

# Problem 2473: Minimum Cost to Buy Apples

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 67.16%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Graph, Heap (Priority Queue), Shortest Path

## Problem Description

You are given a positive integer `n` representing `n` cities numbered from `1` to `n`. You are also given a \*\*2D\*\* array `roads`, where `roads[i] = [ai, bi, costi]` indicates that there is a \*\*bidirectional\*\* road between cities `ai` and `bi` with a cost of traveling equal to `costi`.

You can buy apples in \*\*any\*\* city you want, but some cities have different costs to buy apples. You are given the 1-based array `appleCost` where `appleCost[i]` is the cost of buying one apple from city `i`.

You start at some city, traverse through various roads, and eventually buy \*\*exactly\*\* one apple from \*\*any\*\* city. After you buy that apple, you have to return back to the city you \*\*started\*\* at, but now the cost of all the roads will be \*\*multiplied\*\* by a given factor `k`.

Given the integer `k`, return \_a 1-based array\_ `answer` \_of size\_ `n` \_where\_ `answer[i]` \_is the\*\*minimum\*\* total cost to buy an apple if you start at city `i`.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** n = 4, roads = [[1,2,4],[2,3,2],[2,4,5],[3,4,1],[1,3,4]], appleCost = [56,42,102,301], k = 2  
**Output:** [54,42,48,51]  
**Explanation:** The minimum cost for each starting city is the following:  
- Starting at city 1: You take the path 1 -> 2, buy an apple at city 2, and finally take the path 2 -> 1. The total cost is  $4 + 42 + 4 * 2 = 54$ .  
- Starting at city 2: You directly buy an apple at city 2. The total cost is 42.  
- Starting at city 3: You take the path 3 -> 2, buy an apple at city 2, and finally take the path 2 -> 3. The total cost is  $2 + 42 + 2 * 2 = 48$ .  
- Starting at city 4: You take the path 4 -> 3 -> 2 then you buy at city 2, and finally take the path 2 -> 3 -> 4.

The total cost is  $1 + 2 + 42 + 1 * 2 + 2 * 2 = 51$ .

**Example 2:**



**Input:** n = 3, roads = [[1,2,5],[2,3,1],[3,1,2]], appleCost = [2,3,1], k = 3 **Output:** [2,3,1]

**Explanation:** It is always optimal to buy the apple in the starting city.

**Constraints:**

$2 \leq n \leq 1000$ ,  $1 \leq \text{roads.length} \leq 2000$ ,  $1 \leq a_i, b_i \leq n$ ,  $a_i \neq b_i$ ,  $1 \leq \text{cost}_i \leq 105$ ,  $\text{appleCost.length} = n$ ,  $1 \leq \text{appleCost}[i] \leq 105$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq 100$ . There are no repeated edges.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<long long> minCost(int n, vector<vector<int>>& roads, vector<int>&
appleCost, int k) {
    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
public long[] minCost(int n, int[][] roads, int[] appleCost, int k) {
    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def minCost(self, n: int, roads: List[List[int]], appleCost: List[int], k:
        int) -> List[int]:
```

