

# Leftmost Column with at Least a One

Solution

(This problem is an *interactive problem*.)

A binary matrix means that all elements are `0` or `1`. For each **individual** row of the matrix, this row is sorted in non-decreasing order.

Given a row-sorted binary matrix `binaryMatrix`, return leftmost column index(0-indexed) with at least a `1` in it. If such index doesn't exist, return `-1`.

**You can't access the Binary Matrix directly.** You may only access the matrix using a `BinaryMatrix` interface:

- `BinaryMatrix.get(row, col)` returns the element of the matrix at index `(row, col)` (0-indexed).
- `BinaryMatrix.dimensions()` returns a list of 2 elements `[rows, cols]`, which means the matrix is `rows * cols`.

Submissions making more than `1000` calls to `BinaryMatrix.get` will be judged *Wrong Answer*. Also, any solutions that attempt to circumvent the judge will result in disqualification.

For custom testing purposes you're given the binary matrix `mat` as input in the following four examples. You will not have access the binary matrix directly.

Example 1:

0	0
1	1

Input: `mat = [[0,0],[1,1]]`  
Output: `0`

Example 2:

0	0
0	1

Input: `mat = [[0,0],[0,1]]`  
Output: `1`

Example 3:

0	0
0	0

Input: `mat = [[0,0],[0,0]]`  
Output: `-1`

Example 4:

0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1

Input: `mat = [[0,0,0,1],[0,0,1,1],[0,1,1,1]]`  
Output: `1`

Constraints:

- `rows == mat.length`
- `cols == mat[i].length`
- `1 <= rows, cols <= 100`
- `mat[i][j]` is either `0` or `1`.

- `mat[i]` is sorted in a non-decreasing way.

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1. (Binary Search) For each row do a binary search to find the leftmost one on that row and update the answer.

🔒 Hide Hint #2 ▲

2. (Optimal Approach) Imagine there is a pointer  $p(x, y)$  starting from top right corner.  $p$  can only move left or down. If the value at  $p$  is 0, move down. If the value at  $p$  is 1, move left. Try to figure out the correctness and time complexity of this algorithm.

Java



```
1 /**
2  * // This is the BinaryMatrix's API interface.
3  * // You should not implement it, or speculate about its implementation
4  * interface BinaryMatrix {
5  *     public int get(int x, int y) {}
6  *     public List<Integer> dimensions {}
7  * };
8  */
9
10 class Solution {
11     int count = 0;
12     public int leftMostColumnWithOne(BinaryMatrix binaryMatrix) {
13         List<Integer> dimensions = binaryMatrix.dimensions();
14         int m = dimensions.get(0);
15         int n = dimensions.get(1);
16
17         int minIndex = 101;
18         for(int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
19             //System.out.println("i is " + i + " value at col 0 is: " + binaryMatrix.get(i,0));
20             if(binaryMatrix.get(i, 0) == 1) {
21                 count++;
22                 return 0;
23             }
24             if(binaryMatrix.get(i, n-1) == 0) {
25                 count++;
26                 continue;
27             }
28             minIndex = Math.min(minIndex, binarySearch(i, n, binaryMatrix));
29             if(minIndex == 0) return 0;
30             //System.out.println(minIndex);
31         }
32
33         System.out.println(count);
34         return minIndex == 101 ? -1 : minIndex;
35     }
36
37     private int binarySearch(int row, int columns, BinaryMatrix binaryMatrix) {
38         int low = 0;
39         int high = columns - 1;
40
41         while(low < high) {
42             int mid = low + (high - low)/2;
43             if(binaryMatrix.get(row, mid) == 1) {
44                 count++;
45                 high = mid;
46             }
47             else {
48                 low = mid + 1;
49             }
50         }
51
52         return low;
53     }
54 }
```

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