

Problem 419: Battleships in a Board

Problem Information

Difficulty: Medium

Acceptance Rate: 77.10%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Depth-First Search, Matrix

Problem Description

Given an $m \times n$ matrix `board` where each cell is a battleship `'X'` or empty `'.'`, return the number of the **battleships** on `board`.

Battleships can only be placed horizontally or vertically on `board`. In other words, they can only be made of the shape $1 \times k$ (1 row, k columns) or $k \times 1$ (k rows, 1 column), where k can be of any size. At least one horizontal or vertical cell separates between two battleships (i.e., there are no adjacent battleships).

Example 1:



Input: `board = [["X", ".", ".", "X"], [".", ".", ".", "X"], [".", ".", ".", "X"]]` **Output:** 2

Example 2:

Input: `board = [["."]]` **Output:** 0

Constraints:

$m == \text{board.length}$ $n == \text{board}[i].\text{length}$ $1 \leq m, n \leq 200$ `board[i][j]` is either `'.'` or `'X'`.

Follow up: Could you do it in one-pass, using only $O(1)$ extra memory and without modifying the values `board`?

Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int countBattleships(vector<vector<char>>& board) {

    }
};
```

Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int countBattleships(char[][] board) {

    }
}
```

Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def countBattleships(self, board: List[List[str]]) -> int:
```