4 4 4 4 4

6

3 2 2 2 2 2

6

3 2 2 2 2 1

6

1222222

6

3 3 3 3 4

6

2 2 4 4 2 2

- 1. We should choose an interval [l, r] with the same value; how do we find an interval where each element has the same value?
- 2. If multiple intervals satisfy the above requirement, which one should be chosen first?

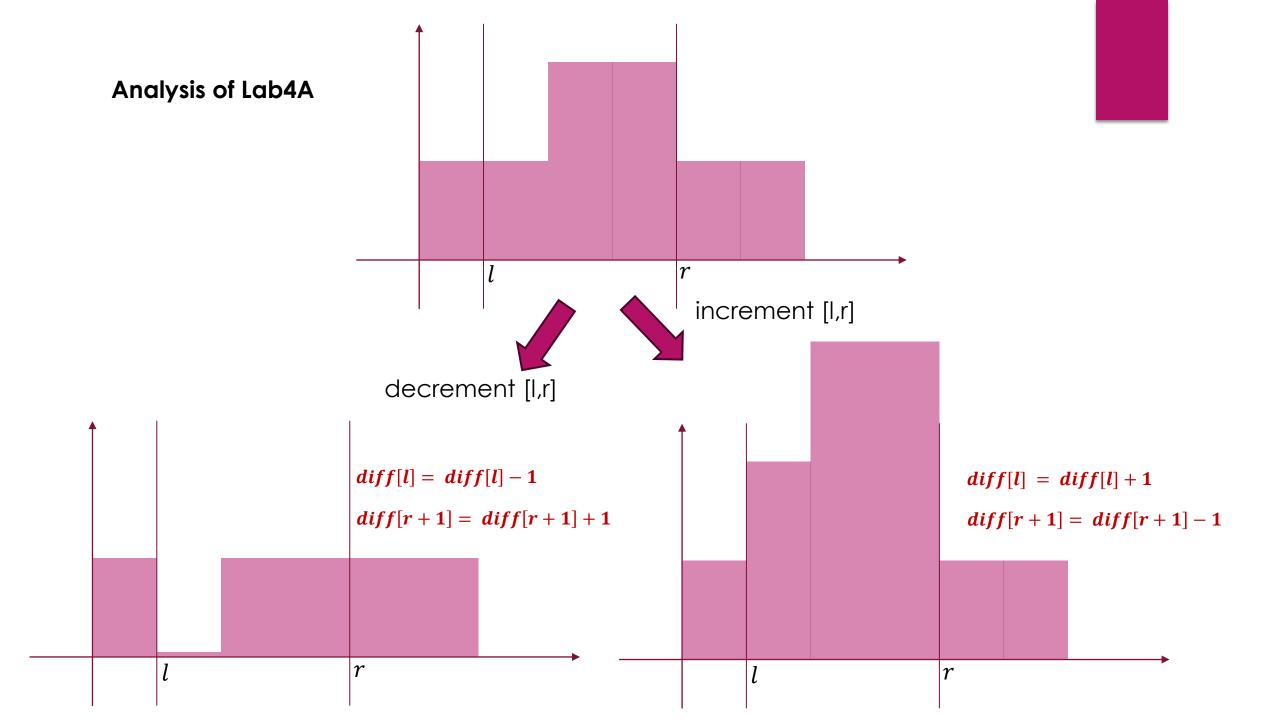
1. We should choose an interval [l, r] where each element has the same value; how can we identify such an interval?

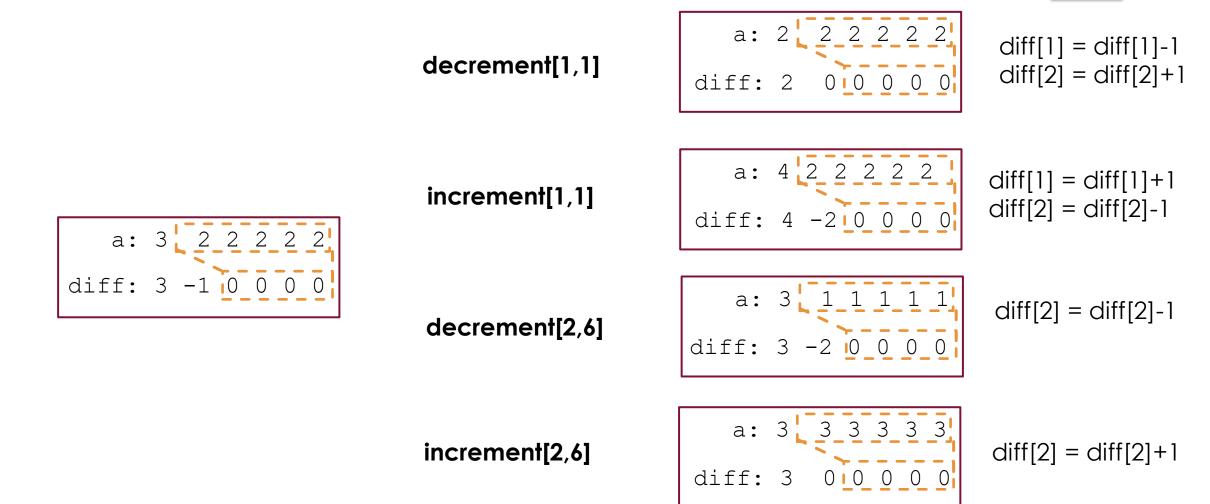
Let
$$diff[i] = \begin{cases} a[1], & where i = 1 \\ a[i] - a[i-1], & where i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

If in an interval [i,j] (where l > 1) in diff, each element is 0, it implies the interval [i-1,j] in the sequence a satisfies each element has the same value.

$$a[1] = a[2] = a[3] = \cdots = a[n]$$

$$diff[2] = diff[3] = \cdots = diff[n] = 0$$





decrement[1,1] or increment[2,6] can make the diff[2] + 1, then diff[2] become 0

decrement[6,6] diff: 3 increment[6,6] diff: 3 diff: decrement[1,5] diff: 2 increment[1,5]

Analysis of Lab4A diff: 3 or increment[6,6] decrement[1,5] at least 1 step Then diff[6] = diff[6]+1Then diff[6] = diff[6]+1diff: 3 diff: 2-1at least 1 step at least 1 step Here we can eliminate a -1a: 2 2 2 2 2 or diff: 2 diff: 3 0 0 0 0 diff: 1 eliminate the other -1

a: 2 2 4 4 2 2 diff: 2 0 2 0 -2 0

decrement[3,4]

Then diff[3]=diff[3]-1 diff[5]=diff[5]+1

a: 2 2 3 3 2 2 diff: 2 0 1 0 -1 0

decrement[3,4]

Then diff[3]=diff[3]-1 diff[5]=diff[5]+1

a: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 diff: 2 0 0 0 0 0

increment[5,6] increment[1,2]



Only eliminate a -1

a: 3 3 4 4 2 2 diff: 3 0 1 0 -2 0

Only eliminate a +1

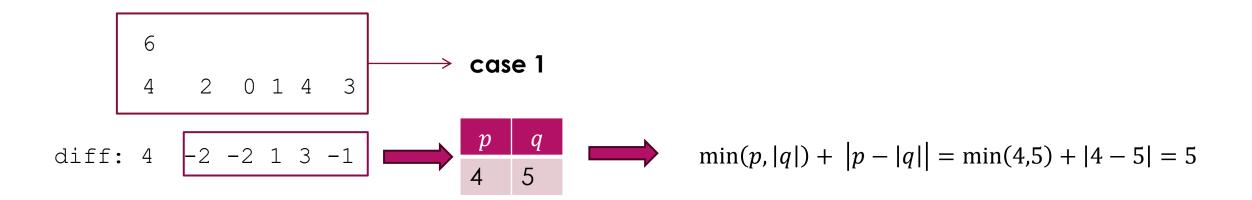
eliminate a +1 and a -1 at the same time

Solution of Lab4A

After constructing array diff, we can greedily select pairs of numbers diff[i] and diff[j] with opposite signs each time.

Assume that the sum of positive numbers are p and the sum of negative numbers are q.

The elimination of one positive and one negative number requires at least min(p, |q|) operations, and for the remaining part |p - |q|, it requires at least |p - |q| operations.



Lab4.B: Profit

 \blacktriangleright Given a sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n$. The task is to select at most k numbers from the sequence with the constraint, and output the maximum possible sum of the selected numbers. The constraint is that no two selected numbers can be adjacent.

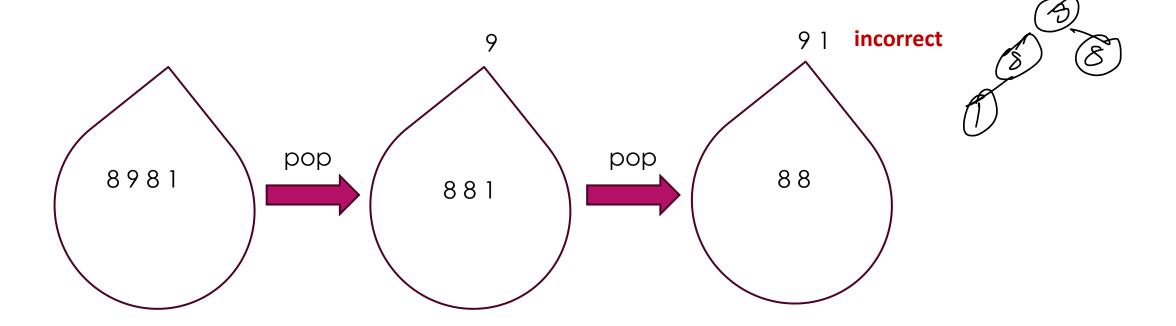
Sample Input:

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83
169-62131
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Sample Output:

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14
1 6 9 -6 2 1 3 1
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Using a max heap to ensure that the elements at the top of the heap are not adjacent to each other is an **incorrect approach**.



We can improve this process by considering the potential need for **regret** after greedily choosing the largest number and placing **the cost of regret** into the heap.

Assume the current maximum value is num[i], the cost of regret = num[i+1] + num[i-1] - num[i].

