

# Algorithm Design Laboratory with Applications

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## **Problem:** *Asteroid Mining.*

You are working for a company that sends robotic probes to mine precious metal from asteroids in the Kuiper Belt and you are responsible for overseeing the mining operations on a particular asteroid.

Fortunately for you, the probes are almost completely automated and they only need assistance in determining a suitable landing site. You are given a (flattened)  $S \times S$  map of the asteroid, in which the surface is split into small square-ish regions indexed with two Cartesian coordinates. For each pair of coordinates  $(x, y) \in \{1, \dots, S\}^2$  you know whether the corresponding spot on the surface contains metals that can be mined by the probe.

Before landing, a probe will contact the mission control center providing a candidate mining area. As part of your job, you need to decide whether to proceed with the landing or instruct the probe to locate a different site.

Specifically, a landing request consists of 4 integers  $x, y, \ell_x, \ell_y$  and refers to the rectangular area  $A = \{x, x + 1, \dots, x + \ell_x\} \times \{y, y + 1, \dots, y + \ell_y\}$  having  $(x, y)$  and  $(x + \ell_x, y + \ell_y)$  as opposite corners. If there are at least  $M$  spots in  $A$  containing metals, then the landing should be approved, otherwise it should be denied, where  $M$  is a parameter of the problem.

In order to keep up with the increasing number of landing requests, you would like to design an algorithm that is able to preprocess the asteroid map in order to *quickly* answer landing requests.

**Input.** The input consists of a set of instances, or *test-cases*, of the previous problem. The first line of the input contains the number  $T$  of test-cases. The first line of each test-case contains 4 integers  $S, L, M, R$  where  $L$  is the number of locations in  $\{1, \dots, S\}^2$  that contain metals. Each of the following  $L$  lines specifies the coordinates of a location with metals as a pair of integers  $x$  and  $y$ . Finally, each of the next  $R$  lines describes a landing request with the 4 integers  $x, y, \ell_x, \ell_y$ .

**Output.** The output consists of  $T$  lines. The  $i$ -th line is the answer to the  $i$ -th test-case and contains  $R$  characters. Specifically, the  $j$ -th character of the  $i$ -th output line is **A** if the  $j$ -th request is approved and **D** if the  $j$ -th request is denied.

**Assumptions.**  $1 \leq T \leq 10$ ;  $1 \leq S \leq 2^{12}$ ;  $0 \leq L \leq S$ ;  $1 \leq R \leq 2^{18}$ ;  $1 \leq M \leq S^2$ .

The coordinates of the locations with metals are all in  $\{1, \dots, S\}^2$ . Each landing request is such that all candidate mining locations are in  $\{1, \dots, S\}^2$ . More precisely, if a probe sends a request for  $(x, y, \ell_x, \ell_y)$ , then  $1 \leq x \leq x + \ell_x \leq S$  and  $1 \leq y \leq y + \ell_y \leq S$ .

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**Example.**

The following is a representation of a map with  $S = 5$  and  $L = 6$  possible mining sites (marked with  $\star$ ). The number of landing requests is  $R = 4$ , and  $M = 3$ .

5	$\star$	$\star$			
4					$\star$
3			$\star$		
2			$\star$	$\star$	
1					
y/x	1	2	3	4	5

*Input (corresponding to the above map):*

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1
5 6 3 4
1 5
2 5
5 4
3 3
3 2
4 2
2 3 2 2
2 2 1 3
3 2 2 2
1 4 4 0

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*Output:*

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DAAD

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**Requirements.** Your algorithm must have a preprocessing time of at most  $O(S^2)$  and must be able to answer each landing request in constant time.

**Notes.** A reasonable implementation should not require more than 1 second for each input file.