

# Problem 1559: Detect Cycles in 2D Grid

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 0.00%

**Paid Only:** No

## Problem Description

Given a 2D array of characters

grid

of size

$m \times n$

, you need to find if there exists any cycle consisting of the

same value

in

grid

.

A cycle is a path of

length 4 or more

in the grid that starts and ends at the same cell. From a given cell, you can move to one of the cells adjacent to it - in one of the four directions (up, down, left, or right), if it has the

same value

of the current cell.

Also, you cannot move to the cell that you visited in your last move. For example, the cycle

$(1, 1) \rightarrow (1, 2) \rightarrow (1, 1)$

is invalid because from

$(1, 2)$

we visited

$(1, 1)$

which was the last visited cell.

Return

true

if any cycle of the same value exists in

grid

, otherwise, return

false

Example 1:

a	a	a	a
a	b	b	a
a	b	b	a
a	a	a	a

Input:

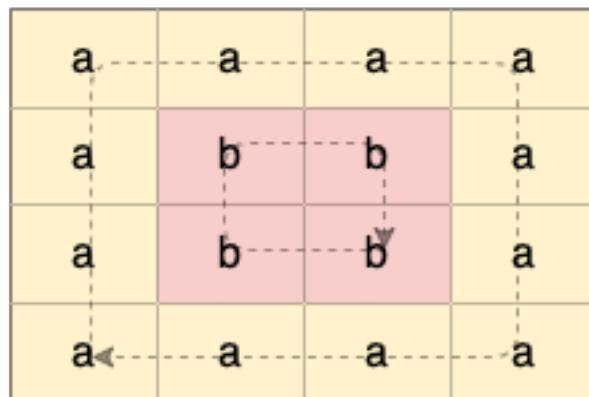
```
grid = [["a","a","a","a"],["a","b","b","a"],["a","b","b","a"],["a","a","a","a"]]
```

Output:

true

Explanation:

There are two valid cycles shown in different colors in the image below:



Example 2:

c	c	c	a
c	d	c	c
c	c	e	c
f	c	c	c

Input:

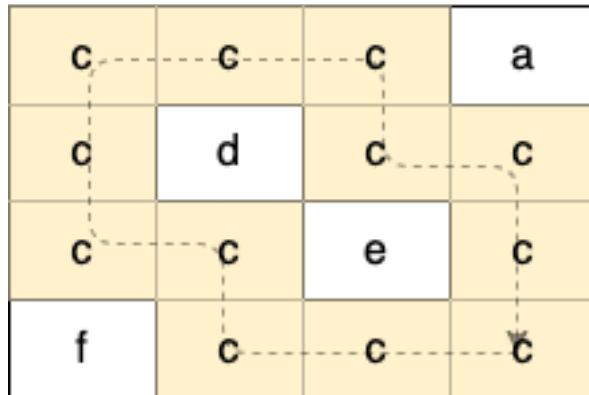
```
grid = [["c","c","c","a"],["c","d","c","c"],["c","c","e","c"],["f","c","c","c"]]
```

Output:

true

Explanation:

There is only one valid cycle highlighted in the image below:



Example 3:

a	b	b
b	z	b
b	b	a

Input:

```
grid = [["a","b","b"],["b","z","b"],["b","b","a"]]
```

Output:

```
false
```

Constraints:

```
m == grid.length
```

```
n == grid[i].length
```

```
1 <= m, n <= 500
```

```
grid
```

consists only of lowercase English letters.

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    bool containsCycle(vector<vector<char>>& grid) {
        }

    };
}
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {  
    public boolean containsCycle(char[][] grid) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:  
    def containsCycle(self, grid: List[List[str]]) -> bool:
```

**Python:**

```
class Solution(object):  
    def containsCycle(self, grid):  
        """  
        :type grid: List[List[str]]  
        :rtype: bool  
        """
```

**JavaScript:**

```
/**  
 * @param {character[][]} grid  
 * @return {boolean}  
 */  
var containsCycle = function(grid) {  
  
};
```

**TypeScript:**

```
function containsCycle(grid: string[][]): boolean {  
  
};
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {  
    public bool ContainsCycle(char[][] grid) {
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

**C:**

```
bool containsCycle(char** grid, int gridSize, int* gridColSize) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func containsCycle(grid [][]byte) bool {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun containsCycle(grid: Array<CharArray>): Boolean {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func containsCycle(_ grid: [[Character]]) -> Bool {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn contains_cycle(grid: Vec<Vec<char>>) -> bool {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {Character[][]} grid
# @return {Boolean}
def contains_cycle(grid)

end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String[][] $grid
     * @return Boolean
     */
    function containsCycle($grid) {

    }
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {
bool containsCycle(List<List<String>> grid) {

}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {
def containsCycle(grid: Array[Array[Char]]): Boolean = {

}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
@spec contains_cycle(grid :: [[char]]) :: boolean
def contains_cycle(grid) do

end
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec contains_cycle(Grid :: [[char()]]) -> boolean().  
contains_cycle(Grid) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (contains-cycle grid)  
(-> (listof (listof char?)) boolean?)  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*  
 * Problem: Detect Cycles in 2D Grid  
 * Difficulty: Medium  
 * Tags: array, graph, search  
 *  
 * Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
 * Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
 * Space Complexity: O(1) to O(n) depending on approach  
 */  
  
class Solution {  
public:  
    bool containsCycle(vector<vector<char>>& grid) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java Solution:

```
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```

```

class Solution {
    public boolean containsCycle(char[][] grid) {
        }
    }
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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class Solution:
    def containsCycle(self, grid: List[List[str]]) -> bool:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):
    def containsCycle(self, grid):
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### JavaScript Solution:

```

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```

/** 
* @param {character[][]} grid
* @return {boolean}
*/
var containsCycle = function(grid) {
};

```

### TypeScript Solution:

```

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function containsCycle(grid: string[][]): boolean {
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### C# Solution:

```

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### C Solution:

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class Solution {  
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impl Solution {  
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        }  
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def contains_cycle(grid)  
  
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class Solution {
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