



# CS 124 Problem Set 5

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## Problems

### [Problem A - Break the String](#)

#### Break the String

A programmer would like to insert  $L$  line breaks into a string after  $b_1, \dots, b_L$  characters.

Since he is working on an old computer, which must rerender after each line break, it takes  $n$  milliseconds to break a string of  $n$  characters (line breaks are not counted in the number of characters) into two pieces.

Consequently, the amount of time required is affected by the order in which the line breaks are added. For example, given the string "needlinebreaks", it takes  $14+10=24$  milliseconds to first break after "need" and then after "line", whereas making those two line breaks in the opposite order only requires  $14+8=22$  milliseconds.

Your goal is to determine the minimum amount of time, in milliseconds, required for the programmer to make all the line breaks.

#### CONSTRAINTS

For test cases worth a total of 0 points:

There is a single test case (test 1) that is worth 0 points.

The input is simply the example in the spec, below ("SAMPLE INPUT").

This test serves to verify that the server is assessing your code correctly, in the event that all of the other test cases are reported as Incorrect Output.

$0 \leq [\text{string length}] \leq 1000000$

For test cases worth a total of 30 points:

$0 \leq L \leq 10$

For test cases worth a total of 60 points:

$0 \leq L \leq 100$

For test cases worth a total of 10 points:

$0 \leq L \leq 1000$

#### TIME LIMIT

100 ms per test cases in first and second group. (2x for Java, 10x for Python)

200 ms per test cases in third group.

#### INPUT FORMAT

First a line containing  $L$  (the number of line breaks) and  $l$  (the length of the string).

Next a line containing  $b_1$  through  $b_L$ , the points

at which line breaks are to be made, with  $0 < b_1 < \dots < b_L < l$ .

## OUTPUT FORMAT

Print a single integer representing the minimum number of milliseconds to make all of the line breaks.

## SAMPLE INPUT

2 14

4 8

## SAMPLE OUTPUT

22

## DETAILS

This input corresponds to the example of "needlinebreaks" given in the problem statement.

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