

Gas Stations

Question: There are N gas stations along a circular route, where the amount of gas at station i is gas[i].

You have a car with an unlimited gas tank and it costs cost[i] of gas to travel from station i to its next station (i+1). You begin the journey with an empty tank at one of the gas stations. Return the starting gas station's index if you can travel around the circuit once, otherwise return -1.

Note: The solution is guaranteed to be unique.

Solutions:

class Solution:

@param gas, a list of integers

@param cost, a list of integers

@return an integer

def canCompleteCircuit(self, gas, cost):

if sum(gas) < sum(cost): return -1

n = len(gas)

diff = 0

stationIndex = 0

for i in range(n):

if gas[i]+diff < cost[i]: stationIndex = i+1; diff = 0

else: diff += gas[i]-cost[i]

return stationIndex

Solution().canCompleteCircuit([1,2,3,4,5],[5,4,3,2,1])