

Problem 2976: Minimum Cost to Convert String

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

cost[j] == z

,

original[j] == x

, and

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

`original[j] == original[i]`

and

`changed[j] == 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 <= source.length == target.length <= 10
```

5

source

,

target

consist of lowercase English letters.

```
1 <= cost.length == original.length == changed.length <= 2000
```

original[i]

,

changed[i]

are lowercase English letters.

```
1 <= cost[i] <= 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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 * Difficulty: Medium
 * Tags: array, string, graph
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 * 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
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class Solution {
public:
    long long minimumCost(string source, string target, vector<char>& original,
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    }
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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
:type original: List[str]
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:rtype: int
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```

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

end

```

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    }
}

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