

# NAOI TST - Day 1

## Problem 2 : Sequence

We are given a sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . We can manipulate this sequence using the operation  $\text{reduce}(i)$ , which replaces elements  $a_i$  and  $a_{i+1}$  with a single element  $\max(a_i, a_{i+1})$ , resulting in a new shorter sequence. The cost of this operation is  $\max(a_i, a_{i+1})$ . After  $n - 1$  operations  $\text{reduce}$ , we obtain a sequence of length 1. Our task is to compute the cost of the optimal reducing scheme, i.e. the sequence of reduce operations with minimal cost leading to a sequence of length 1.

### Input Specification

The first line contains  $n$  ( $1 \leq n \leq 1,000,000$ ), the length of the sequence. The following  $n$  lines contain one integer  $a_i$ , the elements of the sequence ( $0 \leq a_i \leq 1,000,000,000$ ).

### Output Specification

In the first and only line of the output print the minimal cost of reducing the sequence to a single element.

### Grading

In 30% of the test cases  $n \leq 500$  holds.

In 50% of the test cases  $n \leq 20,000$  holds.

### Sample Input

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3
1
2
3
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### Sample Output

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5
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