

# Problem 2976: Minimum Cost to Convert String I

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

You are given two

0-indexed

strings

source

and

target

, both of length

n

and consisting of

lowercase

English letters. You are also given two

0-indexed

character arrays

original

and

changed

, and an integer array

cost

, where

$\text{cost}[i]$

represents the cost of changing the character

$\text{original}[i]$

to the character

$\text{changed}[i]$

.

You start with the string

source

. In one operation, you can pick a character

x

from the string and change it to the character

y

at a cost of

z

if

there exists

any

index

j

such that

$\text{cost}[j] == z$

,

$\text{original}[j] == x$

, and

$\text{changed}[j] == y$

.

Return

the

minimum

cost to convert the string

source

to the string

target

using

any

number of operations. If it is impossible to convert

source

to

target

,

return

-1

.

Note

that there may exist indices

i

,

j

such that

$\text{original}[j] == \text{original}[i]$

and

$\text{changed}[j] == \text{changed}[i]$

Example 1:

Input:

source = "abcd", target = "acbe", original = ["a","b","c","c","e","d"], changed = ["b","c","b","e","b","e"], cost = [2,5,5,1,2,20]

Output:

28

Explanation:

To convert the string "abcd" to string "acbe": - Change value at index 1 from 'b' to 'c' at a cost of 5. - Change value at index 2 from 'c' to 'e' at a cost of 1. - Change value at index 2 from 'e' to 'b' at a cost of 2. - Change value at index 3 from 'd' to 'e' at a cost of 20. The total cost incurred is  $5 + 1 + 2 + 20 = 28$ . It can be shown that this is the minimum possible cost.

Example 2:

Input:

source = "aaaa", target = "bbbb", original = ["a","c"], changed = ["c","b"], cost = [1,2]

Output:

12

Explanation:

To change the character 'a' to 'b' change the character 'a' to 'c' at a cost of 1, followed by changing the character 'c' to 'b' at a cost of 2, for a total cost of  $1 + 2 = 3$ . To change all occurrences of 'a' to 'b', a total cost of  $3 * 4 = 12$  is incurred.

Example 3:

Input:

source = "abcd", target = "abce", original = ["a"], changed = ["e"], cost = [10000]

Output:

-1

Explanation:

It is impossible to convert source to target because the value at index 3 cannot be changed from 'd' to 'e'.

Constraints:

$1 \leq \text{source.length} == \text{target.length} \leq 10$

5

source

,

target

consist of lowercase English letters.

$1 \leq \text{cost.length} == \text{original.length} == \text{changed.length} \leq 2000$

original[i]

,

changed[i]

are lowercase English letters.

$1 \leq \text{cost}[i] \leq 10$

6

```
original[i] != changed[i]
```

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    long long minimumCost(string source, string target, vector<char>& original,
        vector<char>& changed, vector<int>& cost) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public long minimumCost(String source, String target, char[] original, char[]
        changed, int[] cost) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def minimumCost(self, source: str, target: str, original: List[str], changed:
        List[str], cost: List[int]) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def minimumCost(self, source, target, original, changed, cost):
        """
        :type source: str
        :type target: str
        :type original: List[str]
        :type changed: List[str]
        :type cost: List[int]
        :rtype: int
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {string} source
 * @param {string} target
 * @param {character[]} original
 * @param {character[]} changed
 * @param {number[]} cost
 * @return {number}
 */
var minimumCost = function(source, target, original, changed, cost) {

};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function minimumCost(source: string, target: string, original: string[],
changed: string[], cost: number[]): number {

};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {
    public long MinimumCost(string source, string target, char[] original, char[]
changed, int[] cost) {

    }
}
```

### C:

```
long long minimumCost(char* source, char* target, char* original, int
originalSize, char* changed, int changedSize, int* cost, int costSize) {

}
```

### Go:

```
func minimumCost(source string, target string, original []byte, changed
[]byte, cost []int) int64 {

}
```



## Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minimumCost(source: String, target: String, original: CharArray, changed:  
        CharArray, cost: IntArray): Long {  
  
    }  
}
```

## Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minimumCost(_ source: String, _ target: String, _ original: [Character],  
        _ changed: [Character], _ cost: [Int]) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

## Rust:

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn minimum_cost(source: String, target: String, original: Vec<char>,  
        changed: Vec<char>, cost: Vec<i32>) -> i64 {  
  
    }  
}
```

## Ruby:

```
# @param {String} source  
# @param {String} target  
# @param {Character[]} original  
# @param {Character[]} changed  
# @param {Integer[]} cost  
# @return {Integer}  
def minimum_cost(source, target, original, changed, cost)  
  
end
```

## PHP:

```
class Solution {
```

```

/**
 * @param String $source
 * @param String $target
 * @param String[] $original
 * @param String[] $changed
 * @param Integer[] $cost
 * @return Integer
 */
function minimumCost($source, $target, $original, $changed, $cost) {

}
}

```

### Dart:

```

class Solution {
  int minimumCost(String source, String target, List<String> original,
    List<String> changed, List<int> cost) {

  }
}

```

### Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def minimumCost(source: String, target: String, original: Array[Char],
    changed: Array[Char], cost: Array[Int]): Long = {

  }
}

```

### Elixir:

```

defmodule Solution do
  @spec minimum_cost(source :: String.t, target :: String.t, original ::
    [char], changed :: [char], cost :: [integer]) :: integer
  def minimum_cost(source, target, original, changed, cost) do

  end
end

```

### Erlang:

```

-spec minimum_cost(Source :: unicode:unicode_binary(), Target ::
unicode:unicode_binary(), Original :: [char()], Changed :: [char()], Cost ::
[integer()]) -> integer().
minimum_cost(Source, Target, Original, Changed, Cost) ->
.

```

### Racket:

```

(define/contract (minimum-cost source target original changed cost)
  (-> string? string? (listof char?) (listof char?) (listof exact-integer?)
  exact-integer?)
  )

```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```

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 * Problem: Minimum Cost to Convert String I
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 * Tags: array, string, graph
 *
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach
 */

class Solution {
public:
    long long minimumCost(string source, string target, vector<char>& original,
vector<char>& changed, vector<int>& cost) {

    }

};

```

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```

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"""

class Solution:
def minimumCost(self, source: str, target: str, original: List[str], changed:
List[str], cost: List[int]) -> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):
def minimumCost(self, source, target, original, changed, cost):
"""
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:type target: str
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```

```
:rtype: int
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function minimumCost(source: string, target: string, original: string[],
changed: string[], cost: number[]): number {
```

```
};
```

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public class Solution {
    public long MinimumCost(string source, string target, char[] original, char[]
    changed, int[] cost) {

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long long minimumCost(char* source, char* target, char* original, int
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}
```

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# @param {Integer[]} cost
# @return {Integer}
def minimum_cost(source, target, original, changed, cost)

end

```

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 * @param String $source
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 * @param Integer[] $cost
 * @return Integer
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  end  
end
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