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Motivation Of the Day :-

~~I failed~~ → I learned



~~Dreaming~~ → Doing

MIK

~~I give up~~ → I'll try in a
different way

~~I can't do
it~~ → I'll keep trying

~~I don't want
to try~~ → I don't want to regret
anything

3443. Maximum Manhattan Distance After K Changes

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Hint

You are given a string s consisting of the characters 'N', 'S', 'E', and 'W', where s[i] indicates movements in an infinite grid:

- 'N' : Move north by 1 unit.

- 'S' : Move south by 1 unit.
- 'E' : Move east by 1 unit.
- 'W' : Move west by 1 unit.

N S E W E E E W



Initially, you are at the origin $(0, 0)$. You can change at most k characters to any of the four directions.

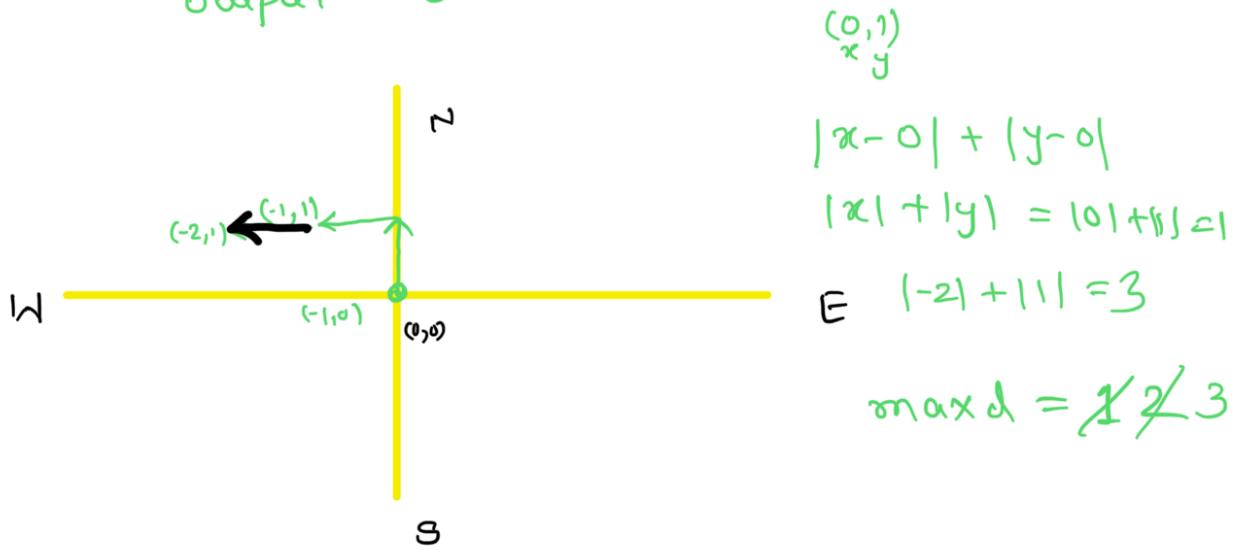
Find the maximum Manhattan distance from the origin that can be achieved at any time while performing the movements in order.

The **Manhattan Distance** between two cells (x_i, y_i) and (x_j, y_j) is $|x_i - x_j| + |y_i - y_j|$.

$(0,0)$

Example :- "NWS~~E~~" , $K=1$

Output : 3



Thought Process

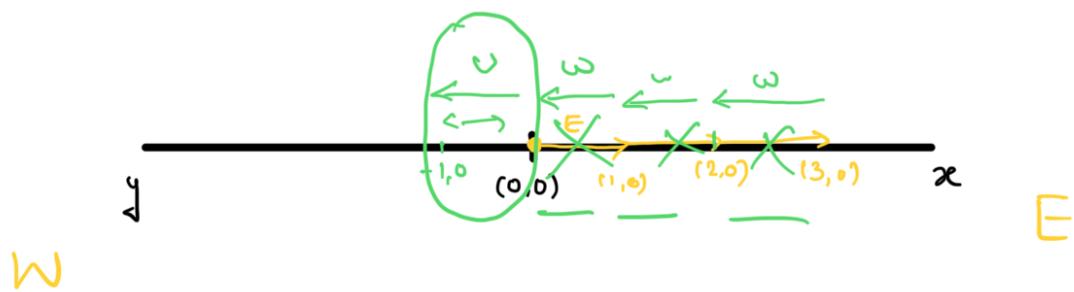
$$\textcircled{1} \quad |x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2| = MD$$

origin: $(0,0)$

$$|x| + |y| = \text{Manhattan Distance}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad |x| + |y|$$

1	+	0	= 1
2	+	0	= 2
2	+	0	= 3
2	+	0	= 2
1	+	0	= 1
	+	0	= 0



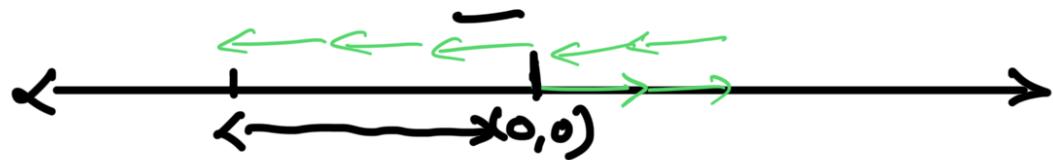
$$|-1| + |0| = 1$$

$$E \Rightarrow 3$$

$$w = 4$$

$$\text{Horizontal Net distance} = |E - w| \\ - 13 - 4 |$$

$$= 1$$



$$E = 1 + 1$$

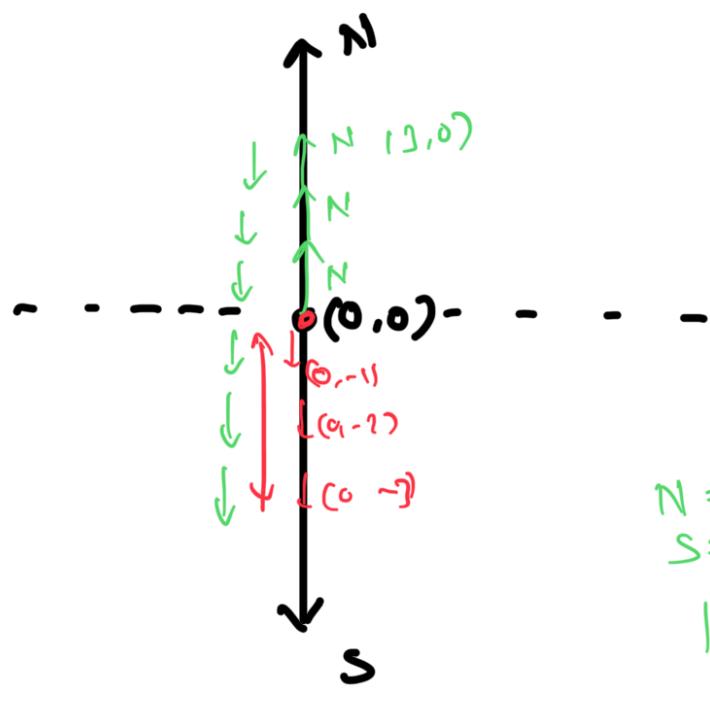
$$W = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$\text{Net} = |E - W| = |2 - 5| = 3$$

$$E = 1$$

$$W = 1 + 1$$

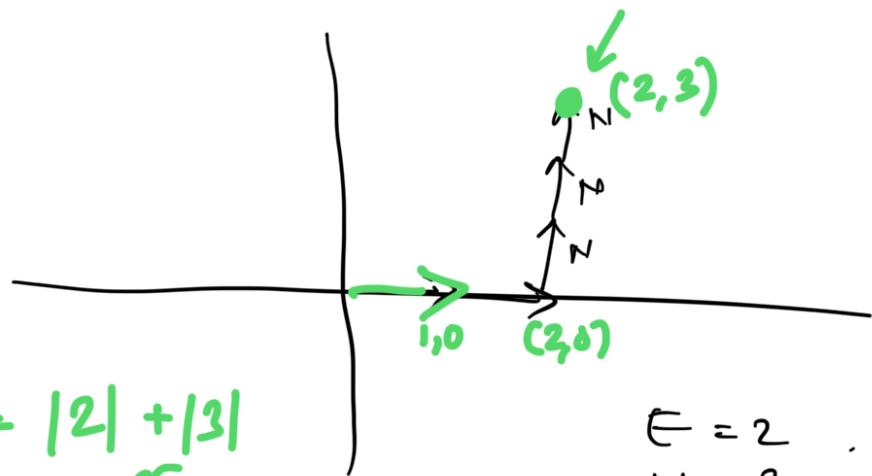
$$MD = |E - W|$$



$$\text{Vertical Net movement} = (N - S)$$

$$|x| + |y|$$

$$|E - w| + |N - s|$$



$$m \cdot D = |2| + |3| \\ \qquad\qquad\qquad \infty$$

$$E = 2, \quad N = 0$$

$$N = 3, \quad S = 0$$

$$|x| + |y|$$

$$|E \cdot w| + |N - S|$$

$$|z - 0| + |z - 0|$$

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"NW E S S E "

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

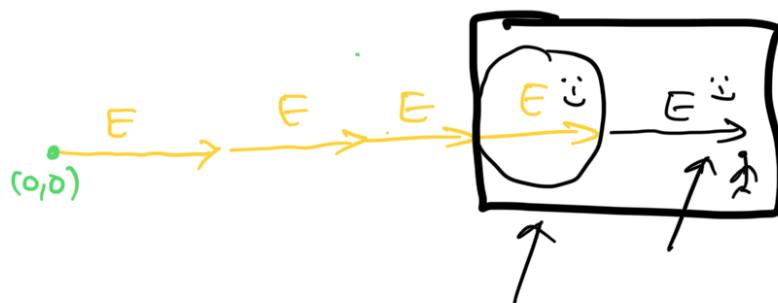
$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \omega = 1 \\ \hline & E = 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$|E - \omega| + |N - S| = 1 + (1 - 0) = 2$$

$$|E - \omega| + |N - S|$$

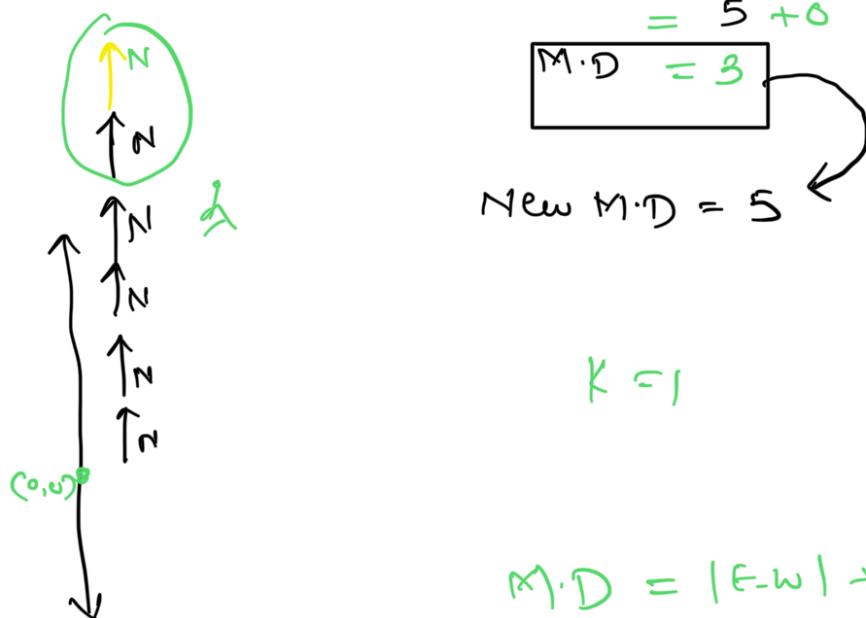
③

$K = 1$



$$E = 5, \omega = 0$$

$$M \cdot D = |E - \omega| + |N - S| = |5 - 0| + |0 - 0|$$



$K = 1$

$$M \cdot D = |E - \omega| + |N - S|$$

$$= 0 + |S - I|$$

$$= 4$$

$$N = 6$$

$$W = 5$$

$$|N - D| = |6| + |0|$$

$$= 6$$

+ 2

Changing one step gives you +2 steps.

K modific. allowed

$2 * K$ steps not benefit

OA

④ Applying almost K modifications :-

"EENS"

$$|x| + |y|$$

$$|E - W| + |N - S|$$

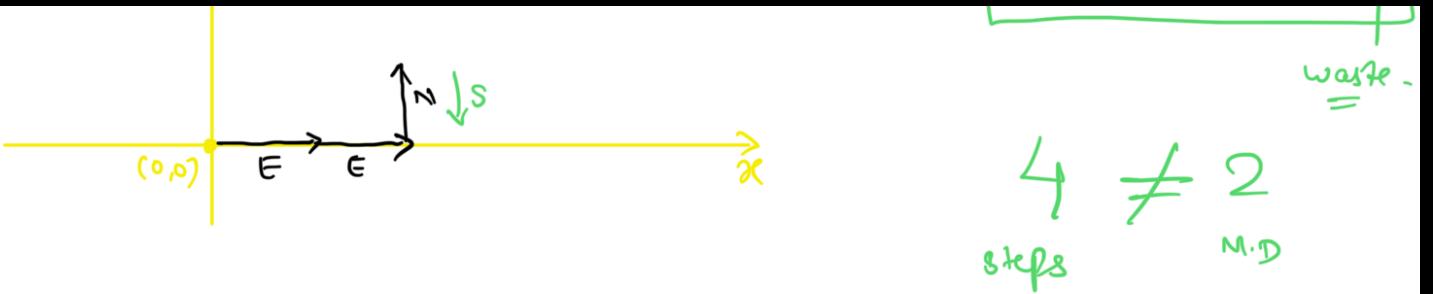
$$|2 - 0| + |8 - 1|$$

$$= 2$$

$$\text{steps} = 2 + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4$$

waste = $4 - 2 = 2$





" E⁰ E¹ N² S³
i "

East = 1, West = 0, North = 0, South = 0

$$\text{current MD} = |E - w| + |N - s| = 1 \\ \text{steps still now} = (i+1);$$

$$\text{Wasted Steps} = \frac{\text{steps still now}}{4} - \frac{\text{curr MD}}{3}$$

if ($\text{steps still now} \neq \text{curr MD}$)

$$\text{extra increment} = \min(2 \times K, \text{unwastedps});$$

$$R_u = \underline{\text{curr MD}} + \underline{\text{extra}}$$

$$K = 100 \\ 2 \times K = 200$$

