

# Problem 2499: Minimum Total Cost to Make Arrays Unequal

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 41.11%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Hash Table, Greedy, Counting

## Problem Description

You are given two **0-indexed** integer arrays `nums1` and `nums2`, of equal length `n`.

In one operation, you can swap the values of any two indices of `nums1`. The **cost** of this operation is the **sum** of the indices.

Find the **minimum** total cost of performing the given operation **any** number of times such that `nums1[i] != nums2[i]` for all `0 <= i <= n - 1` after performing all the operations.

Return the**minimum total cost** such that `nums1` and `nums2` satisfy the above condition. In case it is not possible, return **-1**.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** nums1 = [1,2,3,4,5], nums2 = [1,2,3,4,5] **Output:** 10 **Explanation:** One of the ways we can perform the operations is: - Swap values at indices 0 and 3, incurring cost = 0 + 3 = 3. Now, nums1 = [4,2,3,1,5] - Swap values at indices 1 and 2, incurring cost = 1 + 2 = 3. Now, nums1 = [4,3,2,1,5]. - Swap values at indices 0 and 4, incurring cost = 0 + 4 = 4. Now, nums1 =[5,3,2,1,4]. We can see that for each index i, nums1[i] != nums2[i]. The cost required here is 10. Note that there are other ways to swap values, but it can be proven that it is not possible to obtain a cost less than 10.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** nums1 = [2,2,2,1,3], nums2 = [1,2,2,3,3] **Output:** 10 **Explanation:** One of the ways we can perform the operations is: - Swap values at indices 2 and 3, incurring cost = 2 +

$3 = 5$ . Now,  $\text{nums1} = [2,2,1,2,3]$ . - Swap values at indices 1 and 4, incurring cost =  $1 + 4 = 5$ .  
Now,  $\text{nums1} = [2,3,1,2,2]$ . The total cost needed here is 10, which is the minimum possible.

**Example 3:**

**Input:**  $\text{nums1} = [1,2,2]$ ,  $\text{nums2} = [1,2,2]$  **Output:** -1 **Explanation:** It can be shown that it is not possible to satisfy the given conditions irrespective of the number of operations we perform. Hence, we return -1.

**Constraints:**

$n == \text{nums1.length} == \text{nums2.length}$   $1 \leq n \leq 105$   $1 \leq \text{nums1}[i], \text{nums2}[i] \leq n$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    long long minimumTotalCost(vector<int>& nums1, vector<int>& nums2) {
        }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
public long minimumTotalCost(int[] nums1, int[] nums2) {
    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def minimumTotalCost(self, nums1: List[int], nums2: List[int]) -> int:
```