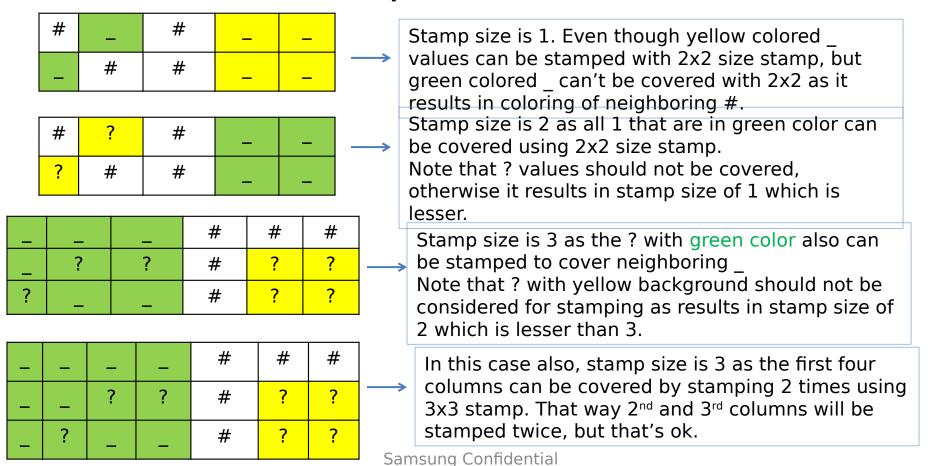
## **Find Out Stamp Size**



## **Problem statement**

Input is of MxN size matrix. Possible values in each cell are: \_ , # or ?. For such matrix, find maximum possible square shape stamp size that can color all the cells having value \_ . If ? can help in stamping of neighboring \_ values, it can also be stamped. Otherwise, there is no need to stamp ?. Cells having # values should not be stamped. It is ok to stamp a value that is already stamped. Input will have at least one \_ value.

## **Examples**



## Solution



- Simplify first:
  - Create numeric matrix based on given char matrix (consider '?', '\_' as 1 and '#' as 0)
- Determine size of square matrix ending at each location (Dynamic Programming):
  - Create a square matrix and update it based on the above created numeric matrix:
    - each cells of row "i" and column "j" will be updated as:
    - if(numericMatrix[i][j] == 1) then
      - Square[i][j] = min(Square[i-1][j],Square[i-1][j-1],Square[i][j-1]) +1;
    - otherwise
      - Square[i][j] = 0;
  - Reflect square size in all participating cells:
    - Create tempMatrix. Each cell in tempMatrix will be updated to a value which will be equal to the value of the max square for which this cell is one part
- Generalize to find out answer:
  - Iterate over this tempMatrix and find the minimum value of cell
  - This step should only take care of the cell whose character matrix cell has value '\_'