

# Problem 2977: Minimum Cost to Convert String II

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 26.17%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, String, Dynamic Programming, Graph, Trie, Shortest Path

## Problem Description

You are given two **0-indexed** strings `source` and `target`, both of length `n` and consisting of **lowercase** English characters. You are also given two **0-indexed** string arrays `original` and `changed`, and an integer array `cost`, where `cost[i]` represents the cost of converting the string `original[i]` to the string `changed[i]`.

You start with the string `source`. In one operation, you can pick a **substring** `x` from the string, and change it to `y` at a cost of `z` **if** there exists **any** index `j` such that `cost[j] == z`, `original[j] == x`, and `changed[j] == y`. You are allowed to do **any** number of operations, but any pair of operations must satisfy **either** of these two conditions:

\* The substrings picked in the operations are `source[a..b]` and `source[c..d]` with either `b < c` **or** `d < a`. In other words, the indices picked in both operations are **disjoint**. \* The substrings picked in the operations are `source[a..b]` and `source[c..d]` with `a == c` **and** `b == d`. In other words, the indices picked in both operations are **identical**.

Return **the minimum** cost to convert the string `source` to the string `target` using **any** number of operations. If it is impossible to convert `source` to `target`, return `-1`.

**Note** that there may exist indices `i`, `j` such that `original[j] == original[i]` and `changed[j] == changed[i]`.

**Example 1:**

**\*\*Input:\*\*** source = "abcd", target = "acbe", original = ["a","b","c","c","e","d"], changed = ["b","c","b","e","b","e"], cost = [2,5,5,1,2,20] **\*\*Output:\*\*** 28 **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** To convert "abcd" to "acbe", do the following operations: - Change substring source[1..1] from "b" to "c" at a cost of 5. - Change substring source[2..2] from "c" to "e" at a cost of 1. - Change substring source[2..2] from "e" to "b" at a cost of 2. - Change substring source[3..3] from "d" to "e" at a cost of 20. The total cost incurred is  $5 + 1 + 2 + 20 = 28$ . It can be shown that this is the minimum possible cost.

**\*\*Example 2:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** source = "abcdefgh", target = "acdeeghh", original = ["bcd","fgh","thh"], changed = ["cde","thh","ghh"], cost = [1,3,5] **\*\*Output:\*\*** 9 **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** To convert "abcdefgh" to "acdeeghh", do the following operations: - Change substring source[1..3] from "bcd" to "cde" at a cost of 1. - Change substring source[5..7] from "fgh" to "thh" at a cost of 3. We can do this operation because indices [5,7] are disjoint with indices picked in the first operation. - Change substring source[5..7] from "thh" to "ghh" at a cost of 5. We can do this operation because indices [5,7] are disjoint with indices picked in the first operation, and identical with indices picked in the second operation. The total cost incurred is  $1 + 3 + 5 = 9$ . It can be shown that this is the minimum possible cost.

**\*\*Example 3:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** source = "abcdefgh", target = "addddddd", original = ["bcd","defgh"], changed = ["ddd","dddd"], cost = [100,1578] **\*\*Output:\*\*** -1 **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** It is impossible to convert "abcdefgh" to "addddddd". If you select substring source[1..3] as the first operation to change "abcdefgh" to "adddefgh", you cannot select substring source[3..7] as the second operation because it has a common index, 3, with the first operation. If you select substring source[3..7] as the first operation to change "abcdefgh" to "abcdddd", you cannot select substring source[1..3] as the second operation because it has a common index, 3, with the first operation.

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\* `1` <= source.length == target.length <= 1000` \* `source`, `target` consist only of lowercase English characters. \* `1` <= cost.length == original.length == changed.length <= 100` \* `1` <= original[i].length == changed[i].length <= source.length` \* `original[i]`, `changed[i]` consist only of lowercase English characters. \* `original[i]` != `changed[i]` \* `1` <= cost[i] <= 106`

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    long long minimumCost(string source, string target, vector<string>& original,  
        vector<string>& changed, vector<int>& cost) {  
  
    }  
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {  
    public long minimumCost(String source, String target, String[] original,  
        String[] changed, int[] cost) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:  
    def minimumCost(self, source: str, target: str, original: List[str], changed:  
        List[str], cost: List[int]) -> int:
```