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Remove Islands 🔵 🌣

You're given a two-dimensional array (a matrix) of potentially unequal height and width containing only 0 s and 1 s. The matrix represents a two-toned image, where each 1 represents black and each 0 represents white. An island is defined as any number of 1 s that are horizontally or vertically adjacent (but not diagonally adjacent) and that don't touch the border of the image. In other words, a group of horizontally or vertically adjacent 1 s isn't an island if any of those 1 s are in the first row, last row, first column, or last column of the input matrix.

Note that an island can twist. In other words, it doesn't have to be a straight vertical line or a straight horizontal line; it can be L-shaped, for example.

You can think of islands as patches of black that don't touch the border of the two-toned image.

Write a function that returns a modified version of the input matrix, where all of the islands are removed. You remove an island by replacing it with 0 s.

Naturally, you're allowed to mutate the input matrix.

Sample Input

```
matrix =
[
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
    [0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
    [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0],
    [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
]
```

Sample Output

```
[
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
    [0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1],
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0],
    [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1],
]

// The islands that were removed can be clearly seen here:
// [
// [
```

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