

1228. Minimum Cost Tree From Leaf Values

Difficulty : Medium

<https://leetcode.com/problems/minimum-cost-tree-from-leaf-values>

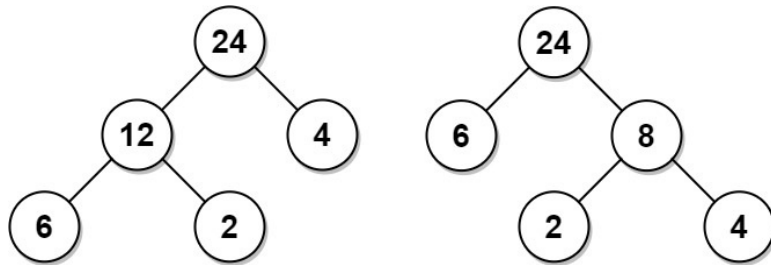
Given an array `arr` of positive integers, consider all binary trees such that:

- Each node has either 0 or 2 children;
- The values of `arr` correspond to the values of each **leaf** in an in-order traversal of the tree.
- The value of each non-leaf node is equal to the product of the largest leaf value in its left and right subtree, respectively.

Among all possible binary trees considered, return *the smallest possible sum of the values of each non-leaf node*. It is guaranteed this sum fits into a **32-bit** integer.

A node is a **leaf** if and only if it has zero children.

Example 1:



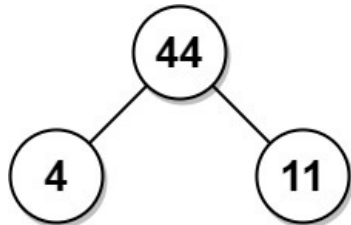
Input: `arr = [6,2,4]`

Output: 32

Explanation: There are two possible trees shown.

The first has a non-leaf node sum 36, and the second has non-leaf node sum 32.

Example 2:



Input: `arr = [4,11]`

Output: 44

Constraints:

- $2 \leq \text{arr.length} \leq 40$
- $1 \leq \text{arr}[i] \leq 15$
- It is guaranteed that the answer fits into a **32-bit** signed integer (i.e., it is less than 2^{31}).