

Reaching Points

A move consists of taking a point (x, y) and transforming it to either $(x, x+y)$ or $(x+y, y)$.

Given a starting point (sx, sy) and a target point (tx, ty) , return `True` if and only if a sequence of moves exists to transform the point (sx, sy) to (tx, ty) . Otherwise, return `False`.

Examples:

Input: `sx = 1, sy = 1, tx = 3, ty = 5`

Output: `True`

Explanation:

One series of moves that transforms the starting point to the target is:

$(1, 1) \rightarrow (1, 2)$

$(1, 2) \rightarrow (3, 2)$

$(3, 2) \rightarrow (3, 5)$

Input: `sx = 1, sy = 1, tx = 2, ty = 2`

Output: `False`

Input: `sx = 1, sy = 1, tx = 1, ty = 1`

Output: `True`

Note:

- sx, sy, tx, ty will all be integers in the range $[1, 10^9]$.

Solution 1

If s_x, s_y occurs in the path of Euclidean method to get GCD (by subtracting lesser value from greater value) of t_x, t_y , then return true.

To see why this is true, consider how the t_x, t_y could have been formed if $t_x > t_y$. Let a_x, a_y be the pair in previous step. It cannot be $a_x, a_x + a_y$ because both a_x and a_y are greater than 0. So the only other possibility is $a_x + a_y, a_y$. This means $a_y = t_y$ and $a_x = t_x - t_y$. Now we can optimize this subtraction a bit by doing $a_x = t_x \% t_y$ since we will keep subtracting t_y from t_x until $t_x > t_y$.

One special case we need to handle during this optimization is when $t_x=9, t_y=3, s_x=6, s_y=3$ which can be covered using the condition `if(sy == ty) return (tx - sx) % ty == 0;`

Similar argument applies for $t_x \leq t_y$.

```
bool reachingPoints(int sx, int sy, int tx, int ty) {
    while(tx >= sx && ty >= sy){
        if(tx > ty){
            if(sy == ty) return (tx - sx) % ty == 0;
            tx %= ty;
        }else{
            if(sx == tx) return (ty - sy) % tx == 0;
            ty %= tx;
        }
    }

    return false;
}
```

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Solution 2

Basic idea:

If we start from s_x, s_y , it will be hard to find t_x, t_y .

If we start from t_x, t_y , we can find only one path to go back to s_x, s_y .

I cut down one by one at first and I got TLE. So I came up with remainder.

First line:

if 2 target points are still bigger than 2 starting point, we reduce target points.

Second line:

check if we reduce target points to $(x, y+kx)$ or $(x+ky, y)$

Time complexity

I will say $O(\log N)$ where $N = \max(t_x, t_y)$.

Python:

```
def reachingPoints(self, sx, sy, tx, ty):
    while sx<tx and sy<ty: tx,ty = tx%ty,ty%tx
    return sx==tx and (ty-sy)%sx==0 or sy==ty and (tx-sx)%sy==0
```

C++:

```
bool reachingPoints(int sx, int sy, int tx, int ty) {
    while (sx<tx and sy<ty) if (tx<ty) ty%=tx; else tx%=ty;
    return sx==tx and (ty-sy)%sx==0 or sy==ty and (tx-sx)%sy==0;
}
```

Java:

```
public boolean reachingPoints(int sx, int sy, int tx, int ty) {
    while (sx<tx && sy<ty) if (tx<ty) ty%=tx; else tx%=ty;
    return sx==tx && (ty-sy)%sx==0 || sy==ty && (tx-sx)%sy==0;
}
```

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Solution 3

```
class Solution {  
    public boolean reachingPoints(int sx, int sy, int tx, int ty) {  
        if (sx == tx && sy == ty) {  
            return true;  
        } else if (tx == ty || sx > tx || sy > ty) {  
            return false;  
        } else if (tx > ty) {  
            int subtract = Math.max(1, (tx - sx)/ty);  
            return reachingPoints(sx, sy, tx - subtract * ty, ty);  
        } else {  
            int subtract = Math.max(1, (ty - sy)/tx);  
            return reachingPoints(sx, sy, tx, ty - subtract * tx);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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