

# Problem 1368: Minimum Cost to Make at Least One Valid Path in a Grid

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

Given an

$m \times n$

grid. Each cell of the grid has a sign pointing to the next cell you should visit if you are currently in this cell. The sign of

$\text{grid}[i][j]$

can be:

1

which means go to the cell to the right. (i.e go from

$\text{grid}[i][j]$

to

$\text{grid}[i][j + 1]$

)

2

which means go to the cell to the left. (i.e go from

`grid[i][j]`

to

`grid[i][j - 1]`

)

3

which means go to the lower cell. (i.e go from

`grid[i][j]`

to

`grid[i + 1][j]`

)

4

which means go to the upper cell. (i.e go from

`grid[i][j]`

to

`grid[i - 1][j]`

)

Notice that there could be some signs on the cells of the grid that point outside the grid.

You will initially start at the upper left cell

(0, 0)

. A valid path in the grid is a path that starts from the upper left cell

$(0, 0)$

and ends at the bottom-right cell

$(m - 1, n - 1)$

following the signs on the grid. The valid path does not have to be the shortest.

You can modify the sign on a cell with

cost = 1

. You can modify the sign on a cell

one time only

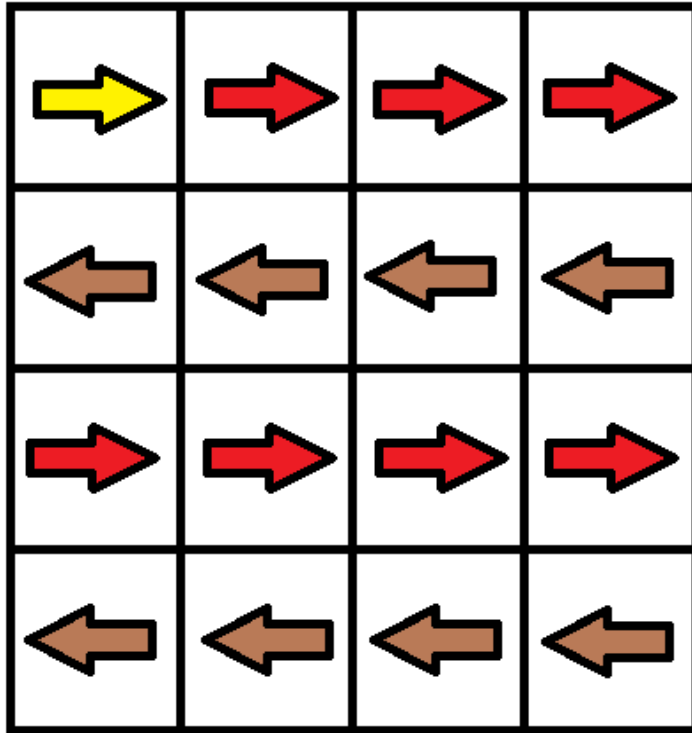
.

Return

the minimum cost to make the grid have at least one valid path

.

Example 1:



Input:

grid = [[1,1,1,1],[2,2,2,2],[1,1,1,1],[2,2,2,2]]

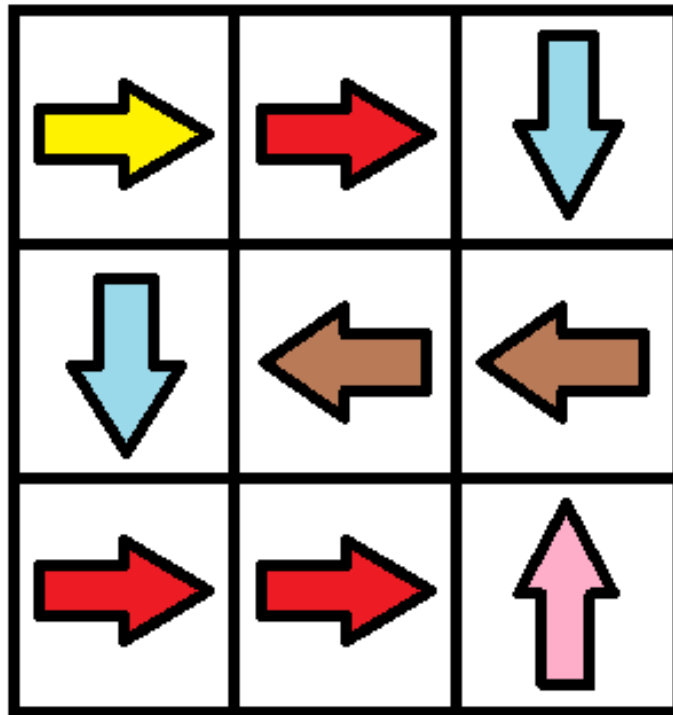
Output:

3

Explanation:

You will start at point (0, 0). The path to (3, 3) is as follows. (0, 0) --> (0, 1) --> (0, 2) --> (0, 3) change the arrow to down with cost = 1 --> (1, 3) --> (1, 2) --> (1, 1) --> (1, 0) change the arrow to down with cost = 1 --> (2, 0) --> (2, 1) --> (2, 2) --> (2, 3) change the arrow to down with cost = 1 --> (3, 3) The total cost = 3.

Example 2:



Input:

```
grid = [[1,1,3],[3,2,2],[1,1,4]]
```

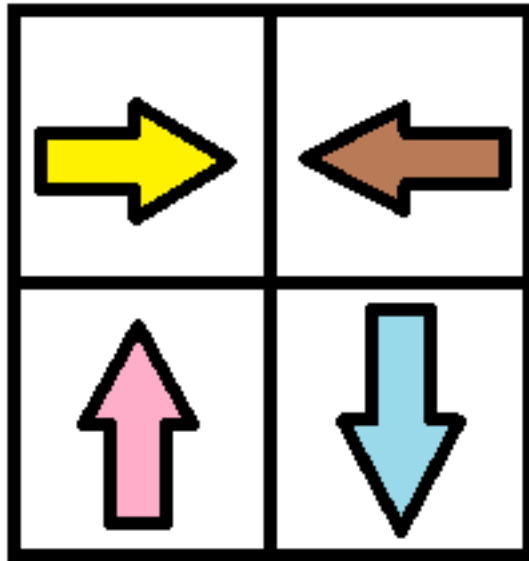
Output:

0

Explanation:

You can follow the path from (0, 0) to (2, 2).

Example 3:



Input:

```
grid = [[1,2],[4,3]]
```

Output:

1

Constraints:

```
m == grid.length
```

```
n == grid[i].length
```

```
1 <= m, n <= 100
```

```
1 <= grid[i][j] <= 4
```

**Code Snippets**

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minCost(vector<vector<int>>& grid) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int minCost(int[][] grid) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def minCost(self, grid: List[List[int]]) -> int:
```

### Python:

```
class Solution(object):
    def minCost(self, grid):
        """
        :type grid: List[List[int]]
        :rtype: int
        """
```

### JavaScript:

```
/**
 * @param {number[][]} grid
 * @return {number}
 */
var minCost = function(grid) {

};
```

### TypeScript:

```
function minCost(grid: number[][]): number {  
  
};
```

### C#:

```
public class Solution {  
    public int MinCost(int[][] grid) {  
  
    }  
}
```

### C:

```
int minCost(int** grid, int gridSize, int* gridColSize) {  
  
}
```

### Go:

```
func minCost(grid [][]int) int {  
  
}
```

### Kotlin:

```
class Solution {  
    fun minCost(grid: Array<IntArray>): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Swift:

```
class Solution {  
    func minCost(_ grid: [[Int]]) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

### Rust:



```

impl Solution {
  pub fn min_cost(grid: Vec<Vec<i32>>) -> i32 {

  }
}

```

### Ruby:

```

# @param {Integer[][]} grid
# @return {Integer}
def min_cost(grid)

end

```

### PHP:

```

class Solution {

    /**
     * @param Integer[][] $grid
     * @return Integer
     */
    function minCost($grid) {

    }

}

```

### Dart:

```

class Solution {
  int minCost(List<List<int>> grid) {

  }
}

```

### Scala:

```

object Solution {
  def minCost(grid: Array[Array[Int]]): Int = {

  }
}

```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec min_cost(grid :: [[integer]]) :: integer
  def min_cost(grid) do

  end

end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec min_cost(Grid :: [[integer()]]) -> integer().
min_cost(Grid) ->
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (min-cost grid)
  (-> (listof (listof exact-integer?)) exact-integer?)
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*
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 * Difficulty: Hard
 * Tags: array, graph, search, queue, heap
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 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)
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## Python3 Solution:

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class Solution:
def minCost(self, grid: List[List[int]]) -> int:
# TODO: Implement optimized solution
pass
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