Q1. The King's Feast

The King has n plates of food, each with a certain quantity. He wants to know the **maximum food plate**.

```
    Input: n=5, arr=[2,7,1,9,5]
    Output: 9
    Constraints: 1 ≤ n ≤ 10<sup>5</sup>, -10<sup>9</sup> ≤ arr[i] ≤ 10<sup>9</sup>
```

CODE:-

```
5
2 7 1 9 5
9
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q2. The Lost Soldier

In the battlefield, soldiers are numbered 0...n. One soldier is missing. Find him.

• **Input**: n=5, arr=[0,1,2,4,5]

• Output: 3

• Constraints: O(n) or $O(\log n)$ solution required.

CODE:-

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Lost_Soldier {
    static int search( @NotNull int a1[]){ 1 usage
         int n=a1.length;
         int sum=0;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              sum=sum+a1[i];
         int totalSum=n*(n+1)/2;
         return Math.abs(totalSum-sum);
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
         int n=sc.nextInt();
         int arr[]=new int[n];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print(search(arr));
```

```
5
0 1 2 4 5
3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q3. Potion Mixing (Two Sum)

A wizard wants to mix two potions whose strengths add up to target.

- **Input**: n=4, arr=[3,2,4,7], target=6
- Output: Indices (1,2)
- **Constraints**: $1 \le n \le 10^5$, $-10^9 \le arr[i] \le 10^9$

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Position_Mixing {
     static void indces( @NotNull int a1[], int target){ 1usage
          boolean <u>flag</u>=false;
          for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< a1.length; \underline{i}++){}
               for(int \underline{j}=\underline{i}+1; \underline{j}<a1.length; \underline{j}++){
                    if(a1[<u>i</u>]+a1[<u>j</u>]==target){
                          System.out.print("Indces ("+<u>i</u>+","+j+")");
                         flag=false;
                         break;
                         flag=true;
               if(flag==false){
                    break;
          if(flag){
               System.out.print(-1);
     public static void main(String[] args) {
          Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
          int n=sc.nextInt();
          int arr[]= new int[n];
          for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
               arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
          int tar= sc.nextInt();
          indces(arr,tar);
```

```
4
3 2 4 7
6
Indces (1,2)
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q4. The Secret Message

A spy wrote a secret message as numbers. To decode it, reverse the array.

Input: arr=[1,2,3,4]Output: [4,3,2,1]

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Secret_Message {
     static int @NotNull [] reverse( @NotNull int a1[]){ 1 usage
          int temp=0;
          int j=a1.length-1;
          for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}<a1.length/2; \underline{i}++){}
               <u>temp</u>=a1[<u>i</u>];
               a1[<u>i</u>]=a1[<u>j</u>];
               a1[j]=temp;
          return a1;
     public static void main(String[] args) {
          Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
          int n=sc.nextInt();
          int arr[]= new int[n];
          for( int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
               arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
          int a2[]=reverse(arr);
          for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}<a2.length; \underline{i}++){}
               System.out.print(a2[<u>i</u>]+" ");
```

```
4
1 2 3 4
4 3 2 1
Process finished with exit code θ
```

Q5. The King's Parade

Soldiers stand in line. Check if their heights are sorted in non-decreasing order.

```
    Input: arr=[1,3,5,7] → Output: true
    Input: arr=[3,2,1] → Output: false
```

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Kings_Parade {
    static boolean check( @NotNull int a1[]){  1usage
         boolean flag=false;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< a1.length-1; \underline{i}++){
              if(a1[i] <= a1[i+1]){
                  flag=true;
              }else{
                  flag=false;
                  break;
         return flag;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc=new Scanner(System.in);
         int n= sc.nextInt();
         int arr[]=new int[n];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print(check(arr));
```

```
4
1 3 5 7
true
Process finished with exit code 0

3
3 2 1
false
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q6. The Treasure Island

Each island grid has gold. Find the island row with **maximum gold**.

Input:

• **Output**: Row 2 (sum=24)

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Treasure_Island {
    static void maximumGold( @NotNull int a1[][]){ 1usage
         int max=0;
         int <u>row</u>=-1;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}<a1.length; \underline{i}++){
              int \underline{sum} = 0;
              for(int j=0; j<a1[0].length; j++){</pre>
                   sum=sum+a1[i][j];
              if(max<sum){</pre>
                   max=sum;
                   row=i;
         System.out.print("Row "+row+" (Sum="+max+")");
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
         int n=sc.nextInt();
         int m=sc.nextInt();
         int arr[][] =new int[n][m];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              for(int j=0; j<m; j++){</pre>
                   arr[i][j]=sc.nextInt();
         maximumGold(arr);
```

```
3 3
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
Row 2 (Sum=24)
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q7. The Spiral Library

The King built a library where books are kept in spiral shelves. Print them in **spiral** order

Input:

4 5 6

789

• **Output**: [1,2,3,6,9,8,7,4,5]

```
3 3
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
1 2 3 6 9 8 7 4 5
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q8. The Royal Diagonal

In a royal hall represented as a square, find sum of both diagonals.

Input:

3 3

1 2 3

4 5 6

789

• **Output:** 1+5+9=15, 3+5+7=15

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Royal_Diagonal {
    static void diagonal( @NotNull int matrix[][]){ 1usage
         int d1=0;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< matrix.length; \underline{i}++){
              d1=d1+matrix[i][i];
         int d2=0;
         int \underline{i}=0;
         for(int j=matrix.length-1; j>=0; j--){
             d2=d2+matrix[i][j];
             <u>i</u>++;
         System.out.print("d1 = "+d1+" , d2 = "+d2);
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
         int n=sc.nextInt();
         int m=sc.nextInt();
         int mat[][]= new int[n][m];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              for(int j=0; j<m; j++){
                  mat[i][j]=sc.nextInt();
         diagonal(mat);
```

```
3 3
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
d1 = 15 , d2 = 15
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q9. The Messenger's Path

A messenger wants to go from (0,0) to (n-1,m-1). Cells with 1 are blocked. Can he reach?

Input:

3 3

000

0 1 0

000

Output: true

CODE:-

```
3 3
0 0 0
0 1 0
0 0 0
true
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q10. The Rainwater Pond

Count the number of water ponds in a village (1 = water, 0 = land).

Input:

• Output: 5

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Rainwater_Pond {
    static int count( @NotNull int matrix[][]){ 1usage
         int ct=0;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< matrix.length; \underline{i}++){
               for(int j=0; j< matrix[0].length; j++){</pre>
                   if(matrix[<u>i</u>][j]>0){
                        <u>ct</u>++;
         return ct;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
         int n=sc.nextInt();
         int m=sc.nextInt();
         int mat[][]= new int[n][m];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              for(int j=0; j<m; j++){</pre>
                   mat[<u>i</u>][j]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print(count(mat));
```

```
3 3
1 0 1
0 1 0
1 0 1
5
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q11. Tower of Temples (Hanoi)

Temples have n golden disks. Move them from source \rightarrow destination using helper temple. Return moves.

• **Input**: n=3

• **Output**: 7

CODE:-

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Tower_Of_Hanoi {
    static int solve(int n, char S, char A, char D){ 3 usages

        if(n==1){
            return 1;
        }
        int num=0;
        num=num+solve( n: n-1,S,A,D);
        num=num+solve( n: n-1,D,A,S);
        return num+1;
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(solve(n, S: 'A', A: 'B', D: 'C'));
    }
}
```

```
37Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q12. The Magical Staircase

A child climbs 1 or 2 steps. Find number of ways to reach step n.

Input: n=4Output: 5

CODE:-

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Magical_Staircase {
    @Contract(pure = true)
    static int ways(int n1){        1 usage
        if (n1 <= 1)
            return 1;
        int a = 1, b = 1, c = 0;
        for (int i = 2; i <= n1; i++) {
            c = a + b;
            a = b;
            b = c;
        }
        return b;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(ways(n));
}
</pre>
```

```
^{4} 5 Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q13. The Sorcerer's Spell

Reverse a string using recursion.

• Input: abc

• Output: cba

CODE:-

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Sorcerers_Spell {
    static void reverseString(String S, int n){ 2 usages
        if(n<=0){
            return;
        }
        System.out.print(S.charAt(n-1));
        reverseString(S, n: n-1);
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        String s= sc.next();
        reverseString(s,s.length());
    }
}</pre>
```

OUTPUT:-

```
αbc
cba
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q14. The Dragon's Roar

Print numbers 1 to n using recursion.

• **Input**: n=5

• **Output**: 1 2 3 4 5

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class The_Dragons_Roar {
    static void print(int n){ 2 usages
        if(n==1){
            System.out.print(1+" ");
            return;
        }
        print(n-1);
        System.out.print(n+" ");
    }

public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n1=sc.nextInt();
        print(n1);
}
```

OUTPUT:-

```
5
1 2 3 4 5
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q15. The Hidden Chamber

Find sum of array elements using recursion.

• **Input**: arr=[1,2,3,4]

• **Output**: 10

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class The_Hidden_Chamber {
    @Contract(pure = true)
    static int arraySum(int arr[],int n){ 2 usages
        if(n==0){
            return arr[0];
        }
        int sum=arr[n]+arraySum(arr, n: n-1);
        return sum;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int m=sc.nextInt();
        int a[]=new int[m];
        for(int i=0; i<m; i++){
            a[i]=sc.nextInt();
        }
        System.out.print(arraySum(a, n: a.length-1));
    }
}</pre>
```

OUTPUT:-

```
4
1 2 3 4
10
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q16. The Ancient Scroll

Search for a scroll ID in the archive.

• **Input**: arr=[2,5,7,8], key=7

• Output: 2

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Ancient_Scroll {
    static int scrollID( @NotNull int a1[], int target){ 1usage
         int index=-1;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}<a1.length; \underline{i}++){
             if(a1[i]==target){
                  index=i;
                  break;
         return index;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
         int arr[]= new int[n];
         for(int <u>i</u>=0; <u>i</u><n; <u>i</u>++){
             arr[<u>i</u>]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print("key : ");
         int key= sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print(scrollID(arr,key));
```

OUTPUT:-

```
4
2 5 7 8
key : 7
2
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q17. The Farmer's Basket

Find if a fruit (number) exists in the basket.

```
• Input: arr=[10,20,30], key=25
```

• **Output:** -1

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Farmers_Basket {
    static int fruit( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
         int ans=-1;
         for(int i=0; i<a1.length; i++){
             if(a1[\underline{i}]==n){
                  ans=1;
                  break;
         return ans;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        int arr[]= new int[n];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
             arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key= sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print(fruit(arr,key));
```

OUTPUT:-

```
3
10 20 30
Key: 25
-1
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q18. The Secret Door

Doors are numbered in increasing order. Find target door using binary search.

```
• Input: arr=[1,3,5,7,9], key=7
```

• Output: 3

```
public class The_Secret_Door {
    static int findingDoor( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
        int end=a1.length-1;
        while(start<=end){</pre>
             int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
             if(a1[mid]==n){
             } else if (a1[mid]<n) {</pre>
                 start=mid+1;
                 end=mid-1;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int arr[]= new int[n];
        for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
        System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.println("Binary Search .....");
        System.out.print(findingDoor(arr,key));
```

OUTPUT:-

```
5
1 3 5 7 9
Key : 7
Binary Search ......
3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q19. The Archer's Range

Find the **first occurrence** of an arrow's distance.

- **Input**: arr=[1,2,2,2,3], key=2
- Output: 1

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Archers_Range {
    static int firstOccurance( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
        int start=0;
        int end=a1.length-1;
        while(start<=end){</pre>
             int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
            if(a1[mid]<n){
            } else if (a1[mid]==n) {
                 end=mid-1;
                 start=mid+1;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        int arr[]=new int[n];
        for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
            arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(firstOccurance(arr,key));
```

OUTPUT:-

```
5
1 2 2 2 3
Key : 2
1
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q20. The Treasure Chest

Find the **last occurrence** of a key using binary search.

```
• Input: arr=[1,2,2,2,3], key=2
```

Output: 3

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Treasure_Chest {
    static int lastOccuance( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
        int start=0;
        int end=a1.length-1;
        while(start<=end){</pre>
             int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
             if(a1[mid]>n){
                 return a1[mid];
             } else if (a1[mid]==n) {
                 start=mid+1;
                 end=mid-1;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        int arr[]=new int[n];
        for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
             arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(last0ccuance(arr,key));
```

```
5
1 2 2 2 3
Key : 2
3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q21. The first index where the element is greater than or equal to the target.

- If element is found \rightarrow return its first occurrence.
- If not found → return position where it can be inserted.
- If not possible \rightarrow return n (array size).

Example

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 6

• Lower bound = index 3 (first 6).

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 5

• Lower bound = index 3 (as 6 is the first ≥ 5).

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class _21_FirstIndex {
    static int firstIndex( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
       int start=0;
        int end=a1.length-1;
        int ans=a1.length;
        while(start<=end){</pre>
            int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
                ans=mid;
                end=mid-1;
                start=mid+1;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        int arr[]=new int[n];
            arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Index : "+firstIndex(arr,key));
```

```
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key: 6
Index: 3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

```
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key : 5
Index : 3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q22. The first index where the element is strictly greater than the target.

• If all elements \leq target \rightarrow return n.

Example

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 6

• Upper bound = index 5 (first element greater than 6 is 8).

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 7

• Upper bound = index 5 (8 is first > 7).

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class _22_First_Index {
    static int firstIndex( @NotNull int a1[], int n){  1usage
        int start=0;
        int end=a1.length-1;
        int ans=a1.length;
        while(start<=end){</pre>
             int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
                 ans=mid;
                 end=mid-1;
                 start=mid+1;
        return ans;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int arr[]=new int[n];
        for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
        System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Index : "+firstIndex(arr,key));
```

```
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key : 6
Index : 5
Process finished with exit code 0
```

```
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key : 7
Index : 5
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q23.The smallest element \geq target (actual value, not index).

• If no such element exists \rightarrow return -1.

Example

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 5

• Ceil = 6.

Array = [1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8], target = 9

```
public class _23_CeilingNumber {
    static int ceil( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
        int start=0;
        int end=a1.length-1;
        int ans=-1;
        while(start<=end){</pre>
             int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
             if(a1[mid]>=n){
                 ans=a1[mid];
                 end=mid-1;
                 start=mid+1;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
        int n=sc.nextInt();
        int arr[]=new int[n];
        for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
             arr[i]=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Key : ");
        int key=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(ceil(arr,key));
```

```
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key: 5
6
Process finished with exit code 0
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key: 9
-1
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q24. The largest element \leq target.

• If no such element exists \rightarrow return -1.

Example

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 5

• Floor = 4.

Array =
$$[1, 2, 4, 6, 6, 8]$$
, target = 0

• Floor = -1 (no element ≤ 0).

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class _24_Floor_Number {
        static int floor( @NotNull int a1[], int n){ 1usage
            int start=0;
            int end=a1.length-1;
            int ans=-1;
            while(start<=end){</pre>
                int mid=start+(end-start)/2;
                if(a1[mid]<=n){
                    ans=a1[mid];
                    start=mid+1;
                    end=mid-1;
            return ans;
        public static void main(String[] args) {
            Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
            int n=sc.nextInt();
            int arr[]=new int[n];
                arr[<u>i</u>]=sc.nextInt();
            System.out.print("Key : ");
            int key=sc.nextInt();
            System.out.print(floor(arr,key));
```

```
6
1 2 4 6 6 8
Key : 5
4
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q25. The Treasure Map (Linear Search)

A treasure map is represented as a grid n x m. Each cell contains a number. The King wants to know if the treasure (target) exists on the map.

• Input:

```
n=3, m=3
matrix = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6], [7,8,9]]
target = 5
```

- Output: Yes
- **Constraints**: $1 \le n, m \le 500, -10^6 \le \text{matrix}[i][j] \le 10^6$

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Treasure_MapLinearSearch {
    static boolean search( @NotNull int a1[]], int target){ 1usage
         boolean <u>flag</u>=false;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}<a1.length; \underline{i}++){
              for(int j=0; j<a1[0].length; j++){</pre>
                   <u>if(a1[i][j]</u>==target){
                        flag=true;
              if(flag) break;
         return flag;
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
         int n= sc.nextInt();
         int arr[][]= new int[n][m];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
              for(int j=0; j<m; j++){</pre>
                   arr[i][j]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print("target : ");
         int key=sc.nextInt();
         if(search(arr,key)){
              System.out.print("Yes");
```

```
3 3
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
target : 5
Yes
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q26. The Magical Scrolls (Linear Search Return Index)

In the royal library, scrolls are arranged in a 2D cabinet of size n x m. Find the row and column of the scroll with ID = target. If not found, return (-1,-1).

• Input:

```
matrix = [[10,20,30], [40,50,60], [70,80,90]]
target = 60
```

• **Output**: (1,2)

• Constraints: $1 \le n,m \le 1000$

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Magical_ScrollsLinearSearchReturnIndex {
    static void search( @NotNull int a1[][], int target){  1usage
         boolean <u>flag</u>=false;
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}<a1.length; \underline{i}++){
              for(int j=0; j<a1[0].length; j++){</pre>
                   if(a1[<u>i</u>][j]==target){
                       System.out.print("("+<u>i</u>+","+j+")");
                       flag=true;
                       break;
             if(flag){
         if(flag==false){
              System.out.print("("+-1+","+-1+")");
         }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
         int n= sc.nextInt();
         int m= sc.nextInt();
         int arr[][]= new int[n][m];
         for(int \underline{i}=0; \underline{i}< n; \underline{i}++){
             for(int j=0; j<m; j++){
                  arr[<u>i</u>][j]=sc.nextInt();
         System.out.print("target : ");
         int key=sc.nextInt();
         search(arr,key);
```

```
3 3
10 20 30
40 50 60
70 80 90
target : 60
(1,2)
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q27. The Battle Formation (Binary Search - Flattened)

Soldiers stand in a grid formation. Their strengths are sorted row-wise **and** the first element of each row is greater than the last of the previous row.

The commander wants to know if a soldier with strength x exists.

• Input:

```
matrix = [[1,3,5], [7,10,11], [16,20,30]]
target = 10
```

• Output: True

• Constraints: $1 \le n,m \le 300$

```
static boolean search2(@NotNoWl int mat[]], int target, int row){    lusage
    int n=mat[0].length;
    int st=0;
    int ed=n-1;

    while(st<=ed){
        int mid2=st+(ed-st)/2;
        if(target == mat[row][mid2]){
            return true;
        } else if (target>mat[row][mid2]) {
                st=mid2+1;
        }else {
                     ed=mid2-1;
        }
    }
    return false;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc=new Scanner(System.in);
        int n= sc.nextInt();
        int matrix[][]=new int[n][m];
        for(int i=0; i<n; i++){
                for(int j=0; j<m; j++){
                    matrix[i][j]=sc.nextInt();
                }
        }
        int tar=sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(search1(matrix,tar));
    }
}</pre>
```

```
3 3
1 3 5
7 10 11
16 20 30
10
true
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q28. The Queen's Jewels (Binary Search First Occurrence)

The Queen's jewels are stored in a 2D sorted grid. She wants to find the **first position** of a jewel type x.

• Input:

```
matrix = [[1,2,2], [3,4,4], [5,6,7]]
target = 4
```

• **Output**: (1,1)

• Constraints: $1 \le n,m \le 1000$

```
3 3
1 2 2
3 4 4
5 6 7
4
(1,1)
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q29. The Hidden Scrolls (Staircase Search)

The King hides scrolls in a 2D matrix where rows and columns are **sorted**. Find if a scroll with ID x exists. Use **O(n+m)** method (start from top-right corner).

• Input:

```
matrix = [[1,4,7,11], [2,5,8,12], [3,6,9,16], [10,13,14,17]]

target = 6
```

• Output: True

• Constraints: $1 \le n,m \le 1000$

```
public class The_Hidden_ScrollsStaircaseSearch {
    static boolean staircaseSearch( @NotNull int mat[][], int target){ 1usage
        int n=mat[0].length;
        int \underline{i}=0;
        int j=n-1;
        while(\underline{i}<n && \underline{j}>=0){
             if(mat[\underline{i}][\underline{j}]==target){}
             }else if(mat[i][j]>target){
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
         int n = sc.nextInt();
        int m = sc.nextInt();
        int matrix[][] = new int[n][m];
         for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
             for (int j = 0; j < m; j++) {
                 matrix[i][j] = sc.nextInt();
        int tar = sc.nextInt();
        System.out.print(staircaseSearch(matrix,tar));
```

```
4 4
1 4 7 11
2 5 8 12
3 6 9 16
10 13 14 17
6
true
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Q30. The Magic Portal (Binary Search 2D)

A wizard created portals in a 2D grid sorted in ascending order row-wise and column-wise. To activate a portal, he must find a specific number x. Return "Activated" if found else "Failed".

• Input:

```
matrix = [[1, 2, 8], [3, 6, 10], [7, 9, 12]]
target = 9
```

• Output: Activated

• Constraints: $1 \le n,m \le 500$

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class The_Magic_Portal {
int n=mat[0].length;
        int j=n-1;
        while(\underline{i}<m && \underline{j}>=0){
           if(mat[\underline{i}][\underline{j}]==target){}
           }else if(mat[<u>i</u>][j]>target){
               <u>i</u>++;
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int n = sc.nextInt();
        int m = sc.nextInt();
        int matrix[][] = new int[n][m];
               matrix[i][j] = sc.nextInt();
        int tar = sc.nextInt();
           System.out.print("Activated ");
           System.out.print("Failed");
```

```
3 3
1 2 8
3 6 10
7 9 12
9
Activated
Process finished with exit code 0
```