

## Problem Description: *Ruby Second House (Medium)*

You are a construction manager overseeing the painting of a long row of houses. Each house must be painted one of several available colors. However, adjacent houses **cannot** have the same color to preserve aesthetic appeal.

Each painting option has a different cost. You are given a matrix where `costs[i][j]` represents the cost of painting house `i` with color `j`.

Your task is to paint all houses such that:

- No two adjacent houses share the same color.
- The total painting cost is **minimized**.

### Input Format

- First line: Two integers `n` and `k` — the number of houses and the number of colors.
- Next `n` lines: Each line contains `k` space-separated integers, the painting costs for that house using each color.

### Output Format

- A single integer — the minimum total cost to paint all the houses such that no two adjacent houses have the same color.

### Constraints

- $1 \leq n \leq 100$
- $2 \leq k \leq 20$
- $1 \leq \text{costs}[i][j] \leq 20$

### Example

#### Input

```
2 3
1 5 3
2 9 4
```

#### Output

```
5
```

#### Explanation

There are two optimal solutions:

- Paint house 0 with color 0 (cost = 1), house 1 with color 2 (cost = 4)  $\rightarrow$  total = 1 + 4 = 5

- Paint house 0 with color 2 (cost = 3), house 1 with color 0 (cost = 2) → total = 3 + 2 = 5

## 20 Additional Test Cases (Updated Format)

S.N	Input (n k and cost matrix)	Output
1	2 2 1 2 2 1	2
2	3 3 1 5 3 1 9 1 3 2 4	4
3	3 2 8 2 4 3 1 7	12
4	3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3
5	3 6 7 3 8 6 1 2 5 6 7 2 4 3 10 1 4 9 7 6	4
6	2 2 3 4 2 3	6
7	3 3 1 10 3 9 2 8 4 5 6	7
8	3 2 5 5 5 5 5 5	15
9	3 2 1 100 100 1 1 100	3
10	2 4 1 2 3 4 4 3 2 1	2
11	4 2 1 20 20 1 1 20	4

<b>S.N</b>	<b>Input (n k and cost matrix)</b>	<b>Output</b>
	20 1	
12	3 3 2 1 3 6 4 5 7 8 9	13
13	4 2 10 15 1 1 5 6 7 3	19
14	4 2 3 2 1 4 2 3 4 5	10
15	3 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	4
16	4 3 3 2 1 2 1 3 1 3 2 3 1 2	4
17	5 2 20 10 10 20 20 10 10 20 20 10	50
18	3 3 5 6 7 6 5 8 7 6 5	15
19	3 4 9 8 7 6 6 7 8 9 9 6 8 7	18
20	4 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 1	4

### Solution:

```
public class PaintHouseII {

    public int minCostII(int[][] costs) {
        int n = costs.length;
        if (n == 0) return 0;
        int k = costs[0].length;
        if (k == 0) return 0;

        // Track the least and second least cost from the previous row
        int min1 = -1, min2 = -1;

        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            int lastMin1 = min1, lastMin2 = min2;
            min1 = -1;
            min2 = -1;

            for (int j = 0; j < k; j++) {
                if (i > 0) {
                    // If previous color was not j, use the min1 cost
                    if (j != lastMin1) {
                        costs[i][j] += costs[i - 1][lastMin1];
                    } else {
                        // If previous color was j, use second min
                        costs[i][j] += costs[i - 1][lastMin2];
                    }
                }

                // Update min1 and min2 for current row
                if (min1 == -1 || costs[i][j] < costs[i][min1]) {
                    min2 = min1;
                    min1 = j;
                } else if (min2 == -1 || costs[i][j] < costs[i][min2]) {
                    min2 = j;
                }
            }
        }

        return costs[n - 1][min1];
    }

    // For testing with console input format
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        int n = scanner.nextInt();
        int k = scanner.nextInt();
        int[][] costs = new int[n][k];

        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < k; j++) {
                costs[i][j] = scanner.nextInt();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
        System.out.println(minCostII(costs));  
    }  
}
```