

Minimum difference 7

$n=4$

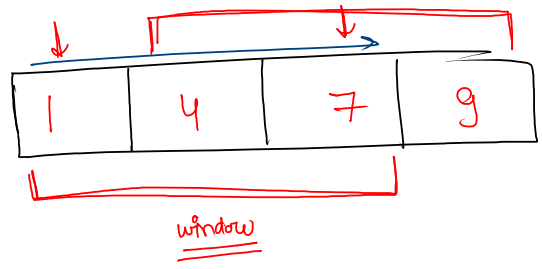
0	1	2	3
9	4	1	7
	↑	↑	↑

$K=3$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 9, 4, 1 = 8 \\ \boxed{9, 4, 7} = 5 \quad \checkmark \\ 9, 1, 7 = 8 \\ \boxed{4, 1, 7} = 6 \end{array} \right.$$

take some combinations
of K values
↳ each, $\left(\frac{\text{largest} - \text{smallest}}{\text{mini}} \right)$

k=3



ans = 5

arr, k=5, n=14

5	3	7	-2	-8	19	10	0	1	2	5	-2	-1	7
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Step 1) Arrays.sort

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
-8	-2	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	5	5	7	7	10	19

ans = 3

$\leq n-k$

$$\underline{\underline{k=5}}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 & \downarrow l=0 & \\
 \text{pairs} = & 0, 4 \longrightarrow & 0 + 5 - 1 \\
 & 1, 5 \longrightarrow & 1 + 5 - 1 \\
 & 2, 6 \longrightarrow & 2 + 5 - 1 \\
 & 3, 7 \longrightarrow & 3 + 5 - 1 \\
 & 4, 8 & \\
 & \vdots &
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{lcl} 0, 4 \\ 1, 5 \\ 2, 6 \\ 3, 7 \\ 4, 8 \\ \vdots \end{array}} \right\} \underline{\underline{i + k - 1}}$$

Code

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    int n = scn.nextInt();
    int[] arr = new int[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        arr[i] = scn.nextInt();
    }

    int k = scn.nextInt();
    System.out.println(miniDiff(arr, n, k));
}
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$O(N \log N)$

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public static int miniDiff(int[] arr, int n, int k) {
    → Arrays.sort(arr);
    int ans = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    for (int i = 0; i <= n - k; i++) {
        int mini = arr[i];
        int maxi = arr[i + k - 1];
        int diff = maxi - mini;
        if (diff < ans) {
            ans = diff;
        }
    }
    return ans;
}
```

Form the largest number

$n = 4$

4 46 8 9



ans = 98464

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