

Escape The Ghosts

You are playing a simplified Pacman game. You start at the point $(0, 0)$, and your destination is $(\text{target}[0], \text{target}[1])$. There are several ghosts on the map, the i -th ghost starts at $(\text{ghosts}[i][0], \text{ghosts}[i][1])$.

Each turn, you and all ghosts simultaneously *may* move in one of 4 cardinal directions: north, east, west, or south, going from the previous point to a new point 1 unit of distance away.

You escape if and only if you can reach the target before any ghost reaches you (for any given moves the ghosts may take.) If you reach any square (including the target) at the same time as a ghost, it doesn't count as an escape.

Return True if and only if it is possible to escape.

Example 1:

Input:

```
ghosts = [[1, 0], [0, 3]]
```

```
target = [0, 1]
```

Output: true

Explanation:

You can directly reach the destination $(0, 1)$ at time 1, while the ghosts located at $(1, 0)$ or $(0, 3)$ have no way to catch up with you.

Example 2:

Input:

```
ghosts = [[1, 0]]
```

```
target = [2, 0]
```

Output: false

Explanation:

You need to reach the destination $(2, 0)$, but the ghost at $(1, 0)$ lies between you and the destination.

Example 3:

Input:

```
ghosts = [[2, 0]]
```

```
target = [1, 0]
```

Output: false

Explanation:

The ghost can reach the target at the same time as you.

Note:

- All points have coordinates with absolute value ≤ 10000 .
- The number of ghosts will not exceed 100.

Solution 1

```
[[5,0],[-10,-2],[0,-5],[-2,-2],[-7,1]]  
[7,7]
```

I ran this as a custom testcase and got False, but for some reason when running as submit solution I get true. Anyone else experience this?

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Solution 2

```
class Solution {  
    public boolean escapeGhosts(int[][] ghosts, int[] target) {  
        int max = Math.abs(target[0]) + Math.abs(target[1]);  
        for (int[] ghost : ghosts) {  
            int d = Math.abs(ghost[0] - target[0]) + Math.abs(ghost[1] - target[1])  
;  
            if (d <= max) return false;  
        }  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

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Solution 3

The best tactic for any ghost is to reach the target before pacman and block the exit. So if any ghost has the same or lower manhattan distance to the target then there is no exit.

```
def escapeGhosts(self, ghosts, target):  
    target_dist = abs(target[0]) + abs(target[1])  
  
    for r, c in ghosts:  
        ghost_target = abs(target[0] - r) + abs(target[1] - c)  
        if ghost_target <= target_dist:  
            return False  
  
    return True
```

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