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--- Day 20: Trench Map ---
With the scanners fully deployed, you turn their attention to mapping the
floor of the ocean trench.
When you get back the image from the scanners, it seems to just be random
noise. Perhaps you can combine an image enhancement algorithm and the input
image (your puzzle input) to clean it up a little.
For example:
# . . # .
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|##..#
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The first section is the image enhancement algorithm. It is normally given
on a single line, but it has been wrapped to multiple lines in this example
for legibility. The second section is the input image, a two-dimensional
grid of light pixels (#) and dark pixels (.).
The image enhancement algorithm describes how to enhance an image by
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simultaneously converting all pixels in the input image into an output

image. Each pixel of the output image is determined by looking at a 3x3

square of pixels centered on the corresponding input image pixel. So, to

from the input image need to be considered: (4,9), (4,10), (4,11), (5,9),

combined into a single binary number that is used as an index in the image

middle pixel of the input image, the nine pixels marked by [...] would need

(5,10), (5,11), (6,9), (6,10), and (6,11). These nine input pixels are

For example, to determine the output pixel that corresponds to the very

Starting from the top-left and reading across each row, these pixels are

The image enhancement algorithm string is exactly 512 characters long,

characters of the string (numbered starting from zero) are as follows:

enough to match every possible 9-bit binary number. The first few

..., then #.., then .#.; combining these forms ...#...#.. By turning dark

pixels (.) into 0 and light pixels (#) into 1, the binary number 000100010

In the middle of this first group of characters, the character at index 34

can be found: #. So, the output pixel in the center of the output image

This process can then be repeated to calculate every pixel of the output

Through advances in imaging technology, the images being operated on here

calculated exactly based on the relevant pixels of the input image. The

the purposes of the example, to save on space, only a portion of the

dark pixels (.) extending forever in every direction not shown here:

infinite-sized input and output images will be shown.

the following output image can be obtained:

small input image you have is only a small region of the actual infinite

input image; the rest of the input image consists of dark pixels (.). For

The starting input image, therefore, looks something like this, with more

By applying the image enhancement algorithm to every pixel simultaneously,

Through further advances in imaging technology, the above output image can

also be used as an input image! This allows it to be enhanced a second

Truly incredible - now the small details are really starting to come

Start with the original input image and apply the image enhancement

images. How many pixels are lit in the resulting image?

times, 3351 pixels are lit in the final output image.

algorithm twice, being careful to account for the infinite size of the

The first half of this puzzle is complete! It provides one gold star: \*

You still can't quite make out the details in the image. Maybe you just

If you enhance the starting input image in the above example a total of 50

Start again with the original input image and apply the image enhancement

algorithm 50 times. How many pixels are lit in the resulting image?

Although it hasn't changed, you can still get your puzzle input.

through. After enhancing the original input image twice, 35 pixels are lit.

are infinite in size. Every pixel of the infinite output image needs to be

enhancement algorithm string.

can be formed, which is 34 in decimal.

to be considered:

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should be #, a light pixel.

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|#[. . .].|

#[# . .]#

|.[. # .].|

. . # # #

image.

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--- Part Two ---

Answer:

Your puzzle answer was 5306.

didn't enhance it enough.

You can also [Share] this puzzle.

time:

determine the value of the pixel at (5,10) in the output image, nine pixels

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