

2D Arrays – Crossword FRQ
AP® COMPUTER SCIENCE A
GENERAL SCORING GUIDELINES

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1-Point Penalty

- (w) Extraneous code that causes side effect (e.g., printing to output, incorrect precondition check)
- (x) Local variables used but none declared
- (y) Destruction of persistent data (e.g., changing value referenced by parameter)

Mr Lee's 1-Point Penalty:

- Inefficient, “long winded” or “messy” difficult to understand code which takes longer to write than standard more efficient solutions.
 - In an exam you need to save time by writing quickly hand writable efficient code which is easy for AP readers to understand.

No Penalty

- Extraneous code with no side effect (e.g., precondition check, no-op)
- Spelling/case discrepancies where there is no ambiguity*
- Local variable not declared provided other variables are declared in some part
- Keyword used as an identifier
- Common mathematical symbols used for operators (\times \div \leq \geq $<$ $>$ \neq)
- `=` instead of `==` and vice versa
- Missing `{ }` where indentation clearly conveys intent
- Missing `()` around `if` conditions

** Spelling and case discrepancies for identifiers fall under the "No Penalty" category only if the correction can be unambiguously inferred from context; for example, "total" instead of "totl". As a counterexample, that if the code declares "int G=99, g=0; ", then uses "while (G < 10) " instead of "while (g < 10) ", the context does not allow for the reader to assume the use of the lower-case variable.*

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A crossword puzzle grid is a two-dimensional rectangular array of black and white squares. Some of the white squares are labeled with a positive number according to the *crossword labeling rule*.

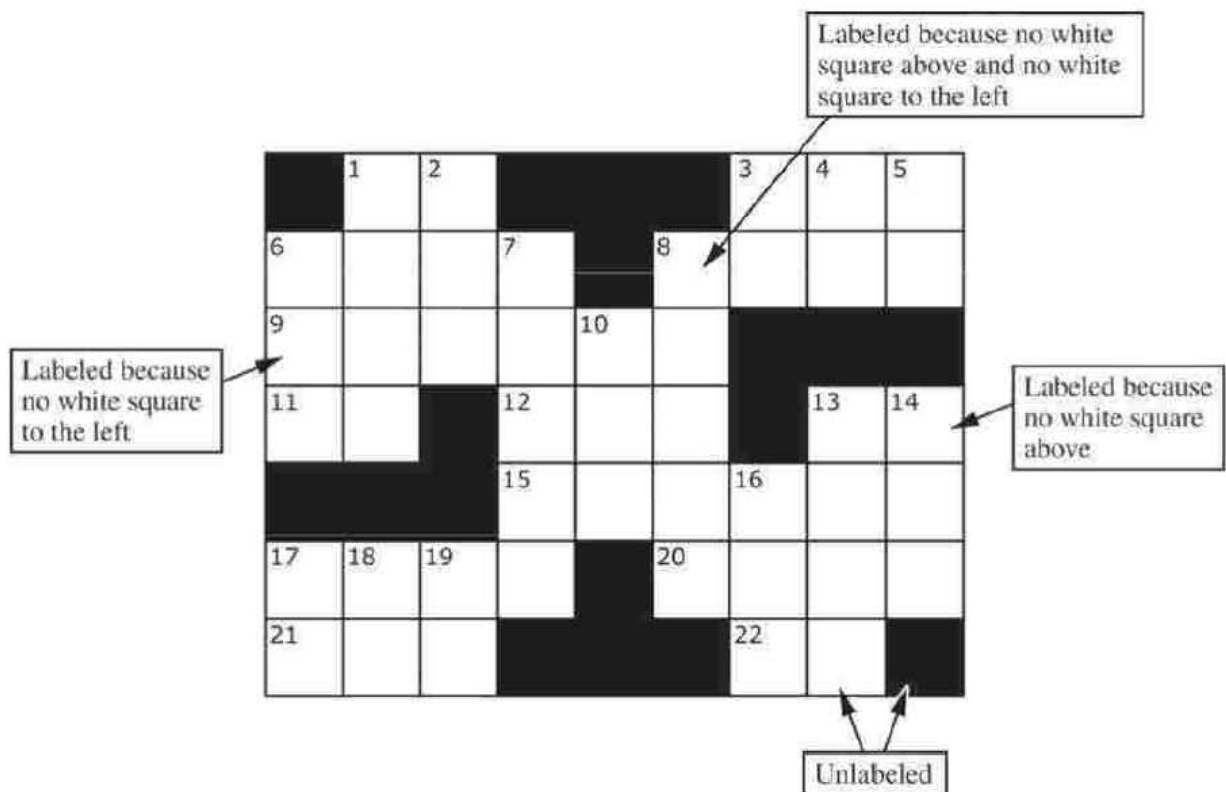
The crossword labeling rule identifies squares to be labeled with a positive number as follows.

A square is labeled with a positive number if and only if

- the square is white and
- the square does not have a white square immediately above it, or it does not have a white square immediately to its left, or both.

The squares identified by these criteria are labeled with consecutive numbers in row-major order, starting at 1.

The following diagram shows a crossword puzzle grid and the labeling of the squares according to the crossword labeling rule.



Write a code segment that prints the *boolean* value *true* if the square indexed by row *r*, column *c* in the crossword puzzle grid should be labeled with a positive number according to the crossword labeling rule; otherwise it prints the *boolean* value *false*. The parameter *blackSquares* indicates which squares in the crossword puzzle grid are black.

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/** Prints true if the square at row r, column c should be labeled
 * with a positive number: false otherwise.
 * The square at row r, column c is black if and only if
 * blackSquares[r][c] is true.
 * Precondition: r and c are valid indexes in blackSquares.
 */
int r, c;
boolean[][] blackSquares;
```

Testing code:
<https://www.jdoodle.com/a/2GFb>