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Tasks in test

Task score

Test score

100%

100 out of 100 points

MEDIUM

1. MaxProfit

Given a log of stock prices compute the maximum possible earning.

score: 100 of 100

Task description

A zero-indexed array A consisting of N integers is given. It contains daily prices of a stock share for a period of N consecutive days. If a single share was bought on day P and sold on day Q, where 0 ≤ P ≤ Q < N, then the *profit* of such transaction is equal to A[Q] − A[P], provided that A[Q] ≥ A[P]. Otherwise, the transaction brings *loss* of A[P] − A[Q].
For example, consider the following array A consisting of six elements such that:

```
A[0] = 23171
A[1] = 21011
A[2] = 21123
A[3] = 21366
A[4] = 21013
A[5] = 21367
```

If a share was bought on day 0 and sold on day 2, a loss of 2048 would occur because A[2] − A[0] = 21123 − 23171 = −2048. If a share was bought on day 4 and sold on day 5, a profit of 354 would occur because A[5] − A[4] = 21367 − 21013 = 354. Maximum possible profit was 356. It would occur if a share was bought on day 1 and sold on day 5.
Write a function,

```
def solution(A)
```

that, given a zero-indexed array A consisting of N integers containing daily prices of a stock share for a period of N consecutive days, returns the maximum possible profit from one transaction during this period. The function should return 0 if it was impossible to gain any profit.
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Solution

Programming language used: Python

Total time used: 1 minutes

Effective time used: 1 minutes

Notes: correct functionality and scalability

Task timeline

03:12:45 03:13:24

Code: 03:13:24 UTC, py, final, score: **100.00**

```
01. def solution(A):
02.     # write your code in Python 2.6
03.     size = len(A)
04.     if size == 0: return 0
05.     min_prefix = [0]*size
06.     min_prefix[0] = A[0]
07.     for i in xrange(1, size):
08.         min_prefix[i] = min(A[i], min_prefix[i-1])
09.
10.     max_profit = 0
11.     for i in xrange(1, size):
12.         max_profit = max(max_profit, A[i] -
            min_prefix[i-1])
13.     return max_profit
```

Analysis

Detected time complexity:

O(N)

the function should return 356, as explained above.
Assume that:

- N is an integer within the range [0..400,000];
- each element of array A is an integer within the range [0..200,000].

Complexity:

- expected worst-case time complexity is O(N);
- expected worst-case space complexity is O(1), beyond input storage (not counting the storage required for input arguments).

Elements of input arrays can be modified.

test	time	result
example example, length=6	0.050 s.	**OK**
simple_1 V-pattern sequence, length=7	0.050 s.	**OK**
simple_desc descending and ascending sequence, length=5	0.050 s.	**OK**
simple_empty empty and [0,200000] sequence	0.050 s.	**OK**
two_hills two increasing subsequences	0.050 s.	**OK**
max_profit_after_max_and_before_min max profit is after global maximum and before global minimum	0.050 s.	**OK**
medium_1 large value (99) followed by short V-pattern (values from [1..5]) repeated 100 times	0.050 s.	**OK**
large_1 large value (99) followed by short pattern (values from [1..6]) repeated 10K times	0.300 s.	**OK**
large_2 chaotic sequence of 200K values from [100K..120K], then 200K values from [0..100K]	1.080 s.	**OK**
large_3 chaotic sequence of 200K values from [1..200K]	0.570 s.	**OK**

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