

Karel The Robot Solution Report

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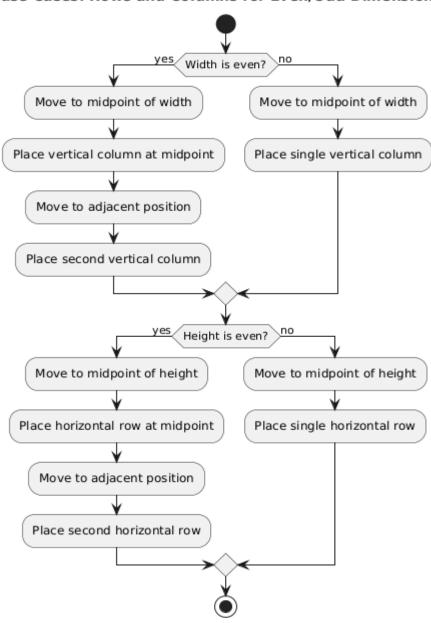
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Introduction

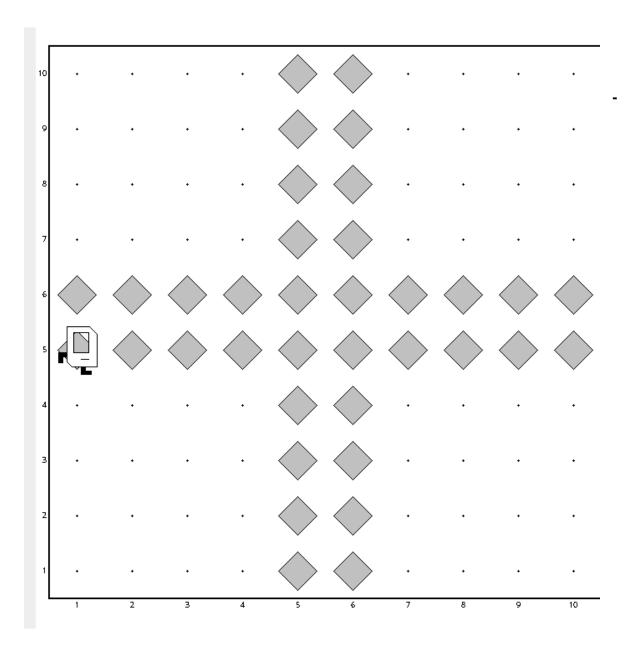
This Assignment really fits the description of "challenging ease", I did not anticipate that it will take this much effort, however it was a good learning experience, my solution handles various cases, including grids with special heights and widths, while optimizing movement and beeper placement.

Base Cases

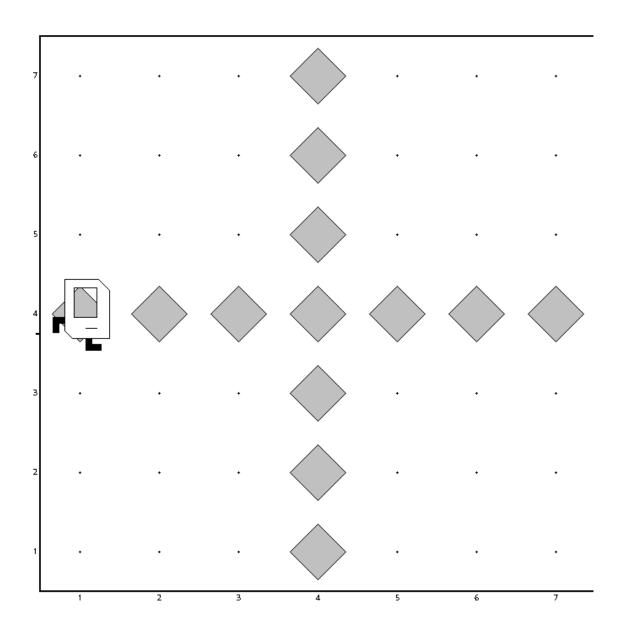
Base Cases: Rows and Columns for Even/Odd Dimensions



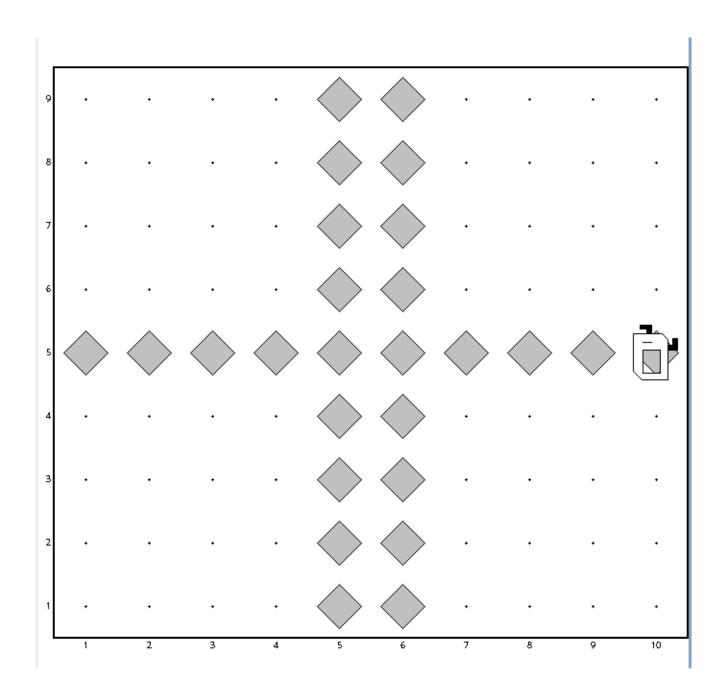
- Even Width and Even Height



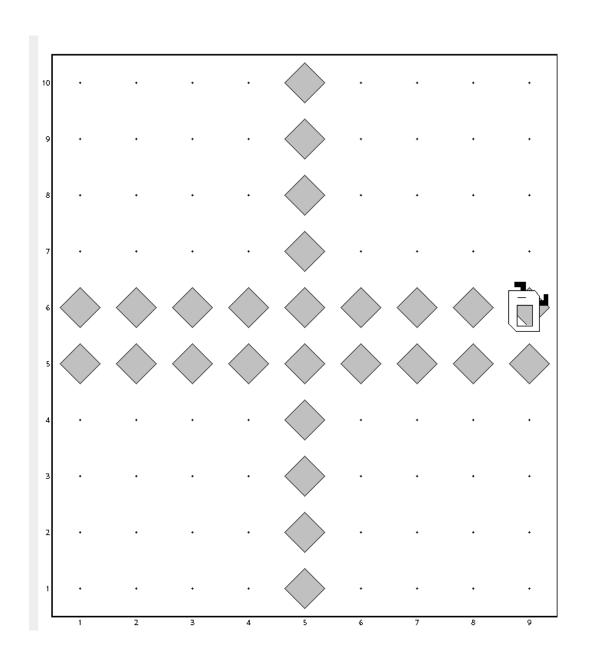
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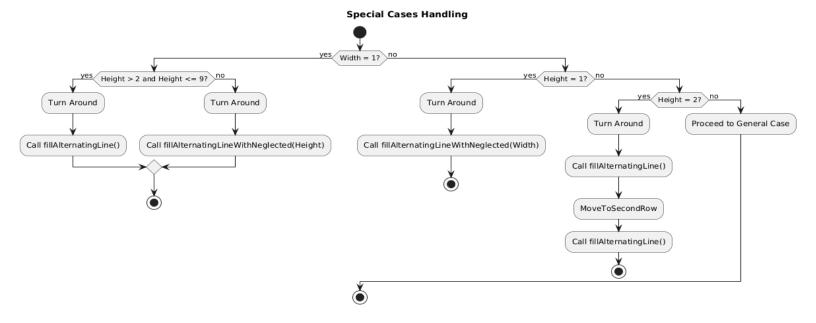


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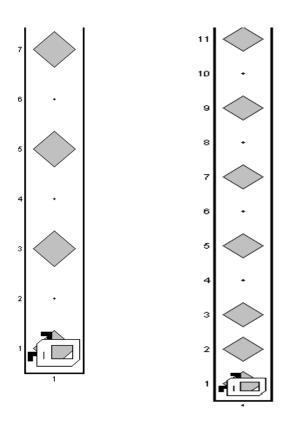
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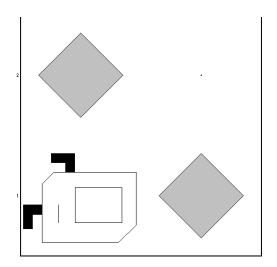
Special Cases and Their Effects

- 1. Width = 1:
 - o **Height between 3 and 9**: Place alternating beepers along the height.
 - **Height > 9**: Divide the height into four chambers and handle neglected squares.



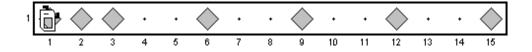
2. **Width = 2**:

• **Height > 2**: Place two vertical columns with alternating beepers.



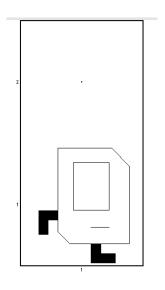
3. **Height** = **1**:

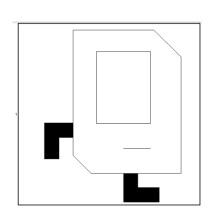
• Width > 2: Place alternating beepers along the width.

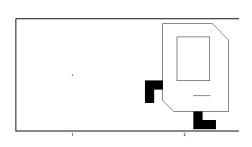


4. One-Chamber Case:

o Grids like 1x1, 1x2, or 2x1: No action as the grid is already a single chamber







Code Break Down

1. run Method

Explanation:

The main entry point of the program. It invokes the analyzeAndBuild method to analyze the grid dimensions and handle special and general cases.

2.analyzeAndBuild Method

```
private void analyzeAndBuild() { 1usage new*
    checkAndBuildSpecialCases();
    // I check for only the height special cases since I do
    // to waste moves getting the full height
    if (width > 2 && !IsHeightTwo && !IsHeightOne) {
        buildFourChambers();
    }
    System.out.println("Height : " + height);
    System.out.println("Total Moves : " + movesCounter);
}
```

Explanation:

- 1. Handles special cases (width = 1, height = 1 or 2) via checkAndBuildSpecialCases.
- 2. For larger grids, invokes buildFourChambers to divide the grid into four chambers.
- 3. Logs the height and total moves for debugging.

3. checkAndBuildSpecialCases Method

```
void checkAndBuildSpecialCases() { 1usage new
    checkForWidthSpecialCases();
    checkForHeightSpecialCases();
    // for one chamber case
    if ((IsHeightOne && width == 1) ||
        (IsHeightOne && width == 2) ||
        (IsHeightTwo && width == 1)) {
        System.out.println("Nothing to do");
    }
}
```

Explanation:

This method acts as a controller for handling all special cases for the grid's width and height dimensions. It delegates the logic to specific methods and ensures edge cases are properly addressed.

Key Steps:

- 1. Check Width Special Cases:
 - o Calls checkForWidthSpecialCases() to handle scenarios where:
 - Width = 1: Handles narrow grids with alternating or neglected beepers.
 - Width = 2: Places two vertical columns of beepers.
- 2. Check Height Special Cases:
 - o Calls checkForHeightSpecialCases() to handle scenarios where:
 - Height = 1: Places alternating beepers along the width.
 - Height = 2: Places two horizontal rows of beepers.
- 3. Handle One-Chamber Cases:
 - o Checks if the grid is effectively one chamber:
 - Examples: 1x1, 1x2, or 2x1 grids.
 - o Prints "Nothing to do" and skips further operations for such grids.

4. checkForWidthSpecialCases Method

```
void checkForWidthSpecialCases() { 1usage ... Abdallah
    // check for width = 1 special case
    if (frontIsBlocked()) {
        set_height();
        if (height > 2 && height <= 9) {
            turnAround();
            fillAlternatingLine();
        //width is one and height is n where n > 2
        else if (height > 2) {
            turnAround();
            fillAlternatingLineWithNeglected(height
    } else {
        //the width is not one special case it
        //then set width
        checkIfHeightIsNotOneOrTwo();
        set_width();
   // when width = 2 special case
    if (width == 2 && !IsHeightOne) {
        turnLeft();
        fillAlternatingLine();
        turnLeft();
        moveAndCount();
        turnLeft();
       fillAlternatingLine();
```

Explanation:

Handles special cases for the width of the grid:

1. Width = 1:

- o Calls set_height() to determine height.
- For heights between 3 and 9: Alternating beepers are placed along the height.
- For heights > 9: Divides height into four chambers with neglected squares.

2. Width = 2:

Creates two vertical columns with alternating beepers.

3. For other widths:

- Calls checkIfHeightIsNotOneOrTwo() to identify special cases in height.
- o Sets the width for general case

5. checkForHeightSpecialCases Method

```
void checkForHeightSpecialCases() { 1usage new*

    // if height is one special case
    if (IsHeightOne && width > 2) {
        turnAround();
        fillAlternatingLineWithNeglected(width);
    }

    //height 2 special case
    if (IsHeightTwo && width > 2) {
        turnAround();
        fillAlternatingLine();
        turnRight();
        moveAndCount();
        turnRight();
        fillAlternatingLine();
    }
}
```

Explanation:

Handles special cases for the **height** of the grid:

- 1. **Height = 1**:
 - o For widths > 2, alternating beepers are placed along the width.
- 2. **Height** = 2:
 - o For widths > 2, two horizontal rows are created with alternating beepers.

6. checkIfHeightIsNotOneOrTwo Method

Explanation:

Determines if the height is a special case:

- 1. Height = 1:
 - If Karel cannot move north from the starting position, sets
 IsHeightOne = true.
- 2. Height = 2:

- o If Karel can move one step north but encounters a wall after that, sets IsHeightTwo = true.
- 3. Returns control to the starting position after checking.

7. fillAlternatingLine Method

Explanation:

The fillAlternatingLine method is designed to place beepers in an alternating
-Like Chess Board -pattern along a single line in Karel's grid. It ensures that every other
square contains a beeper, creating a visually distinct and efficient layout. This method
can be used to handle both horizontal and vertical lines.

- Initialization:

• A boolean placeBeeper determines whether a beeper is placed on the current square. It starts as true.

- While Loop:

• The method iterates over the line until Karel encounters a wall (frontIsClear() is false).

• Action in Loop:

- If placeBeeper is true, a beeper is placed on the current square using putBeeperSafely().
- Karel moves forward using moveAndCount(), which also tracks total moves.
- o The placeBeeper variable toggles to alternate placement.

- Final Placement:

• After exiting the loop, if placeBeeper is still true, a beeper is placed on the last square to maintain the pattern.

8. Fill_Alternating_Line_With_Neglected Method

NOTE: This is Very Important Method for Special cases Its explanation will be more detailed

This method divides a line into 4 equal chambers and places beepers at their boundaries. It also handles any extra squares left at the end of the line to maintain consistent spacing.

How It Works

1. **Initialization**:

- o chambers: Defines how many sections the line is divided into (4 in this case).
- o chamberSize: Calculates the size of each chamber by dividing the line's length by the number of chambers.
- o counter: Tracks Karel's position along the line.

2. While Loop:

- Iterates through the line until Karel has moved across its full length (counter < length).
- Conditions for Placing Beepers:

```
counter % chamberSize == 0
```

This condition ensures that beepers are placed at the start of each chamber.

• What does it do?

The modulo operator (%) checks if the current position (counter) is divisible by the chamber size.

o If counter % chamberSize == 0, it means Karel is at the beginning of a new chamber.

• Why is it important?

- Placing beepers at these positions creates clear boundaries between chambers.
- o It ensures that the chambers are evenly spaced and consistent.
- **Example**: For a line of length 10 divided into 4 chambers (chamberSize = 2):
 - o **Chamber Boundaries**: Positions 0, 2, 4, 6, 8.
 - Beepers are placed at these positions to mark the start of each chamber.

2. counter >= (chambers * chamberSize)

This condition handles any leftover squares that don't fit evenly into the defined chambers.

• What does it do?

- o It checks if the current position (counter) is beyond the last calculated chamber boundary.
- o If the counter is greater than or equal to the total space allocated for the chambers (chambers * chamberSize), it places a beeper.

• Why is it important?

- In cases where the line length isn't perfectly divisible by the number of chambers, this condition ensures no part of the line is neglected.
- o It adds a beeper in any remaining squares at the end of the line.
- **Example**: For a line of length 11 divided into 4 chambers (chamberSize = 2):
 - **Chamber Space**: Positions 0 to 7 (8 squares allocated for chambers).
 - o **Extra Squares**: Positions 8, 9, and 10.
 - Beepers are placed at these extra positions to ensure the entire line is covered.

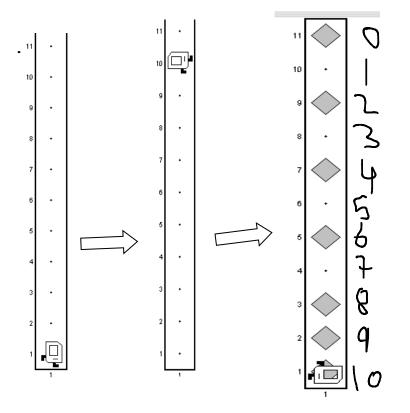
Combined Effect

The two conditions work together to ensure:

- 1. Beepers are placed at regular intervals to mark the boundaries of chambers.
- 2. Any leftover squares are accounted for, maintaining a consistent pattern across the entire line.

Moving Forward:

 After each action, the counter is incremented, and Karel moves to the next square using moveAndCount().



```
Height: 11

chamberSize = 2

The Full Size of not neglected cells = Chambers * chamberSize = 8

Placed a beeper at Counter: 0

Placed a beeper at Counter: 2

Placed a beeper at Counter: 4

Placed a beeper at Counter: 6

Placed a beeper at Counter: 8

Placed a beeper at Counter: 9

Placed a beeper at Counter: 10

Height: 11

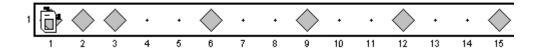
Total Moves: 22
```

Chart Representation for fillAlternatingLineWithNeglected (1x11 Example)

Step	Explanation	Details
II * I	Divide the line into 4 chambers based on its length.	- Line Length: 11 - Chambers: 4 - Chamber Size: 11 / 4 = 2 (chamber with beeper spans 2 positions).
-	Place beepers at the boundaries of the chambers and in the neglected squares.	 - Chamber Boundaries: Beepers placed at positions 0, 2, 4, 6. - Neglected Squares: Beepers placed at positions 8, 9, 10.
Step 3: Result	Visual representation of the line with beepers.	Pattern: BBB.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.B.

The Same goes for Other Cases:

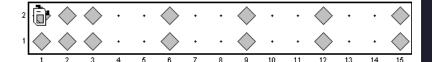
Height is one



Height is one
Width: 15
chamberSize With beepers = 3
The Full Size of not neglected cells =
Chambers * chamberSize = 12
Placed a beeper at Counter: 0
Placed a beeper at Counter: 3
Placed a beeper at Counter: 6
Placed a beeper at Counter: 9
Placed a beeper at Counter: 12
Placed a beeper at Counter: 13
Placed a beeper at Counter: 14
Height: 1
Total Moves: 14

- Height = 2

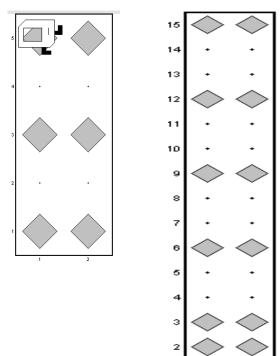
Width > 9



Width < 9

```
//height 2 special case
if (IsHeightTwo && width > 2 && width <= 9) {
    turnAround();
    fillAlternatingLine();
    turnRight();
    moveAndCount();
    turnRight();
    fillAlternatingLine();
}
else if(IsHeightTwo && width < 9) {
    turnAround();
    fillAlternatingLineWithNeglected(width);
    turnRight();
    moveAndCount();
    turnRight();
    fillAlternatingLineWithNeglected(width);
}</pre>
```

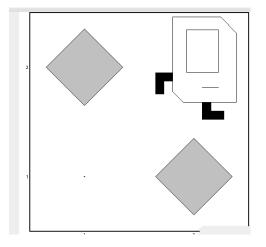
- Width = 2
 we just call fill Alternating method one for one column then Move to the second line and call it again
- Height > 9
- Height <= 9



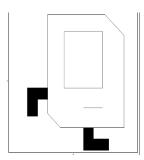


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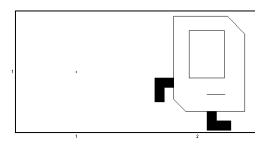
2x2



1x1



1x2



Base Cases Code And Helper Methods:

```
private void buildFourChambers() { 1 usage ♣ Abdallah Abu Hussein +1*
    if (width % 2 == 0) {
        goToMid(width);
        createTwoColumns();
    } else {
        goToMid(width);
        createOneColumn();
    if (this.height != 2 \&\& this.height % 2 == 0) {
        goToMid(height);
        turnLeft();
        goToWall();
        turnAround();
        createTwoRows();
    } else {
        goToMid(height);
        turnLeft();
        goToWall();
        turnAround();
        createOneRow();
```

```
// Create two horizontal rows for
private void createTwoRows() { 1u
    createOneRow();

    turnLeft();
    putBeeperSafely();
    moveAndCount();
    turnRight();

    createOneRow();
    putBeeperSafely();
}
```

```
private void createOneColumn() { 1usage # Abd
   int counter = 1;
   turnRight();
   while (frontIsClear() & height != 2) {
      counter++;
      putBeeperSafely();
      moveAndCount();
   }
   putBeeperSafely();
   this.height = counter;
   if (height == 2) {
      IsHeightTwo = true;
      return;
   }
}
```

```
private void creαteTwoColumns() { 1 usage 🚨 Abdallah
    int counter = 1;
    turnRight();
    while (frontIsClear()) {
        counter++;
        putBeeperSafely();
        moveAndCount();
    this.height = counter;
    if (height == 2)
        IsHeightTwo = true;
    System.out.println("Height : " + this.height);
    putBeeperSafely();
    turnRight();
    moveAndCount();
    turnRight();
    while (frontIsClear()) {
        putBeeperSafely();
        moveAndCount();
    putBeeperSafely();
```

```
void goToWall() { 4 usages new *
    while (frontIsClear()) {
        moveAndCount();
    }
}
```

```
void goToMid(int size) { 4 usages  $\times$ Abdallah Abu Hussein +1
   if (size % 2 == 0) {
      int mid = size / 2;
       turnAround();
       System.out.println("Even Size Midpoint Reached at Step: " + mid);
   } else {
      int mid = (size / 2) + 1;
       turnAround();
       for (int i = 1; i < mid; i++) {
          moveAndCount();
      System.out.println("Odd Size Midpoint Reached at Step: " + mid);
void putBeeperSafely() { 13 usages ♣ Abdallah Abu Hussein +1
    if (!beepersPresent())
       putBeeper();
move();
    movesCounter++;
```