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6419. Make Costs of Paths Equal in a Binary Tree

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You are given an integer in representing the number of nodes in a perfect binary tree consisting of nodes numbered from 1 to n. The root of the tree is node 1 and each node i in the tree has two children where the left child is the node 2 * i and the right child is 2 * i + 1.

Each node in the tree also has a \mathbf{cost} represented by a given $\mathbf{0}$ -indexed integer array \mathbf{cost} of size \mathbf{n} where $\mathbf{cost}[\mathtt{i}]$ is the cost of node i + 1. You are allowed to increment the cost of any node by 1 any number of times.

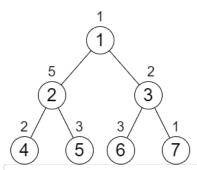
Return the minimum number of increments you need to make the cost of paths from the root to each leaf node equal.

Note:

- A perfect binary tree is a tree where each node, except the leaf nodes, has exactly 2 children.
- The cost of a path is the sum of costs of nodes in the path.

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Example 1:



Input: n = 7, cost = [1,5,2,2,3,3,1]

Output: 6

Explanation: We can do the following increments:

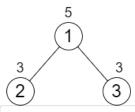
- Increase the cost of node 4 one time.
- Increase the cost of node 3 three times.
- Increase the cost of node 7 two times.

Each path from the root to a leaf will have a total cost of 9.

The total increments we did is 1 + 3 + 2 = 6.

It can be shown that this is the minimum answer we can achieve.

Example 2:



Input: n = 3, cost = [5,3,3]

Output: 0

Explanation: The two paths already have equal total costs, so no increments are needed.

Constraints:

- $3 <= n <= 10^5$
- n + 1 is a power of 2
- cost.length == n
- 1 <= cost[i] <= 10⁴

