

# 10 reasons why YOU should care about programming competitions

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What are Programming  
Competitions?



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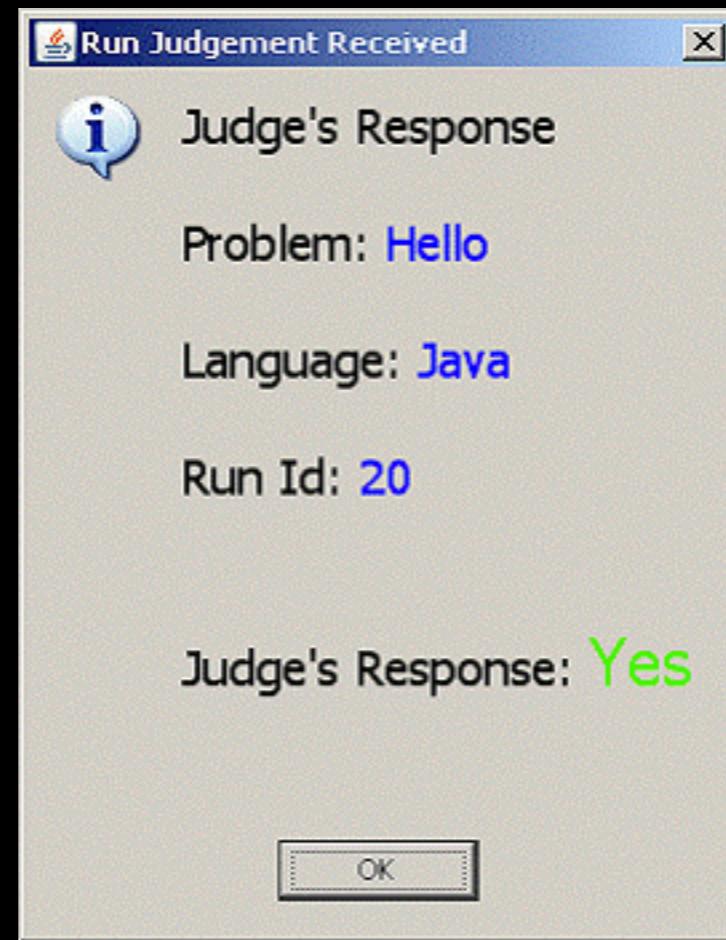
```

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import java.util.*;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
        int t = in.nextInt();
        for(int a = 0; a < t; a++) {
            int n = in.nextInt();
            int p1score = 0, p2score = 0;
            for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
                char p1 = in.next().charAt(0);
                char p2 = in.next().charAt(0);
                if(p1 == 'R') {
                    if(p2 == 'P') {
                        p2score++;
                    } else if(p2 == 'S') {
                        p1score++;
                    }
                } else if(p1 == 'P') {
                    if(p2 == 'R') {
                        p1score++;
                    } else if(p2 == 'S') {
                        p2score++;
                    }
                } else { // 'S'
                    if(p2 == 'R') {
                        p2score++;
                    } else if(p2 == 'P') {
                        p1score++;
                    }
                }
            }
            System.out.println(p1score==p2score?"TIE":(p1score>p2score?"Player 1":"Player 2"));
        }
    }
}

```

1 try, <5 minutes



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I have gotten this message exactly once: I put a `while(true){}` in my code and was told if I did it again, I'd be disqualified.

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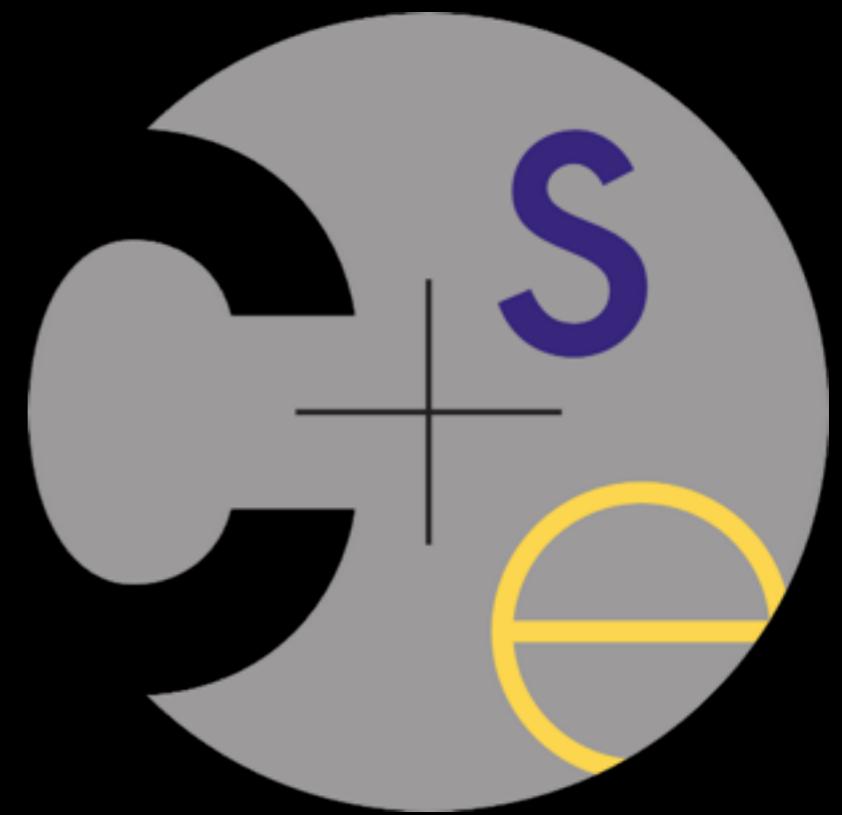
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**A - Light Purple**

**G - Yellow**

**B – Dark Purple**

**H - Silver**

**C - Blue**

**I – Black**

**D - RED**

**J - Pink**

**E - White**

**K- Orange**

**F - Green**

Team	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	S
Zhejiang University	4	1	1		2		4	1		1	1	
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	2	1	2		3		1	3		2	1	
tsinghua University	1		2		1	2		2		2	1	
. Petersburg State University	1	3	1		1		1		1	1	1	
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rich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg	1		1		1		3	1	6	1		
netsk National University	1		1	1	1		2	2		4	1	
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burg State University of IT, Mechanics and Optics	2		2		4		5	2		1		
ng Technological University	1		1		5		7	3		1		
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#1: Travel to Exotic  
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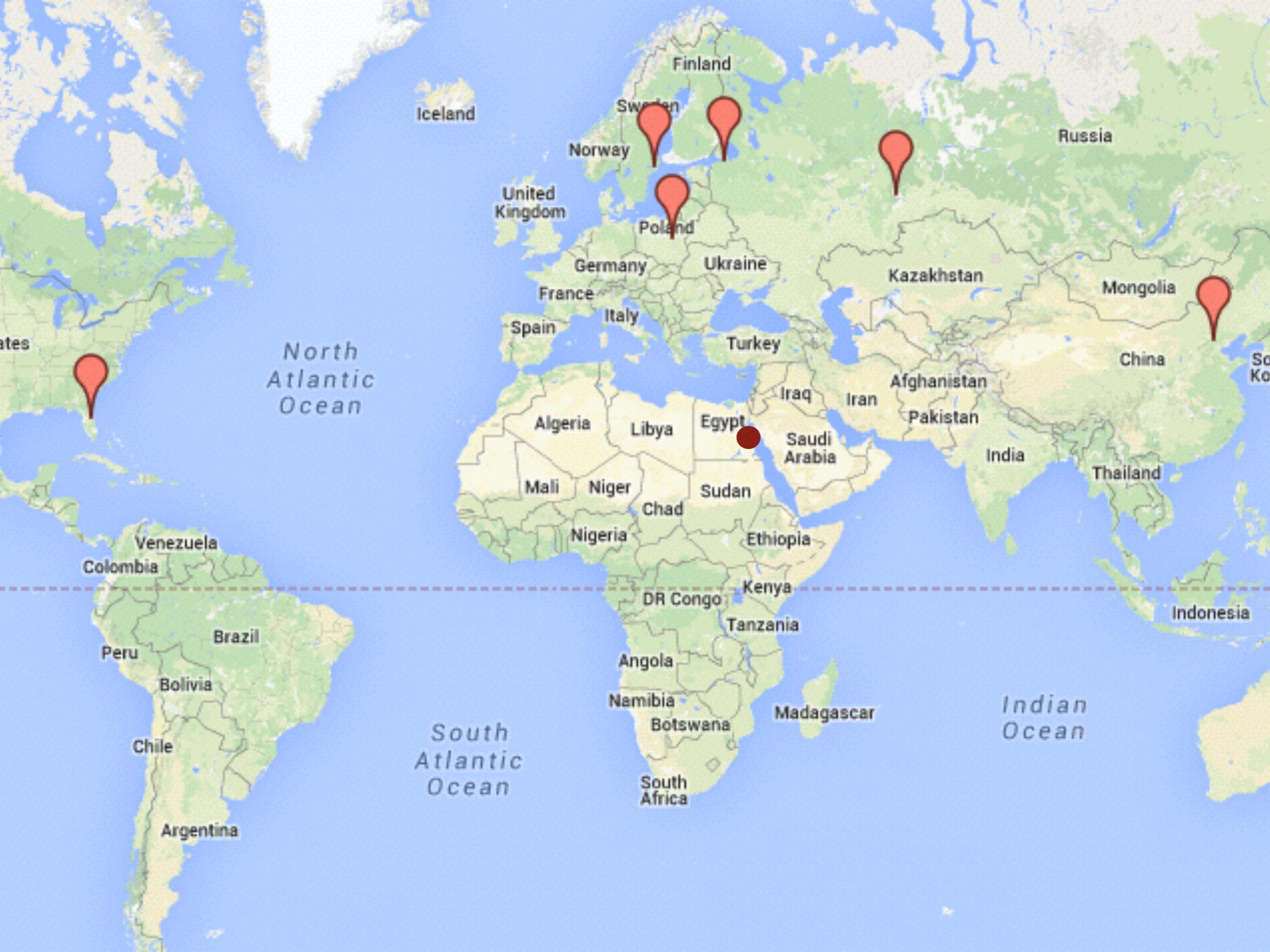


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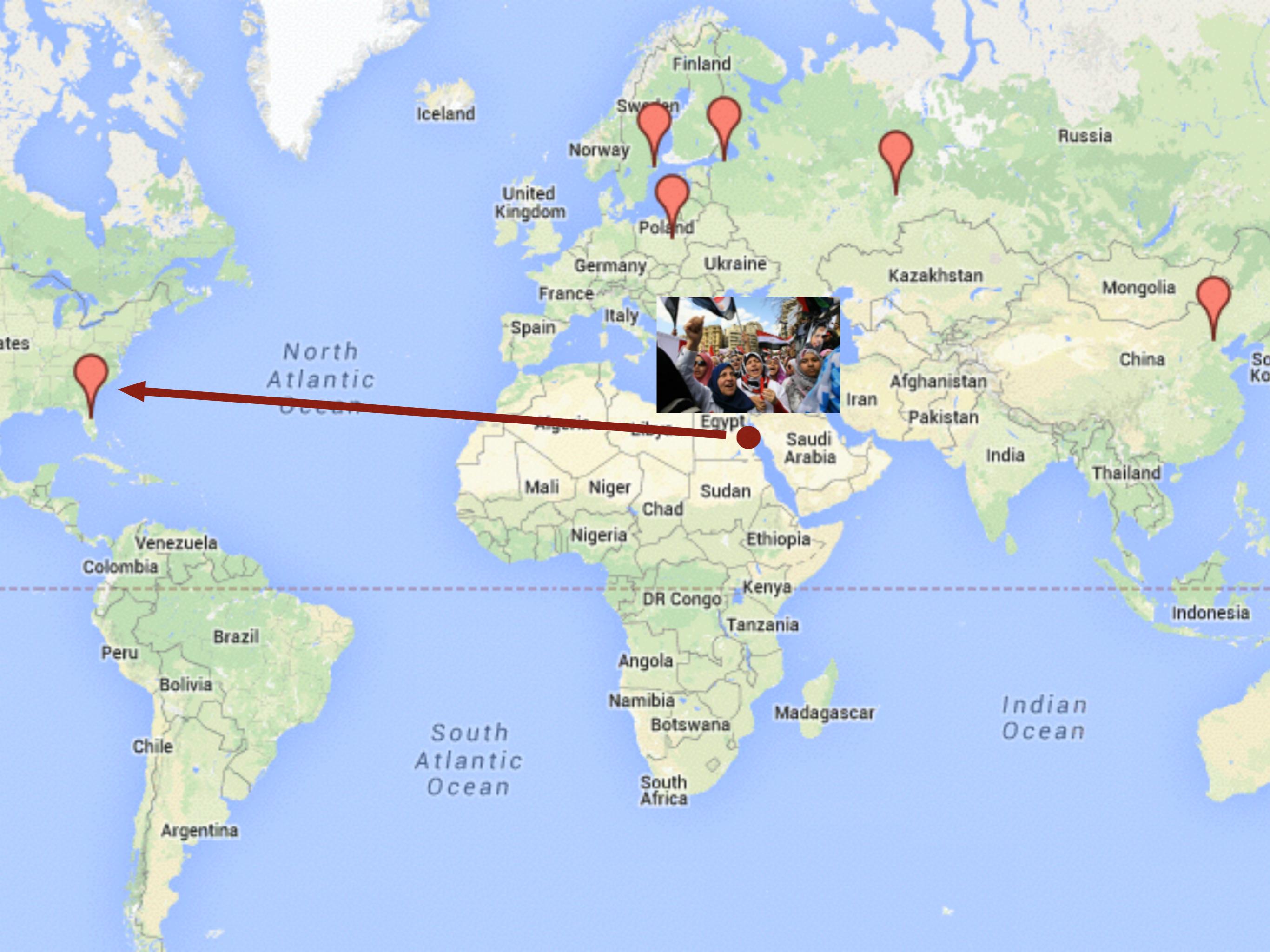
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# #2: Free Stuff!

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#3: Job opportunities,  
looks great on a resume





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#4: Learn to play nice  
with others



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#5: Good practice  
debugging of both your  
own and other's code

List1

1

2

3

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- 1
- 2
- 3

List2

- 6
- 1
- 3
- 5
- 2
- 8
- 9

List1

1 2 3

List2

6 5 8 9

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        // Remove all occurrences of elements in list1 from list2
        for(int i=0;i<list2.size();i++) {
            for(int j=0;j<list1.size(); j++) {
                if(list2.get(i) == list1.get(j)) {
                    list2.remove(i);
                    break;
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#6: You'll ace your  
technical interviews

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If, at any point, Bessie's dizziness is above a certain limit, Bessie will get sick. Write a program to find the maximum amount of fun Bessie can have without getting sick.

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There will be several test cases in the input. Each test case will begin with a line with three integers:

*N K L*

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Each of the next  $N$  lines will describe a section of the roller coaster, and will have two integers:

*F D*

Where  $F (1 \leq F \leq 20)$  is the increase to Bessie's total fun that she'll get if she keeps her eyes open on that section, and  $D (1 \leq D \leq 500)$  is the increase to her dizziness level if she keeps her eyes open on that section. The sections will be listed in order. The input will end with a line with three 0s.

## Output

For each test case, output a single integer, representing the maximum amount of fun Bessie can have on that roller coaster without exceeding her dizziness limit. Print each integer on its own line with no spaces. Do not print any blank lines between answers.

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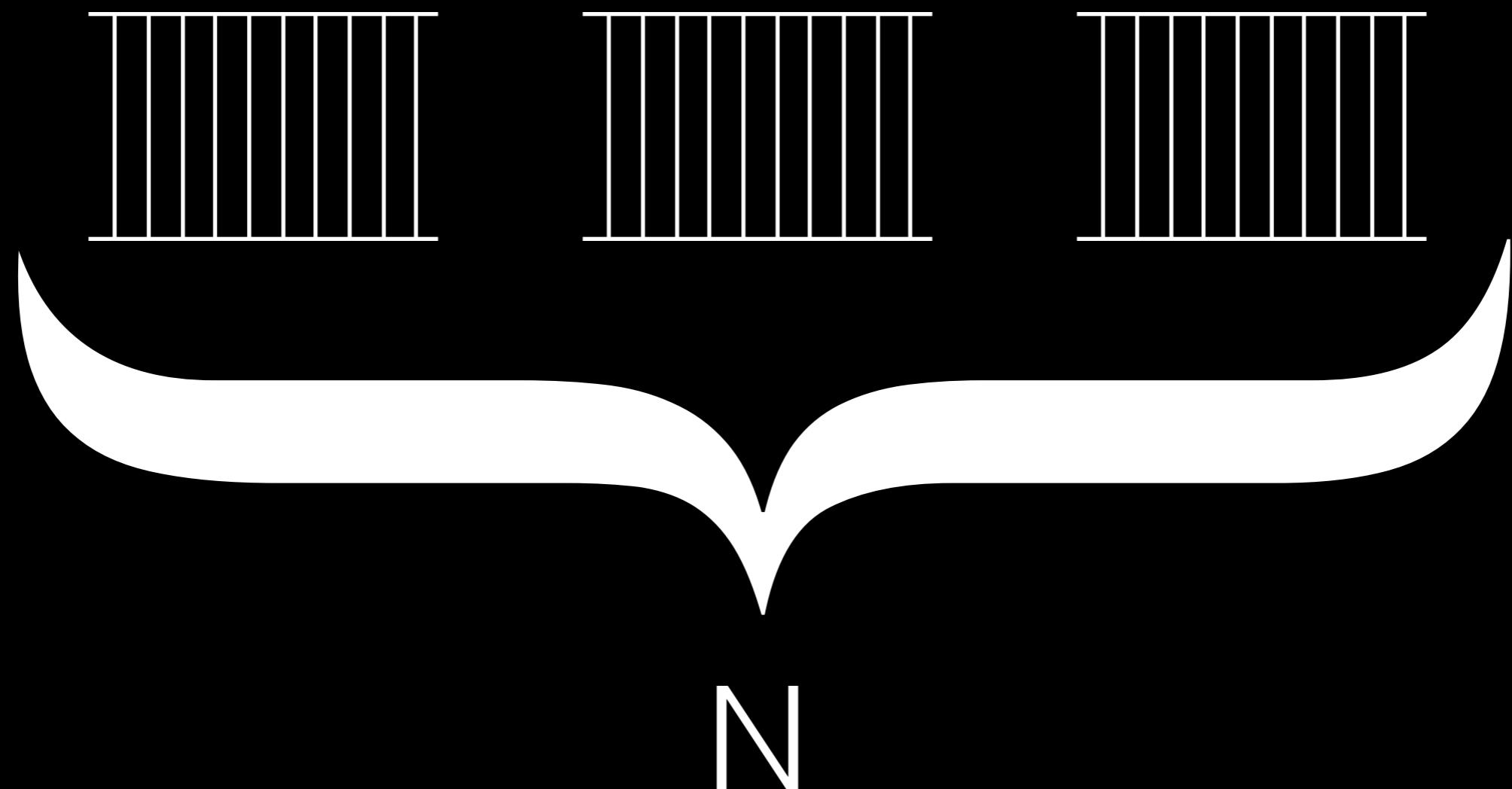
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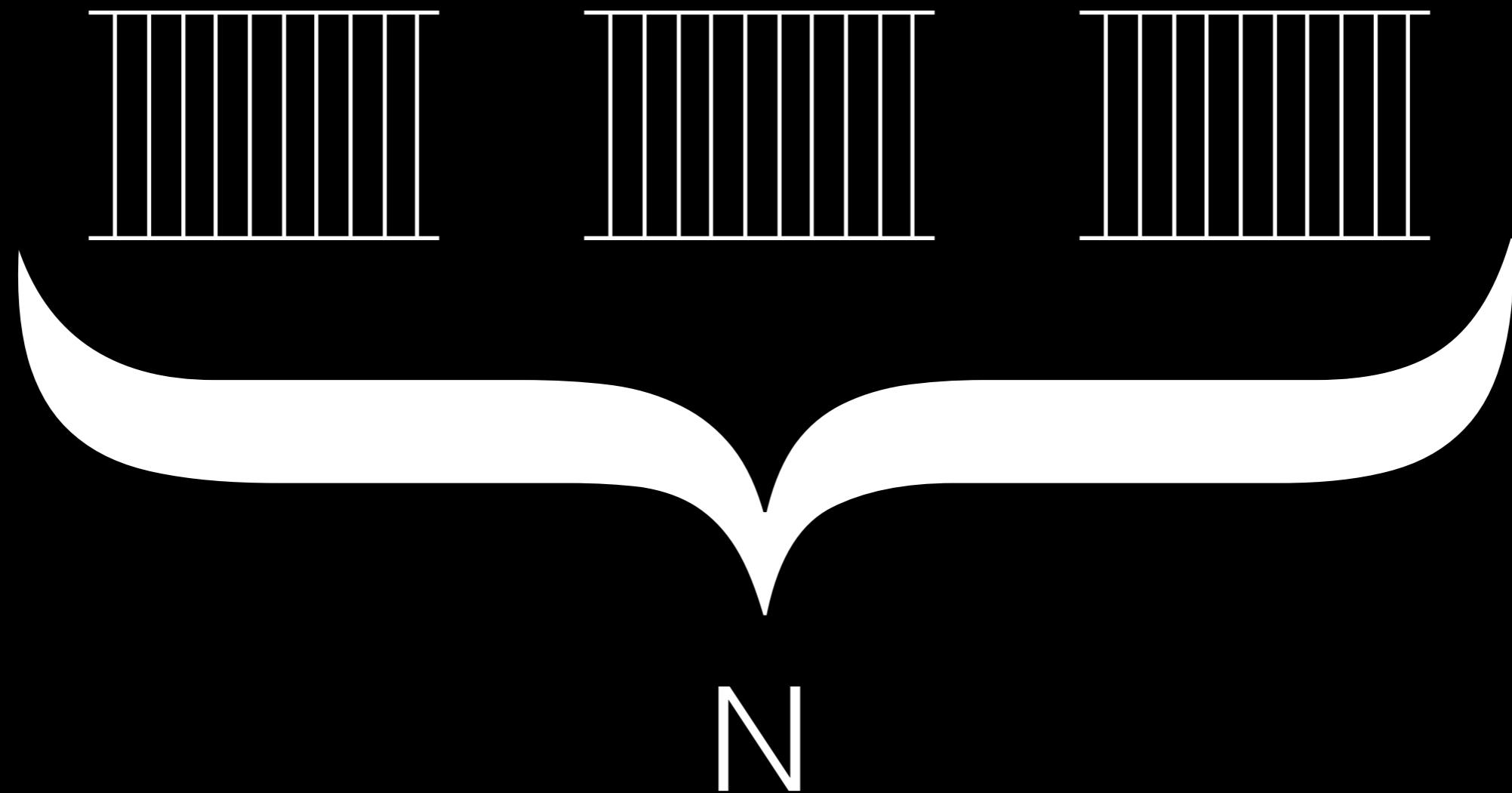
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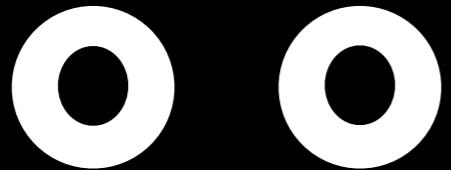
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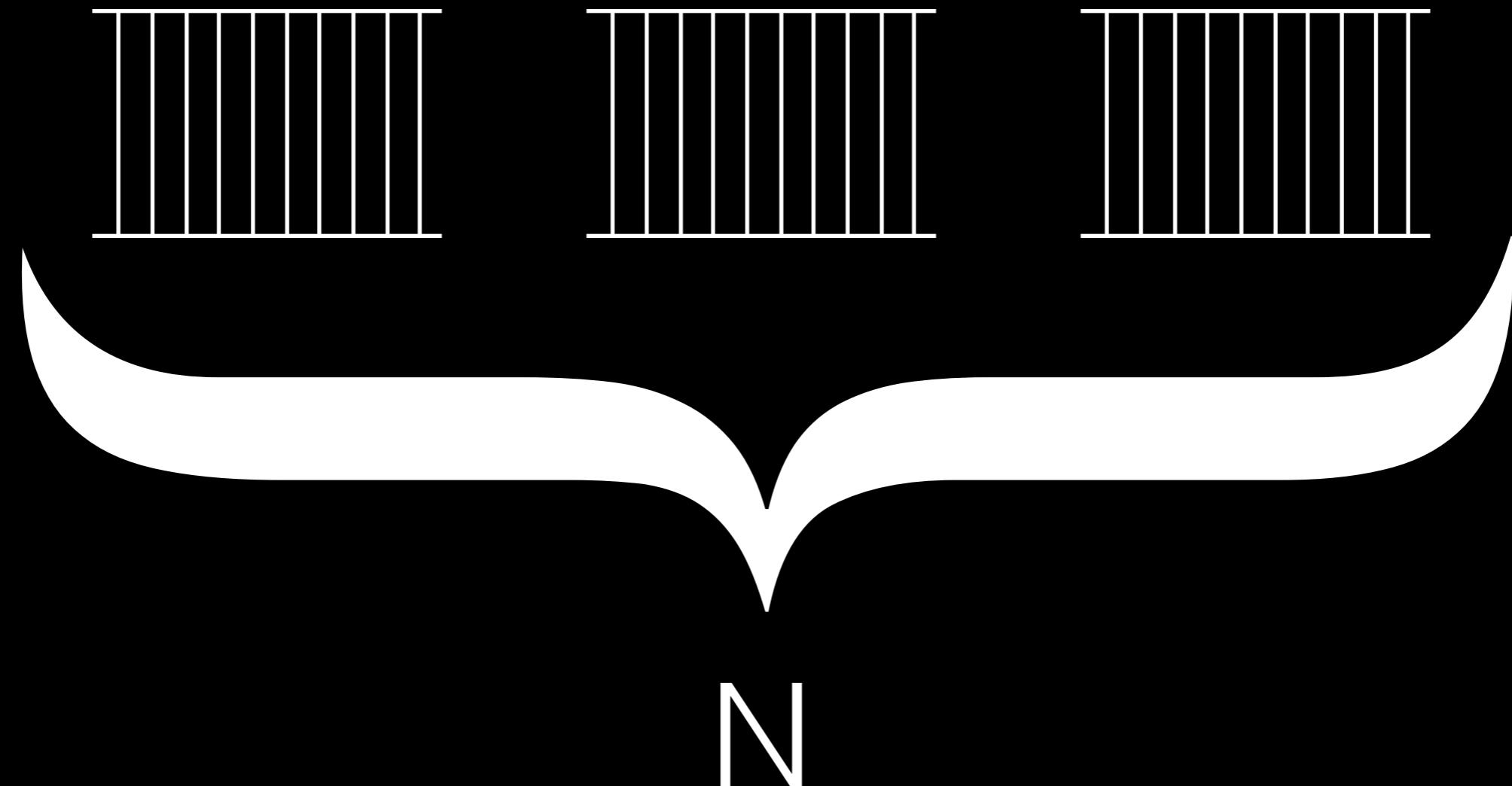
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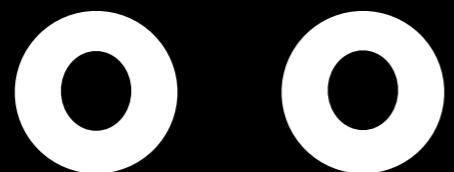
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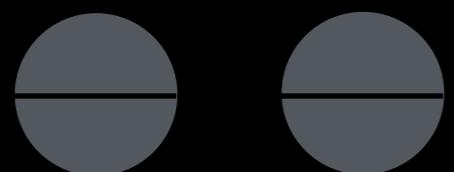
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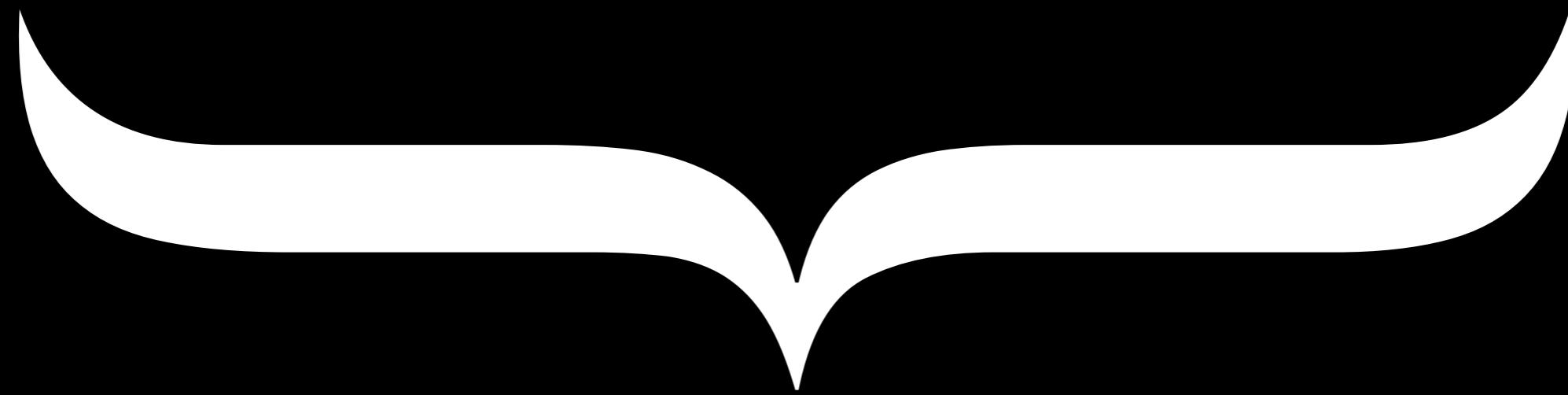
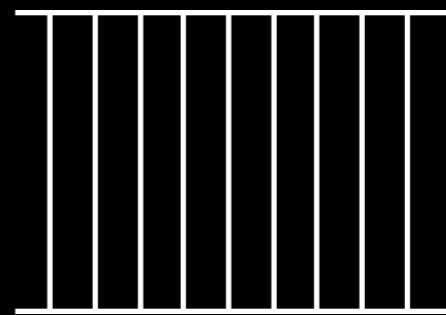
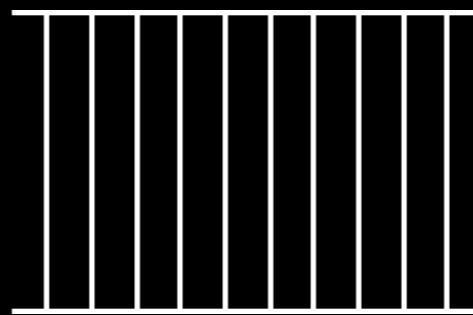
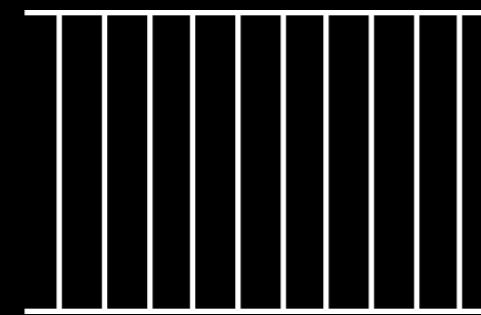
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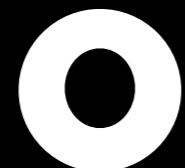
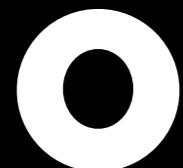


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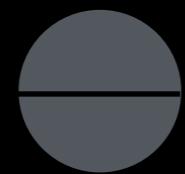
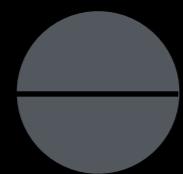


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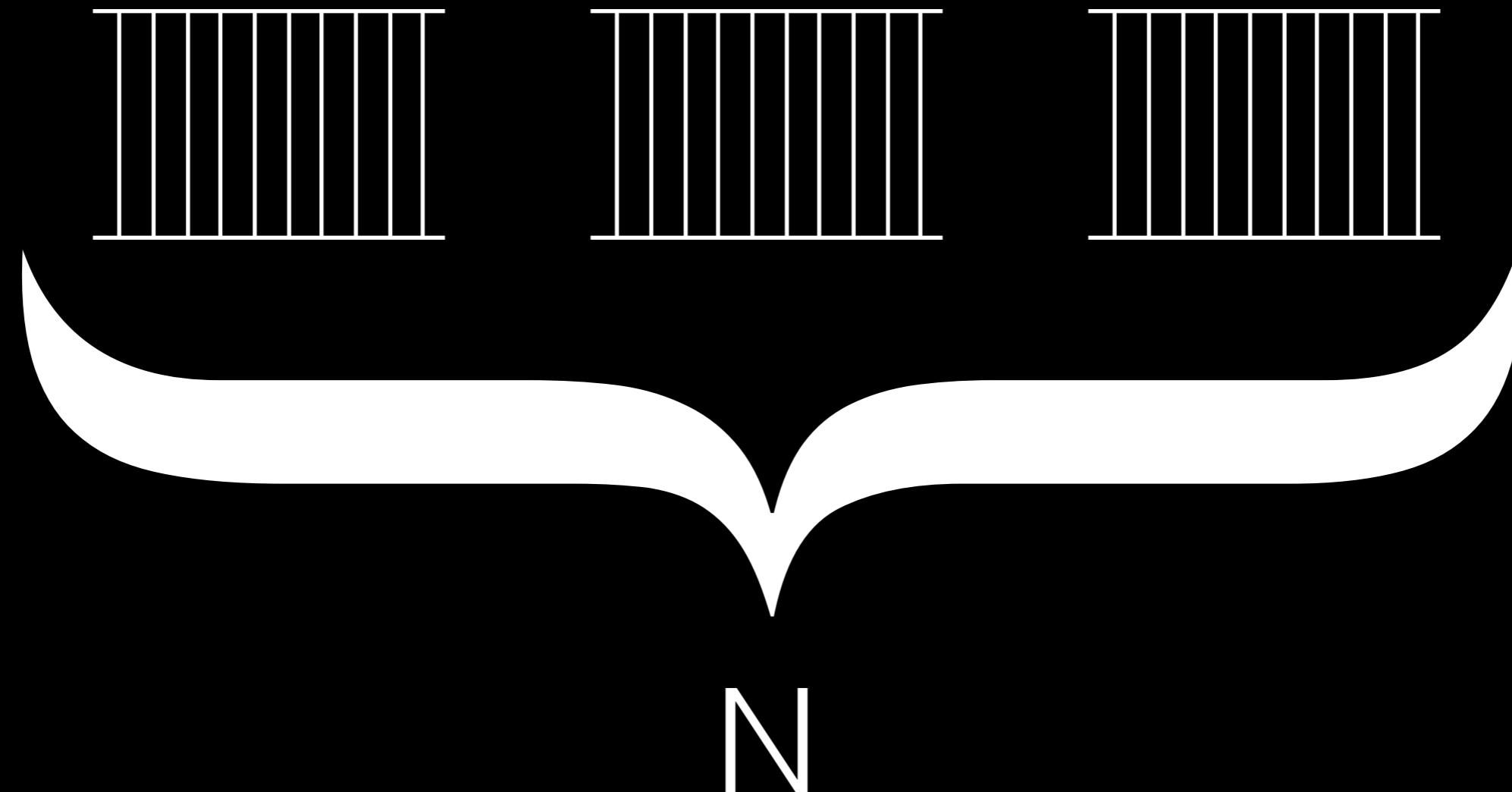


$\text{Fun} += F[i]$ ,  $\text{Dizzy} += D[i]$



$\text{Dizzy} -= K$

$\text{Dizzy} \leq L$   
at all times



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$1,000 * 300,000 = 300,000,000 \rightarrow$  WAY TOO HIGH!!

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**O(N\*F)**

$1,000 * 20 = 20,000 \rightarrow \text{Totally reasonable!}$

```

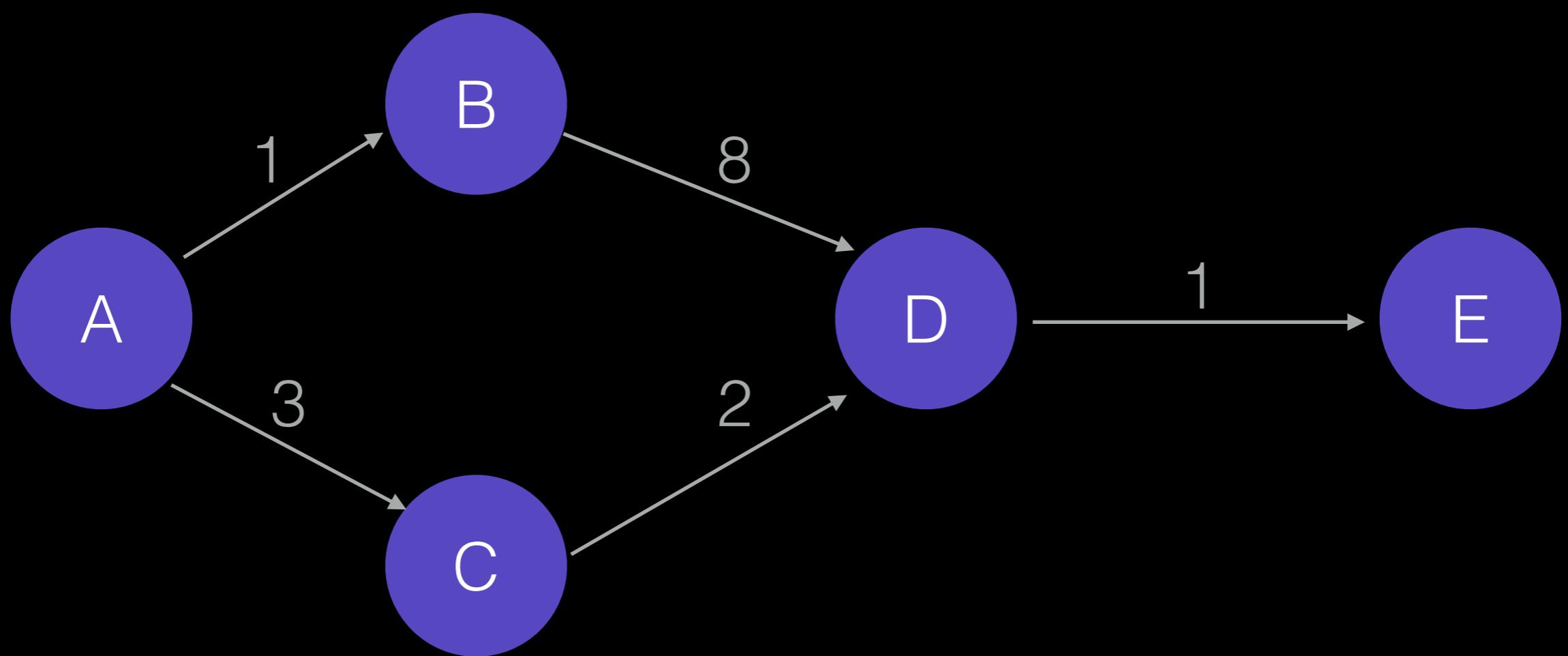
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            int maxF = 0;
            for(int i=0; i<N; i++) {
                fun[i] = in.nextInt();
                dizzy[i] = in.nextInt();
                maxF += fun[i];
            }
            // Now what?
            int[][] dp = new int[N][maxF+1];
            for(int i=0;i<N;i++) {
                for(int j=0;j<=maxF;j++) {
                    dp[i][j] = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
                }
            }
            dp[0][0] = 0; //Populate with the first values
            if(dizzy[0] <= L) {
                dp[0][fun[0]] = dizzy[0];
            }
            for(int n=1; n<N; n++) {
                for(int f=0; f<=maxF; f++) {
                    if(dp[n-1][f] != Integer.MAX_VALUE) {
                        dp[n][f] = Math.max(dp[n-1][f] - K, 0); // Dizziness can't go below 0
                    }
                    if(f - fun[n] >= 0 && dp[n-1][f-fun[n]] != Integer.MAX_VALUE && dp[n-1][f-fun[n]] + dizzy[n] <= L) {
                        dp[n][f] = Math.min(dp[n-1][f - fun[n]] + dizzy[n], dp[n][f]);
                    }
                }
            }
            for(int i=maxF; i>=0; i--) {
                if(dp[N-1][i] != Integer.MAX_VALUE) {
                    System.out.println(i);
                    break;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

2 tries, ~40 minutes (off-by-one error)

#7: Deepen  
understanding of  
language semantics



# Find the bug!

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class dijkstra {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Node a = new Node();
        Node b = new Node();
        Node c = new Node();
        Node d = new Node();
        Node e = new Node();
        a.edges.put(b, 1);
        a.edges.put(c, 3);
        b.edges.put(d, 8);
        c.edges.put(d, 2);
        d.edges.put(e, 1);
        ArrayList<Node> allNodes = new ArrayList<Node>(Arrays.asList(new Node[]{e, d, c, b, a}));
        dijkstra(a, allNodes);
        System.out.printf("Distance to Node e is: %d\n", e.distance);
    }

    public static void dijkstra(Node root, ArrayList<Node> allNodes) {
        PriorityQueue<Node> q = new PriorityQueue<Node>();
        root.distance = 0;
        //Add all nodes to the priority queue
        for(Node n : allNodes) {
            q.add(n);
        }

        while(q.size() > 0) {
            Node u = q.poll();
            for(Node n : u.edges.keySet()) {
                n.distance = Math.min(n.distance, u.distance + u.edges.get(n));
            }
        }
    }
}

class Node implements Comparable<Node> {
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Doesn't re-order  
the priority queue

#8: Learn clever  
optimizations

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## Output

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## Sample Input

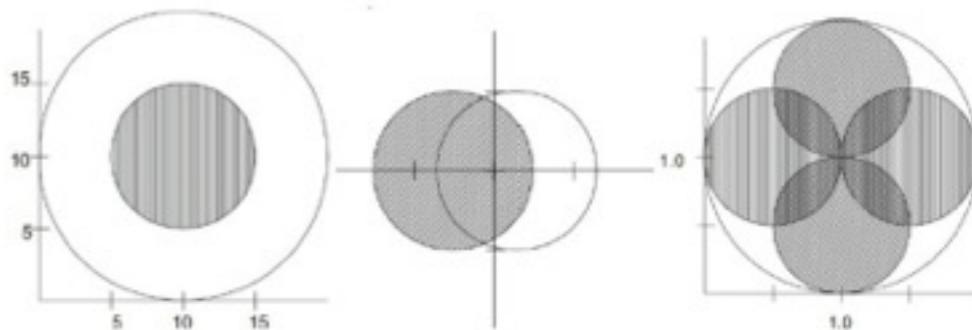
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1 0 1
0 1 1
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## Sample Output

```
0.25
0.50
0.82
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Note: The images corresponding to the sample input are:



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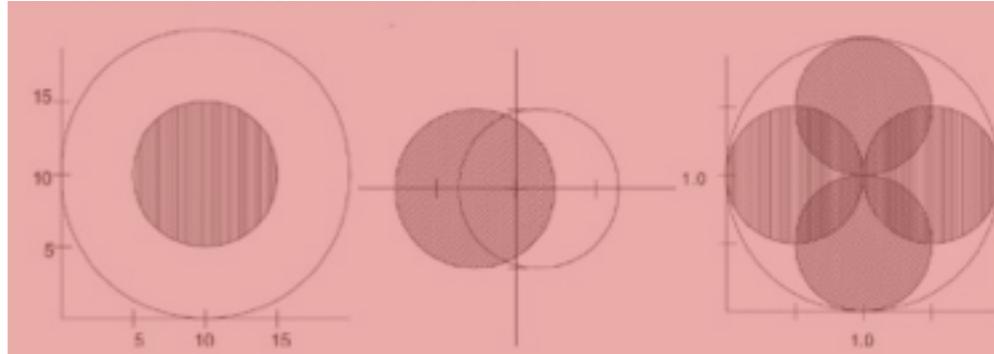
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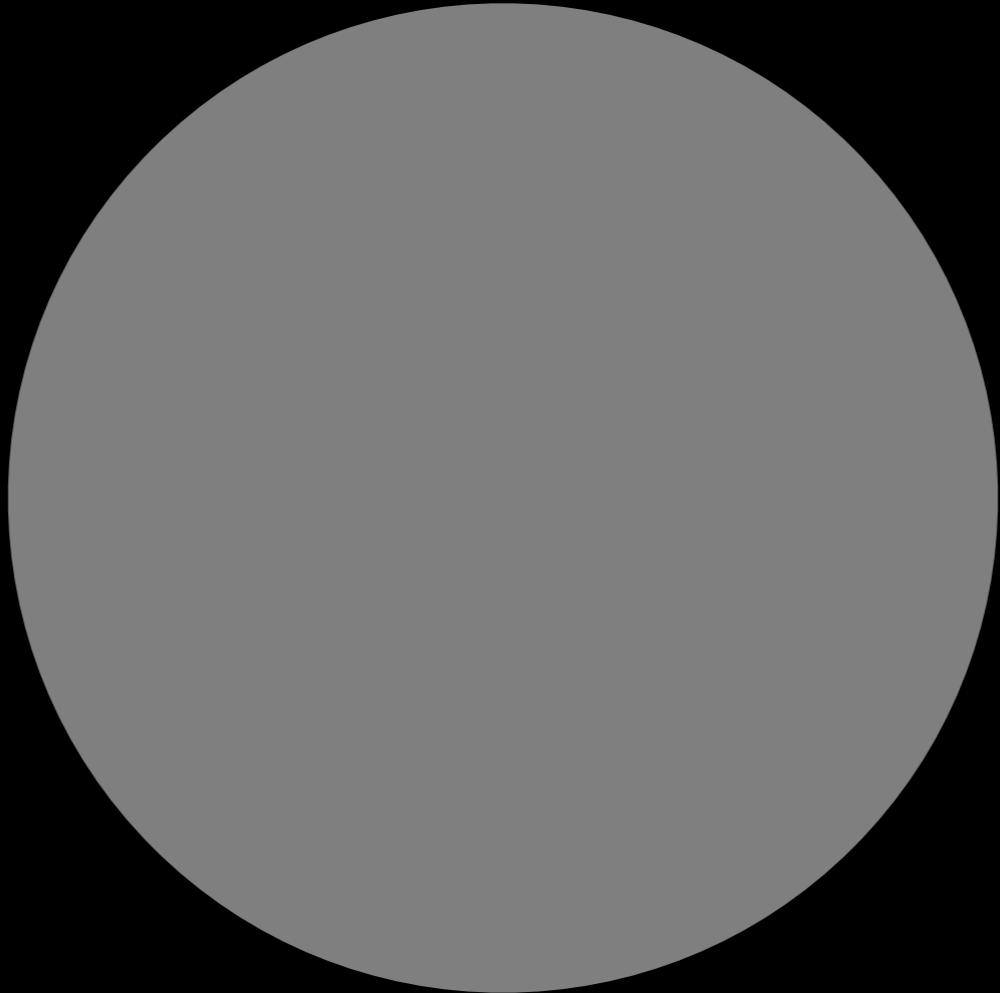
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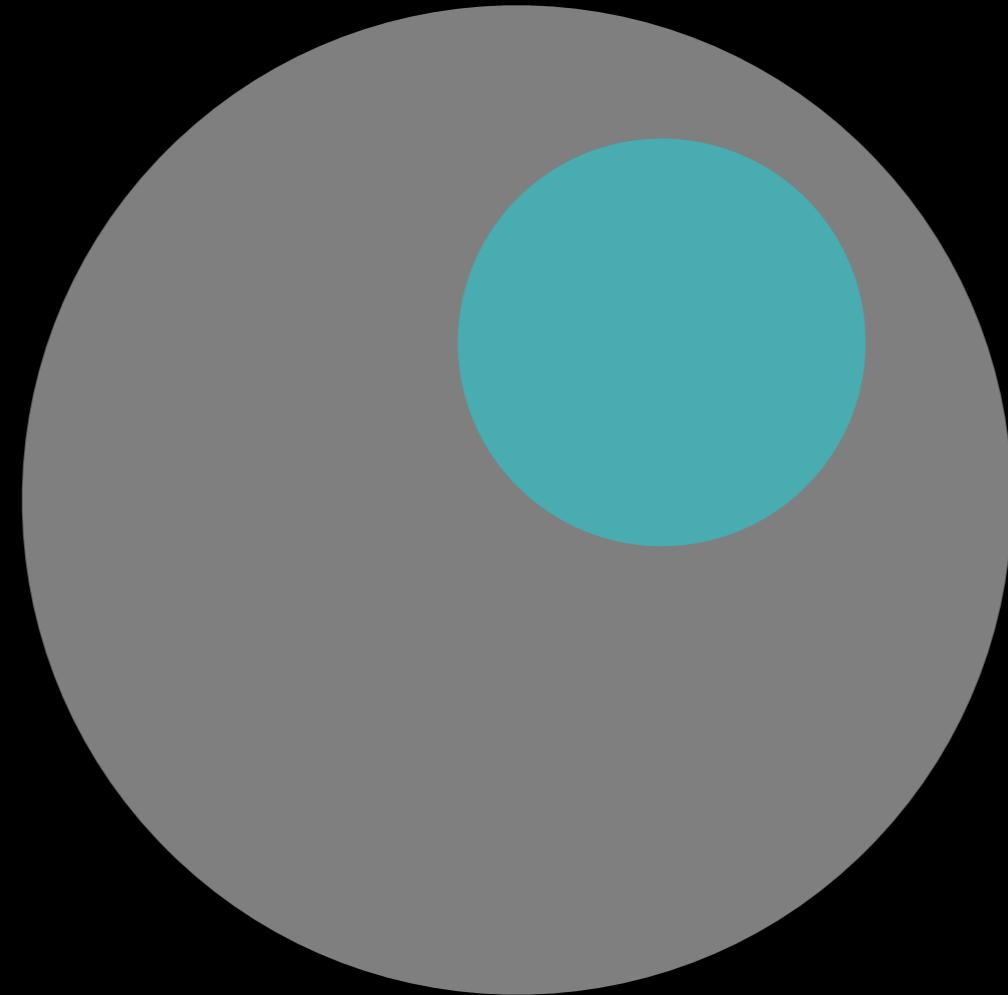
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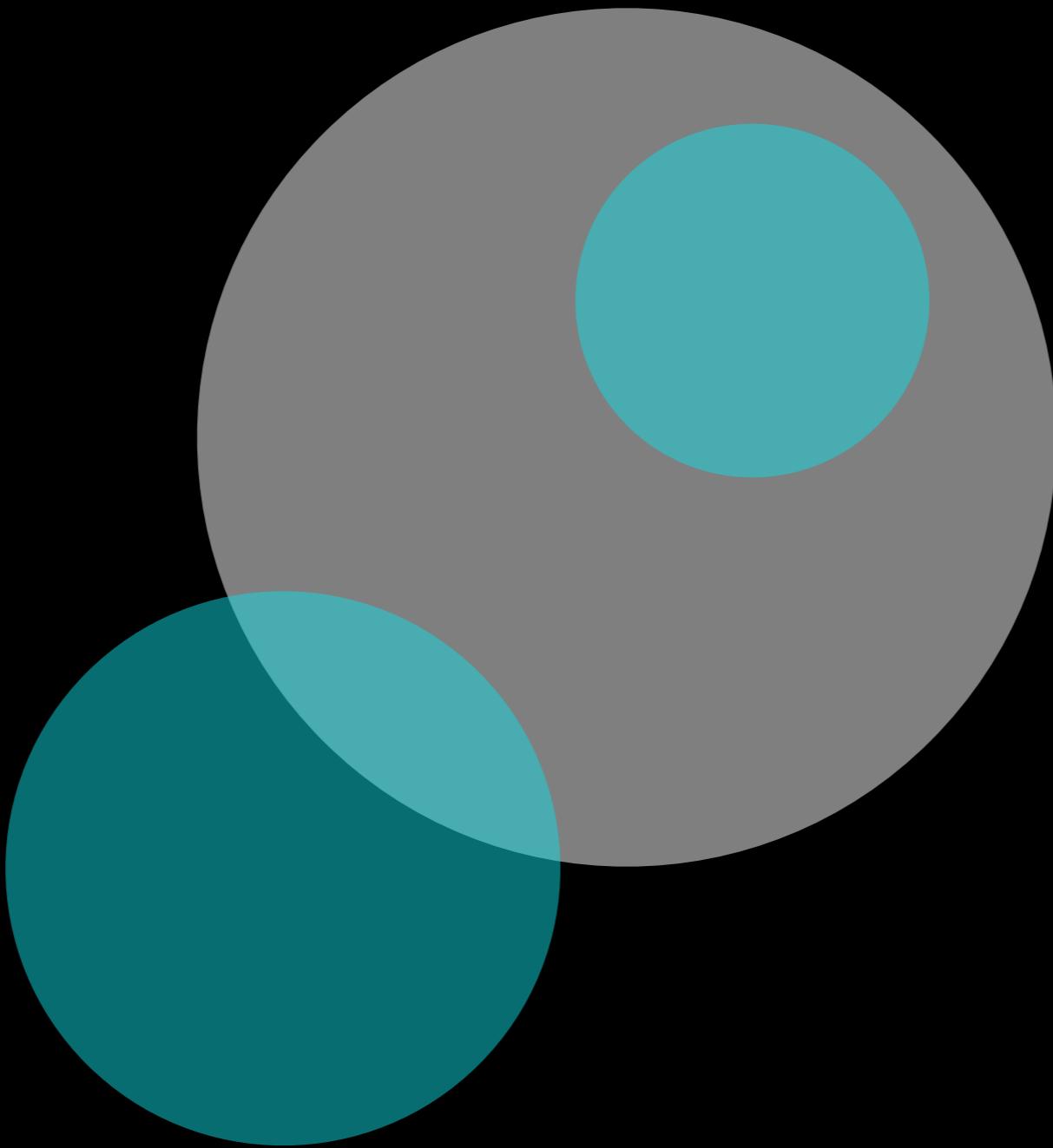
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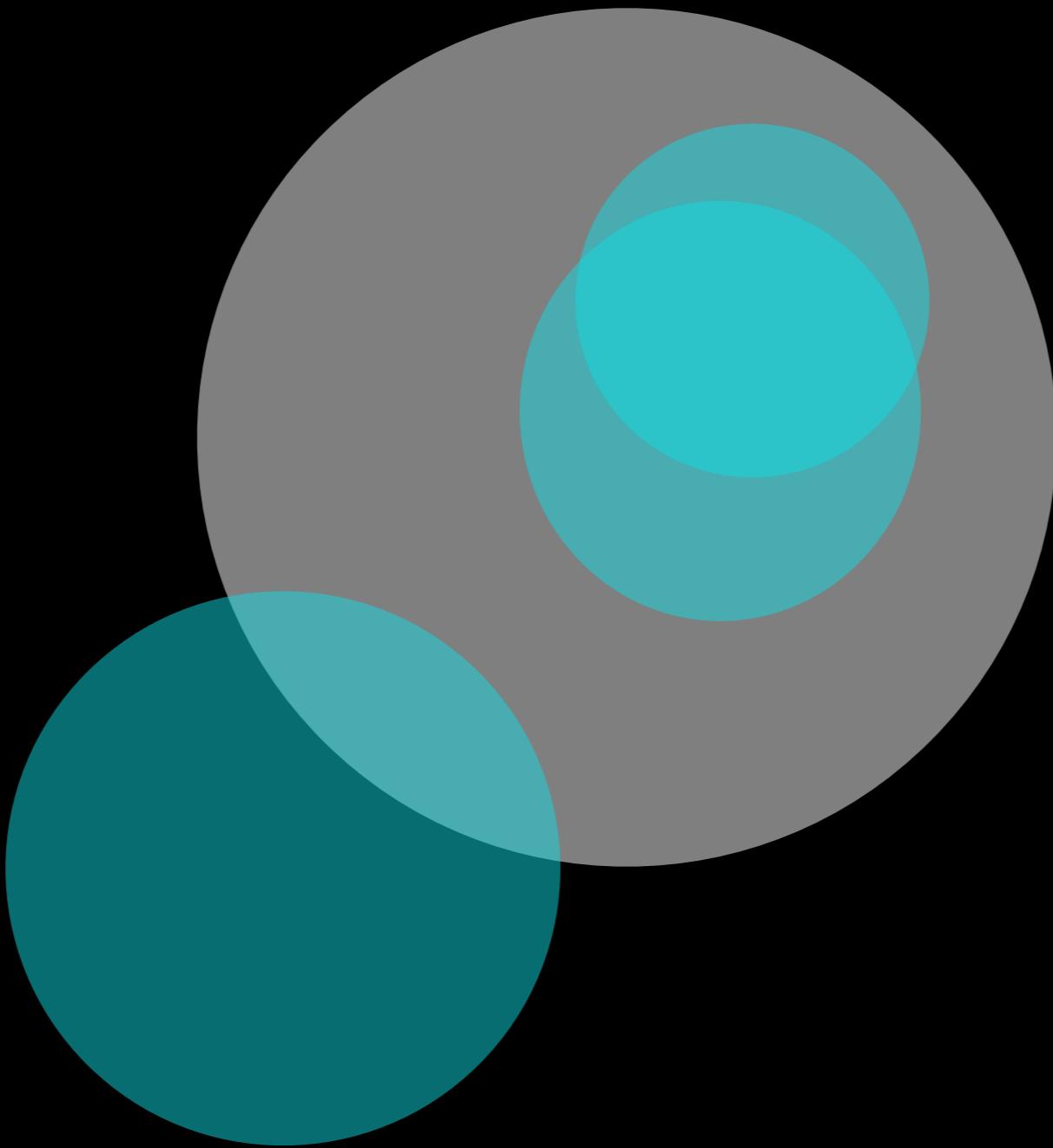
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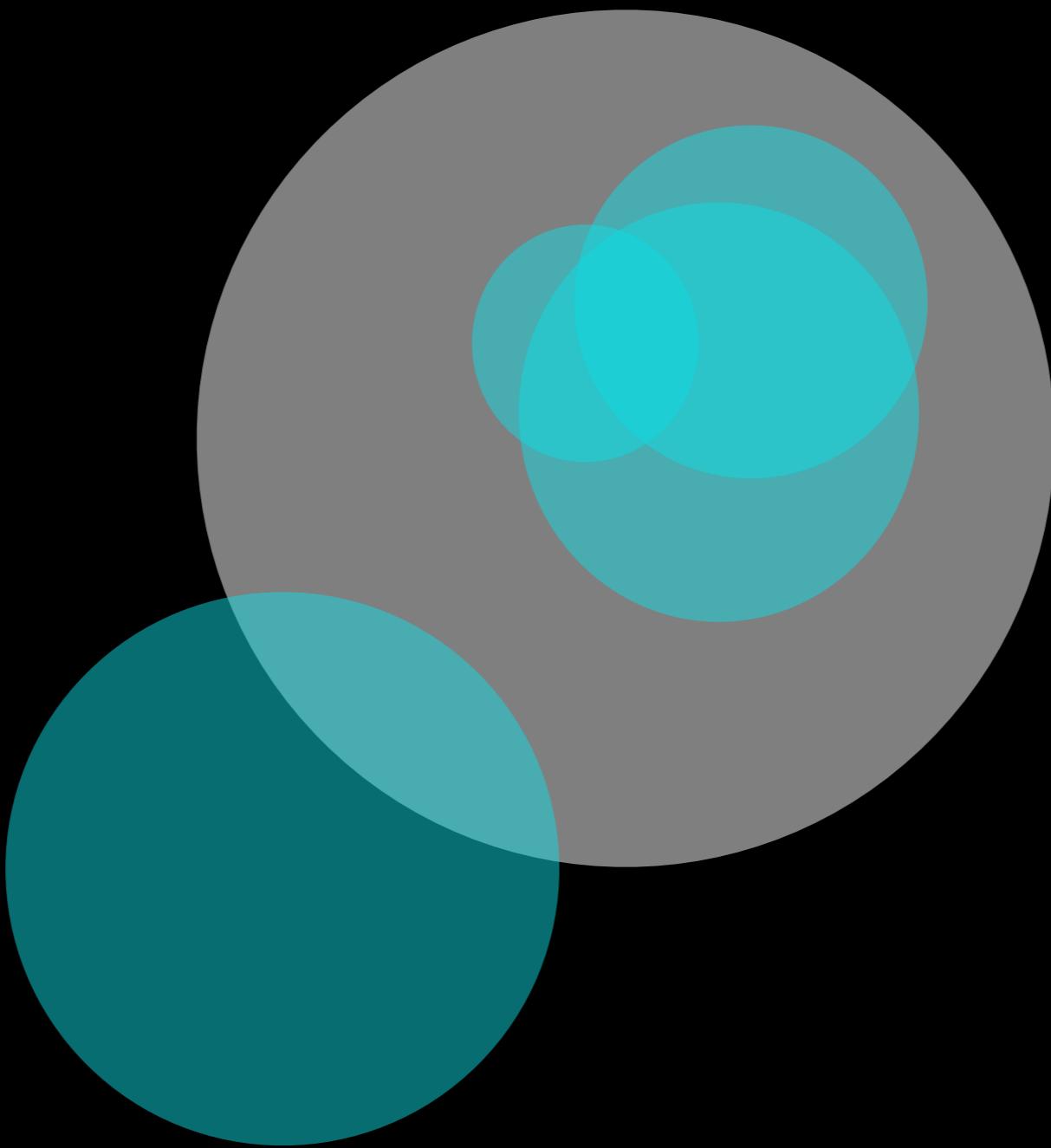












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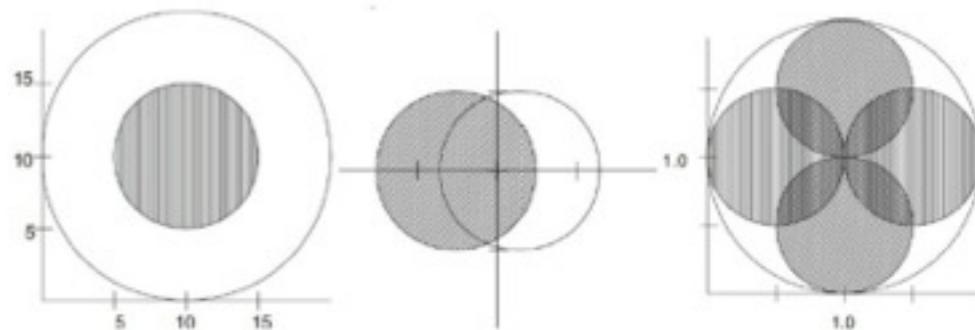
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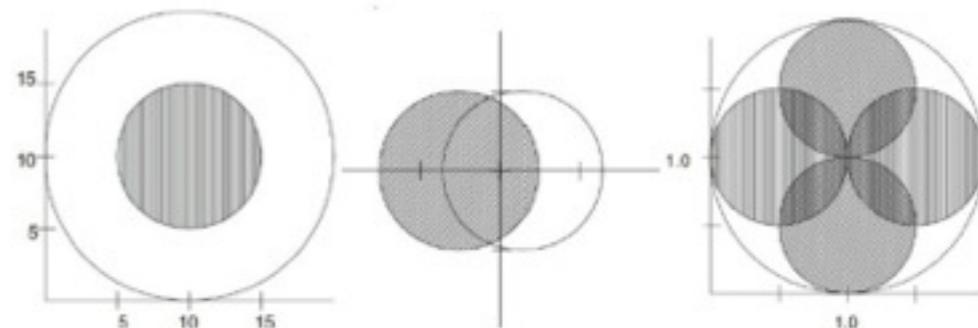
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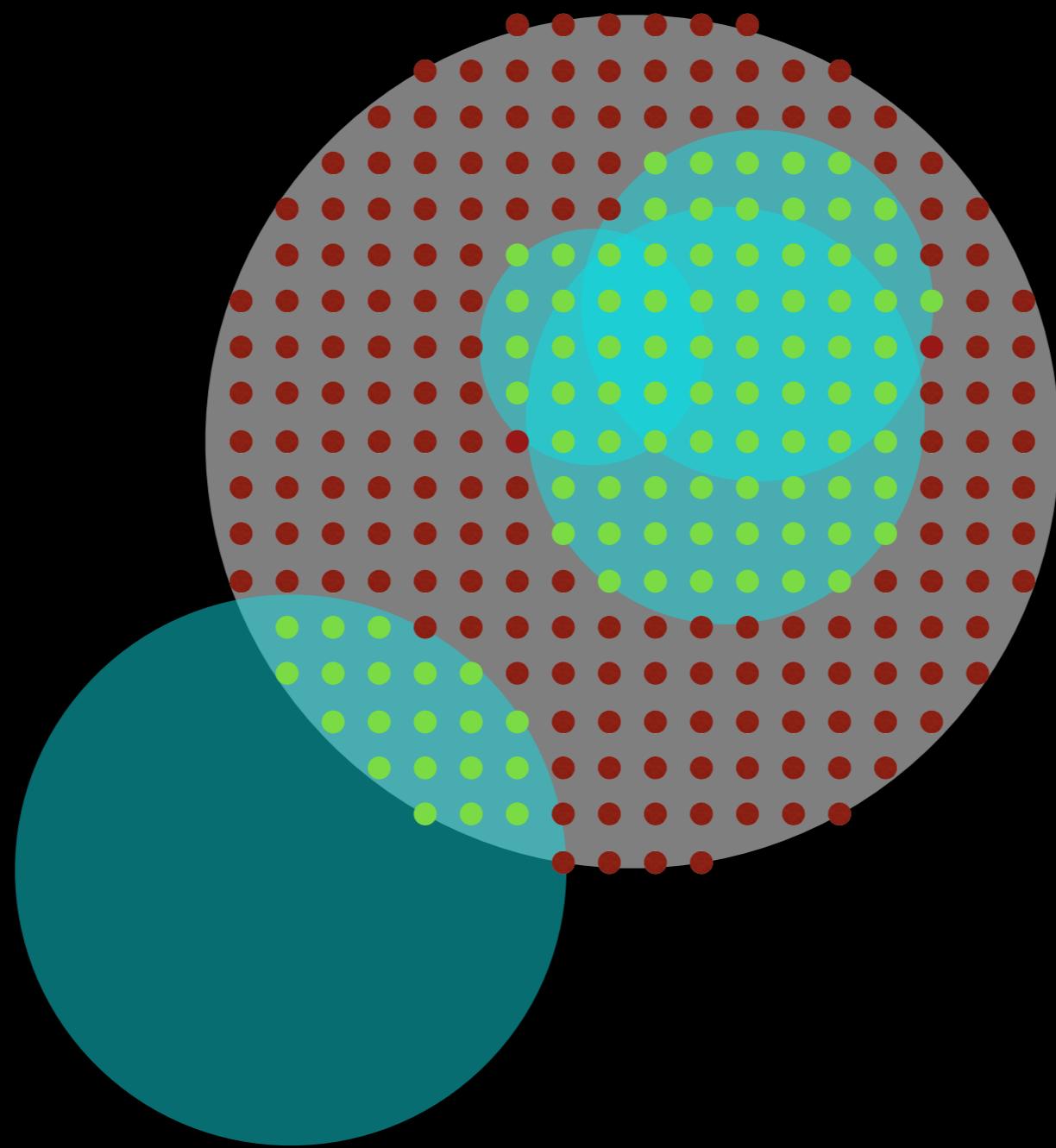
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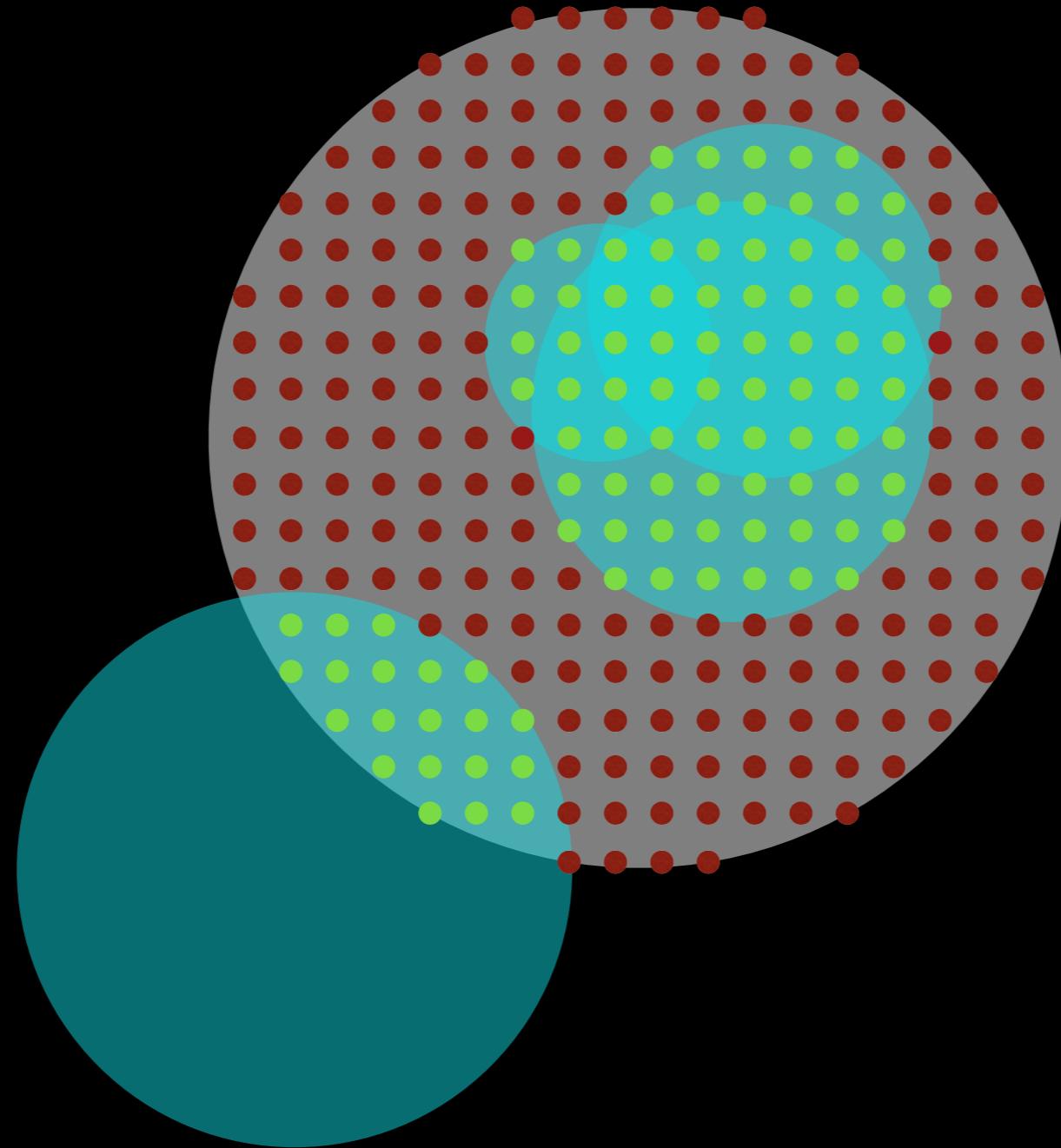
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$500 * 500 = 250,000$  random samples  
worst case check every circle,  $N \leq 25$   
 $250,000 * 25 = 6,250,000 \rightarrow$  Manageable!



```

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import java.io.*;

public class cells {
    public static final double SAMPLE = 1000;

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
        while(true) {
            int N = in.nextInt();
            if(N==0)
                break;
            double X = in.nextDouble(), Y = in.nextDouble(), R = in.nextDouble();
            double[] x = new double[N-1], y = new double[N-1], r = new double[N-1];
            for(int i=0;i<N-1;i++) {
                x[i] = in.nextDouble();
                y[i] = in.nextDouble();
                r[i] = in.nextDouble();
            }
            int inRange = 0;
            int covered = 0;
            for(double a = X-R; a<=X+R; a+= R/SAMPLE)
                for(double b = Y-R; b<=Y+R; b+= R/SAMPLE) {
                    if(distSQ(X, Y, a, b) <= R*R) {
                        inRange++;
                        for(int i=0;i<N-1;i++) {
                            if(distSQ(x[i],y[i], a, b) <= r[i]*r[i]) {
                                covered++;
                                break;
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            System.out.printf("%.02f\n", ((double)covered)/inRange);
        }
    }

    public static double distSQ(double x1, double y1, double x2, double y2) {
        double dx = x1-x2, dy=y1-y2;
        return dx*dx+dy*dy;
    }
}

```

1 try, <10 minutes

#9: Makes you  
appreciate algorithms,  
data structures

## Problem J

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#### **Input**

The input starts with an integer  $K$  ( $1 \leq K \leq 100$ ) indicating the number of cases. Each case starts with an integer  $N$  ( $1 \leq N \leq 600$ ) indicating the size of the square grid. Each of the following  $N$  lines contains  $N$  characters that represent the cells of a row in the grid. A character of '#' represents an oily cell, and a character of '.' represents a pure water cell.

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For each case, one line should be produced, formatted exactly as follows: "Case X: M" where X is the case number (starting from 1) and M is the maximum number of scoops of oil that may be extracted.

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Sample Input	Output for the Sample Input
1 6 ..... .##... .##... ....#. ....## .....	Case 1: 3

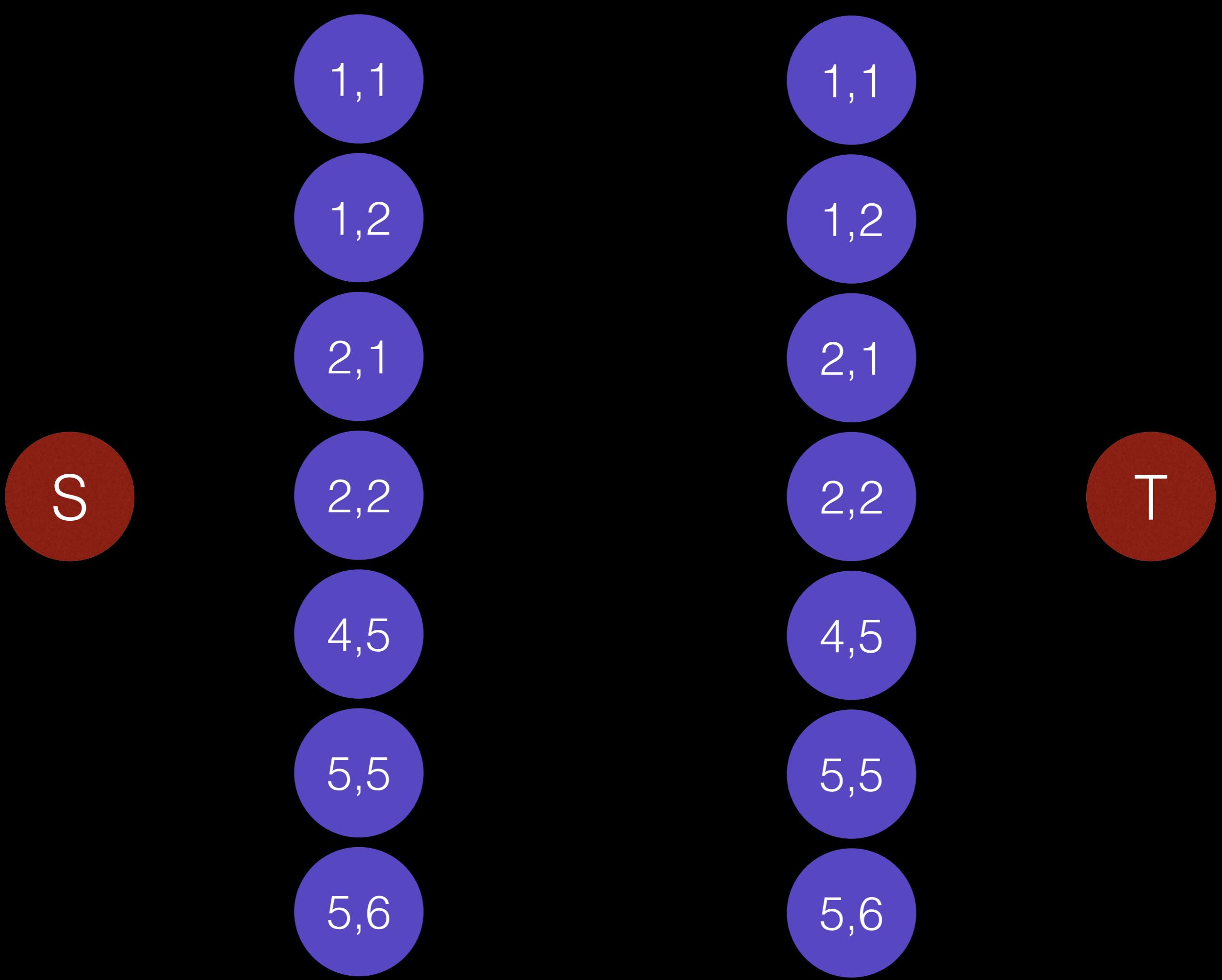
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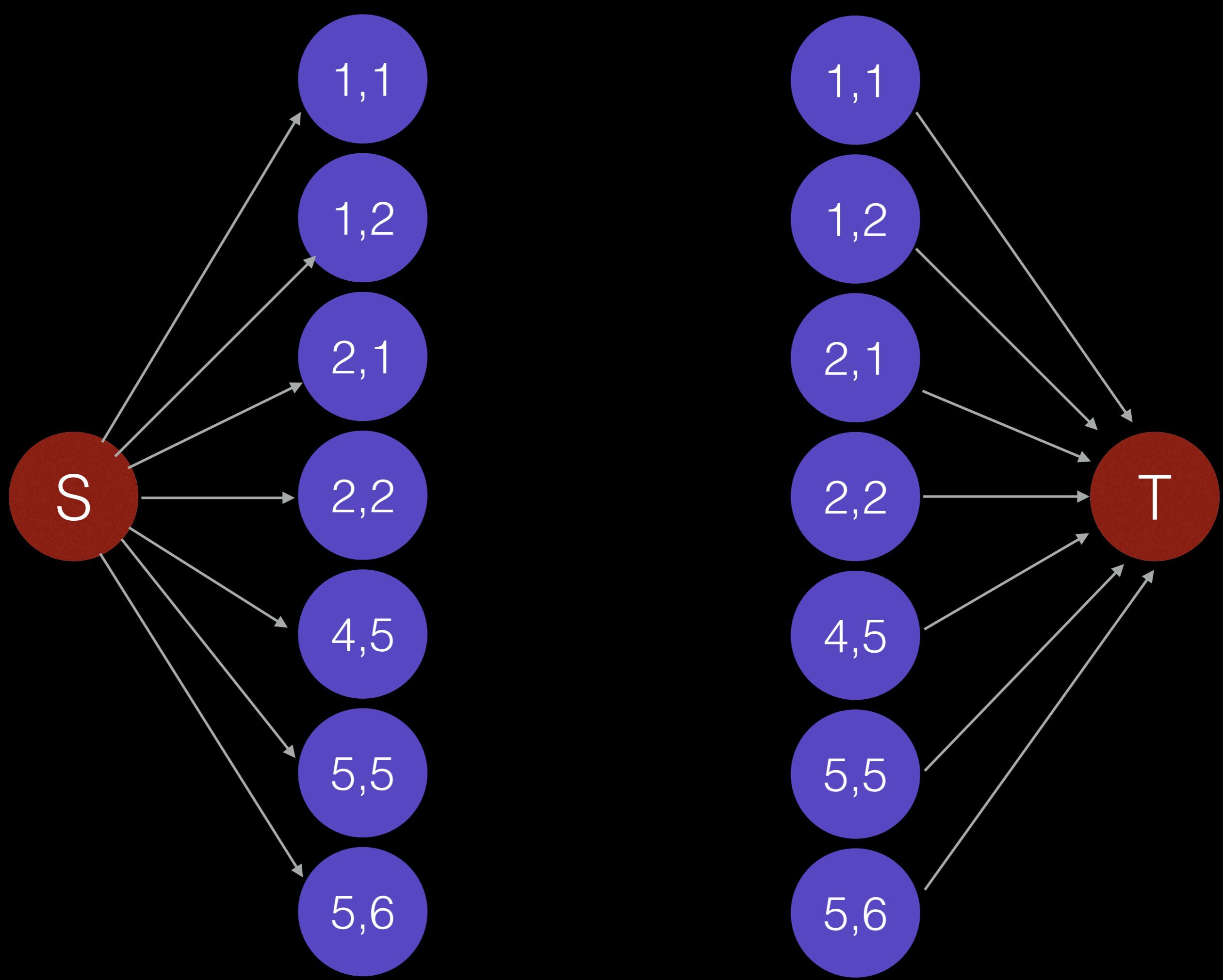
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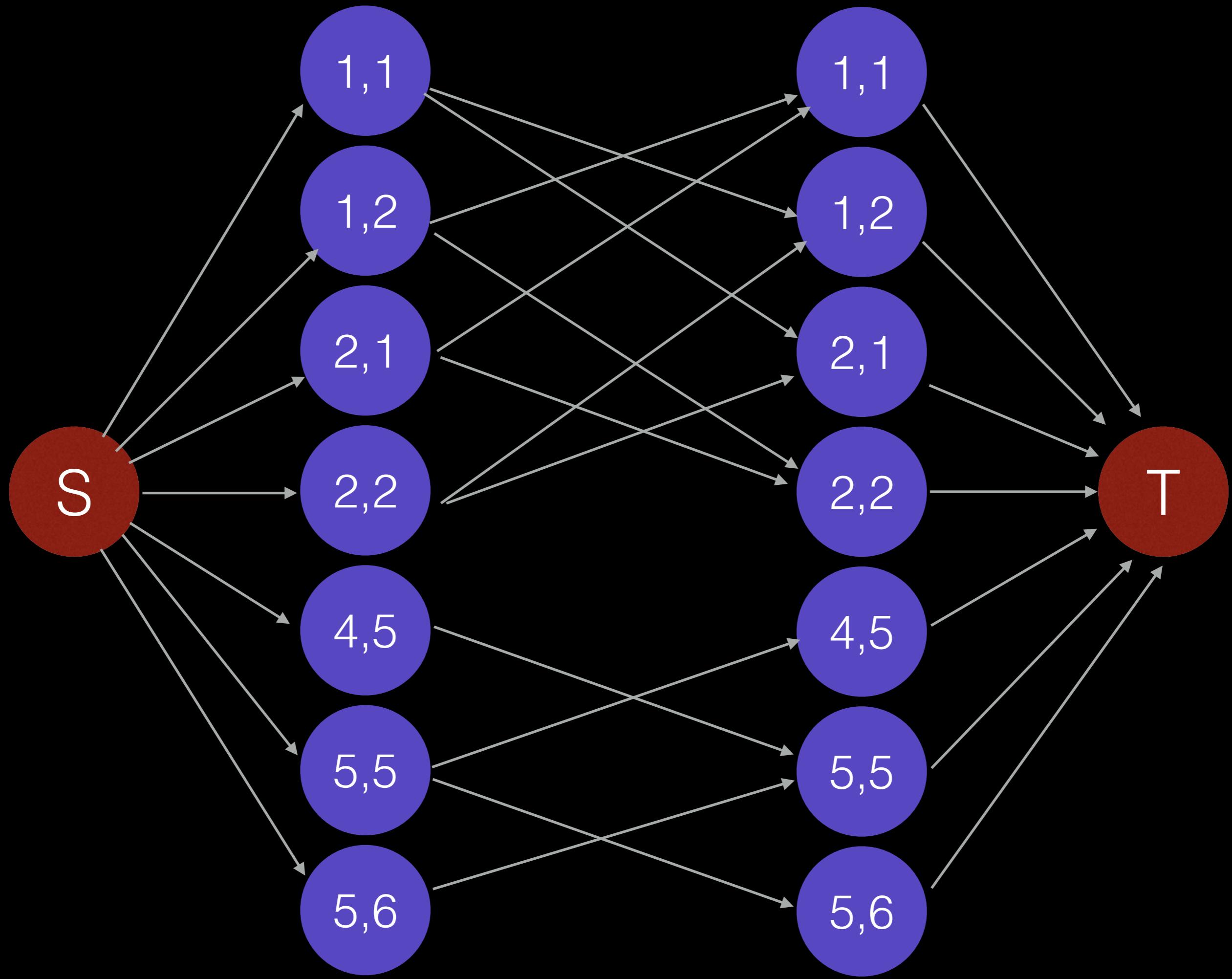
This is actually a max  
flow problem!

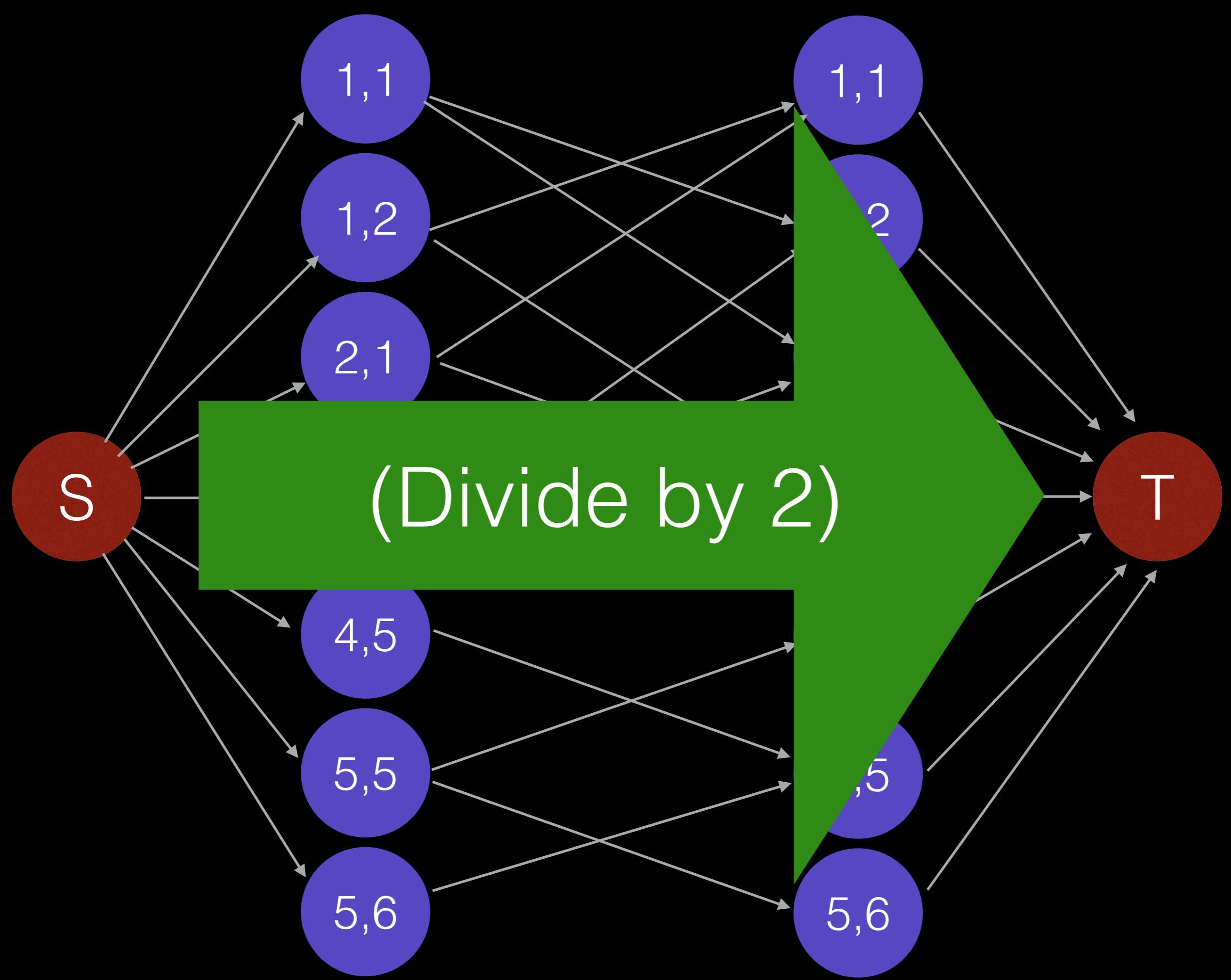
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import java.util.*;
import java.io.*;

public class oil {

    static HashMap<String, Node> nodes = new HashMap<String, Node>();

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);

        int numCases = in.nextInt();
        for (int c = 1; c <= numCases; c++) {
            nodes.clear();

            int N = in.nextInt();
            boolean[][] grid = new boolean[N][N];
            for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
                String s = in.next();
                for (int j = 0; j < N; j++)
                    grid[i][j] = s.charAt(j)=='#';
            }

            Node source = new Node();
            Node sink = new Node();
            source.isSourceOrSink = true;
            sink.isSourceOrSink = true;
            int numNodes = 2;

            Node[][] aNodes = new Node[N][N];
            Node[][] bNodes = new Node[N][N];
            for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
                for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) {
                    if (grid[i][j]) {
                        Node n = new Node();
                        new Edge(n, source, 1, false);
                        aNodes[i][j] = n;
                        n = new Node();
                        new Edge(sink, n, 1, false);
                        bNodes[i][j] = n;
                        numNodes += 2;
                    }
                }
            }
            source.height = numNodes;
            source.excess = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
            for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
                for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) {
                    if (grid[i][j]) {
                        if (i - 1 >= 0 && grid[i - 1][j])
                            new Edge(bNodes[i-1][j], aNodes[i][j], 1, false);
                        if (j - 1 >= 0 && grid[i][j - 1])
                            new Edge(bNodes[i][j-1], aNodes[i][j], 1, false);
                        if (i + 1 < N && grid[i + 1][j])
                            new Edge(bNodes[i+1][j], aNodes[i][j], 1, false);
                        if (j + 1 < N && grid[i][j + 1])
                            new Edge(bNodes[i][j+1], aNodes[i][j], 1, false);
                    }
                }
            }
            PreflowPush(source, sink);
            System.out.printf("Case %d: %d\n", c, sink.excess/2);
        }
    }

    public static void PreflowPush(Node source, Node sink) {
        // source.height should be the number of nodes, sink.height should be 1
        LinkedList<Node> q = new LinkedList<Node>();
        q.add(source);
        while (!q.isEmpty()) {
            Node node = q.remove();
            int minHeight = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
            for (int i = 0; i < node.neighbors.size(); i++) {
                if (node.neighbors.get(i).dest.height < minHeight
                    && node.neighbors.get(i).remaining() > 0)
                    minHeight = node.neighbors.get(i).dest.height;
            }
            if (minHeight != Integer.MAX_VALUE && minHeight >= node.height)
                node.height = minHeight + 1;
            for (int i = 0; i < node.neighbors.size(); i++) {
                if (node.neighbors.get(i).dest.height < node.height) {
                    int pushedFlow = node.neighbors.get(i).remaining();
                    if (pushedFlow > node.excess)
                        pushedFlow = node.excess;
                    if (pushedFlow > 0) {
                        node.neighbors.get(i).flow += pushedFlow;
                        node.neighbors.get(i).back.flow -= pushedFlow;
                        node.neighbors.get(i).dest.excess += pushedFlow;
                        node.excess -= pushedFlow;
                        if (!node.neighbors.get(i).dest.isSourceOrSink)
                            q.add(node.neighbors.get(i).dest);
                        if (node.excess <= 0)
                            break;
                    }
                }
            }
            if (node.excess > 0 && !node.isSourceOrSink)
                q.add(node);
        }
    }

    class Node {
        public ArrayList<Edge> neighbors = new ArrayList<Edge>();
        public int height = 1;
        public int excess = 0;
        public boolean isSourceOrSink = false;
    }

    class Edge {
        public Node dest;
        public Edge back;
        public int capacity;
        public int flow = 0;

        public Edge(Node dest, Node source, int capacity, boolean isBack) {
            this.dest = dest;
            this.capacity = capacity;
            source.neighbors.add(this);
            if (!isBack) {
                Edge backEdge = new Edge(source, this.dest, 0, true);
                this.back = backEdge;
                backEdge.back = this;
            }
        }

        public int remaining() {
            return capacity - flow;
        }
    }
}

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1 try, ~1 hour (copying/understanding max flow code)

#10: You get to hang out with friends, goof off, and write bad code you'll never look at again.

How can I help you?

[https://github.com/  
depstein/programming-  
competitions](https://github.com/depstein/programming-competitions)