

# Problem 2943: Maximize Area of Square Hole in Grid

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Medium**

Acceptance Rate: 37.57%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Sorting

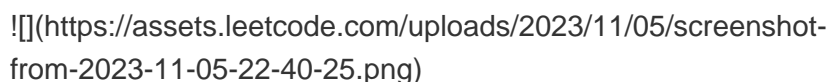
## Problem Description

You are given the two integers,  $n$  and  $m$  and two integer arrays,  $hBars$  and  $vBars$ . The grid has  $n + 2$  horizontal and  $m + 2$  vertical bars, creating  $1 \times 1$  unit cells. The bars are indexed starting from  $1$ .

You can **remove** some of the bars in  $hBars$  from horizontal bars and some of the bars in  $vBars$  from vertical bars. Note that other bars are fixed and cannot be removed.

Return an integer denoting the **maximum area** of a square-shaped hole in the grid, after removing some bars (possibly none).

**Example 1:**

 (https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2023/11/05/screenshot-from-2023-11-05-22-40-25.png)

**Input:**  $n = 2, m = 1, hBars = [2,3], vBars = [2]$

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:**

The left image shows the initial grid formed by the bars. The horizontal bars are  $[1,2,3,4]$ , and the vertical bars are  $[1,2,3]$ .

One way to get the maximum square-shaped hole is by removing horizontal bar 2 and vertical bar 2.

**Example 2.**



**Input:**  $n = 1$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $hBars = [2]$ ,  $vBars = [2]$

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:**

To get the maximum square-shaped hole, we remove horizontal bar 2 and vertical bar 2.

**Example 3.**



**Input:**  $n = 2$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $hBars = [2,3]$ ,  $vBars = [2,4]$

**Output:** 4

**Explanation:**

One way to get the maximum square-shaped hole is by removing horizontal bar 3, and vertical bar 4.

**Constraints:**

$1 \leq n \leq 10^9$   $1 \leq m \leq 10^9$   $1 \leq hBars.length \leq 100$   $2 \leq hBars[i] \leq n + 1$   $1 \leq vBars.length \leq 100$   $2 \leq vBars[i] \leq m + 1$  \* All values in `hBars` are distinct. \* All values in `vBars` are distinct.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int maximizeSquareHoleArea(int n, int m, vector<int>& hBars, vector<int>&
vBars) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int maximizeSquareHoleArea(int n, int m, int[] hBars, int[] vBars) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def maximizeSquareHoleArea(self, n: int, m: int, hBars: List[int], vBars:
List[int]) -> int:
```