

# Problem 3538: Merge Operations for Minimum Travel Time

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given a straight road of length

$l$

km, an integer

$n$

, an integer

$k$

,

and

two

integer arrays,

position

and

time

, each of length

$n$

.

The array

`position`

lists the positions (in km) of signs in

strictly

increasing order (with

`position[0] = 0`

and

`position[n - 1] = l`

).

Each

`time[i]`

represents the time (in minutes) required to travel 1 km between

`position[i]`

and

`position[i + 1]`

.

You

must

perform

exactly

$k$

merge operations. In one merge, you can choose any

two

adjacent signs at indices

$i$

and

$i + 1$

(with

$i > 0$

and

$i + 1 < n$

) and:

Update the sign at index

$i + 1$

so that its time becomes

$\text{time}[i] + \text{time}[i + 1]$

.

Remove the sign at index

i

.

Return the

minimum

total

travel time

(in minutes) to travel from 0 to

l

after

exactly

k

merges.

Example 1:

Input:

$l = 10$ ,  $n = 4$ ,  $k = 1$ , position = [0,3,8,10], time = [5,8,3,6]

Output:

62

Explanation:

Merge the signs at indices 1 and 2. Remove the sign at index 1, and change the time at index 2 to

$$8 + 3 = 11$$

.

After the merge:

position

array:

[0, 8, 10]

time

array:

[5, 11, 6]

Segment

Distance (km)

Time per km (min)

Segment Travel Time (min)

$0 \rightarrow 8$

8

5

$$8 \times 5 = 40$$

$8 \rightarrow 10$

2

11

$$2 \times 11 = 22$$

Total Travel Time:

$$40 + 22 = 62$$

, which is the minimum possible time after exactly 1 merge.

Example 2:

Input:

$l = 5, n = 5, k = 1$ , position = [0,1,2,3,5], time = [8,3,9,3,3]

Output:

34

Explanation:

Merge the signs at indices 1 and 2. Remove the sign at index 1, and change the time at index 2 to

$$3 + 9 = 12$$

.

After the merge:

position

array:

[0, 2, 3, 5]

time

array:

[8, 12, 3, 3]

Segment

Distance (km)

Time per km (min)

Segment Travel Time (min)

0 → 2

2

8

$2 \times 8 = 16$

2 → 3

1

12

$1 \times 12 = 12$

3 → 5

2

3

$2 \times 3 = 6$

Total Travel Time:

$$16 + 12 + 6 = 34$$

,

which is the minimum possible time after exactly 1 merge.

Constraints:

$$1 \leq l \leq 10$$

$$5$$

$$2 \leq n \leq \min(l + 1, 50)$$

$$0 \leq k \leq \min(n - 2, 10)$$

`position.length == n`

`position[0] = 0`

and

`position[n - 1] = l`

`position`

is sorted in strictly increasing order.

`time.length == n`

$$1 \leq \text{time}[i] \leq 100$$

$$1 \leq \text{sum}(\text{time}) \leq 100$$



## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minTravelTime(int l, int n, int k, vector<int>& position, vector<int>&
time) {

    }

};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int minTravelTime(int l, int n, int k, int[] position, int[] time) {

    }

}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def minTravelTime(self, l: int, n: int, k: int, position: List[int], time:
List[int]) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def minTravelTime(self, l, n, k, position, time):
        """
        :type l: int
        :type n: int
        :type k: int
        :type position: List[int]
        :type time: List[int]
        :rtype: int
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number} l
```

```

* @param {number} n
* @param {number} k
* @param {number[]} position
* @param {number[]} time
* @return {number}
*/
var minTravelTime = function(l, n, k, position, time) {

};

```

### TypeScript:

```

function minTravelTime(l: number, n: number, k: number, position: number[],
time: number[]): number {

};

```

### C#:

```

public class Solution {
    public int MinTravelTime(int l, int n, int k, int[] position, int[] time) {

    }
}

```

### C:

```

int minTravelTime(int l, int n, int k, int* position, int positionSize, int*
time, int timeSize) {

}

```

### Go:

```

func minTravelTime(l int, n int, k int, position []int, time []int) int {

}

```

### Kotlin:

```

class Solution {
    fun minTravelTime(l: Int, n: Int, k: Int, position: IntArray, time:

```

```

IntArray): Int {

}

}

```

### Swift:

```

class Solution {
func minTravelTime(_ l: Int, _ n: Int, _ k: Int, _ position: [Int], _ time:
[Int]) -> Int {

}

}

```

### Rust:

```

impl Solution {
pub fn min_travel_time(l: i32, n: i32, k: i32, position: Vec<i32>, time:
Vec<i32>) -> i32 {

}

}

```

### Ruby:

```

# @param {Integer} l
# @param {Integer} n
# @param {Integer} k
# @param {Integer[]} position
# @param {Integer[]} time
# @return {Integer}
def min_travel_time(l, n, k, position, time)

end

```

### PHP:

```

class Solution {

/**
 * @param Integer $l
 * @param Integer $n
 * @param Integer $k

```

```

* @param Integer[] $position
* @param Integer[] $time
* @return Integer
*/
function minTravelTime($l, $n, $k, $position, $time) {

}

}

```

### Dart:

```

class Solution {
  int minTravelTime(int l, int n, int k, List<int> position, List<int> time) {

  }
}

```

### Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def minTravelTime(l: Int, n: Int, k: Int, position: Array[Int], time:
  Array[Int]): Int = {

  }
}

```

### Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec min_travel_time(l :: integer, n :: integer, k :: integer, position ::
  [integer], time :: [integer]) :: integer
  def min_travel_time(l, n, k, position, time) do

  end
end

```

### Erlang:

```

-spec min_travel_time(L :: integer(), N :: integer(), K :: integer(),
  Position :: [integer()], Time :: [integer()]) -> integer().
min_travel_time(L, N, K, Position, Time) ->
.

```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (min-travel-time l n k position time)
  (-> exact-integer? exact-integer? exact-integer? (listof exact-integer?)
    (listof exact-integer?) exact-integer?)
  )
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
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 * Problem: Merge Operations for Minimum Travel Time
 * Difficulty: Hard
 * Tags: array, dp, sort
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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public int minTravelTime(int l, int n, int k, int[] position, int[] time) {

}

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### Python3 Solution:

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class Solution:
def minTravelTime(self, l: int, n: int, k: int, position: List[int], time:
List[int]) -> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

```

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