

# Problem 2473: Minimum Cost to Buy Apples

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 67.16%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Graph, Heap (Priority Queue), Shortest Path

## Problem Description

You are given a positive integer  $n$  representing  $n$  cities numbered from  $1$  to  $n$ . You are also given a  $2D$  array `roads`, where `roads[i] = [ai, bi, costi]` indicates that there is a **bidirectional** road between cities  $ai$  and  $bi$  with a cost of traveling equal to  $costi$ .

You can buy apples in **any** city you want, but some cities have different costs to buy apples. You are given the 1-based array `appleCost` where `appleCost[i]` is the cost of buying one apple from city  $i$ .

You start at some city, traverse through various roads, and eventually buy **exactly** one apple from **any** city. After you buy that apple, you have to return back to the city you **started** at, but now the cost of all the roads will be **multiplied** by a given factor  $k$ .

Given the integer  $k$ , return a 1-based array `answer` of size  $n$  where `answer[i]` is the **minimum** total cost to buy an apple if you start at city  $i$ .

**Example 1:**



**Input:**  $n = 4$ , `roads = [[1,2,4],[2,3,2],[2,4,5],[3,4,1],[1,3,4]]`, `appleCost = [56,42,102,301]`,  $k = 2$   
**Output:** `[54,42,48,51]`  
**Explanation:** The minimum cost for each starting city is the following:  
- Starting at city 1: You take the path  $1 \rightarrow 2$ , buy an apple at city 2, and finally take the path  $2 \rightarrow 1$ . The total cost is  $4 + 42 + 4 * 2 = 54$ .  
- Starting at city 2: You directly buy an apple at city 2. The total cost is 42.  
- Starting at city 3: You take the path  $3 \rightarrow 2$ , buy an apple at city 2, and finally take the path  $2 \rightarrow 3$ . The total cost is  $2 + 42 + 2 * 2 = 48$ .  
- Starting at city 4: You take the path  $4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2$  then you buy at city 2, and finally take the path  $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$ .

The total cost is  $1 + 2 + 42 + 1 * 2 + 2 * 2 = 51$ .

**Example 2:**



**Input:**  $n = 3$ ,  $roads = [[1,2,5],[2,3,1],[3,1,2]]$ ,  $appleCost = [2,3,1]$ ,  $k = 3$  **Output:**  $[2,3,1]$

**Explanation:** It is always optimal to buy the apple in the starting city.

**Constraints:**

$2 \leq n \leq 1000$   $1 \leq roads.length \leq 2000$   $1 \leq ai, bi \leq n$   $ai \neq bi$   $1 \leq costi \leq 105$   $appleCost.length == n$   $1 \leq appleCost[i] \leq 105$   $1 \leq k \leq 100$  \* There are no repeated edges.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<long long> minCost(int n, vector<vector<int>>& roads, vector<int>& appleCost, int k) {

    }

};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public long[] minCost(int n, int[][] roads, int[] appleCost, int k) {

    }

}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def minCost(self, n: int, roads: List[List[int]], appleCost: List[int], k: int) -> List[int]:
```

