

## The Cop and the Robber

In the city of Bytemore crime level is hitting an all-time high. Among other misdemeanours, robberies are happening every day. And when the crime is committed, it is always up to a lone patrolling police officer to chase down the robber through the narrow alleys that connect street corners (commonly referred to simply as *corners*). Unfortunately, more often than not, robbers escape their pursuers, because they know the city much better than the police.



The Bytemore City Police Department (BCPD) is organising a summit to reduce crime. One of the initiatives is to use computer aid when pursuing the robbers. For this purpose, the BCPD has made a precise map of the city. Now they need computer software to find chasing strategies.

The pursuit problem of one officer chasing one robber is modelled as follows:

1. The police officer chooses a corner on which to patrol.
2. The robber then chooses a corner for the robbery (he knows where the officer is). From this moment on it is always assumed that both the officer and the robber know where each other is.
3. The police officer's move consists of him moving to a neighbouring corner (i.e. one that is connected to the current one by an alley) or waiting (i.e. not moving).
4. The robber's move consists of him moving to a neighbouring corner. Note that, unlike the police, robbers cannot wait. It is in their instinct to keep running.
5. The police officer and the robber keep making moves one after another (starting with the officer) until one of the following happens:
  - (a) situation repeats itself (situation is defined by the positions of both agents and the side whose turn it is to move next). This corresponds to the robber being able to avoid the police officer indefinitely, so the robber escapes;
  - (b) the police officer and the robber meet on the same corner after a move of either of them. In this case the police officer catches the robber.

## Task

You have to write a program which, given the map of the city, would determine whether catching the robber is possible, and if it is, would catch him by making moves on behalf of the police officer.

Your program must assume that the robber moves optimally.

## Implementation

You need to implement two functions:

- **start**( $N$ ,  $A$ ) which takes the following parameters:
  - $N$  — the number of corners (corners are labelled from 0 to  $N - 1$ );
  - $A$  — a two-dimensional array that describes the alleys: for  $0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1$ ,

$$A[i, j] \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{false} & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ are not joined by any alley} \\ \text{true} & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ are joined by an alley} \end{cases}$$

All alleys will be bidirectional (i.e.  $A[i, j] = A[j, i]$  for all values of  $i$  and  $j$ ) and there will be no alleys connecting a corner to itself (i.e.  $A[i, i]$  will be **false** for all values of  $i$ ). Also, you may assume that it will always be possible to reach any corner from any other corner by moving along the alleys.

If it is possible to catch the robber on the map described by the parameters, function **start** should return the label of the corner on which the police officer chooses to patrol. Otherwise, it should return  $-1$ .

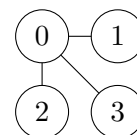
- **nextMove**( $R$ ) which takes as a parameter the label  $R$  of the current corner of the robber and must return the label of the corner where the officer will be after his move.

Function **start** will be called exactly once before any calls to **nextMove** are made. If **start** returns  $-1$ , then **nextMove** will not be called. Otherwise, **nextMove** will be called repeatedly until the pursuit ends. More precisely, the program will terminate as soon as one of the following happens:

- **nextMove** returns an invalid move;
- the situation repeats itself;
- the robber is caught.

## Example

Let's take a look at the example illustrated on the right. In this case any corner is a good starting position for the police officer. If he starts in the corner 0, he can wait in his first move and the robber will run into him. On the other hand, if he starts on any other corner, he can wait until the robber moves to corner 0, and then move there.



Here's how a sample session could look like:

Function call	Returns
<b>start</b> (4, [[0, 1, 1, 1], [1, 0, 0, 0], [1, 0, 0, 0], [1, 0, 0, 0]])	3
<b>nextMove</b> (1)	3
<b>nextMove</b> (0)	0

## Scoring

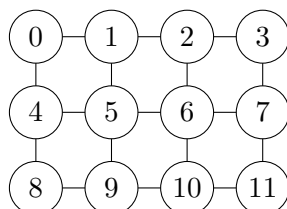
In order to score full points, your solution must:

1. correctly determine whether the police officer can catch the robber;
2. successfully catch the robber by making moves on behalf of the police officer.

However, in subtasks 3 and 4, solutions that only implement the first requirement will score 30% subtask points.

**Subtask 1 (15 points):**  $2 \leq N \leq 500$ . There will be exactly one path between every pair of corners.

**Subtask 2 (15 points):**  $2 \leq N \leq 500$ . The network of corners and alleys will form a grid-shaped structure. The grid will have at least two rows and columns and the street corner labelling will follow the pattern illustrated below.



**Subtask 3 (30 points):**  $2 \leq N \leq 100$ .

**Subtask 4 (40 points):**  $2 \leq N \leq 500$ .

## Constraints

**Time limit:** 1 s.

**Memory limit:** 256 MB.

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