Weekly Contest - 8

415. Add Strings

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Given two non-negative integers, `num1` and `num2` represented as string, *return the sum of* `num1` *and* `num2` *as a string.*

You must solve the problem without using any built-in library for handling large integers (such as `BigInteger`). You must also not convert the inputs to integers directly.

Example 1:

```
Input: num1 = "11", num2 = "123"
Output: "134"
```

Example 2:

```
Input: num1 = "456", num2 = "77"
Output: "533"
```

Example 3:

```
Input: num1 = "0", num2 = "0"
Output: "0"
```

For both numbers
→ Go Right to left
→ Maintain Carry

```
public static String addStrings(String num1, String num2) {
    StringBuilder result = new StringBuilder();
    int i = num1.length()-1, j = num2.length()-1;
    int carry = 0, n1, n2;

    while (i ≥ 0 || j ≥ 0) {
        n1 = n2 = 0;
        if (i ≥ 0)
            n1 = num1.charAt(i--)-'0';
        if (j ≥ 0)
            n2 = num2.charAt(j--)-'0';
        int sum = n1 + n2 + carry;
        if (sum ≥ 10) {
            result.append(sum-10);
            carry = 1;
        } else {
            result.append(sum);
            carry = 0;
        }
    } if (carry > 0) result.append(carry);
    return result.reverse().toString();
}
```

416. Partition Equal Subset Sum

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Given an integer array `nums`, return `true` *if you can partition the array into* two *subsets such that the sum of the elements in both subsets is equal or* `false` *otherwise.*

Example 1:

```
Input: nums = [1,5,11,5]
Output: true
Explanation: The array can be partitioned as [1, 5, 5] and [11].
```

Example 2:

```
Input: nums = [1,2,3,5]
Output: false
Explanation: The array cannot be partitioned into equal sum subsets.
```

Dynamic Programming Approach
→ Calculate total
* Add current number to subset 1
* Skip the number (Add to subset 2)


```
public static boolean canPartition(int[] nums) {
    int n = nums.length;
    int sum = 0;
    for (int x : nums) sum += x;

    // Fix: odd sum or cannot be partitioned into equal sum subsets
    if ((sum & 1) == 1) return false;

    int target = sum / 2;
    Boolean[][] dp = new Boolean[n+1][target+1];
    return solve(dp, nums, target, 0, 0);
}
private static boolean solve(Boolean[][] dp, int[] nums, int target, int idx, int n) {
    if (idx ≥ n || target < 0) return false;
    if (target == 0) return true;
    if (dp[idx][target] != null) return dp[idx][target];

    // take is subset 1 or skip [take it in subset 2]
    boolean skip = solve(dp, nums, target, idx+1, n);
    boolean take = false;
    if (nums[idx] ≤ target)
        take = solve(dp, nums, target-nums[idx], idx+1, n);
    return dp[idx][target] = take || skip;
}
```

417. Pacific Atlantic Water Flow

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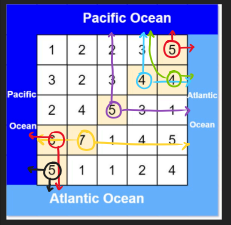
There is an `m x n` rectangular island that borders both the **Pacific Ocean** and **Atlantic Ocean**. The **Pacific Ocean** touches the island's left and top edges, and the **Atlantic Ocean** touches the island's right and bottom edges.

The island is partitioned into a grid of square cells. You are given an `m x n` integer matrix `heights` where `heights[r][c]` represents the **height above sea level** of the cell at coordinate `(r, c)`.

The island receives a lot of rain, and the rain water can flow to neighboring cells directly north, south, east, and west if the neighboring cell's height is **less than or equal to** the current cell's height. Water can flow from any cell adjacent to an ocean into the ocean.

Return a ***2D list*** *of grid coordinates* `result` *where* `result[i] = [r_i, c_i]` *denotes that rain water can flow from cell* `[r_i, c_i]` *to* ***both*** *the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.*

Example 1:



Input: heights = [[1,2,2,3,5],[3,2,3,4,4],[2,4,5,3,1],[6,7,1,4,5],[5,1,1,2,4]]
Output: [[0,4],[1,3],[1,4],[2,2],[3,0],[3,1],[4,0]]
Explanation: The following cells can flow to the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, as shown below:
[0,4]: [0,4] -> Pacific Ocean
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[1,4] -> Atlantic Ocean
[2,2]: [2,2] -> [1,2] -> [0,2] -> Pacific Ocean
[2,2] -> [2,3] -> [2,4] -> Atlantic Ocean
[3,0]: [3,0] -> Pacific Ocean
[3,0] -> [4,0] -> Atlantic Ocean
[3,1]: [3,1] -> [3,0] -> Pacific Ocean
[3,1] -> [4,1] -> Atlantic Ocean
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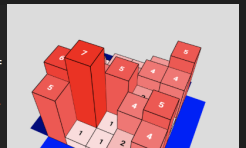
[4,0] -> Atlantic Ocean
Note that there are other possible paths for these cells to flow to the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

Example 2:

Input: heights = [[1]]
Output: [[0,0]]
Explanation: The water can flow from the only cell to the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.



Reverse DFS → For both ocean
Start from the cells connected to ocean
DFS and check if the connected cells can be flooded

```
public static List<List<Integer>> pacificAtlantic(int[][] heights) {
    int rows = heights.length;
    int cols = heights[0].length;
    List<List<Integer>> answer = new ArrayList<>();

    boolean[][] pacific = new boolean[rows][cols];
    boolean[][] atlantic = new boolean[rows][cols];

    // reverse dfs from the cells connected to pacific and atlantic ocean
    for (int r=0; r<rows; r++) {
        // first column → connected to pacific ocean
        dfs(heights, r, c: 0, pacific);
        // last column → connected to atlantic ocean
        dfs(heights, r, c: cols-1, atlantic);
    }
    for (int c=0; c<cols; c++) {
        // first row → connected to pacific ocean
        dfs(heights, r: 0, c, pacific);
        // last row → connected to atlantic ocean
        dfs(heights, r: rows-1, c, atlantic);
    }

    // check which cells are connected
    for (int r=0; r<rows; r++)
        for (int c=0; c<cols; c++)
            if (pacific[r][c] && atlantic[r][c])
                answer.add(List.of(r,c));

    return answer;
}
```

```
private static void dfs (int[][] height, int r, int c, boolean[][] ocean) {
    int currentHeight = height[r][c];
    ocean[r][c] = true; // mark the cell as connected to the ocean

    for (int[] dir : directions) {
        int newR = r + dir[0];
        int newC = c + dir[1];
        if (newR ≥ 0 && newR < height.length && newC ≥ 0 && newC < height[0].length) {
            if (!ocean[newR][newC] && height[newR][newC] ≥ currentHeight) {
                // we are doing a reverse dfs so current height ≤ next height
                dfs(height, newR, newC, ocean);
            }
        }
    }
}
```