2409. Number of Increasing Paths in a Grid

Difficulty: Hard

https://leetcode.com/problems/number-of-increasing-paths-in-a-grid

You are given an m x n integer matrix grid, where you can move from a cell to any adjacent cell in all 4 directions.

Return the number of **strictly increasing** paths in the grid such that you can start from **any** cell and end at **any** cell. Since the answer may be very large, return it **modulo** $10^9 + 7$.

Two paths are considered different if they do not have exactly the same sequence of visited cells.

Example 1:

| 1 | 1 |
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| 3 | 4 |

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Input: grid = [[1,1],[3,4]]
Output: 8
Explanation: The strictly increasing paths are:
- Paths with length 1: [1], [1], [3], [4].
- Paths with length 2: [1 -> 3], [1 -> 4], [3 -> 4].
- Paths with length 3: [1 -> 3 -> 4].
The total number of paths is 4 + 3 + 1 = 8.
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Example 2:

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Input: grid = [[1],[2]]
Output: 3
Explanation: The strictly increasing paths are:
- Paths with length 1: [1], [2].
- Paths with length 2: [1 -> 2].
The total number of paths is 2 + 1 = 3.
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Constraints:

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    m == grid.length
    n == grid[i].length
    1 <= m, n <= 1000</li>
    1 <= m * n <= 10<sup>5</sup>
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• 1 <= qrid[i][j] <= 10⁵