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💎💎 💎💎 You are working in an Engineering Squad for the 💎💎 Melody Mars Mission, tasked with designing software to manage robots 💎💎 and cool vehicles for space exploration! 💎💎 💎💎💎💎

## Your Task

### Setting the Scene

You have been asked to create a program to move rovers around the surface of Mars!



The surface of Mars is represented by a Plateau, you can make the assumption that the Plateau is a square/rectangular grid for the purpose of this task.

Rovers navigate the Plateau so they can use their special cameras 💎💎 and robot arms 💎💎 to collect samples back to Planet Earth 💎💎

## Representation of a Rover's Position on the Plateau

The Plateau is divided into a grid. A Rover's position is represented by  $x$  and  $y$  co-ordinates and the letters N, S, W, E to represent North, South, West, East (the four cardinal compass points) respectively.

### Example

0 0 N

This means the Rover is at the bottom-left corner facing in the North direction.

**N.B.** Assume that the square directly North from  $(x, y)$  is  $(x, y+1)$ , and the square directly East from  $(x, y)$  is  $(x + 1, y)$

## Instructing a Rover to Move Around the Plateau

?? To move a Rover around the Plateau, a string of letters is sent to a Rover.

Here are the letters and their resultant action:

Letter Action
L Spins the Rover 90 degrees <b>Left</b> without moving from the current coordinate point

<p>R Spins the Rover 90 degrees <b>Right</b></p> <p>without moving from the current</p> <p>coordinate point</p>
<p>M Moves the Rover forward by one grid</p> <p>point, maintaining the same</p> <p>heading/orientation</p>

**N.B.** Assume that the square directly North from (x, y) is (x, y+1).

## Inputs into the Program

### First Line of Input to the Program

The first line inputted into the program represents the upper-right coordinates of the Plateau.

5 5

This Plateau has maximum (x, y) co-ordinates of (5, 5).

**N.B.** Assume that the lower-left coordinate is (0, 0).

### Subsequent Lines of Input into the Program - Input to Rovers

This represents the instructions to move the rovers.

Each rover receives **two lines of input**.

### **First Line of Input to a Rover**

The Rover's position is represented by two integers representing the X and Y coordinates and a letter representing where the Rover is facing (its orientation).

1 2 N

### **Second Line of Input to a Rover**

A string of letters representing the instructions to move the Rover around the Plateau.

### **Movement Rules**

Rovers move sequentially, this means that the first Rover needs to finish moving first before the next one can move.

### **Output**

For each Rover, the output represents its final position (final coordinates and where it is facing).

### **Example Test Case**

**Lines of Input to the**

**Program: 5 5**

1 2 N

LMLMLMLMM

3 3 E

MMRMMRMRRM

**Expected Output:**

1 3 N

5 1 E

## Your Solution

💡💡 Think about what features you can add to turn this into a proper “mini-application” rather than a simple input-output to a function.

💡💡 Feel free to implement an approach that you feel comfortable with to receive input into your program e.g. feeding input values into unit tests; input via a console application; supplying input via a file etc.

💡💡 We would like you to apply Test-Driven Development (TDD) to test-drive

your solution.

💡💡 We would like to see production-quality code, this means you have thought carefully about your code design and that your code is clean and well-tested.

💡💡 We will be assessing the quality of your codebase:

- Is your code readable?
- Have you split your code into a sensible/neat folder/file structure? •

**Separation of concerns** - is your UI code entwined with your Mars Rover logic? If so, how could you separate them out?

💡💡 We'd love to see good unit test coverage and all unit tests passing.

#### 💡💡 Top Tips

- Sketch / plan out your ideas first.
- Think about which features you must include, and which you'd like to include if you have time.
- Imagine you're working on a team of developers on a growing project - what would your colleagues expect to see from you as you design and implement this codebase?
- Commit into your Github repository frequently and with descriptive commit messages.
- Aim for production-quality code: well-designed, easy to extend, readable, and well-tested.
- Write a descriptive README to document the key features of your solution, your assumptions, approaches and future thoughts. Look into the use of [Markdown](#) to write a professional-looking README.
- Note down future thoughts / considerations:

- You can assume that the Plateau is rectangular, but be sure to have a think about how easily your program can be extended upon in the future to support a different shaped Plateau.
- How might your Plateau support other vehicles and not just Rovers? ● Have fun with it! It's not every day you get to put a Rover on Mars, get creative and enjoy!
- ◆◆ Once you've finished the task, if you want to extend your solution with a visual interface, a programmable Rover, obstacles, aliens, go for it!

◆◆ Please submit a github link to your completed solution to the assignment by the deadline

This Mars Rover brief was inspired by  
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