

[Basic Programming Challenges](#)

Forming a Magic Square



by pkacprzak

Problem

Submissions

Leaderboard

Discussions

Editorial

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 (i.e., the *magic constant*).

Consider a 3×3 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 $|a - b|$.

Given s , convert it into a magic square at *minimal* cost by changing zero or more of its digits. Then print this cost on a new line.

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

Input Format

There are **3** lines of input. Each line describes a row of the matrix in the form of **3** space-separated integers denoting the respective first, second, and third elements of that row.

Constraints

- All integers in s are in the inclusive range $[1, 9]$.

Output Format

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

Sample Input

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

Sample Output

```
1
```

Explanation

Matrix s initially looks like this:

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

Observe that it's not yet magic, because not all rows, columns, and center diagonals sum to the same number.

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. Thus, we print the cost, **1**, on a new line.

Submissions: 980

Max Score: 20

Difficulty: Easy

Rate This Challenge:

[More](#)

Current Buffer (saved locally, editable)

C#



```
1 using System;
2 using System.Collections.Generic;
3 using System.IO;
4 using System.Linq;
5 class Solution {
6
7     static void Main(String[] args) {
8
9         List<string> entrada = new List<string>();
10        for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
11        {
12            entrada.Add(String.Join("", Console.ReadLine().Split(' ')));
13        }
14        //foreach (string s in entrada)
15        //{
16        //    Console.WriteLine(s);
17        //}
18        List<List<string>> todos = new List<List<string>>();
19        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "816", "357", "492" }));
20        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "618", "753", "294" }));
21        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "438", "951", "276" }));
22        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "276", "951", "438" }));
23        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "294", "753", "618" }));
24        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "492", "357", "816" }));
25        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "672", "159", "834" }));
26        todos.Add(new List<string>(new string[] { "834", "159", "672" }));
27        int min_costo = int.MaxValue;
28        foreach (List<string> lista in todos)
29        {
30            int costo = 0;
31            for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
32            {
33                for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++)
34                {
35                    costo += Math.Abs(int.Parse(entrada[i][j].ToString()) - int.Parse(lista[i]
36                    [j].ToString()));
37                }
38            }
39            min_costo = Math.Min(min_costo, costo);
40        }
41        Console.WriteLine(min_costo);
42    }
43 }
44
```

Line: 41 Col: 42

[Upload Code as File](#)☐ Test against custom input[Run Code](#)[Submit Code](#)**Congrats, you solved this challenge!**

✓ Test Case #0

✓ Test Case #1

✓ Test Case #2

✓ Test Case #3

✓ Test Case #4

✓ Test Case #5

✓ Test Case #6
✓ Test Case #9
✓ Test Case #12
✓ Test Case #15
✓ Test Case #18
✓ Test Case #21

✓ Test Case #7
✓ Test Case #10
✓ Test Case #13
✓ Test Case #16
✓ Test Case #19

✓ Test Case #8
✓ Test Case #11
✓ Test Case #14
✓ Test Case #17
✓ Test Case #20

[Next Challenge](#)

Copyright © 2017 HackerRank. All Rights Reserved

Join us on IRC at [#hackerrank](#) on freenode for hugs or bugs.

[Contest Calendar](#) | [Interview Prep](#) | [Blog](#) | [Scoring](#) | [Environment](#) | [FAQ](#) | [About Us](#) | [Support](#) | [Careers](#) | [Terms Of Service](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Request a Feature](#)

