



# Forming a Magic Square ★

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We define a **magic square** to be an  $n \times n$  matrix of distinct positive integers from  $1$  to  $n^2$  where the sum of any row, column, or diagonal of length  $n$  is always equal to the same number: the magic constant.

You will be given a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $s$  of integers in the inclusive range  $[1, 9]$ . We can convert any digit  $a$  to any other digit  $b$  in the range  $[1, 9]$  at cost of  $|a - b|$ . Given  $s$ , convert it into a magic square at minimal cost. Print this cost on a new line.

**Note:** The resulting magic square must contain distinct integers in the inclusive range  $[1, 9]$ .

## Example

$s = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

The matrix looks like this:

```
5 3 4
1 5 8
6 4 2
```

We can convert it to the following magic square:

```
8 3 4
1 5 9
6 7 2
```

This took three replacements at a cost of  $|5 - 8| + |8 - 9| + |4 - 7| = 7$ .

## Function Description

Complete the formingMagicSquare function in the editor below.

formingMagicSquare has the following parameter(s):

- `int s[3][3]`: a  $3 \times 3$  array of integers

## Returns

- `int`: the minimal total cost of converting the input square to a magic square

## Input Format

Each of the  $3$  lines contains three space-separated integers of row  $s[i]$ .

## Constraints

- $s[i][j] \in [1, 9]$

## Sample Input 0

```
4 9 2
3 5 7
8 1 5
```

## Sample Output 0

1

## Explanation 0

If we change the bottom right value,  $s[2][2]$ , from **5** to **6** at a cost of  $|6 - 5| = 1$ ,  $s$  becomes a magic square at the minimum possible cost.

## Sample Input 1

```
4 8 2
4 5 7
6 1 6
```

## Sample Output 1

4

## Explanation 1

Using 0-based indexing, if we make

- $s[0][1] \rightarrow 9$  at a cost of  $|9 - 8| = 1$
- $s[1][0] \rightarrow 3$  at a cost of  $|3 - 4| = 1$
- $s[2][0] \rightarrow 8$  at a cost of  $|8 - 6| = 2$ .

then the total cost will be  $1 + 1 + 2 = 4$ .

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```
1  #!/bin/python3
2
3  import math
4  import os
5  import random
6  import re
7  import sys
8
9  #
10 # Complete the 'formingMagicSquare' function below.
11 #
12 # The function is expected to return an INTEGER.
13 # The function accepts 2D_INTEGER_ARRAY s as parameter.
14 #
15
16 def formingMagicSquare(s):
17     # Write your code here
18     """
19     Brute force
20     :param s:
21     :return:
22     """
23     # Write your code here
24     # All possible 3x3 magic squares
25     magic_squares = [
26         [[8, 1, 6], [3, 5, 7], [4, 9, 2]],
27         [[6, 1, 8], [7, 5, 3], [2, 9, 4]],
28         [[4, 9, 2], [3, 5, 7], [8, 1, 6]],
29         [[2, 9, 4], [7, 5, 3], [6, 1, 8]]
30     ]
```

```
29      [[4, 3, 7], [1, 5, 9], [6, 7, 2]],
30      [[8, 3, 4], [1, 5, 9], [6, 7, 2]],
31      [[4, 3, 8], [9, 5, 1], [2, 7, 6]],
32      [[6, 7, 2], [1, 5, 9], [8, 3, 4]],
33      [[2, 7, 6], [9, 5, 1], [4, 3, 8]],
34      1
```

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Input (stdin)

1	4 9 2
2	3 5 7
3	8 1 5

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Expected Output

1	1
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