Intuition

if we are able to find k pairs with maximum difference d and after that among all the d minimum will be answer.

Approach

- 1. Sort the given nums array in ascending order.
- 2. Initialize to 0 and hi to the maximum difference between the largest and smallest elements in the sorted array.
- 3. Perform a binary search loop while lo is less than hi.
- 4. Calculate the midpoint mid between lo and hi.
- 5. Count the number of pairs with a difference less than or equal to mid while ensuring that no index appears more than once among the pairs.
- 6. If the count is greater than or equal to p, update hi to mid.
- 7. Otherwise, update lo to mid + 1.
- 8. Return the value of lo as the minimum maximum difference that allows forming at least p valid pairs.

Complexity

- Time complexity:O(n*log(d)) where d is maximum difference.
- Space complexity:O(1)