

Spiral Matrix

Question: Given a matrix of $m \times n$ elements (m rows, n columns), return all elements of the matrix in spiral order.

For example:

Given the following matrix:

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[ [ 1, 2, 3 ],  
  [ 4, 5, 6 ],  
  [ 7, 8, 9 ] ]
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You should return [1,2,3,6,9,8,7,4,5].

Solutions:

class Solution:

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# @param matrix, a list of lists of integers
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# @return a list of integers
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def spiralOrder(self, matrix):
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    if matrix == []: return []
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    res = []
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    maxUp = maxLeft = 0
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    maxDown = len(matrix) - 1
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    maxRight = len(matrix[0]) - 1
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    direct = 0 # 0 go right, 1 go down, 2 go left, 3 go up
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    while True:
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        if direct == 0: # go right
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            for i in range(maxLeft, maxRight + 1): res.append(matrix[maxUp][i])
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            maxUp += 1
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        elif direct == 1: # go down
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            for i in range(maxUp, maxDown + 1): res.append(matrix[i][maxRight])
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        maxRight -= 1
    elif direct == 2: # go left
        for i in reversed(range(maxLeft, maxRight + 1)):
            res.append(matrix[maxDown][i])
        maxDown -= 1
    else: # go up
        for i in reversed(range(maxUp, maxDown + 1)):
            res.append(matrix[i][maxLeft])
        maxLeft += 1
    if maxUp > maxDown or maxLeft > maxRight: return res
    direct = (direct + 1) % 4

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Solution().spiralOrder([ [ 1, 2, 3 ],
                        [ 4, 5, 6 ],
                        [ 7, 8, 9 ] ])

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