

# Problem 1956: Minimum Time For K Virus Variants to Spread

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 50.33%

**Paid Only:** Yes

**Tags:** Array, Math, Binary Search, Geometry, Enumeration

## Problem Description

There are  $n$  unique virus variants in an infinite 2D grid. You are given a 2D array `points`, where `points[i] = [xi, yi]` represents a virus originating at  $(xi, yi)$  on day 0. Note that it is possible for multiple virus variants to originate at the same point.

Every day, each cell infected with a virus variant will spread the virus to all neighboring points in the four cardinal directions (i.e. up, down, left, and right). If a cell has multiple variants, all the variants will spread without interfering with each other.

Given an integer  $k$ , return the minimum integer number of days for any point to contain at least  $k$  of the unique virus variants.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** `points = [[1,1],[6,1]]`,  $k = 2$  **Output:** 3 **Explanation:** On day 3, points (3,1) and (4,1) will contain both virus variants. Note that these are not the only points that will contain both virus variants.

**Example 2:**



**Input:** `points = [[3,3],[1,2],[9,2]]`,  $k = 2$  **Output:** 2 **Explanation:** On day 2, points (1,3), (2,3), (2,2), and (3,2) will contain the first two viruses. Note that these are not the only points

that will contain both virus variants.

**Example 3:**



**Input:** points = [[3,3],[1,2],[9,2]], k = 3 **Output:** 4 **Explanation:** On day 4, the point (5,2) will contain all 3 viruses. Note that this is not the only point that will contain all 3 virus variants.

**Constraints:**

$n == \text{points.length}$   $2 \leq n \leq 50$   $\text{points}[i].\text{length} == 2$   $1 \leq x_i, y_i \leq 100$   $2 \leq k \leq n$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minDayskVariants(vector<vector<int>>& points, int k) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public int minDayskVariants(int[][] points, int k) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def minDayskVariants(self, points: List[List[int]], k: int) -> int:
```