

Max island Area

Got it! Let's carefully explain this step by step.

We are finding the largest island area (count of connected 1 s) in a grid.

We only move UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT (no diagonals).

Your grid:

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

We scan row by row.

✔ Step 1: Scan (0,0) → 0 → skip

Scan (0,1) → 0 → skip

Scan (0,2) → 1 → found a new island!

We start DFS at (0,2).

✔ DFS from (0,2)

- Visit (0,2) → mark as 0 → area = 1
 - Neighbors:
 - UP = out of bounds
 - DOWN = (1,2) → 1 → visit
 - LEFT = (0,1) → 0
 - RIGHT = (0,3) → 0
- Now DFS from (1,2) → mark as 0 → area = 2
 - Neighbors:
 - UP = (0,2) → already 0
 - DOWN = (2,2) → 0
 - LEFT = (1,1) → 1 → visit
 - RIGHT = (1,3) → 0
- Now DFS from (1,1) → mark as 0 → area = 3

- Neighbors:
 - UP = (0,1) → 0
 - DOWN = (2,1) → 0
 - LEFT = (1,0) → 0
 - RIGHT = (1,2) → already 0

No more moves → DFS finishes.

So this island's area = 3.

✓ max_area = 3

Now grid becomes:

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

✓ Step 2: Continue scanning

- Row 2 → reach (2,3) → 1 → new island!

Start DFS at (2,3)

✓ DFS from (2,3)

- Visit (2,3) → mark as 0 → area = 1
 - Neighbors:
 - UP = (1,3) → 0
 - DOWN = (3,3) → 1 → visit
 - LEFT = (2,2) → 0
 - RIGHT = (2,4) → 1 → visit
- DFS from (3,3) → mark as 0 → area = 2
 - Neighbors:
 - UP = (2,3) → already 0
 - DOWN = out of bounds

- LEFT = (3,2) → 0
- RIGHT = (3,4) → 1 → visit
- DFS from (2,4) → mark as 0 → area = 3
 - Neighbors:
 - UP = (1,4) → 0
 - DOWN = (3,4) → 1 → visit
 - LEFT = (2,3) → already 0
 - RIGHT = out of bounds
- DFS from (3,4) → mark as 0 → area = 4
 - Neighbors all 0 or out of bounds

Done → DFS finishes.

So this island's area = 4.

✔ max_area = max(3, 4) = 4

Now grid becomes:

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0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0
```

✔ Step 3: Continue scanning

No more 1 s.

So final max_area = 4 .

◆ What's happening conceptually?

- DFS explores all connected 1 s (up/down/left/right) starting from one cell
- Counts how many cells belong to that island
- Updates max_area
- Marks them 0 so we don't visit again

Would you like me to draw a visual diagram showing how DFS expands step by step for this example?