

# Problem 3693: Climbing Stairs II

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 63.60%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Dynamic Programming

## Problem Description

You are climbing a staircase with  $n + 1$  steps, numbered from 0 to  $n$ .

You are also given a **1-indexed** integer array `costs` of length  $n$ , where `costs[i]` is the cost of step  $i$ .

From step  $i$ , you can jump **only** to step  $i + 1$ ,  $i + 2$ , or  $i + 3$ . The cost of jumping from step  $i$  to step  $j$  is defined as:  $\text{costs}[j] + (j - i)^2$

You start from step 0 with  $\text{cost} = 0$ .

Return the **minimum** total cost to reach step  $n$ .

**Example 1:**

**Input:**  $n = 4$ , `costs = [1,2,3,4]`

**Output:** 13

**Explanation:**

One optimal path is  $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$

Jump | Cost Calculation | Cost ---|---|---  $0 \rightarrow 1$  |  $\text{costs}[1] + (1 - 0)^2 = 1 + 1$  |  $2$   $1 \rightarrow 2$  |  $\text{costs}[2] + (2 - 1)^2 = 2 + 1$  |  $3$   $2 \rightarrow 4$  |  $\text{costs}[4] + (4 - 2)^2 = 4 + 4$  |  $8$  Thus, the minimum total cost is  $2 + 3 + 8 = 13$

**Example 2:**

**Input:**  $n = 4$ ,  $\text{costs} = [5, 1, 6, 2]$

**Output:** 11

**Explanation:**

One optimal path is  $0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$

Jump | Cost Calculation | Cost ---|---|---  $0 \rightarrow 2$  |  $\text{costs}[2] + (2 - 0)^2 = 1 + 4$  |  $5 \rightarrow 4$  |  $\text{costs}[4] + (4 - 2)^2 = 2 + 4$  | 6 Thus, the minimum total cost is  $5 + 6 = 11$

**Example 3:**

**Input:**  $n = 3$ ,  $\text{costs} = [9, 8, 3]$

**Output:** 12

**Explanation:**

The optimal path is  $0 \rightarrow 3$  with total cost =  $\text{costs}[3] + (3 - 0)^2 = 3 + 9 = 12$

**Constraints:**

$1 \leq n \leq \text{costs.length} \leq 10^5$   $0 \leq \text{costs}[i] \leq 10^4$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int climbStairs(int n, vector<int>& costs) {

    }

};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {  
    public int climbStairs(int n, int[] costs) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:  
    def climbStairs(self, n: int, costs: List[int]) -> int:
```