

1868. Product of Two Run-Length Encoded Arrays

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Run-length encoding is a compression algorithm that allows for an integer array `nums` with many segments of **consecutive repeated** numbers to be represented by a (generally smaller) 2D array `encoded`. Each `encoded[i] = [vali, freqi]` describes the *ith* segment of repeated numbers in `nums` where `vali` is the value that is repeated `freqi` times.

- For example, `nums = [1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2]` is represented by the **run-length encoded** array `encoded = [[1,3],[2,5]]`. Another way to read this is "three 1's followed by five 2's".

The **product** of two run-length encoded arrays `encoded1` and `encoded2` can be calculated using the following steps:

- Expand** both `encoded1` and `encoded2` into the full arrays `nums1` and `nums2` respectively.
- Create a new array `prodNums` of length `nums1.length` and set `prodNums[i] = nums1[i] * nums2[i]`.
- Compress** `prodNums` into a run-length encoded array and return it.

You are given two **run-length encoded** arrays `encoded1` and `encoded2` representing full arrays `nums1` and `nums2` respectively. Both `nums1` and `nums2` have the **same length**. Each `encoded1[i] = [vali, freqi]` describes the *ith* segment of `nums1`, and each `encoded2[j] = [valj, freqj]` describes the *jth* segment of `nums2`.

Return *the product* of `encoded1` and `encoded2`.

Note: Compression should be done such that the run-length encoded array has the **minimum** possible length.

Example 1:

Input: encoded1 = [[1,3],[2,3]], encoded2 = [[6,3],[3,3]]

Output: [[6,6]]

Explanation: encoded1 expands to [1,1,1,2,2,2] and encoded2 expands to [6,6,6,3,3,3].
prodNums = [6,6,6,6,6,6], which is compressed into the run-length encoded array [[6,6]].

Example 2:

Input: encoded1 = [[1,3],[2,1],[3,2]], encoded2 = [[2,3],[3,3]]

Output: [[2,3],[6,1],[9,2]]

Explanation: encoded1 expands to [1,1,1,2,3,3] and encoded2 expands to [2,2,2,3,3,3].
prodNums = [2,2,2,6,9,9], which is compressed into the run-length encoded array [[2,3],[6,1],[9,2]].

- Constraints:
- 1 <= encoded1.length, encoded2.length <= 10⁵
 - encoded1[i].length == 2
 - encoded2[j].length == 2
 - 1 <= val_i, freq_i <= 10⁴ for each encoded1[i].
 - 1 <= val_j, freq_j <= 10⁴ for each encoded2[j].
 - The full arrays that `encoded1` and `encoded2` represent are the same length.

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Keep track of the indices on both RLE arrays and join the parts together.

Hide Hint 2

What is the maximum number of segments if we took the minimum number of elements left on both the current segments every time?

Java Autocomplete

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1 class Solution {
2     public List<List<Integer>> findRLEArray(int[][] encoded1, int[][] encoded2) {
3
4     }
5 }
```