

Problem 3494: Find the Minimum Amount of Time to Brew Potions

Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 62.72%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Simulation, Prefix Sum

Problem Description

You are given two integer arrays, `skill` and `mana`, of length `n` and `m`, respectively.

In a laboratory, `n` wizards must brew `m` potions in order. Each potion has a mana capacity `mana[j]` and **must** pass through **all** the wizards sequentially to be brewed properly. The time taken by the `i`th wizard on the `j`th potion is `timeij = skill[i] * mana[j]`.

Since the brewing process is delicate, a potion **must** be passed to the next wizard immediately after the current wizard completes their work. This means the timing must be synchronized so that each wizard begins working on a potion **exactly** when it arrives.

Return the **minimum** amount of time required for the potions to be brewed properly.

Example 1:

Input: `skill = [1,5,2,4], mana = [5,1,4,2]`

Output: 110

Explanation:

Potion Number	Start time	Wizard 0 done by	Wizard 1 done by	Wizard 2 done by	Wizard 3 done by
0 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 40 | 60
1 | 52 | 53 | 58 | 60 | 64
2 | 54 | 58 | 78 | 86 | 102
3 | 86 | 88 | 98 | 102 | 110
As an example for why wizard 0 cannot start working on the 1st potion before time `t = 52`, consider the case where the wizards started preparing the 1st potion at time `t = 50`. At time `t = 58`, wizard 2 is done with the 1st potion, but wizard 3 will

still be working on the 0th potion till time $t = 60$.

Example 2:

Input: skill = [1,1,1], mana = [1,1,1]

Output: 5

Explanation:

1. Preparation of the 0th potion begins at time $t = 0$, and is completed by time $t = 3$. 2. Preparation of the 1st potion begins at time $t = 1$, and is completed by time $t = 4$. 3. Preparation of the 2nd potion begins at time $t = 2$, and is completed by time $t = 5$.

Example 3:

Input: skill = [1,2,3,4], mana = [1,2]

Output: 21

Constraints:

$n == \text{skill.length}$ $m == \text{mana.length}$ $1 \leq n, m \leq 5000$ $1 \leq \text{mana}[i], \text{skill}[i] \leq 5000$

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    long long minTime(vector<int>& skill, vector<int>& mana) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public long minTime(int[] skill, int[] mana) {  
  
    }  
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minTime(self, skill: List[int], mana: List[int]) -> int:
```