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# 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].

For example, we start with the following matrix s:

- 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. It should return an integer that represents the minimal total cost of converting the input square to a magic square.

formingMagicSquare has the following parameter(s):

• s: a  $3 \times 3$  array of integers

#### **Input Format**

Each of the lines contains three space-separated integers of row  $\boldsymbol{s[i]}$ .

#### Constraints

•  $s[i][j] \in [1, 9]$ 

### **Output Format**

Print an integer denoting the minimum cost of turning matrix **s** into a magic square.

# Sample Input 0

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

# Sample Output 0



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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] - 9 at a cost of |9-8|=1
• s[1][0] - 8 at a cost of |3-4|=1
• s[2][0] - 8 at a cost of |8-6|=2, then the total cost will be 1+1+2=4.
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         // Complete the formingMagicSquare function below.
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         static int formingMagicSquare(int[][] s) {
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             var square = new List<int>();
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             for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
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                  foreach (var item in s[i])
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                  square.Add(Convert.ToInt32(item));
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             }
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             var allMagics = new int[][]
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             {new int[] { 8, 1, 6, 3, 5, 7, 4, 9, 2},
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              new int[] { 6, 1, 8, 7, 5, 3, 2, 9, 4},
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              new int[] { 4, 9, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 1, 6},
              new int[] { 2, 9, 4, 7, 5, 3, 6, 1, 8},
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              new int[] { 8, 3, 4, 1, 5, 9, 6, 7, 2},
              new int[] { 4, 3, 8, 9, 5, 1, 2, 7, 6},
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              new int[] { 6, 7, 2, 1, 5, 9, 8, 3, 4},
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              new int[] { 2, 7, 6, 9, 5, 1, 4, 3, 8}};
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              var sums = from item in allMagics
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                          select item.Zip(square, (a, b) => Math.Abs(a - b)).Sum();
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              //Console.WriteLine(sums.Min());
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