

# Problem 1284: Minimum Number of Flips to Convert Binary Matrix to Zero Matrix

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 72.28%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Hash Table, Bit Manipulation, Breadth-First Search, Matrix

## Problem Description

Given a  $m \times n$  binary matrix `mat`. In one step, you can choose one cell and flip it and all the four neighbors of it if they exist (Flip is changing `1` to `0` and `0` to `1`). A pair of cells are called neighbors if they share one edge.

Return the \_minimum number of steps\_ required to convert `mat` to a zero matrix or  $-1$  if you cannot.

A \*\*binary matrix\*\* is a matrix with all cells equal to `0` or `1` only.

A \*\*zero matrix\*\* is a matrix with all cells equal to `0`.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** mat = [[0,0],[0,1]] **Output:** 3 **Explanation:** One possible solution is to flip (1, 0) then (0, 1) and finally (1, 1) as shown.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** mat = [[0]] **Output:** 0 **Explanation:** Given matrix is a zero matrix. We do not need to change it.

**Example 3:**

**\*\*Input:\*\*** mat = [[1,0,0],[1,0,0]] **\*\*Output:\*\*** -1 **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** Given matrix cannot be a zero matrix.

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\* `m == mat.length` \* `n == mat[i].length` \* `1 <= m, n <= 3` \* `mat[i][j]` is either `0` or `1`.

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {  
public:  
    int minFlips(vector<vector<int>>& mat) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {  
public int minFlips(int[][] mat) {  
  
}  
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:  
    def minFlips(self, mat: List[List[int]]) -> int:
```