

1555. Number of Ways of Cutting a Pizza

Difficulty : Hard

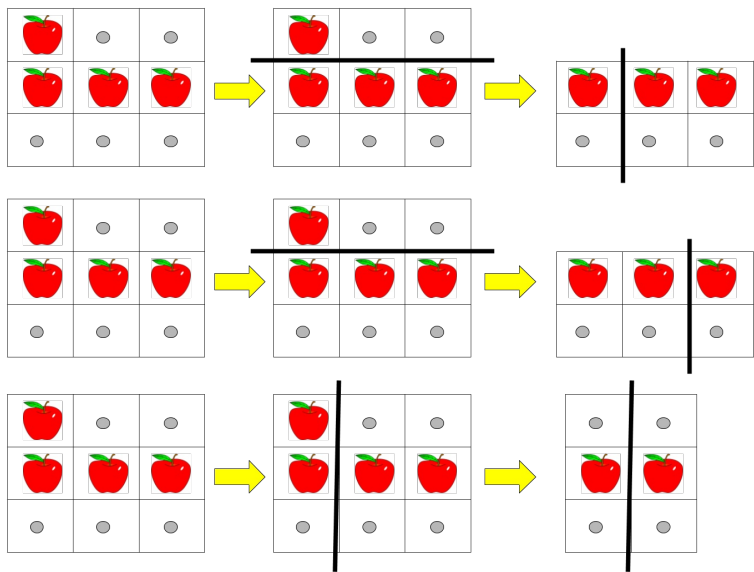
<https://leetcode.com/problems/number-of-ways-of-cutting-a-pizza>

Given a rectangular pizza represented as a `rows x cols` matrix containing the following characters: 'A' (an apple) and '.' (empty cell) and given the integer `k`. You have to cut the pizza into `k` pieces using `k-1` cuts.

For each cut you choose the direction: vertical or horizontal, then you choose a cut position at the cell boundary and cut the pizza into two pieces. If you cut the pizza vertically, give the left part of the pizza to a person. If you cut the pizza horizontally, give the upper part of the pizza to a person. Give the last piece of pizza to the last person.

Return the number of ways of cutting the pizza such that each piece contains **at least one apple**. Since the answer can be a huge number, return this modulo $10^9 + 7$.

Example 1:



Input: `pizza = ["A..","AAA","..."], k = 3`

Output: 3

Explanation: The figure above shows the three ways to cut the pizza. Note that pieces must contain at least one apple.

Example 2:

Input: `pizza = ["A..","AA.","..."], k = 3`

Output: 1

Example 3:

Input: `pizza = ["A..","A..","..."], k = 1`

Output: 1

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{rows}, \text{cols} \leq 50$
- $\text{rows} == \text{pizza.length}$
- $\text{cols} == \text{pizza[i].length}$
- $1 \leq k \leq 10$
- `pizza` consists of characters 'A' and '.' only.