





# 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 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



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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] - 9 at a cost of |9 - 8| = 1
• s[1][0]->3 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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C++
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     #include <bits/stdc++.h>
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     using namespace std;
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     // Complete the formingMagicSquare function below.
 6
     int formingMagicSquare(vector<vector<int>> s) {
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     }
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     int main()
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         ofstream fout(getenv("OUTPUT_PATH"));
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         vector<vector<int>> s(3);
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for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
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              s[i].resize(3);
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             for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
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                  cin >> s[i][j];
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              cin.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');
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          }
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          int result = formingMagicSquare(s);
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Submit Code
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