



Consider a puzzle that consists of an  $n \times n$  grid with  $n$  marked cells. The goal of the puzzle is to partition the grid into  $n$ -cell regions of size  $n$ , each containing exactly one marked cell.

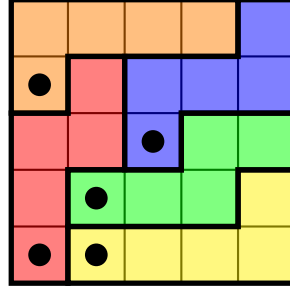


Figure 1: An example of a  $5 \times 5$  grid with a unique solution.

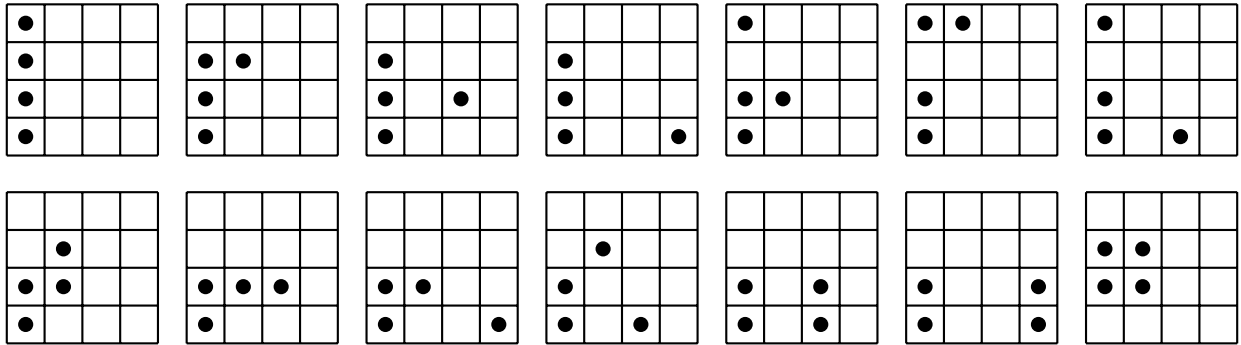


Figure 2: Fourteen (all, up to dihedral action?) markings with exactly one solution.

**Question.** How many  $n \times n$  boards exist with a unique solution? Up to dihedral action?

**Related.**

1. How many  $n \times n$  boards exist with no solution? Multiple solutions?
2. What board has the most solutions?
3. What if this is done on an  $n \times m$  board with  $k$  marked cells where  $k|nm$  and each region has  $nm/k$  cells?
4. What if the board is a torus? Triangular/hexagonal grid? Multiple dimensions?
5. What if instead of marked cells there are marked regions?
6. What if cells must be rectangular? Symmetric?
7. What if every region must be a walk starting at a marked cell? (As in the example.)

**References.**

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