

Connect S

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s is the number of tiles to connect and is > 1 . m, n are the cols and rows of the board in spaces. If s does not exceed the smaller dimension of the board's size ($\min\{m, n\} \geq s$), then the following equation describes the total possible locations to get connect s :

$$\underbrace{\overbrace{(m-s+1)n}^{\text{\# Row Locs}} + \overbrace{(n-s+1)m}^{\text{\# Col Locs}}}_{\text{\# Row and Col Locs}} + 2 \underbrace{\left(\underbrace{\overbrace{(|m-n|+1)}_{\text{\# Central Diags}}} \underbrace{\overbrace{(\min\{m,n\}-s+1)}_{\text{\# Locs in each central diag}}} + \overbrace{2 * \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}-s}}^{\text{\# Side Diagonal Locs}} \right)}_{\text{\# Diagonal Locs}}$$