

# Problem 1129: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors

## Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given an integer

$n$

, the number of nodes in a directed graph where the nodes are labeled from

0

to

$n - 1$

. Each edge is red or blue in this graph, and there could be self-edges and parallel edges.

You are given two arrays

`redEdges`

and

`blueEdges`

where:

`redEdges[i] = [a`

i

, b

i

]

indicates that there is a directed red edge from node

a

i

to node

b

i

in the graph, and

blueEdges[j] = [u

j

, v

j

]

indicates that there is a directed blue edge from node

u

j

to node

$v$

$j$

in the graph.

Return an array

answer

of length

$n$

, where each

answer[x]

is the length of the shortest path from node

0

to node

$x$

such that the edge colors alternate along the path, or

-1

if such a path does not exist.

Example 1:

Input:

$n = 3$ , redEdges = [[0,1],[1,2]], blueEdges = []

Output:

[0,1,-1]

Example 2:

Input:

$n = 3$ ,  $\text{redEdges} = [[0,1]]$ ,  $\text{blueEdges} = [[2,1]]$

Output:

[0,1,-1]

Constraints:

$1 \leq n \leq 100$

$0 \leq \text{redEdges.length}, \text{blueEdges.length} \leq 400$

$\text{redEdges}[i].\text{length} == \text{blueEdges}[j].\text{length} == 2$

$0 \leq a$

$i$

,  $b$

$i$

,  $u$

$j$

,  $v$

$j$

< n

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, vector<vector<int>>& redEdges,
    vector<vector<int>>& blueEdges) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int[] shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, int[][] redEdges, int[][]
    blueEdges) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def shortestAlternatingPaths(self, n: int, redEdges: List[List[int]],
    blueEdges: List[List[int]]) -> List[int]:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def shortestAlternatingPaths(self, n, redEdges, blueEdges):
        """
        :type n: int
        :type redEdges: List[List[int]]
        :type blueEdges: List[List[int]]
        :rtype: List[int]
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```

/**
 * @param {number} n
 * @param {number[][]} redEdges
 * @param {number[][]} blueEdges
 * @return {number[]}
 */
var shortestAlternatingPaths = function(n, redEdges, blueEdges) {

};

```

### TypeScript:

```

function shortestAlternatingPaths(n: number, redEdges: number[][], blueEdges:
number[][]): number[] {

};

```

### C#:

```

public class Solution {
    public int[] ShortestAlternatingPaths(int n, int[][] redEdges, int[][]
blueEdges) {

    }
}

```

### C:

```

/**
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
 */
int* shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, int** redEdges, int redEdgesSize, int*
redEdgesColSize, int** blueEdges, int blueEdgesSize, int* blueEdgesColSize,
int* returnSize) {

}

```

### Go:

```

func shortestAlternatingPaths(n int, redEdges [][]int, blueEdges [][]int)
[]int {

}

```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun shortestAlternatingPaths(n: Int, redEdges: Array<IntArray>, blueEdges:  
        Array<IntArray>): IntArray {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func shortestAlternatingPaths(_ n: Int, _ redEdges: [[Int]], _ blueEdges:  
        [[Int]]) -> [Int] {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn shortest_alternating_paths(n: i32, red_edges: Vec<Vec<i32>>,  
        blue_edges: Vec<Vec<i32>>) -> Vec<i32> {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer} n  
# @param {Integer[][]} red_edges  
# @param {Integer[][]} blue_edges  
# @return {Integer[]}  
def shortest_alternating_paths(n, red_edges, blue_edges)  
  
end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer $n
```

```

* @param Integer[][] $redEdges
* @param Integer[][] $blueEdges
* @return Integer[]
*/
function shortestAlternatingPaths($n, $redEdges, $blueEdges) {

}

}

```

### Dart:

```

class Solution {
  List<int> shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, List<List<int>> redEdges,
  List<List<int>> blueEdges) {

  }

}

```

### Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def shortestAlternatingPaths(n: Int, redEdges: Array[Array[Int]], blueEdges:
  Array[Array[Int]]): Array[Int] = {

  }

}

```

### Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec shortest_alternating_paths(n :: integer, red_edges :: [[integer]],
  blue_edges :: [[integer]]) :: [integer]
  def shortest_alternating_paths(n, red_edges, blue_edges) do

  end

end

```

### Erlang:

```

-spec shortest_alternating_paths(N :: integer(), RedEdges :: [[integer()]],
BlueEdges :: [[integer()]]) -> [integer()].
shortest_alternating_paths(N, RedEdges, BlueEdges) ->

```



.

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (shortest-alternating-paths n redEdges blueEdges)
  (-> exact-integer? (listof (listof exact-integer?)) (listof (listof
    exact-integer?)) (listof exact-integer?))
  )
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*
 * Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, graph, search
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, vector<vector<int>>& redEdges,
    vector<vector<int>>& blueEdges) {

    }

};
```

### Java Solution:

```
/**
 * Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, graph, search
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
```

```

* Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
*/

class Solution {
public int[] shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, int[][] redEdges, int[][] blueEdges) {

}
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
Difficulty: Medium
Tags: array, graph, search

Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
"""

class Solution:
    def shortestAlternatingPaths(self, n: int, redEdges: List[List[int]],
                                blueEdges: List[List[int]]) -> List[int]:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):
    def shortestAlternatingPaths(self, n, redEdges, blueEdges):
        """
        :type n: int
        :type redEdges: List[List[int]]
        :type blueEdges: List[List[int]]
        :rtype: List[int]
        """

```

### JavaScript Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, graph, search
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

/**
 * @param {number} n
 * @param {number[][]} redEdges
 * @param {number[][]} blueEdges
 * @return {number[]}
 */
var shortestAlternatingPaths = function(n, redEdges, blueEdges) {

};

```

### TypeScript Solution:

```

/**
 * Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, graph, search
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

function shortestAlternatingPaths(n: number, redEdges: number[][], blueEdges:
number[][]): number[] {

};

```

### C# Solution:

```

/*
 * Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
 * Difficulty: Medium

```

```

* Tags: array, graph, search
*
* Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
* Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
* Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
*/

public class Solution {
public int[] ShortestAlternatingPaths(int n, int[][] redEdges, int[][]
blueEdges) {

}

}

```

## C Solution:

```

/*
* Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
* Difficulty: Medium
* Tags: array, graph, search
*
* Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
* Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
* Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
*/

/**
* Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
*/
int* shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, int** redEdges, int redEdgesSize, int*
redEdgesColSize, int** blueEdges, int blueEdgesSize, int* blueEdgesColSize,
int* returnSize) {

}

```

## Go Solution:

```

// Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
// Difficulty: Medium
// Tags: array, graph, search
//

```

```

// Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
// Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
// Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach

func shortestAlternatingPaths(n int, redEdges [][]int, blueEdges [][]int)
[]int {

}

```

### Kotlin Solution:

```

class Solution {
    fun shortestAlternatingPaths(n: Int, redEdges: Array<IntArray>, blueEdges:
    Array<IntArray>): IntArray {

    }
}

```

### Swift Solution:

```

class Solution {
    func shortestAlternatingPaths(_ n: Int, _ redEdges: [[Int]], _ blueEdges:
    [[Int]]) -> [Int] {

    }
}

```

### Rust Solution:

```

// Problem: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors
// Difficulty: Medium
// Tags: array, graph, search
//
// Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
// Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
// Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach

impl Solution {
    pub fn shortest_alternating_paths(n: i32, red_edges: Vec<Vec<i32>>,
    blue_edges: Vec<Vec<i32>>) -> Vec<i32> {

```

```
}  
}
```

### Ruby Solution:

```
# @param {Integer} n  
# @param {Integer[][]} red_edges  
# @param {Integer[][]} blue_edges  
# @return {Integer[]}  
def shortest_alternating_paths(n, red_edges, blue_edges)  
  
end
```

### PHP Solution:

```
class Solution {  
  
    /**  
     * @param Integer $n  
     * @param Integer[][] $redEdges  
     * @param Integer[][] $blueEdges  
     * @return Integer[]  
     */  
    function shortestAlternatingPaths($n, $redEdges, $blueEdges) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Dart Solution:

```
class Solution {  
  List<int> shortestAlternatingPaths(int n, List<List<int>> redEdges,  
  List<List<int>> blueEdges) {  
  
  }  
}
```

### Scala Solution:

```
object Solution {  
  def shortestAlternatingPaths(n: Int, redEdges: Array[Array[Int]], blueEdges:
```

```
Array[Array[Int]]): Array[Int] = {  
  
}  
}
```

### Elixir Solution:

```
defmodule Solution do  
  @spec shortest_alternating_paths(n :: integer, red_edges :: [[integer]],  
    blue_edges :: [[integer]]) :: [integer]  
  def shortest_alternating_paths(n, red_edges, blue_edges) do  
  
  end  
end
```

### Erlang Solution:

```
-spec shortest_alternating_paths(N :: integer(), RedEdges :: [[integer()]],  
  BlueEdges :: [[integer()]]) -> [integer()].  
shortest_alternating_paths(N, RedEdges, BlueEdges) ->  
.
```

### Racket Solution:

```
(define/contract (shortest-alternating-paths n redEdges blueEdges)  
  (-> exact-integer? (listof (listof exact-integer?)) (listof (listof  
    exact-integer?)) (listof exact-integer?))  
  )
```