

# Problem 1129: Shortest Path with Alternating Colors

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 47.49%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Breadth-First Search, Graph

## 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] = [ai, bi]` indicates that there is a directed red edge from node `ai` to node `bi` in the graph, and \* `blueEdges[j] = [uj, vj]` indicates that there is a directed blue edge from node `uj` to node `vj` 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, redEdges = [[0,1]], blueEdges = [[2,1]]` **Output:** `[0,1,-1]`

**Constraints:**

\*`1 <= n <= 100` \*`0 <= redEdges.length, blueEdges.length <= 400` \*`redEdges[i].length == blueEdges[j].length == 2` \*`0 <= ai, bi, uj, vj < 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]:
```