# Inverted World Problem B

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# **Background**

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## **Problem Restatement**

Given a  $N \times N$  0-grid initially.

After *Q* inversion of several rows and several columns, count the number of 1s inside the grid.

Inversion: Change 0 to 1, or change 1 to 0.







## **Statistics**

Points are given per subtask in this problem. You have to pass all the checkpoint in the subtask in order to get the points of the subtask.

Attempts: 27

First solved by No one!





## **Subtasks**

Subtask	Score	Ν	Q
1	5	= 2	<u>≤ 1</u>
2	6	= 3	≤ 10
3	26	≤ <b>1000</b>	≤ 10
4	38	≤ <b>1000</b>	≤ 10 <sup>6</sup>
5	25	≤ 10 <sup>6</sup>	≤ 10 <sup>6</sup>





# **Subtask 1 (5 pts):** $N = 2, Q \le 1$

Sanity check.

If 
$$Q = 0$$
, output 0.

If 
$$Q = 1$$
, output 2.

Score: 5 (Cumulative Score: 5)





# **Subtask 2 - 4 (70 pts):** $N \le 1000, Q \le 10^6$

These subtasks could be passed by pure simulation.

First, you can build a  $N \times N$  integer 2-dimensional array. The array will be initialised by 0.

Then, for each action, invert the whole row / column by a for loop.





# **Subtask 2 - 4 (70 pts):** $N \le 1000, Q \le 10^6$

You can simply invert a number in arr[i][j] by arr[i][j] = 1 - arr[i][j].

Invert the whole row = Invert from arr[i][1] to arr[i][N] (for 1-based array.)

The logic can be similarly applied to invert the whole column.

Score: 70 (Cumulative Score: 75)





#### **Full Solution**

To achieve the full solution, you need two main observations for this problem.

#### **Observation 1**

All inversions are independent from each other.

The observation deduces that all actions will not affect the others. For example, the order of the actions will not affect the final result.





#### **Full Solution**

#### **Observation 2**

If there are k actions which invert the same row/column, the required row/column are only inverted by k **mod 2** times only.

As all inversion as independent from each other, then inverting the same row/column **twice** is equal to remain the required row/column **unchanged**.





#### **Full Solution**

Therefore, we can implement **two arrays with size** N (or  $N \times 2$  array as you like) to store the **frequency of inversion** of each row/column.

Denote *r* and *c* be the number of valid inversion to rows and columns respectively.

Find r by linear searching an array storing the frequency of inversion of rows. The answer now should be Nr.

Then, find *c* using the similar method as above. The answer now should be

$$Nr + Nc - 2rc$$

Score: 25 (Cumulative Score: 100)





# **Takeaways**

- For normal contestants: grab as many points as possible using simple method(s)!
- For advanced contestants: observation, observation and observation is the key to success.



