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# AP Computer Science A Review

## Week 12: Algorithm V Traversal

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## SECTION 1

String,  
ArrayList<String>,  
char[] Conversion



# Questions

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- AP2016 – Q1(b)

# String, Array of Characters and ArrayList of Characters

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```
static String alphabet = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ";  
static char[] alpha = getChar(alphabet);  
static ArrayList<String> alphaList = new ArrayList<String>();
```

- Java does not have direct conversion between these data types.
- Use character level operators effectively.

# String to array of characters

```
public static char[] getChars(String x){  
    char[] a = new char[x.length()];  
    for (int i=0; i<x.length(); i++) a[i]= x.charAt(i);  
    return a;  
}
```

# Array of Characters to String

```
public static String reverseToString(char[] x){  
    String str = "";  
    for (int i=x.length-1; i>=0; i--){  
        str += ""+x[i];  
    }  
    return str;  
}
```

# String to ArrayList of Strings

```
public static ArrayList<String> getList(String x){  
    ArrayList<String> a = new ArrayList<String>();  
    for (int i=0; i<x.length(); i++){  
        a.add(x.substring(i, i+1));  
    }  
    return a;  
}
```

# ArrayList of Strings to String

```
public static String reverseToString(ArrayList<String> x){  
    String str = "";  
    for (int i=x.size()-1; i>=0; i--){  
        str += ""+x.get(i);  
    }  
    return str;  
}
```



# Testing

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    alphaList = getList(alphabet);
    System.out.print("\f");
    System.out.println(alphabet);
    System.out.println(Arrays.toString(alpha));
    System.out.println(reverseToString(alpha));
    System.out.println(alphaList);
    System.out.println(reverseToString(alphaList));
}
```

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

[A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z]

ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

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SECTION 1

# Difference of a Sequence

## Common Difference

The common difference is the constant amount of change between numbers in an arithmetic sequence.

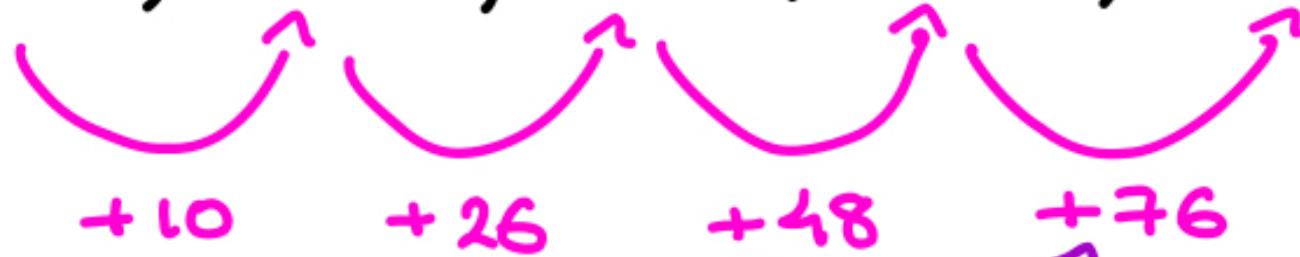


The diagram shows the sequence 2, 4, 6, 8, ... in green. Curved arrows point from 2 to 4, 4 to 6, and 6 to 8. Below each arrow is a red '+2', indicating the constant difference between terms.

$$2, 4, 6, 8, \dots$$
$$+2 \quad +2 \quad +2$$

common  
difference: 2

4 , 14 , 40 , 88 , 164 , ...



1<sup>st</sup> differences



2<sup>nd</sup> differences



3<sup>rd</sup> differences

## Arithmetic Sequence

A pattern of numbers that increase or decrease at a **constant amount**

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 . . .



common  
difference: 2

term position

$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$

$n^{\text{th}}$  term

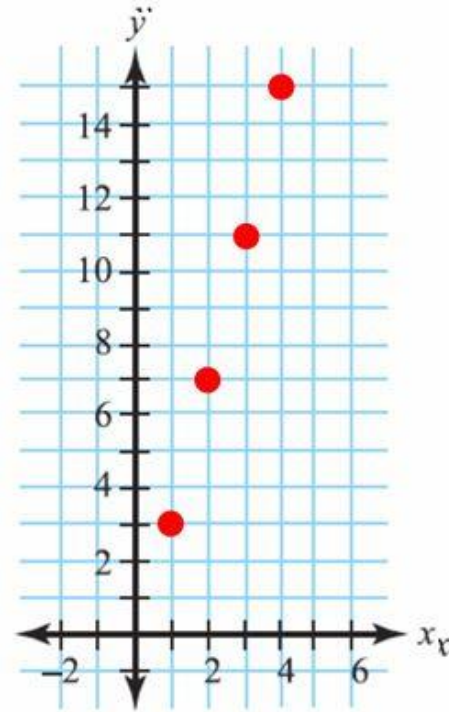
first term

common difference

The diagram shows the formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of an arithmetic sequence,  $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$ , enclosed in a yellow rounded rectangle with a red border. Three labels with arrows point to parts of the formula: 'term position' points to  $n$  in the subscript of  $a_n$ ; 'first term' points to  $a_1$ ; and 'common difference' points to  $d$ . The label ' $n^{\text{th}}$  term' is positioned to the left of the formula.

Complete the table, and graph the corresponding points.

|    | $n$ | $t_n = 3 + (n - 1)4$ | $t_n$ |
|----|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 1. | 1   | $t_1 = 3 + (1 - 1)4$ | 3     |
| 2. | 2   | $t_2 = 3 + (2 - 1)4$ | 7     |
| 3. | 3   | $t_3 = 3 + (3 - 1)4$ | 11    |
| 4. | 4   | $t_4 = 3 + (4 - 1)4$ | 15    |



5. Write a linear function for the relationship between  $t$  and  $n$ .

$$t = 3 + 4n$$

6. What does the number 4 represent in both the graph and the sequence?

The slope and the common difference

## SITUATION 5 (money in wallet paying for sodas)

## GRAPH

John has \$ 10 in his wallet. Each soda he buys costs \$ 2.00.

### SLOPE

(rate of change) **- 2**

### Y-intercept

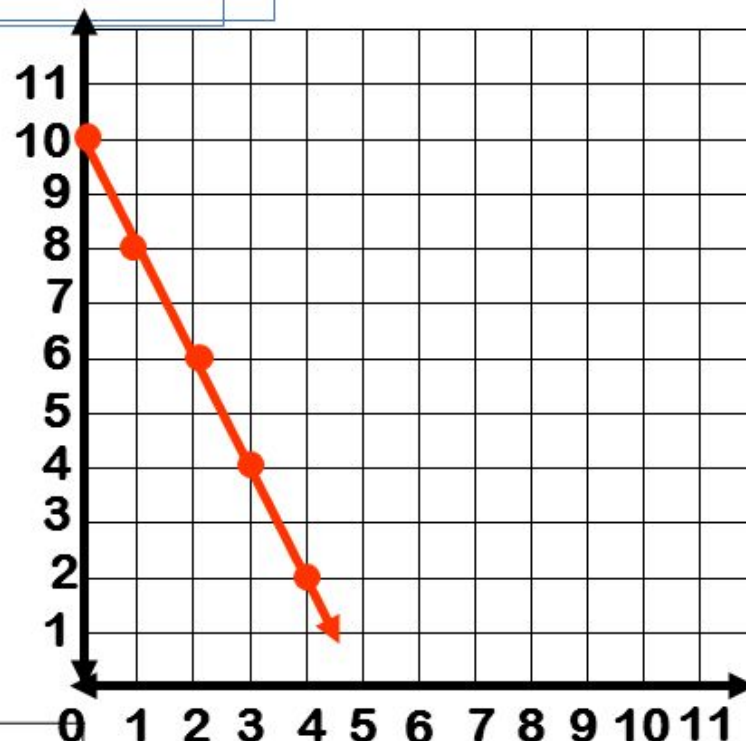
(initial value) **10**

### TABLE

| Number<br>X of sodas<br>bought | Amount<br>left<br>y |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 0                              | 10                  |
| 1                              | 8                   |
| 2                              | 6                   |
| 3                              | 4                   |
| 4                              | 2                   |

### EQUATION

$$y = -2x + 10$$



### SEQUENCE

| Initial Value | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>10</b>     | 8   | 6   | 4   | 2   |

### NEXT-NOW STATEMENT

**NEXT = NOW - 2 ;  
STARTING AT 10**

Practical Domain  **$0 \leq x \leq 5$**

Practical Range  **$0 \leq y \leq 10$**



$$T_n = an^2 + bn + c$$

$$n = 1$$

$$n = 2$$

$$n = 3$$

$$n = 4$$

$T_n$

$$a + b + c$$

$$4a + 2b + c$$

$$9a + 3b + c$$

$$16a + 4b + c$$

1<sup>st</sup> difference

$$3a + b$$

$$5a + b$$

$$7a + b$$

2<sup>nd</sup> difference

$$2a$$

$$2a$$

## Quadratic sequences

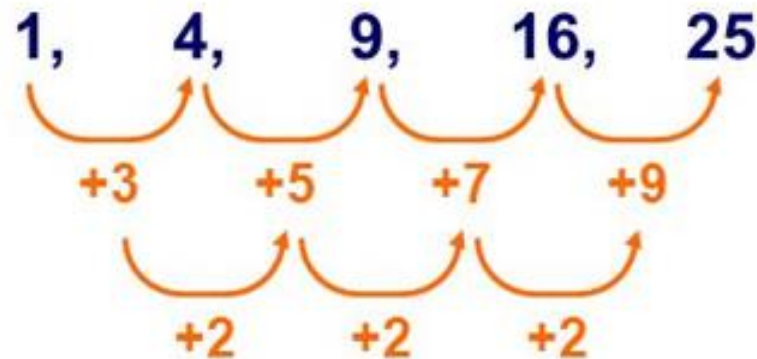
When the second row of differences produces a constant number the sequence is called a **quadratic sequence**.

This is because the rule for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence is a quadratic expression of the form

$$u_n = an^2 + bn + c$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constants and  $a \neq 0$ .

The simplest quadratic sequence is the sequence of **square numbers**.



The constant second difference is 2 and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term is  $n^2$ .



# Questions

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- AP2017 – Q1(b)

## A1(a) Strictly Increasing

```
public static boolean isStrictlyIncreasing(int[] x){  
    for (int i=0; i< x.length-1; i++){  
        if (x[i+1]<=x[i]) return false;  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```

## A1(b) maximum Slope

```
public static int maxSlope(int[] x){  
    int max = Integer.MIN_VALUE;  
    if (x.length<2) return 0;  
    for (int i=0; i< x.length-1; i++){  
        if (x[i+1]-x[i]> max) { max = x[i+1]-x[i]; }  
    }  
    return max;  
}
```

## A1(c) Minimum Slope

```
public static int minSlope(int[] x){  
    int min = Integer.MAX_VALUE;  
    if (x.length<2) return 0;  
    for (int i=0; i< x.length-1; i++){  
        if (x[i+1]-x[i]< min) { min = x[i+1]-x[i]; }  
    }  
    return min;  
}
```

## A1(d) Maximum Delta

```
public static int maxDelta(int[] x){  
    int max = Integer.MIN_VALUE;  
    if (x.length<2) return 0;  
    for (int i=0; i< x.length-1; i++){  
        if (Math.abs(x[i+1]-x[i])> max) {  
            max = (int) Math.abs(x[i+1]-x[i]);  
        }  
    }  
    return max;  
}
```

```
public static int[] a={  
    1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11  
};  
public static int[] b={  
    1, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9  
};  
public static int[] c={0};
```



A1 Part(a):

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] is strictly increasing = true

[1, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9] is strictly increasing = false

[0] is strictly increasing = true

A1 Part(b):

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] maxSlope = 1

[1, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9] maxSlope = 9

[0] maxSlope = 0

A1 Part(c):

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] minSlope = 1

[1, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9] minSlope = -7

[0] minSlope = 0

A1 Part(d):

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] maxDelta = 1

[1, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9] maxDelta = 9

[0] maxDelta = 0



## Key Points

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- Boundary condition: null pointer, empty array (length==0), single element array.

## SECTION 1

# Find() function



# Questions

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- AP2017– Q3(a, b, c)



# Find a pattern in a string

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- find: Find the first occurrence.
- findN: Find the Nth occurrence without overlapping patterns.
- findL: Find the last occurrence without overlapping patterns.
- findAN: Find the Nth occurrence with overlapping patterns.
- findAL: Find the Last occurrence with overlapping patterns.

# Find

This one is the same as indexOf

```
public static int find(String str, String pattern){  
    if (str.indexOf(pattern) >=0) return str.indexOf(pattern);  
    return -1;  
}
```

# findN

```
public static int findN(String str, String pattern, int n){  
    int i=-1;  
    int pos =0;  
    int count = 0;  
    while (str.indexOf(pattern, pos) >=0 && count != n) {  
        i = str.indexOf(pattern, pos);  
        pos = i+1;  
        count++;  
    }  
    if (count != n) return -1;  
    return i;  
}
```

# findL

```
public static int findL(String str, String pattern){  
    int i = -1;  
    int pos = 0;  
    while (str.indexOf(pattern, pos) >= 0) {  
        i = str.indexOf(pattern, pos);  
        pos = i+1;  
    }  
    return i;  
}
```



# findAN

```
public static int findAN(String str, String pattern, int n){  
    int i=-1;  
    int pos =0;  
    int count = 0;  
    while (str.indexOf(pattern, pos) >=0 && count != n) {  
        i = str.indexOf(pattern, pos);  
        pos = i+pattern.length();  
        count++;  
    }  
    if (count != n) return -1;  
    return i;  
}
```

# findAL

```
public static int findAL(String str, String pattern){  
    int i = -1;  
    int pos = 0;  
    while (str.indexOf(pattern, pos) >= 0) {  
        i = str.indexOf(pattern, pos);  
        pos = i + pattern.length();  
    }  
    return i;  
}
```

```
public static void main(){
    System.out.print("\f");
    System.out.println("A2 Part(a):");
    System.out.println("0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7");
    System.out.println("012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789");
    System.out.println(a);
    System.out.println(find(a.toLowerCase(), "ha"));
    System.out.println(findN(a.toLowerCase(), "ha", 6)); // Overlapping
    System.out.println(findL(a.toLowerCase(), "ha"));
    System.out.println(findAN(a.toLowerCase(), "ha", 6)); // Non-Overlapping
    System.out.println(findAL(a.toLowerCase(), "ha"));
    System.out.println("A2 Part(b):");
    String b = "bbb bbb bbbbbb";
    System.out.println(b);
    System.out.println(find(b.toLowerCase(), "bb"));
    System.out.println(findN(b.toLowerCase(), "bb", 3)); // Overlapping
    System.out.println(findL(b.toLowerCase(), "bb"));
    System.out.println(findAN(b.toLowerCase(), "bb", 3)); // Non-Overlapping
    System.out.println(findAL(b.toLowerCase(), "bb"));
}
```

A2 Part(a):

| 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Ha Ha Ha Ha! HaHaHa! I am a happy person, HaHaHa! I have a million dollar. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

0

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A2 Part(b):

bbb bbb bbbbbb

0

4

11

8

10

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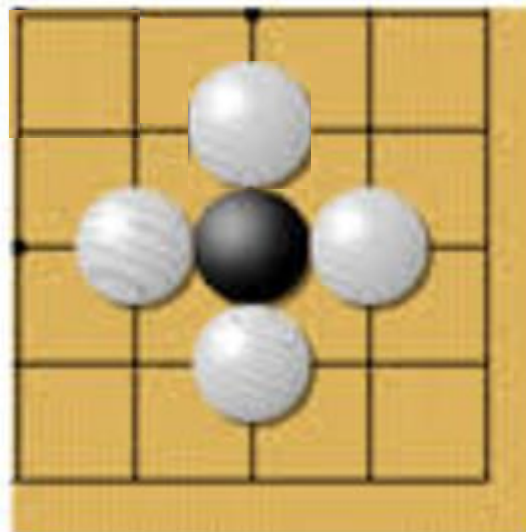
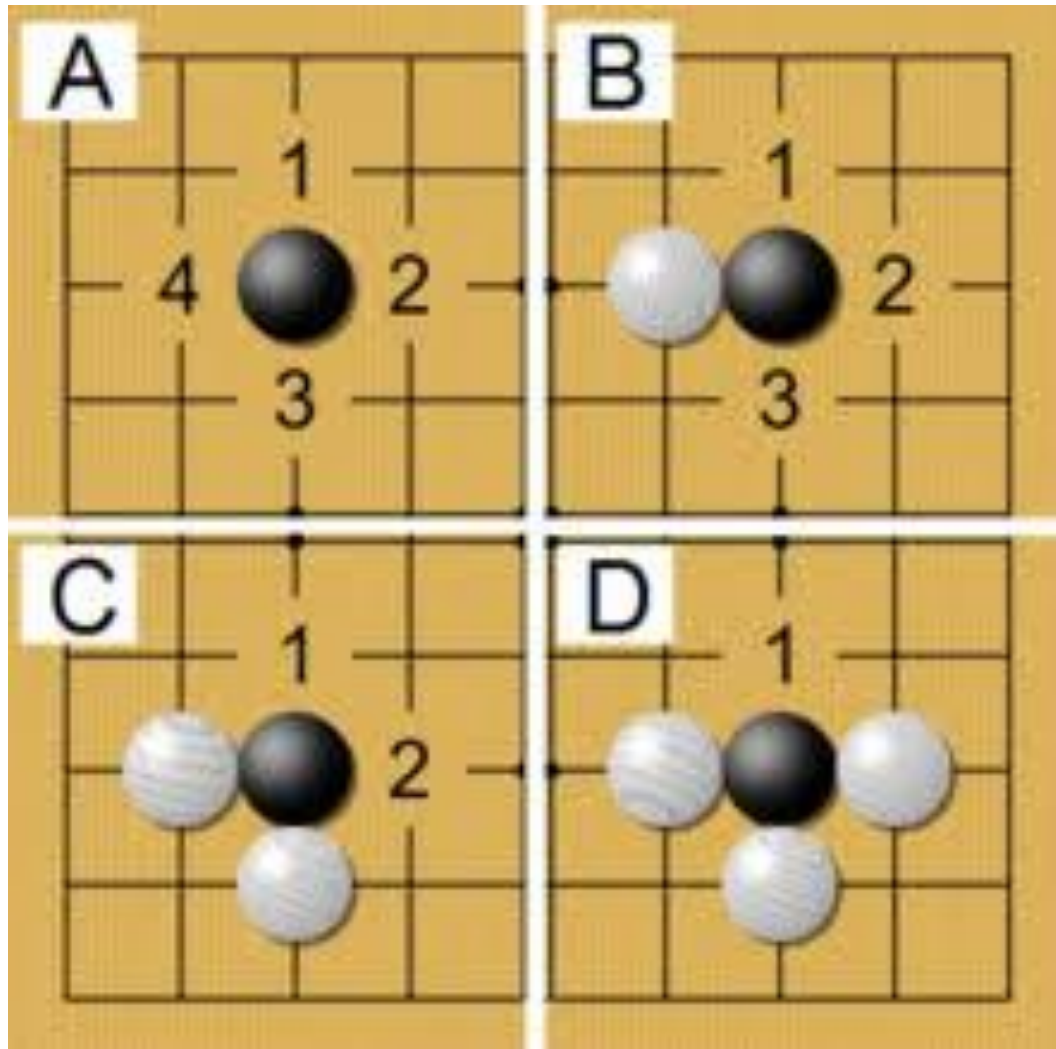
# 2-D Traversal Dead Go-Game Stone Detection



# Questions

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- AP2016– Q3(a, b, c)



### Stone Colors:

String B="B";

String W="W";

String S=" ";

### Single Dead Stone:

1. A stone is dead if it is surrounded by stones of other color.
2. Stones on a side is dead if surrounded by 3 sides.
3. Stones at a corner is dead if surrounded by 2 sides.

We don't detect the death of connected stones.

# Generate a Scanned Map for the Dead Stones

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- Game Board Size 9x9.
- `public static boolean isDead(String[][] gameboard, int r, int c);`
- Input Parameter: a 9x9 Go-Game game board.
- Return: if a stone is dead. (  $0 \leq r < 9$ ,  $0 \leq c < 9$  )



```

1 import java.util.Scanner;
2 public class Go{
3     public static String B = "B";
4     public static String W = "W";
5     public static String S = " ";
6     public static String[][] gameboard ={
7         {S, S, S, S, W, B, W, S, S},
8         {S, S, S, S, B, W, S, S, S},
9         {S, S, S, S, W, S, S, S, S},
10        {S, B, B, S, S, S, S, S, S},
11        {S, B, W, B, S, S, S, S, S},
12        {W, W, B, S, S, S, S, W, S},
13        {W, B, S, S, S, S, W, B, W},
14        {B, W, S, S, S, S, B, W, B},
15        {W, S, S, S, S, S, S, B, W}
16    };
17    public static void display(String[][] m){
18        System.out.println("  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8");
19        for (int i=0; i<m.length; i++){
20            System.out.print(i+" ");
21            for (int j=0; j<m[i].length; j++){
22                System.out.print(m[i][j]+" ");
23            }
24            System.out.println();
25        }
26    }

```

```

    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
0      W B W
1      B W
2      W
3    B B
4    B W B
5 W W B      W
6 W B      W B W
7 B W      B W B
8 W      B W

```

```

Enter row number (999 to exit):6
Enter column number:0
Stone[6,0]=false
Enter row number (999 to exit):999

```

## isDead() logic

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- The stone itself is not S.
- The stone's any neighbor is not S, and not the same as the stone.
- If a side is board boundary, that side is considered "Surrounded" status.

# isDead

```
public static boolean isDead(String[][] board, int r, int c){
    boolean top=false, left=false, bottom=false, right=false;
    String stoneColor = board[r][c];
    boolean isSpace = board[r][c].equals(S);
    if (r==0) top = true;
    else top = !isSpace && !board[r-1][c].equals(S) && !stoneColor.equals(board[r-1][c]);
    if (c==0) left = true;
    else left = !isSpace && !board[r][c-1].equals(S) && !stoneColor.equals(board[r][c-1]);
    if (r==board.length-1) bottom = true;
    else bottom = !isSpace && !board[r+1][c].equals(S) && !stoneColor.equals(board[r+1][c]);
    if (c==board.length-1) right = true;
    else right = !isSpace && !board[r][c+1].equals(S) && !stoneColor.equals(board[r][c+1]);
    return top && bottom && left && right;
}
```



# Demo Program:

Go.java

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## Go BlueJ!!!

```

1 public class TestGo
2 {
3     public static String B = Go.B;
4     public static String W = Go.W;
5     public static String S = Go.S;
6     public static String[][] gameboard = Go.gameboard;
7     public static void display(String[][] m){
8         System.out.println(" 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8");
9         for (int i=0; i<m.length; i++){
10             System.out.print(i+" ");
11             for (int j=0; j<m[i].length; j++){
12                 System.out.print(m[i][j]+" ");
13             }
14             System.out.println();
15         }
16     }
17     public static void display(int[][] m){
18         System.out.println(" 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8");
19         for (int i=0; i<m.length; i++){
20             System.out.print(i+" ");
21             for (int j=0; j<m[i].length; j++){
22                 System.out.print(m[i][j]+" ");
23             }
24             System.out.println();
25         }
26     }

```

```

17 public static void display(int[][] m){
18     System.out.println(" 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8");
19     for (int i=0; i<m.length; i++){
20         System.out.print(i+" ");
21         for (int j=0; j<m[i].length; j++){
22             System.out.print(m[i][j]+" ");
23         }
24         System.out.println();
25     }
26 }
27 public static int[][] getDeadMap(String[][] m){
28     int[][] n= new int[m.length][m.length];
29     for (int i=0; i<m.length; i++){
30         for (int j=0; j<m.length; j++){
31             if (Go.isDead(m, i, j)) n[i][j] = 1;
32             else n[i][j]=0;
33         }
34     }
35     return n;
36 }

```

```

public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.println("\fGame Board:");
    display(gameboard);
    System.out.println();
    System.out.println("Dead Map:");
    int[][] n = getDeadMap(gameboard);
    display(n);
}

```

Game Board:

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 |   |   |   |   | W | B | W |   |   |
| 1 |   |   |   |   | B | W |   |   |   |
| 2 |   |   |   |   | W |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   | B | B |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4 |   | B | W | B |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5 | W | W | B |   |   |   | W |   |   |
| 6 | W | B |   |   |   |   | W | B | W |
| 7 | B | W |   |   |   |   | B | W | B |
| 8 | W |   |   |   |   |   |   | B | W |

Dead Map:

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |



# Key Points

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- Use Boolean variable to simplify the Boolean expression.
- Setting boundary condition wisely. Be careful about index out of bound exceptions.