

## 302. Smallest Rectangle Enclosing Black Pixels Premium

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You are given an  $m \times n$  binary matrix `image` where `0` represents a white pixel and `1` represents a black pixel.

The black pixels are connected (i.e., there is only one black region). Pixels are connected horizontally and vertically.

Given two integers `x` and `y` that represents the location of one of the black pixels, return the area of the smallest (axis-aligned) rectangle that encloses all black pixels.

You must write an algorithm with less than  $O(mn)$  runtime complexity

Example 1:

0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0

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1 class Solution:
2     def minArea(self, image: List[List[str]], x: int, y: int) -> int:
3         l, r, u, d = x, x, y, y # left, right, up, down boundaries
4         dq = deque([(x, y)]) # store adj grid
5         visited = set()
6         row = len(image)
7         col = len(image[0])
8         while dq:
9             gx, gy = dq.popleft()
10            if (gx, gy) in visited:
11                continue
12            visited.add((gx, gy))
13
14            l = min(l, gx)
15            r = max(r, gx)
16            u = min(u, gy)
17            d = max(d, gy)
18            # check the not visited adj grid of g, append to dq if adj grid is black
19            for dx, dy in [(-1, 0), (1, 0), (0, -1), (0, 1)]:
20                nx, ny = gx + dx, gy + dy
21                if 0 <= nx < row and 0 <= ny < col and image[nx][ny] == '1' and (nx, ny) not in visited:
22                    dq.append((nx, ny))
23
24            return (r-l+1)*(d-u+1)
```

correct but not efficient

Runtime

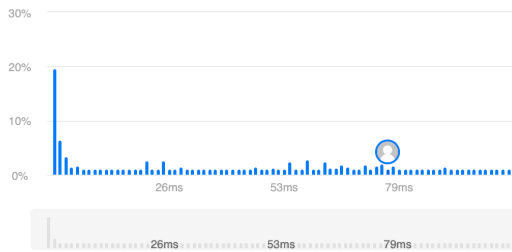
76 ms | Beats 22.93%

Analyze Complexity

Memory

20.01 MB | Beats 22.78%

Analyze Complexity



binary search is more efficient

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class Solution:
    def minArea(self, image: List[List[str]], x: int, y: int) -> int:
        m, n = len(image), len(image[0])

        # Helper to check if there is any black pixel in a row
        def hasBlackInRow(row):
            return '1' in image[row]

        # Helper to check if there is any black pixel in a column
        def hasBlackInCol(col):
            return any(image[i][col] == '1' for i in range(m))

        # Binary search for top
        top = self.binarySearch(0, x, hasBlackInRow, True)
        # Binary search for bottom
        bottom = self.binarySearch(x + 1, m, hasBlackInRow, False)
        # Binary search for left
        left = self.binarySearch(0, y, hasBlackInCol, True)
        # Binary search for right
        right = self.binarySearch(y + 1, n, hasBlackInCol, False)

        return (bottom - top) * (right - left)

    def binarySearch(self, low, high, hasBlack, goLower):
        while low < high:
            mid = (low + high) // 2
            if hasBlack(mid):
                if goLower:
                    high = mid
                else:
                    low = mid + 1
            else:
                if goLower:
                    low = mid + 1
                else:
                    high = mid
        return low
```

How it Works:

- `hasBlackInRow(row)`: Checks if any black pixel is in that row.
- `hasBlackInCol(col)`: Checks if any black pixel is in that column.
- We binary search rows and columns to find the min/max bounds efficiently.

Time Complexity:

- $O(m \log n + n \log m)$ :
  - We do binary search over rows and columns.
  - Each check takes  $O(n)$  or  $O(m)$ , but only for log steps.