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Forming a Magic Square

We define a magic square to be an $n \times n$ matrix of distinct positive integers from 1 to n^2 where the sum of any row, column, or diagonal of length n is always equal to the same number: the magic constant.

You will be given a 3×3 matrix s of integers in the inclusive range [1,9]. We can convert any digit a to any other digit b in the range [1,9] at cost of |a-b|. Given s, convert it into a magic square at *minimal* cost. Print this cost on a new line.

Note: The resulting magic square must contain distinct integers in the inclusive range [1,9].

Example

```
$s = [[5, 3, 4], [1, 5, 8], [6, 4, 2]]
```

The matrix looks like this:

```
5 3 4
1 5 8
6 4 2
```

We can convert it to the following magic square:

```
8 3 4
1 5 9
6 7 2
```

This took three replacements at a cost of |5-8|+|8-9|+|4-7|=7.

Function Description

Complete the *formingMagicSquare* function in the editor below.

formingMagicSquare has the following parameter(s):

• int s[3][3]: a 3×3 array of integers

Returns

• int: the minimal total cost of converting the input square to a magic square

Input Format

Each of the $oldsymbol{3}$ lines contains three space-separated integers of row $oldsymbol{s}[i].$

Constraints

• $s[i][j] \in [1, 9]$

Sample Input 0

```
4 9 2
3 5 7
8 1 5
```

Sample Output 0

1

Explanation 0

If we change the bottom right value, s[2][2], from 5 to 6 at a cost of |6-5|=1, s becomes a magic square at the minimum possible cost.

Sample Input 1

```
4 8 2
4 5 7
6 1 6
```

Sample Output 1

4

Explanation 1

Using 0-based indexing, if we make

- s[0][1]->9 at a cost of |9-8|=1
- $s[1][0]{ ext{->}}3$ at a cost of |3-4|=1
- s[2][0]->8 at a cost of |8-6|=2,

then the total cost will be 1+1+2=4.