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Flatland Space Stations

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Flatland is a country with a number of cities, some of which have space stations. Cities are numbered consecutively and each has a road of *1km* length connecting it to the next city. It is not a circular route, so the first city doesn't connect with the last city. Determine the maximum distance from any city to its nearest space station.

Example

n = 3

$$c = [1]$$

There are n=3 cities and city 1 has a space station. They occur consecutively along a route. City 0 is 1-0=1 unit away and city 2 is 2-1=1 units away. City 1 is 0 units from its nearest space station as one is located there. The maximum distance is 1.

Function Description

Complete the *flatlandSpaceStations* function in the editor below.

flatlandSpaceStations has the following parameter(s):

- int n: the number of cities
- int c[m]: the indices of cities with a space station

Returns

- int: the maximum distance any city is from a space station

Input Format

The first line consists of two space-separated integers, n and m.

The second line contains m space-separated integers, the indices of each city that has a space-station. These values are unordered and distinct.

Constraints

- $1 \le n \le 10^5$
- $1 \le m \le n$
- There will be at least **1** city with a space station.
- No city has more than one space station.

Output Format

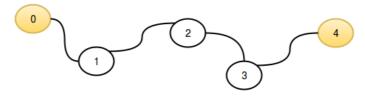
Sample Input 0

Sample Output 0

2

Explanation 0

This sample corresponds to following graphic:



The distance to the nearest space station for each city is listed below:

- c[0] has distance $0 \ km$, as it contains a space station.
- c[1] has distance $1 \ km$ to the space station in c[0].
- c[2] has distance $2 \ km$ to the space stations in c[0] and c[4].
- c[3] has distance $1 \ km$ to the space station in c[4].
- c[4] has distance $0 \ km$, as it contains a space station.

We then take max(0, 1, 2, 1, 0) = 2.

Sample Input 1

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6 6
0 1 2 4 3 5
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Sample Output 1

0

Explanation 1

In this sample, n=m so every city has space station and we print 0 as our answer.

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Submissions: 19
Max Score: 25
Difficulty: Easy

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Java 7
 1 <del>▼</del>import java.io.*;
2 import java.math.*;
3
    import java.security.*;
   import java.text.*;
   import java.util.*;
   import java.util.concurrent.*;
   import java.util.regex.*;
7
8
9 → public class Solution {
10
        // \ {\tt Complete} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt flatlandSpaceStations} \ {\tt function} \ {\tt below}.
11
        static int flatlandSpaceStations(int n, int[] c) {
12
13
             if(n == c.length)
                  return 0;
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16
             Arrays.sort(c);
17
             int maxDis = 0;
18
             maxDis = Math.max(maxDis, c[0]-0);
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maxDis = Math.max(maxDis, (n-1)-c[c.length-1]);
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            for(int i=1;i<c.length;i++){</pre>
20 ▼
                maxDis = Math.max(maxDis, (c[i]-c[i-1])/2);
21 🔻
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23
            return maxDis;
24
        }
25
26
        private static final Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
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28
        public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
            BufferedWriter bufferedWriter = new BufferedWriter(new
29
    FileWriter(System.getenv("OUTPUT_PATH")));
30
            String[] nm = scanner.nextLine().split(" ");
31
32
            int n = Integer.parseInt(nm[0]);
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            int m = Integer.parseInt(nm[1]);
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37 ▼
            int[] c = new int[m];
38
            String[] cItems = scanner.nextLine().split(" ");
39
            scanner.skip("(\r\n|[\n\r\u2028\u2029\u0085])?");
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42 🔻
            for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
43 ▼
                int cItem = Integer.parseInt(cItems[i]);
44 🔻
                c[i] = cItem;
            }
45
46
            int result = flatlandSpaceStations(n, c);
47
48
            bufferedWriter.write(String.valueOf(result));
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50
            bufferedWriter.newLine();
51
            bufferedWriter.close();
52
53
54
            scanner.close();
55
        }
   }
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