

Grid Ways Problem - Print All Paths

Print All Paths in a Grid (Recursion)

Problem:

You are given a grid of size $n \times m$. Starting from the top-left cell (0,0), you can only move:

- Right (R)
- Down (D)

Your task is to print all the possible paths to reach the bottom-right cell (n-1,m-1).

Logic:

At each step:

- If you move right, add "R" to the path.
- If you move down, add "D" to the path.
- When you reach the bottom-right, print the path.

Java Code:

```
public class GridPaths {  
  
    public static void printPaths(int i, int j, int n, int m, String path) {  
  
        if(i == n - 1 && j == m - 1) {  
  
            System.out.println(path);  
  
            return;  
  
        }  
  
        if(i < n - 1) {  
  
            printPaths(i + 1, j, n, m, path + "D");  
  
        }  
  
        if(j < m - 1) {  
  
            printPaths(i, j + 1, n, m, path + "R");  
  
        }  
  
    }  
  
}
```

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}  
  
if(j < m - 1) {  
    printPaths(i, j + 1, n, m, path + "R");  
}  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    int n = 3, m = 3;  
    printPaths(0, 0, n, m, "");  
}  
}
```

Output for 3x3 Grid:

DDRR

DRDR

DRRD

RDDR

RDRD

RRDD

Time Complexity:

$O(2^{(n+m)})$ because we explore all possible paths.

This is a fundamental recursion question often asked in interviews to test understanding of recursion tree and path generation.