

994. Rotting Oranges

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You are given an $m \times n$ grid where each cell can have one of three values:

- 0 representing an empty cell,
- 1 representing a fresh orange, or
- 2 representing a rotten orange.

Every minute, any fresh orange that is **4-directionally adjacent** to a rotten orange becomes rotten.

Return the *minimum number of minutes that must elapse until no cell has a fresh orange*. If this is impossible, return -1.

Example 1:



Input: grid = [[2,1,1],[1,1,0],[0,1,1]]

Output: 4

Example 2:

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1 class Solution:
2     def orangesRotting(self, grid: List[List[int]]) -> int:
3         rotten = deque()
4         fresh, res = 0, -1 # res = -1 cuz have a rotten placeholder(-1, -1)
5         directions = [[1, 0], [-1, 0], [0, 1], [0, -1]]
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7         # seperate fresh and rotten
8         for i in range(len(grid)):
9             for j in range(len(grid[0])):
10                 if grid[i][j] == 2:
11                     rotten.append((i, j))
12                 elif grid[i][j] == 1:
13                     fresh += 1
14             rotten.append((-1, -1))
15         while rotten:
16             r, c = rotten.popleft()
17             if r == -1: # finsih one cycle
18                 res += 1
19                 if rotten: # but new rotten appear
20                     rotten.append((-1, -1))
21             else: # rotten cycle not finihed yet
22                 for d in directions:
23                     nr, nc = r + d[0], c + d[1]
24                     if 0 <= nr < len(grid) and 0 <= nc < len(grid[0]):
25                         if grid[nr][nc] == 1: # fresh orange, will change to rotten
26                             grid[nr][nc] = 2
27                             rotten.append((nr, nc))
28                             fresh -= 1
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30         return res if fresh == 0 else -1
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bfs with queue

unlike normal bfs, append(-1, -1) each time when a cycle of precess finish, that's why need to set res to be -1 in the first place