

2371. Minimize Maximum Value in a Grid Premium

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You are given an `m x n` integer matrix `grid` containing **distinct** positive integers.

You have to replace each integer in the matrix with a positive integer satisfying the following conditions:

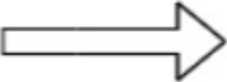
- The **relative** order of every two elements that are in the same row or column should stay the **same** after the replacements.
- The **maximum** number in the matrix after the replacements should be as **small** as possible.

The relative order stays the same if for all pairs of elements in the original matrix such that `grid[r1][c1] > grid[r2][c2]` where either `r1 == r2` or `c1 == c2`, then it must be true that `grid[r1][c1] > grid[r2][c2]` after the replacements.

For example, if `grid = [[2, 4, 5], [7, 3, 9]]` then a good replacement could be either `grid = [[1, 2, 3], [2, 1, 4]]` or `grid = [[1, 2, 3], [3, 1, 4]]`.

Return *the resulting matrix*. If there are multiple answers, return **any** of them.

Example 1:

3	1		2	1
2	5		1	2

**Input:** `grid = [[3,1],[2,5]]`  
**Output:** `[[2,1],[1,2]]`  
**Explanation:** The above diagram shows a valid replacement.  
The maximum number in the matrix is 2. It can be shown that no smaller value can be obtained.

Example 2:

**Input:** `grid = [[10]]`  
**Output:** `[[1]]`  
**Explanation:** We replace the only number in the matrix with 1.

Constraints:

- `m == grid.length`
- `n == grid[i].length`
- `1 <= m, n <= 1000`
- `1 <= m * n <= 105`
- `1 <= grid[i][j] <= 109`
- `grid` consists of distinct integers.

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Can you think of which element in the grid you should replace first?

Hint 2

Replace the elements in the matrix from the smallest number to the largest. Replace each element with the smallest possible number so far.

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