

# Problem 931: Minimum Falling Path Sum

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 60.84%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Dynamic Programming, Matrix

## Problem Description

Given an  $n \times n$  array of integers `matrix`, return the **minimum sum** of any **falling path** through `matrix`.

A **falling path** starts at any element in the first row and chooses the element in the next row that is either directly below or diagonally left/right. Specifically, the next element from position `(row, col)` will be `(row + 1, col - 1)`, `(row + 1, col)`, or `(row + 1, col + 1)`.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** `matrix = [[2,1,3],[6,5,4],[7,8,9]]` **Output:** 13 **Explanation:** There are two falling paths with a minimum sum as shown.

**Example 2:**



**Input:** `matrix = [[-19,57],[-40,-5]]` **Output:** -59 **Explanation:** The falling path with a minimum sum is shown.

**Constraints:**

$n == \text{matrix.length} == \text{matrix}[i].\text{length}$   $1 \leq n \leq 100$   $-100 \leq \text{matrix}[i][j] \leq 100$

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int minFallingPathSum(vector<vector<int>>& matrix) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int minFallingPathSum(int[][] matrix) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minFallingPathSum(self, matrix: List[List[int]]) -> int:
```