



Consider ways to place colored markers on an  $n \times m$  grid so that no two pairs of markers of the same color have the same distance between them.

A	B	B	C	A
A	D	E	B	C
D	A	E	D	C
C	E	F	D	A

Figure 1: This arrangement has 6 different colors of markers. There are 5 red (A) markers and no valid way to place 6 red markers.

**Question.** What is  $c_{n \times m}$  the greatest number of markers of a given color can be placed on the  $n \times m$  grid?

**Related.**

1. How many colors of markers are required to fill the grid?
2. What if this is done on the  $d_1$ ,  $d_\infty$ , or  $d_3$  metric?
3. What if this is done on a triangular or hexagonal grid?
4. What is the smallest board that can contain  $k$  markers?

**Note.**  $c_{n \times m}(c_{n \times m} - 1)/2 \leq A301853(n, m) - 1$ .

**References.**

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