

# Problem 3540: Minimum Time to Visit All Houses

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 68.77%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Prefix Sum

## Problem Description

You are given two integer arrays `forward` and `backward`, both of size `n`. You are also given another integer array `queries`.

There are `n` houses \_arranged in a circle\_. The houses are connected via roads in a special arrangement:

\* For all  $0 \leq i \leq n - 2$ , house `i` is connected to house `i + 1` via a road with length `forward[i]` meters. Additionally, house `n - 1` is connected back to house 0 via a road with length `forward[n - 1]` meters, completing the circle. \* For all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , house `i` is connected to house `i - 1` via a road with length `backward[i]` meters. Additionally, house 0 is connected back to house `n - 1` via a road with length `backward[0]` meters, completing the circle.

You can walk at a pace of **one** meter per second. Starting from house 0, find the **minimum** time taken to visit each house in the order specified by `queries`.

Return the **minimum** total time taken to visit the houses.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `forward = [1,4,4]`, `backward = [4,1,2]`, `queries = [1,2,0,2]`

**Output:** 12

**Explanation:**

The path followed is `\_0\_(0) -> \_1\_(1) ->■■■■■■■■ \_2\_(5) -> \_1(7) -> \_0\_(8) -> \_2\_(12)`.

**Note:** The notation used is `node(total time)`, `->` represents forward road, and `\_->` represents backward road.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** forward = [1,1,1,1], backward = [2,2,2,2], queries = [1,2,3,0]

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:**

The path travelled is `\_0\_ ->■■■■■■■■ \_1\_ ->■■■■■■■■ \_2\_ ->■■■■■■■■ \_3\_ -> \_0\_`. Each step is in the forward direction and requires 1 second.

**Constraints:**

\* `2 <= n <= 105` \* `n == forward.length == backward.length` \* `1 <= forward[i], backward[i] <= 105` \* `1 <= queries.length <= 105` \* `0 <= queries[i] < n` \* `queries[i] != queries[i + 1]` \* `queries[0]` is not 0.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    long long minTotalTime(vector<int>& forward, vector<int>& backward,
        vector<int>& queries) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public long minTotalTime(int[] forward, int[] backward, int[] queries) {
```

```
}  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minTotalTime(self, forward: List[int], backward: List[int], queries:  
List[int]) -> int:
```