

How many non-intersecting walks from (1,1) to (n,m) with steps up and to the right exist on the  $n \times m$  torus?

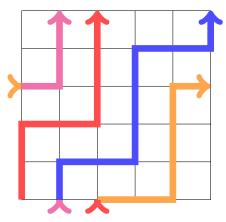


Figure 1: An example of a walk on a  $5 \times 5$  torus that touches every lattice point.

Question. How many such walks exist?

## Related.

- 1. What if the walks must touch every lattice point?
- 2. What if the walks must wrap around the torus exactly k times? (For k = 1 and m = n, this is the number of walks along the edges of an  $n \times n$  non-toroidal grid.)
- 3. What if there always must be weakly more "up" steps than "right" steps? (generalization of staying above the diagonal) Strongly more?
- 4. What if this is done on a cylinder? Möbius strip? More dimensions?
- 5. What if walks can intersect at a right angle? What if there must be exactly k intersections?
- 6. What if more general loops were counted? (i.e. any walk from (0,0) to (0,m), (n,0) or (n,m).)

## References.

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