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Minimum Absolute Difference in an Array

The absolute difference is the positive difference between two values a and b, is written |a - b| or |b - a| and they are equal. If a = 3 and b = 2, |3 - 2| = |2 - 3| = 1. Given an array of integers, find the minimum absolute difference between any two elements in the array.

Example. arr = [-2, 2, 4]

There are **3** pairs of numbers: [-2, 2], [-2, 4] and [2, 4]. The absolute differences for these pairs are |(-2) - 2| = 4, |(-2) - 4| = 6 and |2 - 4| = 2. The minimum absolute difference is **2**.

Function Description

Complete the *minimumAbsoluteDifference* function in the editor below. It should return an integer that represents the minimum absolute difference between any pair of elements.

minimumAbsoluteDifference has the following parameter(s):

• *int arr[n]:* an array of integers

Returns

• int: the minimum absolute difference found

Input Format

The first line contains a single integer n, the size of arr. The second line contains n space-separated integers, arr[i].

Constraints

- $2 \leq n \leq 10^5$
- $-10^9 \le arr[i] \le 10^9$

Sample Input 0

3 3 -7 0

Sample Output 0

3

Explanation 0

The first line of input is the number of array elements. The array, arr = [3, -7, 0] There are three pairs to test: (3, -7), (3, 0), and (-7, 0). The absolute differences are:

- $|3 -7| \Rightarrow 10$
- $|3-0| \Rightarrow 3$
- $|-7-0| \Rightarrow 7$

Remember that the order of values in the subtraction does not influence the result. The smallest of these absolute differences is f 3.

Sample Input 1

10 -59 -36 -13 1 -53 -92 -2 -96 -54 75

Sample Output 1

1

Explanation 1

The smallest absolute difference is |-54-53|=1.

Sample Input 2

5 1 -3 71 68 17

Sample Output 2

3

Explanation 2

The minimum absolute difference is |71-68|=3.