



Let a “blob” be a path composed of quarter circular arcs, and a blob-configuration be a placement of blobs on an  $n \times m$  grid such that no part of a blob is inside another blob.

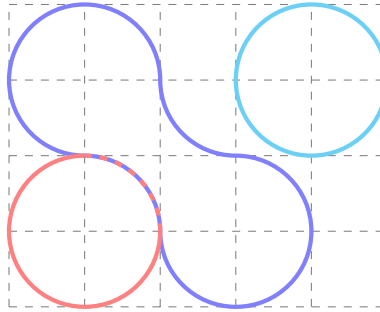


Figure 1: An example of a blob-configuration

**Question.** How many such blob-configurations exist on the  $n \times m$  grid?

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1. What if instead of quarter circles, boxes were made with diagonal line segments?