

Number of paths with exactly k coins

Given a matrix where every cell has some number of coins. Count number of ways to reach bottom right from top left with exactly k coins. We can move to (i+1, j) and (i, j+1) from a cell (i, j).

Example:

```
Input:  k = 12
        mat[][] = { {1, 2, 3},
                     {4, 6, 5},
                     {3, 2, 1}
                   };
Output: 2
There are two paths with 12 coins
1 -> 2 -> 6 -> 2 -> 1
1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 5 -> 1
```

We strongly recommend that you click here and practice it, before moving on to the solution.

The above problem can be recursively defined as below:

```
pathCount(m, n, k):  Number of paths to reach mat[m][n] from mat[0][0]
                     with exactly k coins

If (m == 0 and n == 0)
    return 1 if mat[0][0] == k else return 0
Else:
    pathCount(m, n, k) = pathCount(m-1, n, k - mat[m][n]) +
                        pathCount(m, n-1, k - mat[m][n])
```

Below is C++ implementation of above recursive algorithm.

```

// A Naive Recursive C++ program to count paths with exactly
// 'k' coins
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
#define R 3
#define C 3
using namespace std;

// Recursive function to count paths with sum k from
// (0, 0) to (m, n)
int pathCountRec(int mat[][C], int m, int n, int k)
{
    // Base cases
    if (m < 0 || n < 0) return 0;
    if (m==0 && n==0) return (k == mat[m][n]);

    // (m, n) can be reached either through (m-1, n) or
    // through (m, n-1)
    return pathCountRec(mat, m-1, n, k-mat[m][n]) +
           pathCountRec(mat, m, n-1, k-mat[m][n]);
}

// A wrapper over pathCountRec()
int pathCount(int mat[][C], int k)
{
    return pathCountRec(mat, R-1, C-1, k);
}

// Driver program
int main()
{
    int k = 12;
    int mat[R][C] = { {1, 2, 3},
                      {4, 6, 5},
                      {3, 2, 1}
                    };

    cout << pathCount(mat, k);
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

2

The time complexity of above solution recursive is exponential. We can solve this problem in **Pseudo Polynomial Time** (time complexity is dependent on numeric value of input) using Dynamic Programming. The idea is to use a 3 dimensional table $dp[m][n][k]$ where m is row number, n is column number and k is number of coins. Below is Dynamic Programming based C++ implementation.

```

// A Dynamic Programming based C++ program to count paths with
// exactly 'k' coins
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
#define R 3
#define C 3
#define MAX_K 1000
using namespace std;

int dp[R][C][MAX_K];

int pathCountDPRecDP(int mat[][C], int m, int n, int k)
{
    // Base cases
    if (m < 0 || n < 0) return 0;
    if (m==0 && n==0) return (k == mat[m][n]);

    // If this subproblem is already solved
    if (dp[m][n][k] != -1) return dp[m][n][k];

    // (m, n) can be reached either through (m-1, n) or
    // through (m, n-1)
    dp[m][n][k] = pathCountDPRecDP(mat, m-1, n, k-mat[m][n]) +
                  pathCountDPRecDP(mat, m, n-1, k-mat[m][n]);

    return dp[m][n][k];
}

// This function mainly initializes dp[][][] and calls
// pathCountDPRecDP()
int pathCountDP(int mat[][C], int k)
{
    memset(dp, -1, sizeof dp);
    return pathCountDPRecDP(mat, R-1, C-1, k);
}

// Driver Program to test above functions
int main()
{
    int k = 12;
    int mat[R][C] = { {1, 2, 3},
                      {4, 6, 5},
                      {3, 2, 1}
                    };
    cout << pathCountDP(mat, k);
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

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Time complexity of this solution is $O(m*n*k)$.