

Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock

III

Question: Say you have an array for which the i th element is the price of a given stock on day i . Design an algorithm to find the maximum profit. You may complete at most two transactions.

Solutions:

class Solution:

@param prices, a list of integer

@return an integer

def maxProfit(self, prices):

length=len(prices)

if length==0: return 0

f1=[0 for i in range(length)]

f2=[0 for i in range(length)]

minV=prices[0]; f1[0]=0

for i in range(1,length):

minV=min(minV, prices[i])

f1[i]=max(f1[i-1],prices[i]-minV)

maxV=prices[length-1]; f2[length-1]=0

for i in range(length-2,-1,-1):

maxV=max(maxV,prices[i])

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f2[i]=max(f2[i+1],maxV-prices[i])
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res=0
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for i in range(length):
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    if f1[i]+f2[i]>res: res=f1[i]+f2[i]
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return res
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Solution().maxProfit([1, 4, 8, 1, 2])
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