1020. Number of Enclaves Medium Depth-First Search **Breadth-First Search Union Find** Matrix Array **Leetcode Link** 

# **Problem Description**

land cell. Adjacent means above, below, to the left, or to the right (but not diagonally). The edge of the matrix is considered as a boundary that one can walk off from. The problem asks you to find out how many land cells are there in the matrix such that it's not possible to walk off the edge of the matrix starting from any of these cells; in other words, these land cells are enclosed by other land cells or by the matrix boundaries. This can be visualized as counting the number of land cells from which you cannot reach the sea by moving only horizontally or vertically on the land cells.

You have a matrix where each cell can either be land (1) or sea (0). A move is defined as walking from one land cell to an adjacent

# Intuition

land cells that can lead to the boundary (and hence, to the sea), so that what remains will be our "enclosed" cells. We start by iterating over the boundary rows and columns of the grid. If there's a land cell on the boundary, it means that this land

To solve this problem, we can make use of a Depth-First Search (DFS) approach. The key intuition is to identify and eliminate the

cell on the boundary to traverse and "sink" all connected land cells, marking them as sea cells (by setting them to 0). "Sinking" in this context means we are marking the cell as visited and ensuring we won't count it later as an enclosed land cell. DFS is continued until all cells that can reach the boundary are marked as sea cells. After marking these cells, the remaining land cells in the grid are guaranteed to be enclosed as they cannot reach the boundary.

cell can directly lead to the sea. But we also need to consider the land cells connected to it. Thus, we use DFS starting from this land

Lastly, we count and return the number of cells left with a 1, which represents the number of enclosed land cells. For this, we simply iterate through the entire grid and sum up the values.

**Solution Approach** 

The solution utilizes a Depth-First Search (DFS) algorithm to explore and manipulate the grid. Here's a step-by-step explanation of

## 1. Define the dfs function, which will be used to mark the land cells that can lead to the boundary as sea cells. This function takes

how it works:

the current coordinates (i, j) of a land cell as arguments.

2. Inside the dfs function, the current land cell is first "sunk" by setting grid[i][j] to 0. 3. The function then iterates over the adjacent cells in the 4 cardinal directions using a tuple dirs that contains the relative

coordinates to move up, down, left, and right. The pairwise pattern (a common programming idiom) is used to retrieve directions

in pairs. However, in this particular solution code, it seems they have made an error by referring to pairwise(dirs), which should have been a traversal through the directions one by one; instead, this should be replaced with code that iterates over each pair

8. After DFS traversal, all the cells that could walk off the boundary will be marked as 0.

of directions in dirs, something akin to (dirs[i], dirs[i + 1]) for i in range(len(dirs) - 1).

- recursively called on that cell. 5. Before starting the DFS, the main part of the function initializes the dimensions of the grid m and n. 6. The function then iterates over the cells on the boundaries of the grid - this is done by iterating through the rows and columns at the edges.
- 7. For each boundary cell that is land (has value 1), the DFS is called to "sink" the cell and any connected land cells.

4. It checks if the new coordinates (x, y) are within the grid and if the cell is a land cell. If these conditions are met, DFS is

- 9. Finally, the function counts and returns the number of cells with a value of 1, which now represent only the enclosed cells, by summing up all the values in the grid.
- doesn't use any additional complex data structures. The DFS pattern is crucial for this solution, as it enables systematically visiting and modifying cells related to the boundary cells.

Please note that the actual code given has a mistake in the usage of pairwise, which isn't actually defined in the standard Python

library's context and is not suitable for the way directions are used. It would need to be corrected for the code to function as

The data structure used here is the grid itself, which is a 2D list (a list of lists in Python), which is modified in place. The solution

Example Walkthrough Let's consider a 5×5 matrix as a small example to illustrate the solution approach:

1 1 0 0 0 1 5 1 0 0 1 1

In this matrix, 1 indicates land, and 0 represents sea. We want to find out the number of land cells that are completely surrounded by

### Following the solution approach:

intended.

1. We enumerate the boundary cells. These would be cells in the first and last rows and columns. 2. As we check these cells, we find 1s at (0,0), (0,4), (4,3), and (4,4) on the corners and some other on the edges. We know

already on the edge and mark it as 0. We do the same with other boundary 1s.

other land cells or the borders of the matrix and thus cannot reach the edge.

these cannot be enclosed as they are on the matrix edge.

The matrix after sinking the boundary land cells is:

3. We begin our DFS with each of these boundary 1s to mark the connected land cells as 0 (sea). Starting with (0,0), we find it's

4. All reachable cells have been "sunk". The cand cells at (1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (2,0), (2,2), (3,0), (3,1), and (3,2) remain

5. We iterate over the remaining cells to count the number of land cells that are enclosed. From our matrix above, the count is 8.

def dfs(row, col):

 $d_{row} = [-1, 0, 1, 0]$ 

d col = [0, 1, 0, -1]

int enclaveCount = 0;

for (int[] row : grid) {

for (int value : row) {

enclaveCount += value;

for row in range(num\_rows):

as 1s. Now, we only count the 1s not on the boundary.

new\_col = col + d\_col[direction]

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Through this DFS approach, we have effectively identified and eliminated any land cell connected to the boundary. The remaining
land cells are the enclosed cells that we are interested in counting.
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- Python Solution class Solution: def numEnclaves(self, grid: List[List[int]]) -> int:
- 6 # Loop through the four directions (up, right, down, left) for direction in range(4): 8 new\_row = row + d\_row[direction] 9

# Helper function to perform depth-first search and mark visited land cells as water

# Check if the new cell is within the bounds of the grid and is land

# Start DFS for the boundary cells that are land (i.e., have a value of 1)

// Count the land cells (value 1) that are not connected to the boundary

return enclaveCount; // Return the number of cells in enclaves

dfs(new\_row, new\_col) # Recursively apply DFS to the new cell

if 0 <= new\_row < num\_rows and 0 <= new\_col < num\_cols and grid[new\_row][new\_col]:</pre>

grid[row][col] = 0 # Mark the current cell as visited by setting it to 0 (water)

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                 for col in range(num_cols):
                     if grid[row][col] and (row == 0 or row == num_rows - 1 or col == 0 or col == num_cols - 1):
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                         dfs(row, col) # Remove enclaves touching the boundary by DFS
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             # Count the remaining land cells that are enclaves (not touching the boundaries)
             return sum(value for row in grid for value in row)
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Java Solution
    class Solution {
         private int rows; // Total number of rows in the grid
         private int columns; // Total number of columns in the grid
         private int[][] grid; // The grid representing the land and water
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         // This method calculates the number of enclaves.
         public int numEnclaves(int[][] grid) {
             this.grid = grid; // Assigns the input grid to the instance variable grid
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             rows = grid.length; // Sets the number of rows
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             columns = grid[0].length; // Sets the number of columns
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             // Iterate over the boundary cells of the grid
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             for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i) {
                 for (int j = 0; j < columns; ++j) {</pre>
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                     // On finding a land cell on the boundary, initiate DFS
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                     if (grid[i][j] == 1 && (i == 0 || i == rows - 1 || j == 0 || j == columns - 1)) {
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                         dfs(i, j); // Call DFS to mark the connected land as water (0)
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         // DFS method to convert connected land cells to water cells
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         private void dfs(int i, int j) {
             grid[i][j] = 0; // Mark the current cell as water
             int[] directions = \{-1, 0, 1, 0, -1\}; // Array representing the 4 directions (up, right, down, left)
             // Explore all 4 possible directions
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             for (int k = 0; k < 4; ++k) {
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                 int x = i + directions[k]; // Compute the next row number
                 int y = j + directions[k + 1]; // Compute the next column number
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                 // Check if the next cell is within the grid and is a land cell
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                 if (x >= 0 \&\& x < rows \&\& y >= 0 \&\& y < columns && grid[x][y] == 1) {
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                     dfs(x, y); // Continue DFS from the next cell
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C++ Solution
   #include <vector>
    #include <functional> // Needed for std::function
    class Solution {
     public:
         int numEnclaves(std::vector<std::vector<int>>& grid) {
             int numRows = grid.size(); // Number of rows in grid
             int numCols = grid[0].size(); // Number of columns in grid
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             // Direction vectors for exploring adjacent cells.
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             int directions[5] = \{-1, 0, 1, 0, -1\};
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             // DFS function to explore and flip land cells (1's) into water cells (0's)
             std::function<void(int, int)> depthFirstSearch = [&](int i, int j) {
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                 grid[i][j] = 0; // Flip the current cell to water
                 for (int k = 0; k < 4; ++k) { // Explore all four adjacent cells
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                     int x = i + directions[k], y = j + directions[k + 1];
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                     // Check for bounds of grid and if the cell is land
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                     if (x >= 0 \&\& x < numRows \&\& y >= 0 \&\& y < numCols && grid[x][y]) {
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                         depthFirstSearch(x, y); // Continue DFS if adjacent cell is land
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             };
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             // First pass to remove all land regions touching the grid boundaries
             for (int i = 0; i < numRows; ++i) {</pre>
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                 for (int j = 0; j < numCols; ++j) {
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                     // Check if the current cell is land and at the border, then start DFS
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if  $(grid[i][j] \&\& (i == 0 || i == numRows - 1 || j == 0 || j == numCols - 1)) {$ 

enclaveCount += cell; // Cell will be 1 if it's land not touching the border

// After removing enclaves touching the border, count remaining enclaved lands

depthFirstSearch(i, j);

int enclaveCount = 0;

for (auto& row : grid) {

for (auto& cell : row) {

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             return enclaveCount; // Return the final count of enclaved lands
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Typescript Solution
    function numEnclaves(grid: number[][]): number {
         // Get the number of rows and columns in the grid.
         const rows = grid.length;
         const cols = grid[0].length;
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         // Directions array represents the four possible movements (up, right, down, left).
         const directions = [-1, 0, 1, 0, -1];
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         // Depth-first search function to mark land (1's) connected to the borders as water (0's).
         const dfs = (row: number, col: number) => {
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             // Mark the current land piece as visited by setting it to 0.
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             grid[row][col] = 0;
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             // Explore all four directions.
             for (let k = 0; k < 4; ++k) {
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                 const nextRow = row + directions[k];
                 const nextCol = col + directions[k + 1];
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                 // Check if the new coordinates are in bounds and if there is land to visit.
                 if (nextRow >= 0 && nextRow < rows && nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < cols && grid[nextRow][nextCol] === 1) {</pre>
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                     dfs(nextRow, nextCol);
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         // Run the DFS for lands connected to the borders to eliminate those.
         for (let row = 0; row < rows; ++row) {</pre>
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             for (let col = 0; col < cols; ++col) {</pre>
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                 // If the cell is land and it's on the border, start the DFS.
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                 if (grid[row][col] === 1 && (row === 0 || row === rows - 1 || col === 0 || col === cols - 1)) {
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                     dfs(row, col);
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         // Count the number of enclaved land pieces remaining in the grid.
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         let enclaveCount = 0;
         for (const row of grid) {
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             for (const cell of row) {
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                 enclaveCount += cell;
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         // Return the count of enclaves, which are land pieces not connected to the border.
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# The given code performs a Depth-First Search (DFS) on a two-dimensional grid to find the number of enclaves, which are regions of

'1's not connected to the grid's border.

Time and Space Complexity

return enclaveCount;

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### The time complexity of the code is 0(m \* n) where m is the number of rows and n is the number of columns in the grid. Each cell in the grid is processed at most once. The DFS is started from each border cell that contains a '1' and marks all reachable '1's as '0's

Time Complexity:

(meaning they're visited). Since each cell can be part of only one DFS call (once it has been visited, it's turned to '0' and won't be visited again), each cell contributes only a constant amount of time. Therefore, the time complexity is proportional to the total number of cells in the grid. **Space Complexity:** 

The space complexity of the DFS is 0(m \* n) in the worst case, which happens when the grid is filled with '1's, and hence the call

stack can grow to the size of the entire grid in a worst-case scenario of having a single large enclave. However, the function modifies the grid in-place and does not use any additional space proportional to the grid size, except for the recursion call stack. Thus the space complexity is determined by the depth of the recursion, which is 0(m \* n) in this worst case.