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# **Connected Cells in a Grid**

Consider a matrix where each cell contains either a 0 or a 1. Any cell containing a 1 is called a *filled* cell. Two cells are said to be *connected* if they are adjacent to each other horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. In the following grid, all cells marked  $\overline{x}$  are connected to the cell marked  $\overline{y}$ .

```
XXX
XYX
XXX
```

If one or more filled cells are also connected, they form a *region*. Note that each cell in a region is connected to zero or more cells in the region but is not necessarily directly connected to all the other cells in the region.

Given an  $n \times m$  matrix, find and print the number of cells in the largest *region* in the matrix. Note that there may be more than one region in the matrix.

For example, there are two regions in the following  $3 \times 3$  matrix. The larger region at the top left contains 3 cells. The smaller one at the bottom right contains 1.

```
110
100
001
```

#### **Function Description**

Complete the *connectedCell* function in the editor below.

connectedCell has the following parameter(s):

-  $int\ matrix[n][m]$ : matrix[i] represents the  $i^{th}$  row of the matrix

#### Returns

- int: the area of the largest region

#### **Input Format**

The first line contains an integer  $n_{\rm r}$  the number of rows in the matrix.

The second line contains an integer  $m{m}$ , the number of columns in the matrix.

Each of the next n lines contains m space-separated integers matrix[i][j].

#### **Constraints**

• 0 < n, m < 10

### **Sample Input**

## **Sample Output**

```
5
```

### **Explanation**

The diagram below depicts two regions of the matrix. Connected regions are filled with X or Y. Zeros are replaced with dots for clarity.

```
X X . . . . . X X . . . . X . . Y . . .
```

The larger region has  $\mathbf{5}$  cells, marked  $\mathbf{x}$ .