

# Problem Title: Count Friend Groups (Asked by Twitter)

## Friend Groups in a Classroom

This problem was asked by **Twitter**.

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## Scenario & Description:

Imagine a classroom of  $N$  students. Students can be friends with one another, and this friendship relationship is mutual (i.e., if A is a friend of B, B is also a friend of A).

We're given these relationships as an **adjacency list**, where each key is a student and the values are the list of students they're directly friends with.

A **friend group** is a set of students where every student is **connected (directly or indirectly)** to every other student in that set. In other words, we want to find the **connected components** in an undirected graph where students are nodes and friendships are edges.

Your task is to **count the total number of friend groups**.

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## Input Format:

- An integer  $N$ , the total number of students (0 to  $N-1$ )
  - A dictionary `friendship` where:
    - Key = student ID
    - Value = list of friend student IDs
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## Output Format:

- An integer: total number of friend groups in the class
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## Examples:

### Example 1:

```
Input:
N = 7
friendship = {
    0: [1, 2],
    1: [0, 5],
```

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2: [0],
3: [6],
4: [],
5: [1],
6: [3]
}
```

Output:  
3

Explanation:  
Group 1: {0, 1, 2, 5}  
Group 2: {3, 6}  
Group 3: {4}

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## Example 2:

```
Input:
N = 5
friendship = {
    0: [1],
    1: [0, 2],
    2: [1],
    3: [4],
    4: [3]
}
```

Output:  
2

Explanation:  
Group 1: {0, 1, 2}  
Group 2: {3, 4}

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## Approach:

We treat the problem as a **graph traversal** problem to count **connected components**.

1. Use **DFS** or **BFS** to explore each component.
  2. Keep a `visited` set to track already processed students.
  3. For every unvisited student, start a new DFS/BFS and increment the group count.
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## Sample Python Code:

```
def count_friend_groups(N, friendship):
    visited = set()
    groups = 0

    def dfs(student):
        for friend in friendship.get(student, []):
            if friend not in visited:
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        visited.add(friend)
        dfs(friend)

    for student in range(N):
        if student not in visited:
            visited.add(student)
            dfs(student)
            groups += 1

    return groups

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}

print(count_friend_groups(N, friendship)) # Output: 3
```

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## Practice Links:

- LeetCode: [Number of Provinces](#) (*very similar*)
  - GFG: [Find the number of islands](#) (*graph traversal concept*)
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## Video Explanation (Recommended):

- [Graph Connected Components - DFS \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Leetcode 547: Number of Provinces](#)