# **HackerRank**

# Max-Min Difference in an Interval

Consider an array of integers,  $A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}]$ . Let max(b, e) and min(b, e) be the respective maximum and minimum values in the inclusive range between index b and e.

Given A, perform q queries where each query consists of two integers, low and high. For each query, find and print the number of (b,e) pairs that satisfy the following:

- $0 \le b \le e < n$
- $low \leq max(b,e) min(b,e) \leq high$ .

#### **Input Format**

The first line contains two space-separated integers describing the respective values of n (the size of array A) and q (the number of queries).

The second line contains n space-separated integers describing the respective values of  $a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1}$ . Each line j of the q subsequent lines contains two space-separated integers describing the respective values of  $low_j$  and  $high_j$  for the  $j^{th}$  query.

#### **Constraints**

- $1 \le n \le 5 \times 10^5$
- $n \times q \leq 2 \times 10^6$
- $1 \le a_i \le 10^9$
- $1 \leq low_j \leq high_j \leq 10^9$  for  $0 \leq j < q$

#### **Output Format**

Print q lines where each line j is the number of possible pairs for the  $j^{th}$  query.

## Sample Input 0

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4 3
1 2 1 4
1 1
2 2
2 3
```

## Sample Output 0

```
3
0
3
```

# **Explanation 0**

The diagram below breaks down the possible pairs for each query on A= [1,2,1,4] :

Array A								
0	1	2	3					
1	2	1	4					

max(b, e) - min(b, e) for all possible b and e

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b	Ф	max(b, e)	min(b, e)	max(b, e) - min(b, e)				
0	0	1	1	0				
0	1	2	1	1	<b>—</b>		Quer	ies
0	2	2	1	1	<b>←</b> `	١		
0	3	4	1	3	$\leftarrow$		low	high
1	1	2	2	0	1 ) >		1	1
1	2	2	1	1	<b>←</b>		2	2
1	3	4	1	3	<b>←</b>		2	3
2	2	1	1	0				
2	3	4	1	3	$\overline{}$			
3	3	4	4	0				

As you can see, the first query has  $\bf 3$  pairs, the second has  $\bf 0$  pairs, and the third has  $\bf 3$  pairs.