

The Celebrity Problem

You are in a party of **N** people, where only one person is known to everyone. Such a person **may be present** in the party, if yes, **(s)he doesn't know anyone** in the party. Your task is to find the stranger (celebrity) at the party.

Input:

N = 3

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M[][] = {{0 1 0},
          {0 0 0},
          {0 1 0}}
```

Output: 1

Explanation: The matrix will look like

```
0 1 0
0 0 0
0 1 0
```

Here, the celebrity is the person with index 1 ie id 1

Input:

N = 2

```
M[][] = {{0 1},
          {1 0}}
```

Output: -1

Explanation: The matrix will look like

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0 1
1 0
```

Here, there is **no such person** who is a **celebrity** (a celebrity should know no one).

SOLUTION - 1

Expected Time Complexity: $O(N)$

Expected Auxiliary Space: $O(N)$

ALGORITHM

1. Create a stack and push the number of rows in it (Matrix is of size $n*n$).
2. Let $a = \text{stack.top()}$,
 stack.pop() and $b = \text{stack.top()}$,
 stack.pop() .
3. If a knows b , then push b in stack , else push a .
4. Repeat step 2 and 3 until stack.size() == 1 .
5. Check for each person , if stack.top() knows anyone , there is no celebrity ,
 Else if anyone in the party doesn't know stack.top() , there is no celebrity ,
 Else stack.top() is the celebrity.

CODE:

```
1. #include<bits/stdc++.h>
2. using namespace std;
3.
4. #define MAX 501
5.
6. int getId(int M[MAX][MAX],int n);
7.
8. int main()
9. {
10.     int T;
11.     cin>>T;
12.     int M[MAX][MAX];
13.
14.     while(T-->0)
15.     {
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16.         int N;
17.         cin>>N;
18.
19.         memset(M,0,sizeof M);
20.
21.         for(int i=0;i<N;i++)
22.         {
23.             for(int j=0;j<N;j++)
24.             {
25.                 cin>>M[i][j];
26.             }
27.         }
28.         cout<<getId(M,N)<<endl;
29.     }
30. }
31.
32. // } Driver Code Ends
33.
34.
35. // The task is to complete this function
36.
37. // M[][]: input matrix
38. // n: size of matrix (n*n)
39.
40. int getId(int M[MAX][MAX], int n)
41. {
42.     //Your code here
43.
44.     stack<int> st;
45.     int i,a,b;
46.
47.     for(i=0;i<n;i++)
48.         st.push(i);
49.
50.     while(st.size()!=1)
51.     {
52.         a=st.top();
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53.         st.pop();
54.         b=st.top();
55.         st.pop();
56.         if (M[a][b]==1)
57.             st.push(b);
58.
59.         else
60.             st.push(a);
61.
62.     }
63.     int c=st.top();
64.
65.     for (i=0;i<n;i++)
66.     {
67.
68.         if (i==c)
69.             Continue;
70.
71.         if (M[i][c]==0)
72.         {
73.             return -1;
74.         }
75.
76.         if (M[c][i]==1)
77.         {
78.             return -1;
79.         }
80.
81.     }
82.     return c;
83. }
```

SOLUTION - 2

Expected Time Complexity: $O(N)$

Expected Auxiliary Space: $O(1)$

ALGORITHM

1. Define two variables , a and b which points to the index of the row , and column respectively. Take a = 0, and b = n-1 (Size of matrix = n*n).
2. If a knows b , then do a++ else do b-- .
3. Repeat step 3 while(a<b).
4. Check for each person , if someone doesnt know a or if a knows someone , then , there is no celebrity,
Else a is the celebrity,.

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16.        memset(M,0,sizeof M);
17.        for(int i=0;i<N;i++)
18.        {
19.            for(int j=0;j<N;j++)
20.            {
21.                cin>>M[i][j];
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22.         }
23.     }
24.         cout<<getId(M,N)<<endl;
25.
26.     }
27. }
28.
29. bool knows(int M[MAX][MAX],int a, int b)
30. {
31.     return M[a][b];
32. }
33. int getId(int M[MAX][MAX], int n)
34. {
35.     int a = 0;
36.     int b = n - 1;
37.     while (a < b)
38.     {
39.         if (knows(M,a, b))
40.             a++;
41.         else
42.             b--;
43.     }
44.     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
45.     {
46.         if ( (i != a) &&
47.             (knows(M,a, i) ||
48.              !knows(M,i, a)) )
49.             return -1;
50.     }
51.     return a;
52. }
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