

# Count Distinct Non-Negative Integer Pairs (x, y) that Satisfy the Inequality $x^2 + y^2 < n$

Given a positive number  $n$ , count all distinct Non-Negative Integer pairs (x, y) that satisfy the inequality  $x^2 + y^2 < n$ .

Examples:

Input:  $n = 5$

Output: 6

The pairs are (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (0, 2)

Input:  $n = 6$

Output: 8

The pairs are (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (0, 2),  
(1, 2), (2, 1)

A **Simple Solution** is to run two loops. The outer loop goes for all possible values of  $x$  (from 0 to  $\sqrt{n}$ ). The inner loops picks all possible values of  $y$  for current value of  $x$  (picked by outer loop). Following is C++ implementation of simple solution.

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

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// This function counts number of pairs (x, y) that satisfy
// the inequality  $x^2 + y^2 < n$ .
int countSolutions(int n)
{
    int res = 0;
    for (int x = 0;  $x^2 < n$ ; x++)
        for (int y = 0;  $x^2 + y^2 < n$ ; y++)
            res++;
    return res;
}
```

```
// Driver program to test above function
int main()
```

```

{
    cout << "Total Number of distinct Non-Negative pairs
           << countSolutions(6) << endl;
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

Total Number of distinct Non-Negative pairs is 8

An upper bound for time complexity of the above solution is  $O(n)$ . The outer loop runs  $\sqrt{n}$  times. The inner loop runs at most  $\sqrt{n}$  times.

Using an **Efficient Solution**, we can find the count in  $O(\sqrt{n})$  time. The idea is to first find the count of all y values corresponding the 0 value of x. Let count of distinct y values be yCount. We can find yCount by running a loop and comparing yCount\*yCount with n.

After we have initial yCount, we can one by one increase value of x and find the next value of yCount by reducing yCount.

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// An efficient C program to find different (x, y) pairs
// satisfy  $x^2 + y^2 < n$ .
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

```

```

// This function counts number of pairs (x, y) that satisfy
// the inequality  $x^2 + y^2 < n$ .
int countSolutions(int n)
{
    int x = 0, yCount, res = 0;

    // Find the count of different y values for x = 0.
    for (yCount = 0; yCount*yCount < n; yCount++);

    // One by one increase value of x, and find yCount for
    // current x. If yCount becomes 0, then we have reached
    // maximum possible value of x.
    while (yCount != 0)
    {
        // Add yCount (count of different possible values
        // for current x) to result
        res += yCount;
    }
}

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// Increment x
x++;

// Update yCount for current x. Keep reducing yCount
// the inequality is not satisfied.
while (yCount != 0 && (x*x + (yCount-1)*(yCount-1) < n))
    yCount--;
}

return res;
}

// Driver program to test above function
int main()
{
    cout << "Total Number of distinct Non-Negative pairs"
          << countSolutions(6) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

Total Number of distinct Non-Negative pairs is 8

**Time Complexity** of the above solution seems more but if we take a closer look, we can see that it is  $O(\sqrt{n})$ . In every step inside the inner loop, value of yCount is decremented by 1. The value yCount can decrement at most  $O(\sqrt{n})$  times as yCount is count y values for  $x = 0$ . In the outer loop, the value of x is incremented. The value of x can also increment at most  $O(\sqrt{n})$  times as the last x is for yCount equals to 1.