

# Problem 2896: Apply Operations to Make Two Strings Equal

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given two

0-indexed

binary strings

$s_1$

and

$s_2$

, both of length

$n$

, and a positive integer

$x$

.

You can perform any of the following operations on the string

$s_1$

any

number of times:

Choose two indices

$i$

and

$j$

, and flip both

$s1[i]$

and

$s1[j]$

. The cost of this operation is

$x$

.

Choose an index

$i$

such that

$i < n - 1$

and flip both

$s1[i]$

and

$s1[i + 1]$

. The cost of this operation is

1

.

Return

the

minimum

cost needed to make the strings

$s1$

and

$s2$

equal, or return

-1

if it is impossible.

Note

that flipping a character means changing it from

0

to

1

or vice-versa.

Example 1:

Input:

$s1 = "1100011000"$ ,  $s2 = "0101001010"$ ,  $x = 2$

Output:

4

Explanation:

We can do the following operations: - Choose  $i = 3$  and apply the second operation. The resulting string is  $s1 = "110$

$11$

$11000"$ . - Choose  $i = 4$  and apply the second operation. The resulting string is  $s1 = "1101$

$00$

$1000"$ . - Choose  $i = 0$  and  $j = 8$  and apply the first operation. The resulting string is  $s1 = "$

$0$

$1010010$

$1$

$0" = s2$ . The total cost is  $1 + 1 + 2 = 4$ . It can be shown that it is the minimum cost possible.

Example 2:

Input:

$s1 = "10110"$ ,  $s2 = "00011"$ ,  $x = 4$

Output:

-1

Explanation:

It is not possible to make the two strings equal.

Constraints:

$n == s1.length == s2.length$

$1 \leq n, x \leq 500$

s1

and

s2

consist only of the characters

'0'

and

'1'

.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int minOperations(string s1, string s2, int x) {
```

```
}  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
    public int minOperations(String s1, String s2, int x) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minOperations(self, s1: str, s2: str, x: int) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def minOperations(self, s1, s2, x):  
        """  
        :type s1: str  
        :type s2: str  
        :type x: int  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {string} s1  
 * @param {string} s2  
 * @param {number} x  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var minOperations = function(s1, s2, x) {  
  
};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function minOperations(s1: string, s2: string, x: number): number {  
  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int MinOperations(string s1, string s2, int x) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### C:

```
int minOperations(char* s1, char* s2, int x) {  
  
}
```

### Go:

```
func minOperations(s1 string, s2 string, x int) int {  
  
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minOperations(s1: String, s2: String, x: Int): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minOperations(_ s1: String, _ s2: String, _ x: Int) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Rust:

```

impl Solution {
  pub fn min_operations(s1: String, s2: String, x: i32) -> i32 {

  }
}

```

### Ruby:

```

# @param {String} s1
# @param {String} s2
# @param {Integer} x
# @return {Integer}
def min_operations(s1, s2, x)

end

```

### PHP:

```

class Solution {

  /**
   * @param String $s1
   * @param String $s2
   * @param Integer $x
   * @return Integer
   */
  function minOperations($s1, $s2, $x) {

  }

}

```

### Dart:

```

class Solution {
  int minOperations(String s1, String s2, int x) {

  }
}

```

### Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def minOperations(s1: String, s2: String, x: Int): Int = {

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}  
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### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do  
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### Erlang:

```
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min_operations(S1, S2, X) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (min-operations s1 s2 x)  
  (-> string? string? exact-integer? exact-integer?)  
)
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## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
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 * Tags: string, dp  
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 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
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class Solution:
    def minOperations(self, s1: str, s2: str, x: int) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

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