

Problem 1182: Shortest Distance to Target Color

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

Problem Description

You are given an array

colors

, in which there are three colors:

1

,

2

and

3

.

You are also given some queries. Each query consists of two integers

i

and

c

, return the shortest distance between the given index

i

and the target color

c

. If there is no solution return

-1

.

Example 1:

Input:

colors = [1,1,2,1,3,2,2,3,3], queries = [[1,3],[2,2],[6,1]]

Output:

[3,0,3]

Explanation:

The nearest 3 from index 1 is at index 4 (3 steps away). The nearest 2 from index 2 is at index 2 itself (0 steps away). The nearest 1 from index 6 is at index 3 (3 steps away).

Example 2:

Input:

colors = [1,2], queries = [[0,3]]

Output:

[-1]

Explanation:

There is no 3 in the array.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{colors.length} \leq 5 \cdot 10^4$

$1 \leq \text{colors[i]} \leq 3$

$1 \leq \text{queries.length} \leq 5 \cdot 10^4$

$\text{queries[i].length} == 2$

$0 \leq \text{queries[i][0]} < \text{colors.length}$

$1 \leq \text{queries[i][1]} \leq 3$

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> shortestDistanceColor(vector<int>& colors, vector<vector<int>>&
    queries) {
        }
    };
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
public List<Integer> shortestDistanceColor(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {
        }
    }
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def shortestDistanceColor(self, colors: List[int], queries: List[List[int]])  
        -> List[int]:
```

Python:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def shortestDistanceColor(self, colors, queries):  
        """  
        :type colors: List[int]  
        :type queries: List[List[int]]  
        :rtype: List[int]  
        """
```

JavaScript:

```
/**  
 * @param {number[]} colors  
 * @param {number[][]} queries  
 * @return {number[]}  
 */  
var shortestDistanceColor = function(colors, queries) {  
  
};
```

TypeScript:

```
function shortestDistanceColor(colors: number[], queries: number[][]):  
number[] {  
  
};
```

C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public IList<int> ShortestDistanceColor(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {  
  
    }  
}
```

C:

```
/**  
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().  
 */  
int* shortestDistanceColor(int* colors, int colorsSize, int** queries, int  
queriesSize, int* queriesColSize, int* returnSize) {  
  
}
```

Go:

```
func shortestDistanceColor(colors []int, queries [][]int) []int {  
  
}
```

Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun shortestDistanceColor(colors: IntArray, queries: Array<IntArray>):  
        List<Int> {  
  
    }  
}
```

Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func shortestDistanceColor(_ colors: [Int], _ queries: [[Int]]) -> [Int] {  
  
    }  
}
```

Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn shortest_distance_color(colors: Vec<i32>, queries: Vec<Vec<i32>>) ->  
        Vec<i32> {  
  
    }  
}
```

Ruby:

```
# @param {Integer[]} colors
# @param {Integer[][]} queries
# @return {Integer[]}
def shortest_distance_color(colors, queries)

end
```

PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[] $colors
     * @param Integer[][] $queries
     * @return Integer[]
     */
    function shortestDistanceColor($colors, $queries) {

    }
}
```

Dart:

```
class Solution {
List<int> shortestDistanceColor(List<int> colors, List<List<int>> queries) {
}
```

Scala:

```
object Solution {
def shortestDistanceColor(colors: Array[Int], queries: Array[Array[Int]]):
List[Int] = {
}
```

Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
@spec shortest_distance_color(colors :: [integer], queries :: [[integer]]) :: [integer]
```

```

def shortest_distance_color(colors, queries) do
  end
end

```

Erlang:

```

-spec shortest_distance_color(Colors :: [integer()], Queries :: [[integer()]]) -> [integer()].
shortest_distance_color(Colors, Queries) ->
  .

```

Racket:

```

(define/contract (shortest-distance-color colors queries)
  (-> (listof exact-integer?) (listof (listof exact-integer?)) (listof
    exact-integer?)))
  )

```

Solutions

C++ Solution:

```

/*
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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, dp, search
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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Java Solution:

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 */  
  
class Solution {  
    public List<Integer> shortestDistanceColor(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```

Python3 Solution:

```
"""  
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"""  
  
class Solution:  
    def shortestDistanceColor(self, colors: List[int], queries: List[List[int]]) -> List[int]:  
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution  
        pass
```

Python Solution:

```
class Solution(object):  
    def shortestDistanceColor(self, colors, queries):  
        """  
        :type colors: List[int]
```

```
:type queries: List[List[int]]  
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```

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public class Solution {
    public IList<int> ShortestDistanceColor(int[] colors, int[][] queries) {
        return null;
    }
}
```

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/**
 * Note: The returned array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
 */
int* shortestDistanceColor(int* colors, int colorsSize, int** queries, int
queriesSize, int* queriesColSize, int* returnSize) {
    *returnSize = queriesSize;
    int* result = (int*)malloc(queriesSize * sizeof(int));
    for (int i = 0; i < queriesSize; i++) {
        int query[2];
        query[0] = queries[i][0];
        query[1] = queries[i][1];
        int minDist = INT_MAX;
        for (int j = 0; j < colorsSize; j++) {
            if (colors[j] == query[0]) {
                minDist = fmin(minDist, abs(j - query[1]));
            } else if (colors[j] == query[1]) {
                minDist = fmin(minDist, abs(j - query[0]));
            }
        }
        result[i] = minDist;
    }
    return result;
}
```

Go Solution:

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func shortestDistanceColor(colors []int, queries [][]int) []int {
}

```

Kotlin Solution:

```

class Solution {
    fun shortestDistanceColor(colors: IntArray, queries: Array<IntArray>): List<Int> {
        return emptyList()
    }
}

```

Swift Solution:

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class Solution {
    func shortestDistanceColor(_ colors: [Int], _ queries: [[Int]]) -> [Int] {
        return []
    }
}

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}

```

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    function shortestDistanceColor($colors, $queries) {

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