## 2257. Count Unguarded cells in the Grid

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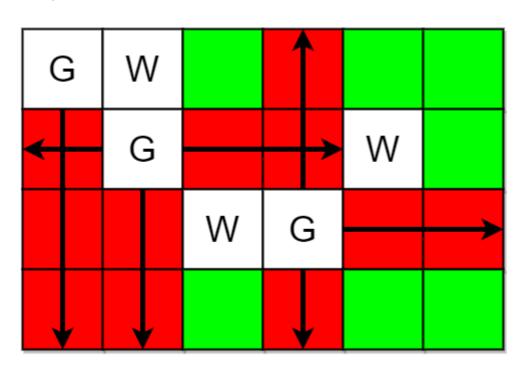
Hint

You are given two integers m and n representing a 0-indexed m x n grid. You are also given two 2D integer arrays guards and walls where guards[i] = [rowi, coli] and walls[j] = [rowj, colj] represent the positions of the ith guard and jth wall respectively.

A guard can see every cell in the four cardinal directions (north, east, south, or west) starting from their position unless obstructed by a wall or another guard. A cell is guarded if there is at least one guard that can see it.

Return the number of unoccupied cells that are not guarded.

Example 1:



Input: m = 4, n = 6, guards = 0,0, [1,1], [2,3], walls = 0,1, [2,2], [1,4]

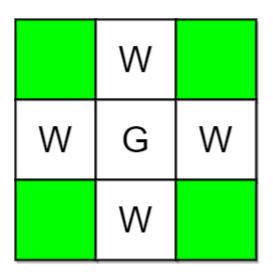
Output: 7

Explanation: The guarded and unguarded cells are shown in red and

green respectively in the above diagram.

There are a total of 7 unguarded cells, so we return 7.

## Example 2:



Input: m = 3, n = 3, guards =  $\frac{1}{1}$ , walls =  $\frac{0}{1}$ ,  $\frac{1}{1}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{1}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Explanation: The unguarded cells are shown in green in the above diagram.

There are a total of 4 unguarded cells, so we return 4.

## Constraints:

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1 <= m, n <= 105</li>
2 <= m * n <= 105</li>
1 <= guards.length, walls.length <= 5 * 104</li>
2 <= guards.length + walls.length <= m * n</li>
guards[i].length == walls[j].length == 2
0 <= rowi, rowj < m</li>
0 <= coli, colj < n</li>
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• All the positions in guards and walls are unique.

## Solution:

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class Solution {
   public int countUnguarded(int m, int n, int[][] guards, int[][] walls) {

      // Initialize grid with zeros
      int[][] g = new int[m][n];

      // Mark guards and walls as 2
      for (int[] e : guards) {
            g[e[0]][e[1]] = 2;
      }
}
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for (int[] e : walls) {
            g[e[0]][e[1]] = 2;
        }
        // Directions: up, right, down, left
        int[] dirs = {-1, 0, 1, 0, -1};
        // Process each guard's line of sight
        for (int[] e : guards) {
            for (int k = 0; k < 4; ++k) {
                int x = e[0], y = e[1];
                int dx = dirs[k], dy = dirs[k + 1];
                // Check cells in current direction until hitting boundary
or obstacle
                while (x + dx >= 0 \&\& x + dx < m \&\& y + dy >= 0 \&\& y + dy <
n \&\& g[x + dx][y + dy] < 2) {
                    x += dx;
                    y += dy;
                    g[x][y] = 1;
                }
            }
        }
        // Count unguarded cells (cells with value 0)
        int unguardedCount = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if (g[i][j] == 0) {
                    unguardedCount++;
                }
            }
        }
        return unguardedCount;
   }
}
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