

13. Search in the Row wise - column wise Sorted matrix

Given a $mat[][]$ & an integer x .

Each row & column of the matrix is sorted in increasing order.

target = 35

	0	1	2
0	3	30	38
1	20	52	54
2	35	60	69

greater than target \Rightarrow all the element in that column are greater than target.
 \downarrow
 skip the column $\rightarrow col--$

	0	1	2
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$mat[0][1] < target \Rightarrow$ all element on the left in this row are less than the target
 \downarrow
 skip the row $\rightarrow row++$

	0	1	2
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$mat[1][1] > target \Rightarrow$ skip the column $\rightarrow col--$

	0	1	2
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$mat[1][0] < target \Rightarrow$ skip the row $\rightarrow row++$

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$mat[2][0] == target \Rightarrow$ Target found

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1 // User function template for C++
2 class Solution {
3     public:
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5     bool matSearch(vector<vector<int>> &mat, int x) {
6         int rows = mat.size(), cols = mat[0].size();
7         int i = 0, j = cols-1;
8         while(i < rows && j >= 0) {
9             if(mat[i][j] > x)
10                j--;
11            else if(mat[i][j] < x)
12                i++;
13            else return true;
14        }
15        return false;
16    }
17 };
    
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