



## ☆ Tom & Jerry in a Maze

After decades of chasing Jerry, Tom wants to make peace. Being skeptical, Jerry hides in an  $n \times n$  maze. Tom decides the best way to make Jerry take him seriously is to collect all of the cheese pieces in the maze and give them to Jerry as a gift. A



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Complete the *minMoves* function in your editor. It has 3 parameters:

1. A 2D array of integers, *maze*, denoting the maze where Jerry is hiding.
2. An integer, *x*, denoting the x-coordinate for Jerry's location.
3. An integer, *y*, denoting the y-coordinate Jerry's location.

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Each cell in *maze* is labeled as follows:

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- A path cell is represented by a 0.
- A blocked cell (wall) is represented by a 1.
- A cheese cell is represented by a 2. Tom can move through a cheese cell just as he would a regular path cell.

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Tom's initial position is  $(0, 0)$ . Your function must return an integer denoting the minimum number of moves that it will take for him to collect all the cheese and deliver it to Jerry at  $(x, y)$ ; if the task is not possible, return  $-1$ .

### Input Format

The locked stub code in your editor reads the following input from stdin and passes it to your function:

The first line contains an integer, *n*, denoting the number of rows in *maze*.

The second line contains an integer, *n*, denoting the number of columns in *maze*.

Each line *i* of the *n* subsequent lines (where  $0 \leq i < n$ ) contains *n* space-separated integers describing the respective elements of row *i* in *maze*.

The next line contains an integer, *x*, denoting the x-coordinate where Jerry is located in *maze*.

The next line contains an integer, *y*, denoting the y-coordinate where Jerry is located in *maze*.

**Constraints**

- $1 \leq n \leq 100$
- $0 \leq \text{the number of cheese pieces} \leq 10$
- $1 \leq x, y \leq n$

**Output Format**

Your function must return an integer denoting the minimum number of moves Tom must make to collect all of the maze's cheese and deliver it to Jerry; if the task is not possible, return  $-1$ . This is printed to stdout by the locked stub code in your editor.

**Sample Input 0**

The following arguments are passed to your function:

*maze* =  $\{\{0, 2, 0\}, \{0, 0, 1\}, \{1, 1, 1\}\}$

*x* = 1

*y* = 1

**Sample Output 0**

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**Sample Input 1**

The following arguments are passed to your function:

*maze* =  $\{\{0, 1, 0\}, \{1, 0, 1\}, \{0, 2, 2\}\}$

*x* = 1

*y* = 1

**Sample Output 1**

-1

**Sample Input 2**

The following arguments are passed to your function:

*maze* =  $\{\{0, 2, 0\}, \{1, 1, 2\}, \{1, 0, 0\}\}$

*x* = 2

*y* = 1

**Sample Output 2**

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**Explanation***Sample Case 0:*

The shortest path Tom can take to pick up all the cheese and deliver it to Jerry is  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (0, 1) \rightarrow (1, 1)$ . Because this involves 2 moves, we return 2.

*Sample Case 1:*

It is not possible for Tom to reach Jerry, so we return -1.

*Sample Case 2:*

The shortest path Tom can take to pick up all the cheese and deliver it to Jerry is  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 2) \rightarrow (1, 2) \rightarrow (2, 2) \rightarrow (2, 1)$ . Because this involves 5 moves, we return 5.

**YOUR ANSWER**

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9 ▼ /*
10  * Complete the function below.
11  */
12 ▼ int minMoves(int maze_size_rows, int maze_size_cols,
13    int** maze, int x, int y) {
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15 }
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17 ► int main() {↵}
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