

[SOT_SUM25] Combinatorics & Graph Theory

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1 Basic Combinatorics

1.1 Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

1.2 Mathematical induction & recurrence

1.3 Pigeonhole principle & Ramsey theory

1.4 Counting rules & Stirling number of type 1 & type 2

1.5 Permutation & Combination

1.5.1 Consecutive 2 Dice Rolls

https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/Combinatorics/Consecutive2DiceRolls.cpp

Let the sample space be denoted by Ω .

We consider the experiment of rolling two distinguishable six-sided dice in sequence. Each die has 6 possible outcomes, and since the rolls are independent and ordered, the sample space consists of all ordered pairs (i, j) where $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Therefore, the total number of outcomes is: $|\Omega| = 6 \cdot 6 = 36$

a)

- Let A_1 be the event that both dice show the same number of dots. This corresponds to the set of outcomes: $A_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6)\}$

So, $P(A_1) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$

- Let A_2 be the event that both dice show different numbers of dots. Since there are 6 outcomes with the same number, there are: $36 - 6 = 30$ outcomes with different numbers

So: $P(A_2) = \frac{30}{36} = \frac{5}{6}$

b)

Even numbers on a die: $\{2, 4, 6\}$

Odd numbers on a die: $\{1, 3, 5\}$

- Let B_1 be the event that both dice have the same parity:

– Both even: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$ outcomes

– Both odd: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$ outcomes

Total favorable outcomes: $9 + 9 = 18$. So: $P(B_1) = \frac{18}{36} = \frac{1}{2}$

- Let B_2 be the event that the two numbers have different parity:

– First even, second odd: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$ outcomes

– First odd, second even: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$ outcomes

Total favorable outcomes: $9 + 9 = 18$. So: $P(B_2) = \frac{18}{36} = \frac{1}{2}$

c)

Prime numbers on a die: $\{2, 3, 5\}$

Composite numbers on a die: $\{4, 6\}$

- Let C_1 be the event that the numbers on both dice are prime numbers:

Both prime: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$ outcomes. So: $P(C_1) = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}$

- Let C_2 be the event that the numbers on both dice are composite numbers:
Both composite: $2 \cdot 2 = 4$ outcomes. So: $P(C_2) = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$
- Let C_3 be the event that at least one of the two dice shows a prime number.
The number of outcomes where neither die shows a prime number, or both dice show non-prime numbers: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$ (*non-prime: {1, 4, 6}*)
Therefore, the number of favorable outcomes: $36 - 9 = 27$. So: $P(C_3) = \frac{27}{36} = \frac{3}{4}$
- Let C_4 be the event that at least one of the two dice shows a composite number.
The number of outcomes where neither die shows a composite number, or both dice show non-composite numbers: $4 \cdot 4 = 16$ (*non-composite: {1, 2, 3, 5}*)
Therefore, the number of favorable outcomes: $36 - 16 = 20$. So: $P(C_4) = \frac{20}{36} = \frac{5}{9}$

d)

Let D be the event that one of the two numbers is a divisor or a multiple of the other.
Let each outcome be represented as an ordered pair (a, b) , where $a, b \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.
We are interested in counting the number of outcomes where: $a \mid b$ or $b \mid a$
The valid pairs:

- When $a = 1$: $b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ (6 outcomes)
- When $a = 2$: $b = 1, 2, 4, 6$ (4 outcomes)
- When $a = 3$: $b = 1, 3, 6$ (3 outcomes)
- When $a = 4$: $b = 1, 2, 4$ (3 outcomes)
- When $a = 5$: $b = 1, 5$ (2 outcomes)
- When $a = 6$: $b = 1, 2, 3, 6$ (4 outcomes)

Total favorable outcomes: $6 + 4 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 4 = 22$. So: $P(D) = \frac{22}{36} = \frac{11}{18}$

e)

Let E_n be the event that the sum of the two dice is equal to n .

For $n \in \{2, 3, \dots, 12\}$, we define the function: $f(n) = \min\{n - 1, 6\} - \max\{n - 6, 1\} + 1$
This function counts the number of integer pairs $(a, b) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}^2$ such that $a + b = n$.

- The smallest possible sum is $1 + 1 = 2$, and the largest is $6 + 6 = 12$, so $n \in \{2, 3, \dots, 12\}$.
- For a fixed n , valid pairs (a, b) must satisfy: $a \in [\max(1, n - 6), \min(6, n - 1)]$, and then $b = n - a$.
- Therefore, the number of such values of a is: $f(n) = \min(n - 1, 6) - \max(n - 6, 1) + 1$
- This formula works because:

- $\min(n - 1, 6)$ gives the largest possible value of a such that $b = n - a \geq 1$
- $\max(n - 6, 1)$ gives the smallest possible value of a such that $b = n - a \leq 6$
- The total number of integers a in that interval is: upper bound – lower bound + 1

So: $P(E_n) = \frac{f(n)}{36} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{2 \leq n \leq 12\}}$

1.5.2 Simultaneous 2 Dice Rolls

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Let the sample space be denoted by Ω .

We consider the experiment of rolling two indistinguishable six-sided dice simultaneously. Each die has 6 possible outcomes, and since the dice are indistinguishable and rolled at the same time, the sample space consists of all unordered pairs (i, j) where $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $i \leq j$.

Therefore, the total number of outcomes is: $|\Omega| = 6 + \binom{6}{2} = 21$

a)

- Let A_1 be the event that both dice show the same number of dots. This corresponds to the set of outcomes: $A_1 = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6)\}$

So, $P(A_1) = \frac{6}{21} = \frac{2}{7}$

- Let A_2 be the event that both dice show different numbers of dots. Since there are 6 outcomes with the same number, there are: $21 - 6 = 15$ outcomes with different numbers

So: $P(A_2) = \frac{15}{21} = \frac{5}{7}$

b)

Even numbers on a die: $\{2, 4, 6\}$

Odd numbers on a die: $\{1, 3, 5\}$

- Let B_1 be the event that both dice have the same parity:

– Both even: $3 + \binom{3}{2} = 6$ outcomes

– Both odd: $3 + \binom{3}{2} = 6$ outcomes

Total favorable outcomes: $6 + 6 = 12$. So: $P(B_1) = \frac{12}{21} = \frac{4}{7}$

- Let B_2 be the event that the two numbers have different parity:

Total favorable outcomes: $3 \cdot 3 = 9$. So: $P(B_2) = \frac{9}{21} = \frac{3}{7}$

c)

Prime numbers on a die: $\{2, 3, 5\}$

Composite numbers on a die: $\{4, 6\}$

- Let C_1 be the event that the numbers on both dice are prime numbers:

Both prime: $3 + \binom{3}{2} = 6$ outcomes. So: $P(C_1) = \frac{6}{21} = \frac{2}{7}$

- Let C_2 be the event that the numbers on both dice are composite numbers:

Both composite: $2 + \binom{2}{2} = 3$ outcomes. So: $P(C_2) = \frac{3}{21} = \frac{1}{7}$

- Let C_3 be the event that at least one of the two dice shows a prime number.

The number of outcomes where neither die shows a prime number, or both dice show non-prime numbers: $3 + \binom{3}{2} = 6$ (*non-prime*: $\{1, 4, 6\}$)

Therefore, the number of favorable outcomes: $21 - 6 = 15$. So: $P(C_3) = \frac{15}{21} = \frac{5}{7}$

- Let C_4 be the event that at least one of the two dice shows a composite number.

The number of outcomes where neither die shows a composite number, or both dice show non-composite numbers: $4 + \binom{4}{2} = 10$ (*non-composite*: $\{1, 2, 3, 5\}$)

Therefore, the number of favorable outcomes: $21 - 10 = 11$. So: $P(C_4) = \frac{11}{21}$

d)

Let D be the event that one of the two numbers is a divisor or a multiple of the other.

Let each outcome be represented as an unordered pair (a, b) , where $a, b \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

We are interested in counting the number of outcomes where: $a \mid b$ or $b \mid a$

The valid pairs:

- When $a = 1$: $b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ (6 outcomes)
- When $a = 2$: $b = 2, 4, 6$ (3 outcomes)
- When $a = 3$: $b = 3, 6$ (2 outcomes)
- When $a = 4$: $b = 4$ (1 outcome)
- When $a = 5$: $b = 5$ (1 outcome)
- When $a = 6$: $b = 6$ (1 outcome)

Total favorable outcomes: $6 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 14$. So: $P(D) = \frac{14}{21} = \frac{2}{3}$

e)

Let E_n be the event that the sum of the two dice is equal to n .

For $n \in \{2, 3, \dots, 12\}$, we define the function: $f(n) = \left\lfloor \frac{\min\{n-1, 6\} - \max\{n-6, 1\}}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$

This function counts the number of unordered integer pairs $(a, b) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}^2$ such that $a + b = n$ and $a \leq b$.

- The smallest possible sum is $1 + 1 = 2$, and the largest is $6 + 6 = 12$, so $n \in \{2, 3, \dots, 12\}$.
- For a fixed n , valid unordered pairs (a, b) must satisfy:

$$a \in \left[\max(1, n-6), \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \right], \quad b = n - a, \quad \text{and } a \leq b$$

- Therefore, the number of such values of a is given by:

$$f(n) = \left\lfloor \frac{\min(n-1, 6) - \max(n-6, 1)}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$$

- This formula works because:

- $\min(n-1, 6)$ gives the largest possible value of a such that $b = n - a \in [1, 6]$
- $\max(n-6, 1)$ gives the smallest possible value of a such that $b = n - a \in [1, 6]$
- We divide the range by 2 and take floor to count only unordered pairs (i.e., $a \leq b$)
- Adding 1 accounts for inclusive bounds

So: $P(E_n) = \frac{f(n)}{21} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{2 \leq n \leq 12\}}$.

1.5.3 Consecutive n Dice Rolls

https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/Combinatorics/ConsecutiveNDiceRolls.ipynb

Let the sample space be denoted by Ω .

We consider the experiment of rolling n distinguishable six-sided dice in sequence. Each die has 6 possible outcomes, and since the rolls are independent and ordered, the sample space consists of all ordered pairs (i, j) where $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Therefore, the total number of outcomes is: $|\Omega| = 6^n$

a) Let A be the event that all dice show the same number of dots.

This corresponds to the set of outcomes where $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$.

There are exactly 6 such outcomes (all 1's, all 2's, ..., all 6's), so: $P(A) = \frac{6}{6^n}$

b) Let B be the event that all dice show different numbers of dots.

This is only possible when $1 \leq n \leq 6$ (since there are only 6 distinct values from 1 to 6).

- If $n > 6$ or $n < 2$, then clearly: $P(B) = 0$
- For $2 \leq n \leq 6$: The number of favorable outcomes as the number of one-to-one mappings from n dice to 6 values, i.e., number of permutations: $P(6, n) = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdots (6 - n + 1)$.
So: $P(B) = \frac{P(6, n)}{6^n} = \frac{6!}{(6-n)! \cdot 6^n}$

c) Let C be the event that all dice have the same parity.

- All even: 3^n outcomes
- All odd: 3^n outcomes

Total favorable outcomes: $2 \cdot 3^n$. So: $P(C) = \frac{2 \cdot 3^n}{6^n} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$

1.5.4 Prime and Composite

https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/Combinatorics/PrimeAndComposite.ipynb

Let $A_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \subset N^*$ be the set of the first n positive integers.

Let $m \in N^*$, and suppose we randomly select m distinct elements from A_n .

Let $T = \binom{n}{m}$ be the total number of ways to choose m distinct elements from A_n .

Suppose $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$

a)

Let:

- $d_e = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ be the number of even numbers in A_n ,
- $d_o = n - d_e$ be the number of odd numbers in A_n ,

We have the following probabilities:

- $P_{\text{All even}} = \frac{\binom{d_e}{m}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{All odd}} = \frac{\binom{d_o}{m}}{T}$

- $P_{\text{At least one even}} = 1 - P_{\text{All odd}} = 1 - \frac{\binom{d_o}{m}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{At least one odd}} = 1 - P_{\text{All even}} = 1 - \frac{\binom{d_e}{m}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{Exactly } k \text{ even}} = \frac{\binom{d_e}{k} \cdot \binom{d_o}{m-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{Exactly } k \text{ odd}} = \frac{\binom{d_o}{k} \cdot \binom{d_e}{m-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{At least } k \text{ even}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^m \binom{d_e}{i} \cdot \binom{d_o}{m-i}$
- $P_{\text{At least } k \text{ odd}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^m \binom{d_o}{i} \cdot \binom{d_e}{m-i}$

b)

Let:

- $p = \pi(n)$: the number of prime numbers less than or equal to n
- $c = n - 1 - \pi(n)$: the number of composite numbers in A_n

We have the following probabilities:

- $P_{\text{All prime}} = \frac{\binom{p}{m}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{All composite}} = \frac{\binom{c}{m}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{At least one prime}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^m \binom{p}{i} \cdot \binom{n-p}{m-i} = 1 - \frac{\binom{c}{m} + \binom{c}{m-1}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{At least one composite}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^m \binom{c}{i} \cdot \binom{n-c}{m-i} = 1 - \frac{\binom{p}{m} + \binom{p}{m-1}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{Exactly } k \text{ prime}} = \frac{\binom{p}{k} \cdot \binom{n-p}{m-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{Exactly } k \text{ composite}} = \frac{\binom{c}{k} \cdot \binom{n-c}{m-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{At least } k \text{ prime}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^m \binom{p}{i} \cdot \binom{n-p}{m-i}$
- $P_{\text{At least } k \text{ composite}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^m \binom{c}{i} \cdot \binom{n-c}{m-i}$

1.5.5 Even and Odd

https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/Combinatorics/EvenAndOdd.ipynb

Let $a, b \in Z$ with $a < b$, and let $n, k \in N^*$ such that $n \geq 2$ and $k \leq n$.

Define the set $A = \{a, a+1, a+2, \dots, b\} \subset Z$ with total size $N = |A| = b - a + 1$.

Let:

- $d_o = \left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$ be the number of odd numbers in A_n
- $d_e = N - d_o$
- T be the total number of possible selections.

a)

- **Distinct** ($T = \binom{N}{2}$):

- Probability that both numbers have the same parity: $P_{\text{same parity}} = \frac{\binom{d_e}{2} + \binom{d_o}{2}}{T}$
- Probability that the two numbers have different parity: $P_{\text{different parity}} = \frac{d_e \cdot d_o}{T}$

- **With replacement** ($T = N^2$):

- Probability that both numbers have the same parity: $P_{\text{same parity}} = \frac{d_e^2 + d_o^2}{T}$
- Probability that the two numbers have different parity: $P_{\text{different parity}} = \frac{2 \cdot d_e \cdot d_o}{T}$

b)

Suppose $d_e, d_o \geq n$

- **Distinct** ($T = \binom{N}{n}$):

- $P_{\text{all even}} = \frac{\binom{d_e}{n}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{all odd}} = \frac{\binom{d_o}{n}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{same parity}} = \frac{\binom{d_e}{n} + \binom{d_o}{n}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{exactly } k \text{ even}} = \frac{\binom{d_e}{k} \cdot \binom{d_o}{n-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{exactly } k \text{ odd}} = \frac{\binom{d_o}{k} \cdot \binom{d_e}{n-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{at least } k \text{ even}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{d_e}{i} \cdot \binom{d_o}{n-i}$
- $P_{\text{at least } k \text{ odd}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{d_o}{i} \cdot \binom{d_e}{n-i}$

- **With replacement** ($T = N^n$):

- $P_{\text{all even}} = \frac{d_e^n}{T}$
- $P_{\text{all odd}} = \frac{d_o^n}{T}$
- $P_{\text{same parity}} = \frac{d_e^n + d_o^n}{T}$
- $P_{\text{exactly } k \text{ even}} = \frac{\binom{n}{k} \cdot d_e^k \cdot d_o^{n-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{exactly } k \text{ odd}} = \frac{\binom{n}{k} \cdot d_o^k \cdot d_e^{n-k}}{T}$
- $P_{\text{at least } k \text{ even}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{n}{i} \cdot d_e^i \cdot d_o^{n-i}$
- $P_{\text{at least } k \text{ odd}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{n}{i} \cdot d_o^i \cdot d_e^{n-i}$

2 Basic Graph Theory

Link to C++ Sources: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/tree/main/BasicGraphTheory

2.1 Graph representation

- Adjacency Matrix to Edge List : https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/AdjacencyMatrixToEdgeList.cpp
- Adjacency Matrix to Adjacency List: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/AdjacencyMatrixToAdjacencyList.cpp
- Edge List to Adjacency Matrix: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/EdgeListToAdjacencyMatrix.cpp
- Edge List to Adjacency List: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/EdgeListToAdjacencyList.cpp
- Adjacency List to Adjacency Matrix: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/AdjacencyListToAdjacencyMatrix.cpp
- Adjacency List To Edge List: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/AdjacencyListToEdgeList.cpp

2.2 Search Algorithm

2.2.1 Basic DFS & BFS

- Basic Depth First Search: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/BasicDFS.cpp
- Basic Breadth First Search: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/BasicBFS.cpp
- Counting Connected Components: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/CountingConnectedComponents.cpp
- Find Path From s to e: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/FindPath_Basic.cpp

2.2.2 DFS & BFS for grid

- Counting Connected Components and Checking Path Existence: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/BFS_DFS_OnGrid.cpp
- Find The Shortest Path: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/FindShortestPath.cpp

2.2.3 Important algorithms

- Topological Sort: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/TopologicalSort.cpp
- Detect Cycles in Undirected Graph: https://github.com/vntanh1406/Graph_SUM2025/blob/main/BasicGraphTheory/UndirectedGraphCycle.cpp

3 CSES Problem List

3.1 Graph Algorithms

3.1.1 Counting Rooms

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1192>
- The task is to determine the number of rooms in a building.
- A room is defined as a maximal connected area of floor tiles (denoted by '.') in a 2D map.
- We can move up, down, left, and right between adjacent floor tiles. Wall tiles are represented by '#' and cannot be walked through.
- **Input:**
 - The first line contains two integers n and m ($1 \leq n, m \leq 1000$), denoting the height and width of the map.
 - The next n lines each contain a string of m characters representing the map.
- **Output:** The number of distinct rooms.
- **Example**

Input	Output
5 8 ##### #..#...# ####.#.# #..#...# #####	3

Algorithm Explanation

- <https://cses.fi/paste/6fa005ccb9388ed1c2d9a9/>
- Use DFS to find the number of connected components in a grid where we treat floor tiles '.' as nodes in a graph. (2 floor tiles are connected if they are adjacent: up/down/left/right).
- Implementation:
 - **n, m**: the dimensions of the grid (height and width).
 - **grid**: a vector of strings representing the map, where each character is either '.' (floor) or '#' (wall).
 - **visited[n][m]**: a 2D boolean array used to track visited floor tiles.
 - **dx[4], dy[4]**: Two arrays representing the relative movement in four directions:
 - * Up: $(-1, 0)$
 - * Down: $(+1, 0)$

- * Left: $(0, -1)$
- * Right: $(0, +1)$
- **void dfs(int x, int y)**
 - * Given a starting floor tile at position (x, y) :
 1. Mark `visited[x][y] = true`.
 2. For each of the 4 directions:
 - New coordinates $(nx, ny) = (x + dx[i], y + dy[i])$.
 - If (nx, ny) is within bounds, not visited, and is a floor tile, recursively call `dfs(nx, ny)`.
- **Main loop:**
 - * Iterate over all grid cells.
 - * For each unvisited floor tile:
 - Call DFS from that tile to explore its connected room.
 - Increment the room counter.
- **Time complexity:** The algorithm visits each cell at most once, and each DFS runs in time proportional to the number of floor tiles in a room. Hence, the overall complexity is $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot m)$.
- **Step-by-Step Example** (using the sample input): We visualize the grid and track DFS visits:

Initial Grid:

#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
#	.	.	#	.	.	.	#
#	#	#	#	.	#	.	#
#	.	.	#	.	.	.	#
#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#

Room 1: Start DFS at (1,1)

DFS visits: $(1,1) \rightarrow (1,2)$

→ Room 1 completed. Total rooms = 1

Room 2: Start DFS at (1,4)

DFS visits: $(1,4) \rightarrow (2,4) \rightarrow (3,4) \rightarrow (3,5) \rightarrow (3,6) \rightarrow (2,6) \rightarrow (1,6) \rightarrow (1, 5)$

→ Room 2 completed. Total rooms = 2

Room 3: Start DFS at (3,1)

DFS visits: $(3,1) \rightarrow (3,2)$

→ Room 3 completed. Total rooms = 3

3.1.2 Labyrinth

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1193>
- There is a map of a labyrinth, and we need to find the shortest path from a start point A to an endpoint B.
- Movement is allowed in four directions: up, down, left, right.
- The labyrinth is represented by a grid:
 - '.' denotes an empty tile (floor).
 - '#' denotes a wall.
 - 'A' is the starting point.
 - 'B' is the target.
- **Input:**
 - The first line contains two integers n and m ($1 \leq n, m \leq 1000$), the dimensions of the map.
 - The next n lines contain m characters each, describing the map.
- **Output:**
 - First print "YES" if a path exists, and "NO" otherwise.
 - If a path exists, print its length and then a string consisting of the steps: L, R, U, D.
- **Example**

Input	Output
5 8 ##### #.A#...# #.#.#B# #.....# #####	YES 9 LDDRRRRRU

Algorithm Explanation:

- <https://cses.fi/paste/261fd1d6d36a0c05c32743/>
- **Initialize:**
 - `visited[i][j] = false` for all cells
 - `d[i][j] = 0` (distance from 'A')
 - `parent[i][j] = previous cell in path`
- **BFS(start):**
 - Enqueue start cell, mark as visited
 - While queue not empty:

- * Dequeue (x, y)
- * For each direction (U, L, R, D): If neighbor (nx, ny) is valid and unvisited:
 - Mark visited, set parent, update distance
 - If cell is 'B': stop search
- **Trace Path:**
 - If distance to 'B' is 0: print "NO"
 - Else:
 - * Backtrack from 'B' to 'A' using **parent**
 - * Record directions (U, L, R, D)
 - * Reverse the path and print "YES", distance, and path
- **Time Complexity:** $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot m)$

3.1.3 Building Roads

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1666>
- Given n cities and m roads, determine the minimum number of new roads required to connect all cities, and specify which roads to build. Each existing road connects two different cities.
- **Input:**
 - The first line contains two integers n and m ($1 \leq n \leq 10^5, 1 \leq m \leq 2 \cdot 10^5$) (the number of cities and existing roads).
 - The next m lines contain two integers a and b ($1 \leq a, b \leq n$) (meaning there is a road between cities a and b).
- **Output:**
 - First, print an integer k (the minimum number of new roads needed).
 - Then print k lines, each containing two integers u and v , indicating a road to build between cities u and v .
 - Any valid solution is accepted.
 - **Example**

Input	Output
4 2 1 2 3 4	1 2 3

Algorithm Explanation

- <https://cses.fi/paste/bdeee055189e59e5c2f5d8/>
- Use DFS to find all connected components.
- For each new component found, save a representative city.

- To connect the components:
 - If there are k components, we need $k - 1$ roads.
 - Connect representative cities linearly: $res[i]$ with $res[i + 1]$.
- **Time Complexity:** $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$

3.1.4 Message Routes

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1667>
- n computers and m connections.
- Each connection links two distinct computers directly.
- Check if there is a path exists from computer 1 to computer n , find the minimum number of computers on the route, and output one such route.
- **Input:**
 - The first line contains two integers n and m
 - Then follow m lines, each with two integers a and b : there is a connection between computers a and b .
- **Output:**
 - If there exists a route from computer 1 to computer n , first print k , then print k space-separated integers representing the computers along this path.
 - If no such route exists, print IMPOSSIBLE.
- **Example**

Input	Output
5 5 1 2 1 3 1 4 2 3 5 4	3 1 4 5

Algorithm Explanation

- <https://cses.fi/paste/4e4274bd1cea72b6c2f69d/>
- The problem is to find the shortest path from node 1 to node n in an undirected graph.
- Use BFS starting from node 1 to:
 - Mark visited nodes (`visited[i]`).
 - Record the parent of each node during traversal (`parent[i]`) to reconstruct the path.
 - Count the number of steps from the start node to each node (`d[i]`).

- After BFS:
 - If `visited[n]` is false, there is no path from 1 to `n`, so the output is IMPOSSIBLE.
 - Otherwise, we reconstruct the shortest path using the `parent[]` array starting from node `n` back to 1.
 - Finally, we print the path length (`d[n] + 1`, because the path includes both endpoints), and the path in correct order.
- **Time Complexity:** $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$

3.1.5 Building Teams

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1668/>

Algorithm Explanation

- <https://cses.fi/paste/4ac88035ca891502c2f78e/>

3.1.6 Round Trip

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1669>

Algorithm Explanation

- <https://cses.fi/paste/c716877ebfb8afaec307d9/>

3.1.7 Monsters

Problem Description

- <https://cses.fi/problemset/task/1194>

Algorithm Explanation

- <https://cses.fi/paste/1a35c0381d423f67c3084e/>