

EX-1.11

Title :

Count the number of ways to move a ball out of grid boundary in exactly N steps.

Aim:

To design and implement a Python program to find the number of ways to move a ball out of a grid boundary in exactly N steps starting from a given cell.

Procedure:

1. Read the grid dimensions m and n , number of steps N , and starting cell coordinates (i, j) .
2. Use dynamic programming with memoization to efficiently compute the number of ways:
 - Define a recursive function $\text{dfs}(x, y, \text{steps_left})$ that returns the number of ways to move out of boundary starting at (x, y) with steps_left moves remaining.
 - If the ball is out of boundary, return 1 indicating a valid path.
 - If no steps remain and ball is inside, return 0.
 - Otherwise, recursively try moving up, down, left, and right, summing the paths, and memoize results to avoid recomputation.
3. Use modulo 10^9+7 to keep numbers within limit.
4. Print the total number of ways.

Algorithm:

1. Start
2. Input m, n, N, i, j
3. Create a memo dictionary to store results for $(x, y, \text{steps_left})$ states.
4. Define recursive DFS function:
 - If (x, y) is out of boundary, return 1.
 - If $\text{steps_left} == 0$, return 0.
 - If result in memo, return it.
 - Compute sum of DFS calls for $(x+1, y), (x-1, y), (x, y+1), (x, y-1)$ with $\text{steps_left} - 1$.
 - Store result modulo 10^9+7 in memo.
 - Return result.
5. Call DFS with (i, j, N) .
6. Print result.
7. Stop

Input:

2 2 2 0 0

1 3 3 0 1

Output:

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Program :

MOD = 10**9 + 7

def findPaths(m, n, maxMove, startRow, startColumn):

 memo = {}

 def dfs(x, y, moves_left):

 if x < 0 or x >= m or y < 0 or y >= n:

 return 1

 if moves_left == 0:

 return 0

 if (x, y, moves_left) in memo:

 return memo[(x, y, moves_left)]

 paths = (dfs(x + 1, y, moves_left - 1) +

 dfs(x - 1, y, moves_left - 1) +

 dfs(x, y + 1, moves_left - 1) +

 dfs(x, y - 1, moves_left - 1)) % MOD

 memo[(x, y, moves_left)] = paths

 return paths

 return dfs(startRow, startColumn, maxMove)

m, n, N, i, j = map(int, input("Enter m n N i j: ").split())

result = findPaths(m, n, N, i, j)

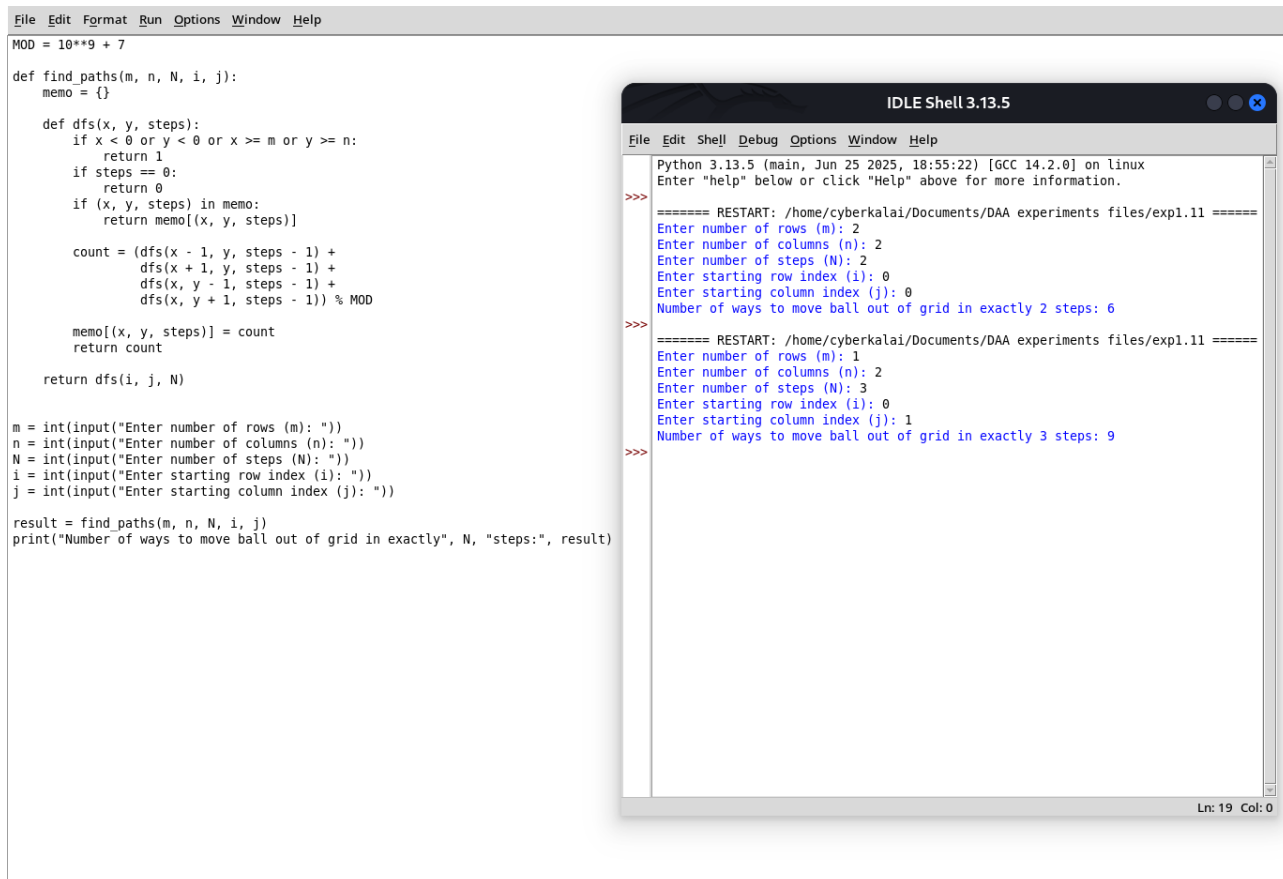
print("Number of ways:", result)

Performance Analysis:

Time Complexity: $O(m * n * N)$

Space Complexity: $O(m * n * N)$

program output:



The image shows a Python script in a text editor and its execution in the IDLE Shell 3.13.5. The script defines a recursive function `find_paths` to calculate the number of ways to move a ball out of a grid in exactly `N` steps. The function uses memoization to store results for subproblems. The main part of the script takes user input for the number of rows (`m`), columns (`n`), steps (`N`), starting row index (`i`), and starting column index (`j`), and prints the result.

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MOD = 10**9 + 7

def find_paths(m, n, N, i, j):
    memo = {}

    def dfs(x, y, steps):
        if x < 0 or y < 0 or x >= m or y >= n:
            return 1
        if steps == 0:
            return 0
        if (x, y, steps) in memo:
            return memo[(x, y, steps)]

        count = (dfs(x - 1, y, steps - 1) +
                 dfs(x + 1, y, steps - 1) +
                 dfs(x, y - 1, steps - 1) +
                 dfs(x, y + 1, steps - 1)) % MOD

        memo[(x, y, steps)] = count
        return count

    return dfs(i, j, N)

m = int(input("Enter number of rows (m): "))
n = int(input("Enter number of columns (n): "))
N = int(input("Enter number of steps (N): "))
i = int(input("Enter starting row index (i): "))
j = int(input("Enter starting column index (j): "))

result = find_paths(m, n, N, i, j)
print("Number of ways to move ball out of grid in exactly", N, "steps:", result)
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The IDLE Shell 3.13.5 window shows the execution of the program. It prompts the user to enter the number of rows (m), columns (n), steps (N), starting row index (i), and starting column index (j). The output shows the number of ways to move the ball out of the grid in exactly N steps.

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IDLE Shell 3.13.5
Python 3.13.5 (main, Jun 25 2025, 18:55:22) [GCC 14.2.0] on linux
Enter "help" below or click "Help" above for more information.

>>> ===== RESTART: /home/cyberkalai/Documents/DAA experiments files/exp1.11 =====
Enter number of rows (m): 2
Enter number of columns (n): 2
Enter number of steps (N): 2
Enter starting row index (i): 0
Enter starting column index (j): 0
Number of ways to move ball out of grid in exactly 2 steps: 6
>>> ===== RESTART: /home/cyberkalai/Documents/DAA experiments files/exp1.11 =====
Enter number of rows (m): 1
Enter number of columns (n): 2
Enter number of steps (N): 3
Enter starting row index (i): 0
Enter starting column index (j): 1
Number of ways to move ball out of grid in exactly 3 steps: 9
>>>
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Ln: 19 Col: 0

Result :

Thus the given program Out of Boundary Paths is executed and got output successfully.