

- 2 players game (can be more than that also)
- Perfect Information
- optimal moves
- win or lose or draw

- Simple games
- Nim game
- Minimax
- Grundy numbers
- Sprague grundy theorem

* A lot of questions.

Q Two players Alice & Bob are playing a game. They have a pile of n coins in it. They can pick either 1 or 2 coins in one turn. Alice goes first and they take alternate turns.

→ The player who picks the last coin is the winner.

Find the winner.

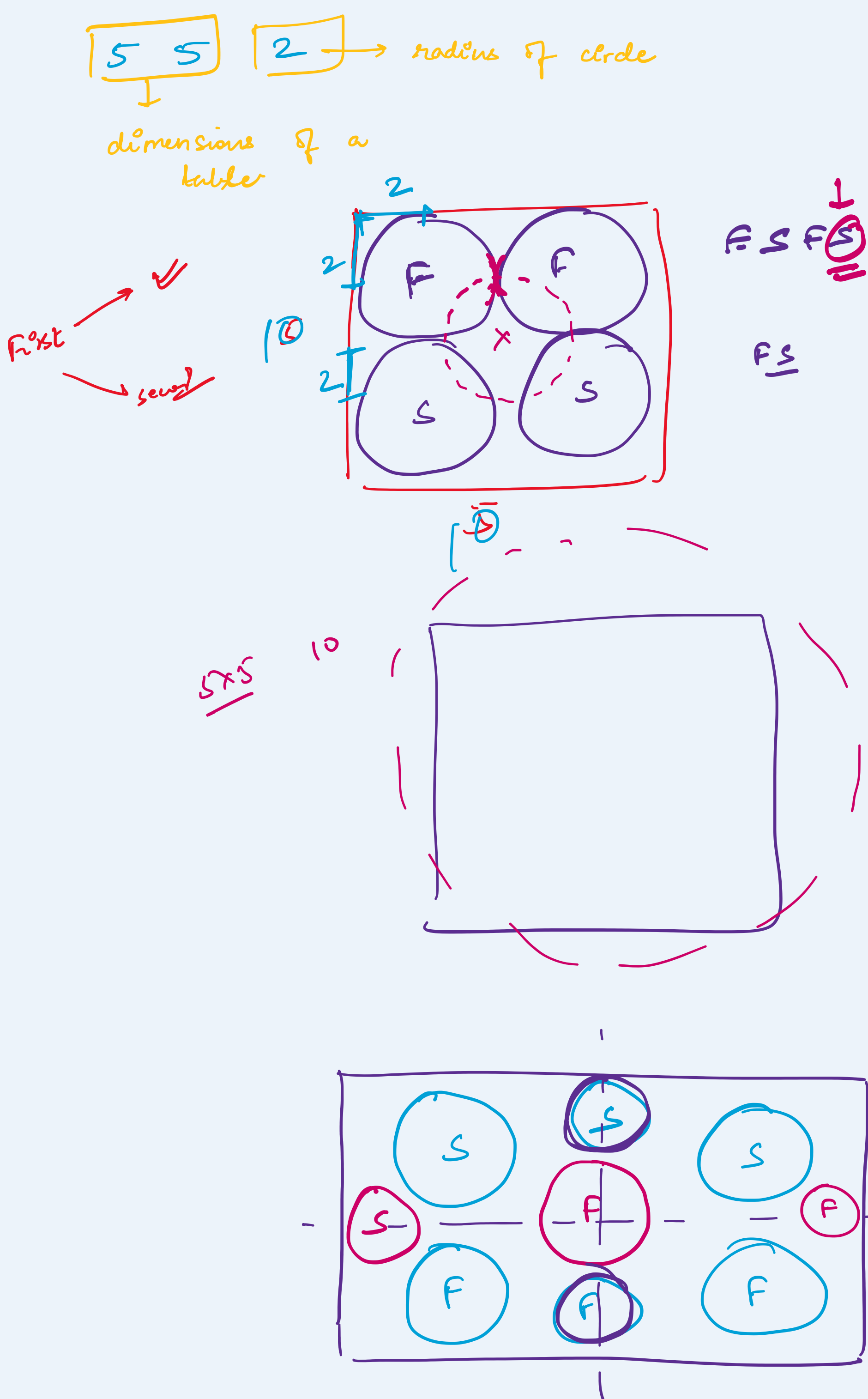
Eg: $n = 10$ Alice

Eg: $n = 4$ Alice

last coin \Rightarrow winner

$n = 1$	[first person]	
$n = 2$	[first person]	
$n = 3$	[second person]	<u>5x5</u>
$n = 4$	[first person]	<u>5x5</u>
$n = 5$	[first person]	<u>Bob</u>
$n = 6$	[second person]	

if $(n \% 3 == 0)$
 print ("Bob");
 else
 print ("Alice");



$a, b, (2)$
 if $(2 \times 2) \geq \text{math.min}(a, b)$
 print (second);
 else
 print (first);