

--- Day 11: Dumbo Octopus ---

You enter a large cavern full of rare bioluminescent **dumbo octopuses**! They seem to not like the Christmas lights on your submarine, so you turn them off for now.

There are 100 octopuses arranged neatly in a 10 by 10 grid. Each octopus slowly gains **energy** over time and **flashes** brightly for a moment when its energy is full. Although your lights are off, maybe you could navigate through the cave without disturbing the octopuses if you could predict when the flashes of light will happen.

Each octopus has an **energy level** - your submarine can remotely measure the energy level of each octopus (your puzzle input). For example:

```
5483143223
2745854711
5264556173
6141336146
6357385478
4167524645
2176841721
6882881134
4846848554
5283751526
```

The energy level of each octopus is a value between **0** and **9**. Here, the top-left octopus has an energy level of **5**, the bottom-right one has an energy level of **6**, and so on.

You can model the energy levels and flashes of light in **steps**. During a single step, the following occurs:

- First, the energy level of each octopus increases by **1**.
- Then, any octopus with an energy level greater than **9** **flashes**. This increases the energy level of all adjacent octopuses by **1**, including octopuses that are diagonally adjacent. If this causes an octopus to have an energy level greater than **9**, it **also flashes**. This process continues as long as new octopuses keep having their energy level increased beyond **9**. (An octopus can only flash **at most once per step**.)
- Finally, any octopus that flashed during this step has its energy level set to **0**, as it used all of its energy to flash.

Adjacent flashes can cause an octopus to flash on a step even if it begins that step with very little energy. Consider the middle octopus with **1** energy in this situation:

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Before any steps:

11111  
19991  
19191  
19991  
11111

After step 1:

34543  
40004  
50005  
40004  
34543

After step 2:

45654  
51115  
61116  
51115  
45654

An octopus is highlighted when it flashed during the given step.

Here is how the larger example above progresses:

Before any steps:

5483143223  
2745854711  
5264556173  
6141336146  
6357385478  
4167524645  
2176841721  
6882881134  
4846848554  
5283751526

After step 1:

6594254334  
3856965822  
6375667284  
7252447257  
7468496589  
5278635756  
3287952832  
7993992245  
5957959665  
6394862637

After step 2:

8807476555  
5089087054  
8597889608  
8485769600  
8700908800  
6600088989  
6800005943  
0000007456  
9000000876  
8700006848

After step 3:

0050900866  
8500800575  
9900000039  
9700000041  
9935080063  
7712300000  
7911250009  
2211130000  
0421125000  
0021119000

After step 4:

2263031977  
0923031697  
0032221150  
0041111163  
0076191174  
0053411122  
0042361120  
5532241122  
1532247211  
1132230211

After step 5:

4484144000  
2044144000  
2253333493  
1152333274  
1187303285  
1164633233  
1153472231  
6643352233  
2643358322  
2243341322

After step 6:

5595255111  
3155255222  
3364444605  
2263444496  
2298414396  
2275744344  
2264583342  
7754463344  
3754469433  
3354452433

After step 7:

6707366222  
4377366333  
4475555827  
3496655709  
3500625609  
3509955566  
3486694453  
8865585555  
4865580644  
4465574644

After step 8:

7818477333  
5488477444  
5697666949  
4608766830  
4734946730  
4740097688  
6900007564  
0000009666  
8000004755  
6800007755

After step 9:

9060000644  
7800000976  
6900000080  
5840000082  
5858000093  
6962400000  
8021250009  
2221130009  
9111128097  
7911119976

After step 10:

0481112976  
0031112009  
0041112504  
0081111406  
0099111306  
0093511233  
0442361130  
5532252350  
0532250600  
0032240000

After step 10, there have been a total of 204 flashes. Fast forwarding,  
here is the same configuration every 10 steps:

After step 20:

3936556452  
5686556806  
4496555690  
4448655580  
4456865570  
5680086577  
7000009896  
0000000344  
6000000364  
4600009543

After step 30:

0643334118  
4253334611  
3374333458  
2225333337  
2229333338  
2276733333  
2754574565  
5544458511

9444447111

7944446119

After step 40:

6211111981

042111119

004211115

000311115

000311116

0065611111

0532351111

3322234597

2222222976

2222222762

After step 50:

9655556447

4865556805

4486555690

4458655580

4574865570

5700086566

6000009887

8000000533

6800000633

5680000538

After step 60:

2533334200

2743334640

2264333458

2225333337

2225333338

2287833333

3854573455

1854458611

1175447111

1115446111

After step 70:

8211111164

0421111166

0042111114

0004211115

0000211116

0065611111

0532351111

7322235117

5722223475

4572222754

After step 80:

1755555697

5965555609

4486555680

4458655580

4570865570

5700086566

7000008666

0000000000

```
000000050
0000000800
0000000000
```

After step 90:

```
7433333522
2643333522
2264333458
2226433337
2222433338
2287833333
2854573333
4854458333
3387779333
3333333333
```

After step 100:

```
0397666866
0749766918
0053976933
0004297822
0004229892
0053222877
0532222966
9322228966
7922286866
6789998766
```

After 100 steps, there have been a total of **1656** flashes.

Given the starting energy levels of the dumbo octopuses in your cavern, simulate 100 steps. How many total flashes are there after 100 steps?

Your puzzle answer was **1719**.

--- Part Two ---

It seems like the individual flashes aren't bright enough to navigate. However, you might have a better option: the flashes seem to be **synchronizing!**

In the example above, the first time all octopuses flash simultaneously is step **195**:

```
After step 193:
5877777777
8877777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
7777777777
```

```
After step 194:
6988888888
9988888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
8888888888
```

```
After step 195:
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
0000000000
```

If you can calculate the exact moments when the octopuses will all flash simultaneously, you should be able to navigate through the cavern. **What is the first step during which all octopuses flash?**

Your puzzle answer was `232`.

**Both parts of this puzzle are complete! They provide two gold stars: \*\***

At this point, you should **return to your Advent calendar** and try another puzzle.

If you still want to see it, you can **get your puzzle input**.

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