

## Problem D. Big Room

- For every wall cell, we want to determine the result of changing it to a floor cell.
  - The maximum of these results is the answer to the problem.
  - A naive approach would take  $O(H^2W^2)$  time, which is too slow.
- Find the connected components of floor cells, and for each cell, determine:
  - The size of its connected component,  $A[r][c]$ .
  - The identifier of its connected component,  $V[r][c]$ .
- Only consider wall cells that are adjacent (up, down, left, or right) to at least one floor cell belonging to the connected component containing the start point.
- To calculate the result of changing a wall cell  $(r, c)$  to a floor cell:
  - Sum the  $A[r][c']$  values of adjacent floor cells.
  - Ensure that  $V[r][c']$  values are unique to avoid double-counting.

## Problem E. Divide The Paper

### 1 Solution 1: Experimental Approach

- Plotting the results for various  $(H, W)$  pairs reveals a pattern.
- This pattern can be formalized into a mathematical condition.

### 2 Solution 2: Grundy Number Approach

- Vertical and horizontal cuts are independent operations.
- The game is equivalent to having two sticks of lengths  $H$  and  $W$ , where each turn a player splits one stick and discards the shorter piece.
- Compute Grundy numbers for the 1D version of the problem.
- The Grundy number sequence is conjectured as:

$$G[i] = \begin{cases} i/2 & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ G[(i-1)/2] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The winner is determined by the XOR of the Grundy numbers for  $H$  and  $W$ .

### 3 Solution 3: Mathematical Condition

- For  $h \leq w$ , the losing positions satisfy  $w = 2^k(h+1) - 1$  for some non-negative integer  $k$ .
- Example: For  $h = 5$ , the losing  $w$  values are 5, 11, 23, 47, 95, ...
- **Proof Sketch:**
  - If the initial position satisfies the condition:

- \* For  $h = w$  ( $k = 0$ ), the second player can mirror moves to force a win.
- \* For  $h < w$  ( $k > 0$ ), the second player can always restore the condition after any move by the first player.
- If the initial position does not satisfy the condition, the first player can force the second player into a losing position.

## Problem I. Attack Of Monsters

Using prefix sums, we can calculate the number of soldiers attacking the cell number  $i$ . Then we can just simulate the process. The total time is  $O(n + m)$ .